



Roots & Wings

First Presbyterian Church of Chili

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

January

2021



Look what is inside.....

January 10 - Epiphany begins

January 19 - Annual reports due

January 20 - Book Discussion

January 26 - Tutorial on how to vote during a zoom meeting

January 27 - Racism Discussion

January 31 - Virtual Annual Corporation and Congregation Meeting.

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

I have to say, I am ready for 2021! I want to leave the uncertainty, loneliness, stress and craziness of 2020 behind. And so, as we enter 2021, I am looking forward with hope and expectation. Yes, we will still have to remain in a holding pattern in regards to how we live together in a Covid-19 world for a while longer, but as more and more people become vaccinated, an end begins to come into sight.

And so, I want to mark this new beginning by taking a little bit of time to reflect and dream. Reflect on the things I learned in 2020, and what I hope to bring into 2021. I hope you will join me.

Here are some statements which have helped guide my process of prayerful reflection. May they be of benefit to you.

One note before you begin, as we write down our hopes for the coming year, we do so with humility. None of us really knows what the future will bring. As we have discovered over this last year especially, our lives can change in an instant. So, remember that this is a starting point- these are your intentions. They are not set in stone.

Looking Toward 2021

- * What are the “givens”, the “non-negotiables”

- * What I hope to bring from 2020 into the coming year- habits, priorities, interests, new skills/learnings

- * What I hope not to bring

- * Events already on the calendar

- * New events or experiences I want to make space for

- * A problem or issue I feel called to tend to (personal, societal, global)

- * What would make me come alive this year?



Two ways to Worship

In-Person Worship

Every Sunday at 10:00 am. There is no child care available at this time, but we do have Children's Church. Below is a reminder of the parameters of attending Worship in person:

- ◇ You will need to call or e-mail the office to PRE-register your attendance.
All pre-registrations need to be requested **no later than 1 PM on the Thursday** before Worship. You will receive confirmation
- ◇ Use the main entrance only and sign-in on the check-in list.
- ◇ You are invited to bring your own pen, but sanitized ones will be provided
- ◇ Wear your mask at all times
- ◇ Bring your own Bible (optional)
- ◇ Sit only in the designated pews/chairs in the sanctuary with your family unit

Live-Streaming

To access the live stream on Sunday mornings simply open your favorite web browser (i.e., Microsoft Edge, Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, etc.) and access <https://www.facebook.com/firstpreschili/live/> around the 10 AM hour when the Worship Service will begin. Once it begins, you will be able to see the Worship Service live and send comments when you wish.

Shortly after the Worship Service ends, the stream will be stored on Facebook Live for access at a later time using the same web address (URL) <https://www.facebook.com/firstpreschili/live/>

NOTE: You do not need to have a Facebook account to view the live or stored streams. Simply ignore the box instructing you to login or create an account and scroll the Facebook Live page to access the desired live or stored stream.

We encourage viewers of the live stream or the stored stream to comment with Joys and Concerns, as well as any other comments about the Worship Service.



From: The Clerk of Session

To: Boards, Committee Chairs,
Season Team Chairs

This is a reminder to submit copies of your meeting minutes/reports to Sandy McCauley so they can be included in the Session packet. The packet is sent to Session the first Tuesday of each month (a week prior to the Stated Session meeting). Reports, minutes, etc. are included in the Consent Agenda for Session's approval. Any items that do not get included in the current month's consent agenda are placed in the next month's Consent agenda

Thank you !



The Board of Deacons have a few of their dark blue Chili Presbyterian face masks left. If you are interested, they are located in the church office. The Deacons ask that you place a donation in the envelope to help defray the cost of helping three families in the Chili area to have a merrier Christmas.

Thank you to all who have already generously donated to this community outreach ministry.

-Your Board of Deacons

Annual Meeting for the Congregation and for the Corporation of:

The First Presbyterian Church of Chili

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021- 11:45 AM

Annual Corporation/Congregation Meetings

On January 31, 2021, the Annual meeting of the Congregation will take place virtually via ZOOM at 11:45 AM 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: Darla Diehl and Jay Mathewson. Financial reports for the year 2020 will be received, and other business will be transacted as appropriate for the Corporation.

