



Roots & Wings

First Presbyterian Church of Chili

“Rooted in Faith, Growing Together, Caring for the Community”

JANUARY

2020

- * January 1 - Office Closed
- * January 5 - Communion and SWEM
- * January 12 - Baptism of the Lord
- * January 14 - Annual reports due
- * January 16 - Discussion about LGBTQ
- * January 19
 - * Deacon's Community Cupboard
 - Copies of the Annual report available
 - Cabin Fever II and potluck lunch
- * January 26 - Corporation and Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Everlasting
Light



Our Officers: Session, Board of Deacons, Board of Trustees

Our Committees: Endowment, Finance, Mission Fund, Nominating, Personnel, Scholarship

Our Season Teams: Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Harvest and Advent/Christmas /Epiphany

Our Music Program: Choir, Glorious Ringers, Chili Worship Team

Mission Support: Cameron Community Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, Open Door Mission, Presbyterian Church special offerings, SWEM, Vision for Camasca, Caring For The Community, and much more.

Wooten's Wonderings



The month of December flies by so quickly. In the midst of getting presents wrapped, decorating, doing the extra baking and cooking, carving out time for activities with family and friends- before we know it, the month is over and we set the season aside as we look into the new year ahead.

But we shouldn't be too quick to forget Christmas, after all, it is not just one day, but a season. The miracle of Jesus' birth all those years ago, initiated a journey for the wise men who were watching the stars. Their journey lasted about three years, and when they finally found the person they were looking for, they didn't leave saying, "that was fun, now what's next?" Instead, they left changed. Perhaps as they gazed upon the face of the Christ child, they caught a glimpse of divine perspective. Perhaps they saw what divine love truly looks like and how that divine love was, in that moment, bringing something new into the world. With this kind of perspective, perhaps they asked themselves "what can't wait?" and the alternate question "what can?"

Worshipping the Christ child could not wait.

Sharing their gifts in gratitude could not wait.

Protecting Jesus' life could not wait and so they chose to take a different way home.

Sharing their experience with those in their homeland could not wait.

They would carry the gift they discovered beholding Jesus, God incarnate, with them for the rest of their lives. We too should not be so quick to forget our meeting with God. On Christmas, we once again discovered the God who lives among us. But let us not leave our discovery in the last year, but bring it with us into the new- because letting this discovering transform and change our hearts and actions cannot wait. Our encounter with God on Christmas gives us hope, reminds us that God is indeed with us even in the unlikely places like a dirty smelly manger. So as we enter this new year, I encourage you not to forget what you encountered on Christmas. Don't forget that even in the most mundane and messy parts of our lives, Emmanuel, "God with us", is present. And as we enter the season of Epiphany, let us continue to be on the lookout for "*what can't wait.*"



Epiphany Special Events



Please Join the ACE Team (Advent, Christmas & Epiphany) on Sunday, January 19, 2020 after church for a Potluck Lunch and Cabin Fever II!

Team Wasmer has agreed to provide the games for All Ages.

The Sign-up sheet is in the fellowship room.

The Presbyterian Church and LGBTQ Issues....

Did you ever wonder what stand or position we as Presbyterians take in regards to our LGBTQ community. Brandi will be leading a **discussion on January 16 at 6:30** on this very topic. You are invited to come, listen, question and better understand as we welcome this community to the full life of the church and world. Please sign up on the Bulletin board in the Fellowship hall if you plan on attending. Our meeting place will be announced soon



Stances of Faiths on LGBTQ Issues: Presbyterian Church (USA)

In 2018, the 223rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) voted to affirm its commitment to the full welcome, acceptance, and inclusion of transgender people, people who identify as gender non-binary, and people of all gender identities within the full life of the church and the world.



At December's Brooklea luncheon, Sister Grace Miller, a passionate, hard

working woman of faith, spoke to us about the extraordinary food, shelter, clothing, and emergency needs (etc., etc.) met by the House of Mercy since 1985, providing a beacon of hope for some of the poorest of the poor in Rochester. Our church now has a signed copy of the book, Amazing Grace, an inspiring story which describes her journey in creating this facility. Literally thousands of people are offered some type of life changing service monthly. The ACE Team is hoping that Chili Presbyterian will once again show their generous nature by donating money and/or gently used coats and boots for this worthy cause. Envelopes will be in the pews and a collection box in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your support.



January 5
Epiphany Sunday
"Illuminated"
Matthew 2: 1-12

January 12
"Love Can't Wait"
Matthew 3: 13-17

January 19
"Proclaiming Can't Wait"
John 1: 29-42

January 26
"Leaving Our Nets Behind"
Matthew 4: 12-23

**The Deacon's
Community Food**



Cupboard is being used by our neighbors here in the Chili area. We have also had folks who are in need of a gas card. Our WIC families also benefit from this ministry.

Please continue to bring non-perishable food items to the book shelves in the hallway just past Brandi's office. Your continued support of this community program is very much appreciated.

Your Board of Deacons

Caring *for our* Community

Chili Pres is starting our second year hosting the WIC clinic twice a month. WIC provides breastfeeding support, nutrition counseling, health education, health care referrals, referrals to other services, and nutritious foods (through food vouchers). This is a great program for young families but through our Caring For our Community ministry we can offer more for them. Last year, we had many grateful folks who benefited from providing full size hygiene items and warm clothing during the late fall and winter months. They also take advantage of the Deacon's Community Food Cupboard. If you want to help, listed below are two opportunities for provide items for these neighbors. There are donations totes in the fellowship room for your use:

Hygiene items – WIC participants will be invited to complete a form to indicate the items that their family could use. The following FULL SIZE items are offered:

tooth brushes	tooth paste	deodorant	shampoo	garbage bags
conditioner	combs & brushes	bar soap	body wash	razor
foot powder	detergent	toilet paper	tissues	shaving cream
dish soap	baby wipes	diapers	Paper towels	

Warm clothing – with the cold weather right around the corner, many families do not have adequate clothing to keep their infants and toddlers warm. They could use socks, hats, mittens, baby blankets, etc. These items can be purchased at the dollar store, be previously used by your children or grand-children and even homemade (like knitted hats and mittens). These items will be made available when the clinic is here at Chili Pres.

Annual Meeting for the Congregation and for the Corporation of:

The First Presbyterian Church of Chili

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

Annual Corporation/Congregation Meetings

On January 26, 2020, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service, the Annual meeting of the Congregation will be conducted for the business of electing officers, hearing reports, and transacting other business as is appropriate for the Congregation.

Also, the meeting of the Corporation shall take place for the purpose of electing Trustees, as the following Trustees have concluded their 3-year term: Jean Bartholomew, Tom Leahy, and Gage Oliver. Financial reports for the year 2019 will be received, and other business will be transacted as appropriate for the Corporation.

The meetings will take place in the sanctuary.

The Annual Meetings of the Congregation and the Corporation are an important event in the life of our Presbyterian Church. The reports of Committees, Boards and Seasonal Teams are distributed. These reports summarize each group's activities for 2019 as well as plans for the future. We, as a congregation, elect persons to serve on various Boards and Committees and give recognition and thanks to those who have completed terms. All the financial reports are made available such as the Housing Investment Fund, the Endowment Fund, Memorial Fund and the Mission Fund just to name a few. We receive the Treasurer's report and the Church Budget.

This is the time each year when we all come together as a church family. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Those who are on the "active membership roll" are eligible to vote. We look forward to seeing you all on: Sunday, January 26th right after the 10:00 AM service.

Elder Nancy P. Huffman, Clerk of Session

Annual Report



Chairman of committees, Elders of Responsibility or Facilitators are responsible for the annual report for their group's activities. A list

of guidelines for the reports were handed out in October. If you need another copy, let the office know. Reports that need to be typed in the office are due January 7. Electronic only final form reports are due no later than **January 14.**

Annual Report booklets will be available on Sunday, January 19 for you to read in advance of the meeting on the 29th

To our Caring, Compassionate, and Supportive Congregation

"It is more blessed to give than receive"
- Acts 20:35

*Thank you, thank you, thank you for your **generous giving** on Sunday, December 15th, to help make the holidays brighter for three local families this Christmas season.*

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Three gift cards in the amount of \$125.00 each were delivered to the families the week before Christmas.

*The need was there and you truly met it.
God bless you for your generosity.*

The Board of Deacons



Leadership News.....

At its meeting on December 10, 2019, Session....

...held a devotion based a meditation, “prayer for organizational courage” from the book, Refill by Kirk Jones. We shared our thoughts on “courage for anticipation”, “courage for creativity”, and “courage for light-heartedness” as they apply to our personal lives as well as in our leadership role as Session. Pastor Brandi opened the meeting with prayer.