The meetings will take place via Zoom

We already know how to participate in a Zoom gathering. What we will need to know is how to vote. So, on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:30 PM Pastor Brandi will lead a tutorial (via Zoom) on how to vote and how to participate in meeting discussion. Then, on the day of the meeting (January 31) there will be a pre-meeting tutorial at 11:30 AM so you will be ready to start at 11:45 AM.

Mark your calendars:

January 26, 2021 - 6:30 PM tutorial via Zoom on how to participate in the Annual Meeting

January 31, 2021 - 11:30 AM tutorial via Zoom on how to participate in the Annual Meeting

January 31, 2021 - 11:45 AM Annual meeting begins via Zoom

The Annual Meetings are an important event in the life of our Chili Presbyterian. The reports of Committees, Boards and Seasonal Teams are distributed prior to the meeting. These reports summarize each group's activities for 2020 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. We also approve Pastor Brandi's Terms of Call. 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.

One item on the agenda this year will be adopting a "Congregation/Corporation Electronic Meeting Policy". You will be provided a copy of the proposed policy prior to the meeting.

This is the time each year when we come together as a church congregation and corporation. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Those attending who are on the "active membership roll" are eligible to vote and we need a quorum of 10 "Active Members". We look forward to "seeing" you all on Sunday, January 31st.

Nancy Huffman,

Clerk of Session

Leadership News.....

At Its meeting on December 8, 2020, Session ...

...listened as Pastor Brandi read an opening prayer poem, "A Child is Born" by Shepherd.
...VOTED to approve the agenda with items added.

...VOTED to approve the Consent Agenda.

...VOTED to receive the Treasurer's report and financial summary for the month ending November 30, 2020.

...noted that Rev. Val Fowler will be the guest preacher on December 27, 2020

...discussed plans for the Christmas Eve-Eve and Christmas Eve services.

...noted that because of COVID restrictions, communion will continue to be offered virtually

...placed activity dates on the Master Calendar

-January 5, 2021 – Special Meeting of the Session to finalize and Approve the 2021 Budget

-January 10, 2021 – 1:00 PM Fellowship Fun and Games event

-January 20, 2021 – 7 PM Zoom Book discussion: "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek"

-January 26, 2021 – 6:30 PM Zoom tutorial for Annual Congregation Meeting

-January 27, 2021 – 6:30 PM Racism Discussion

-January 31, 2021 – 11:30 AM Pre-meeting Zoom tutorial for Annual Meetings of the Congregation and Corporation

11:45 AM Annual Meetings of the Congregation and Corporation (Zoom)

-February 7, 2021 – Examination and Training of Newly Elected Officers

-February 7, 2021 - Installation/Ordination of Newly Elected Officers and Recognition of Trustees

-March 6, 2021 – Congregational Learning Day (Zoom)

...heard a report from Elder Engelbrecht that a geocache box has been placed in the Labyrinth Trail. It will be monitored by the Eagle Scout who helped create the trail. We look forward to the community enjoying geocaching!

...received a report from Geoff Wasmer, Chair of the Nominating Committee, that the Committee is making good progress in filling open positions on Boards and Committees.

...received a report from Jerry Huffman, Chair of Stewardship Committee, noting that to date 53 pledge commitments have been received. These represent an average increase in pledge income is 2.75% over what was pledged last year. Some who pledged last year have not yet made their commitment for 2021. Jerry will prepare a full report for Session and Trustees for preparation of the 2021 budget.

...heard a report from Elder Huffman, Chair of the Endowment Committee, that pending the continued positive performance of investments, the committee anticipates a significant distribution for 2021. The Committee will meet at year end to determine the amount and formalize its recommendation.

Leadership News continued...

...noted that because of COVID restrictions, the Annual Meetings of the Congregation and Corporation scheduled for January 31, 2021 will be virtual Zoom meetings. The Annual Meetings will be held on ZOOM at 11:45 AM with a pre-meeting tutorial at 11:30 AM. There will also be a tutorial offered January 26, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

... VOTED to receive the Board of Trustees minutes of October 10, 2020 and November 9, 2020, and the Mission Fund Committee minutes of September 29, 2020.