...received the Treasurer’s report and financial summary for the month ending November 30, 2019. In its discussion of the Profit and Loss report, Session thought it feasible to have mid-December status report on the financial status of the church and approved referring the Profit and Loss and Treasurer’s Reports for November 2019 to the Finance Committee and asking for a mid-December set of reports for Session and Trustees.

...reminded the Trustees and Session, financial officers and budget preparation consultant, Andy Atwater of the Special Called Meeting of the Session on January 7, 2020 at 6:30 PM the purpose of which is to finalize the 2020 budget.

...received a report for the Clerk of Session on correspondence received:

- Letter from The Presbyterian Historical Society thanking us for our donation.

- Necrology Report form from Presbytery

- Statistical Report Information from Presbytery

- Update from Stated Clerk on the Annual Clerk’s Questionnaire which is being revised

- Invitation from Presbytery to send an extra Elder Commissioner to the January 28, 2020 Presbytery meeting at Twelve Corners Presbyterian (Geoff Wasmer volunteered to be our extra Commissioner that day.)

- Information from Presbytery on Congregational Learning Day

...placed activity dates on the Master Calendar

- February 3, 2020 – Hosting Vital Congregations Initiative Cohorts meeting

- February 8, 2020 -Congregational Learning Day – Perinton Presbyterian Church

...noted that in caring for our community winter items (mittens, hats, socks, etc.) are being donated for WIC participants to take. The Youth Group is fulfilling requests for items that WIC does not furnish to their participants. Community neighbors are taking advantage of the Deacon’s food cupboard. The Mission Fund Committee has donated \$100 to each of these organizations: Monroe Mobile Crisis Team, ROC Salt Center, Ronald McDonald House, Willow Domestic Violence Center, Cameron Community Ministries, Aurora House, Open Door Mission Coldwater House for Women and Children.

...heard a report from Nominating Committee Chair, Geoff Wasmer that the committee has completed its work.

...reviewed a Stewardship status report prepared by Jerry Huffman and noted that people who have not yet made their pledge commitment for 2020 are being contacted.

...noted that our Safe Sanctuary and Sexual Misconduct Policy requires that background checks be completed on individuals who volunteer to supervise any group of minors in a church sponsored event or activity. After an initial background check, a new background check needs to be done every five years. It is estimated that 35 people will be required to have background checks done initially. By motion, approved contracting with Criminal Watchdog online to conduct background checks at \$18.95 per person for the “National Criminal Check” protocol with Brandi Wooten as our administrator.

... authorized Tim Engelbrecht to be the Boy Scouts of America Chartered Organization Representative for Troop 275 and Pack 275.

...heard an informal report from Nancy Huffman, Chair of the Endowment Committee that pending the continued positive performance of investments, committee anticipates a significant distribution for 2020. The Committee will meet at year end to determine the amount and formalize its recommendation.

Remitted by,

Elder Nancy P. Huffman, Clerk of Session

Celebrating

each other.....

January

- 2 Jeff Snover
- 4 Richard Albee
- 7 Alice Hassett
- 8 Fred Zah
- 17 Debbie Lamphron
Portia Westfall
- 20 Linda Enright
- 21 Whitney Scoville
- 28 John Sosik
Colleen Albee

February newsletter deadline is

January 21

January Worship Volunteers

January 5

- Greeters:: Mark Baker & Portia Westfall
- Communion: Sue Edwards, Sue Johnson, Sandy McCauley (juice), Ken Milner (bread), Dan Wooten
- Jr. Greeter: Mira Wooten
- Childcare: Marla Guarnier, & Gail McArthur
- Children's Church:
- Fellowship Hour:

January 12

- Greeters: Jane & Fred Schultiz
- Jr. Greeter: Harry Gernhardt
- Childcare: Debbie Lamphron & Becky Sosik
- Children's Church:
- Fellowship Hour:

January 19

- Greeters: Andy Atwater & Linda Enright
- Jr. Greeter: Brooke Wilson
- Childcare: Dale Faatz & Barb Wasmer
- Children's Church:
- Fellowship Hour:

January 26

- Greeters: Dodie Kasiske & Lori Oliver
- Jr. Greeter: Mira Wooten
- Childcare: Becky Gernhardt & Sue Atwater
- Children's Church:
- Fellowship Hour:

Ongoing Mission for SWEM

Thank you for your SWEM donations in December. Thirty eight food items (7 bags) were delivered to SWEM. Our winter has been snowy and cold so far so protein food such as peanut butter, soups and meals in a can (spaghetti, stew, ravioli, etc.) are especially needed. Cereals and items for blessing bags are welcome as well. It is always helpful to donate food that has a tab top.

Food donations tend to fall off after the holiday "giving season" has passed.

Please remember to bring your good on Communion Sunday, January 5 and make it a Happy New Year for those in need.

Happy New Year, Jane & Fred Schultiz





We are heading into a new decade! (Depending on when you think the new decade begins...) I have been beyond blessed this last decade of my life. It started in 2010 with marriage and 10 years later I am overwhelmed with the joy of raising a child. God has been a great guide in my walk throughout my life and I have been so lucky to have the love and support of so many over the last decade.

As I have been reflecting, I want to give you the time to reflect on the last decade. As you are doing this, you can answer some of the questions below to yourself or by writing them down, but either way, meditate on your thoughts for a few minutes.

- ◇ *What were some of the big events that happened in your life the last 10 years? How about in the last year?*
- ◇ *What made you smile?*
- ◇ *What made you laugh?*
- ◇ *What brought you tears?*
- ◇ *What was lacking for you this last decade? In the last year?*
- ◇ *Where was God working and using you in the last decade? In the last year?*
- ◇ *Where did you see/feel God on earth? Did you see/feel God in the last decade? In the last year?*
- ◇ *What were some of the big things that happened for us as a church these last 10 years?*

Now look ahead to the 20's and meditate on the future God has for you.

- ◇ *What are you excited for in 2020 and beyond?*
- ◇ *What concerns/worries do you have for the new year?*
- ◇ *What hopes and dreams do you wish to accomplish in this new year? In the next decade?*
- ◇ *What kind of relationship do you wish to have with God? How do you maintain that relationship?*
- ◇ *Where do you feel that God is leading you? What is God leading you to do?*

I like to look back over past life events and think about where God has taken me. Sometimes it helps me to realize that God is using me to make a difference in the world. Other times, I can feel lost, sometimes distant, and reflection helps me to see this and fuel me to work harder to find God in tougher times. Also, knowing the events that I was apart of, both good and bad, remind me of the amazing joys and perseverance I have had over the last decade.

When you have completed a list of each of these things, lift it up in prayer. Thank God for the gift of living the life you have. If you are struggling to connect with God, pray that the Holy Spirit fill your heart in new ways this year. Try to name each answer you gave above through prayer to God. Then close by praying for 2020. Each year we are given is already predestined by God, with many ups and downs. Pray that you can stay connected to our Creator throughout it all. Pray for spiritual growth in your life. Be in the spirit of God and pray. Great things can happen when we just sit and pray.

Be blessed and continue to let the music play. -Adam

CHILI PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUP



Leader: Adam Scoville

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Bio: Junior High and Senior High Youth looking to strengthened their faith in Christ and build lifelong relationships with others.

Happy New Year!

We finished off 2019 in style! We made a trek out to Mendon Ponds and did the Birdsong Trail hike, where we were able to feed the song birds by hand! It's a really great hike that I recommend for bird lovers, even though it can be cold in the winter! We finished off the season with Wegmans lunch and a fun White elephant Christmas party!

Here we are heading into 2020! The youth and parent meeting is January 5th! More schedule details to come then! Also we are just around the corner from Super Bowl Subs! Look for that coming soon as well.

Many blessings for your New Year!

Adam, Whitney and McKenlee ☺

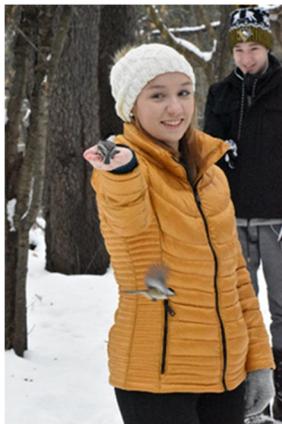
St. Pauly Box Schedule

Dec 23 – Jan 5 = Aidan Snover

Jan 6 – Jan 19 = Adam Scoville

Upcoming Schedule!

January 5th: Youth and Parent Meeting! - After church 11:00am



A winter trip to Mendon Ponds to hand feed the birds!