... VOTED to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Remitted by, Elder Nancy P. Huffman, Clerk of Session

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SESSION OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHILI MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020 6:30 PM

At a Special Called Meeting of the Session on December 21, 2020, Session....

...VOTED to approve using \$186.06 from the budgeted Session Discretionary Fund (PE 19) to support the purchase of an HP Laptop computer and its AC adapter to facilitate Facebook Live-streaming and recording.

Remitted by, Elder Nancy P. Huffman, Clerk of Session



January Book Discussion

In November we had a great book discussion on the novel, The Giver of Stars. We enjoyed learning about the Pack Horse Librarians of Kentucky that worked hard to promote literacy in eastern Kentucky during the Great Depression that we

decided we wanted to continue the Chili Pres Book Club by reading another book about the Pack Horse Librarians. The title of our next book is The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michelle Richardson. Reading this book should give us an opportunity to compare and contrast these two historical novels. The date of the next book club meeting is **Wednesday, January 20, at 7:00 pm**. It will again be a zoom meeting. When the date gets closer, an email blast will be sent out to determine who might like to participate in our book discussion. We will then send out a zoom link to all who wish to participate. The Deacons hope you will join us !

Ordination/Installation of Officers – Save the date!

Sunday, February 7, 2021

Deacons and Elders elected at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 31st will be ordained/installed on February 7, 2021. While Trustees are not formally ordained or installed, newly elected Trustees will also be recognized during the worship service.

Stay tuned for further information about the orientation/training of newly elected officers. In past years this taken place prior to worship at a Special Called Meeting of the Session on the day of installation. We may be doing things “differently”!

Nancy Huffman,
Clerk of Session



From your ACE Team.....

Ask and you shall receive....and boy did we !

Our congregation, is small but mighty, has come through once again. The Advent/Christmas/Epiphany (ACE) Team would like to thank you for support in participating in the Reverse Advent Calendar outreach. Your contributions helped the Pearce Memorial Food Cupboard. Through generous donations, like ours, they are able to meet the needs of over 1,000 area families.

Your generous response was overwhelming. Several trips have been made to deliver the food and we plan on many more. We will continue this outreach through the end of January.

Thank you all !

Your ACE Team

Sue Edwards, Tim Engelbrecht, Marla Guarnieri, Tom Leahy & Vicky Leahy

From the “I believe___ even when___” notes on the bulletin board.....

“I believe in a future even when it is unpredictable”

I believe in peace even during turmoil”

I believe in love when hate and discontent seems to surround us.”

“I believe in justice even when we see persecution all around us.”

“I believe most people are honest and trustworthy even though some are not.”

I believe in love even when it is questionable.”

“I believe in God’s light even in this darkness”

“I believe in prayer even when it is answered differently than what I had hoped.”

I believe in forgiveness even when I thought I don’t feel I deserve it.”

February newsletter
deadline is January 19th

A metal stool with a wooden seat that looks like the picture below seems to be missing from church. If you know of it’s whereabouts, please contact the church office.



Celebrating

each other.....

January

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

Worship Greeters in January

January 3

Jan & Bill Hoyt

January 10

Jane & Fred Schulitz

January 17

Vicky & Tom Leahy

January 24

Dodie Kasiske & Dan Wooten

January 31

Kathy & Jay Mathewson

LET'S TALK
ABOUT
RACISM

The next discussion on Racism will be on Wednesday January 27@ 6:30. The zoom meeting invitation and

article will be sent out in the middle of January. Previous participation in this discussion group is not required.



Contact Sharon Breeze at 293-1340

(sbreeze @ frontiernet.net)

or the office at 889-9896

(fpc3600@gmail.com)

Annual Report



Reports for the 2020 Annual Meeting booklet will be due in the office by Tuesday, January 19. The completed booklet will be sent electronically and a hard copies will be available on the table in the main entrance starting January 24.

Annual Per Capita

Apportionment for 2021

Presbytery	\$2294.24
Synod	\$426.40
General Assembly	\$933.92

This is based on our active membership. We would appreciate your support of this budget cost by covering the **\$35.14** (only 46 cents more than 2020) per active member in your family.

Thank you.



"Today's sermon is titled 'Social Distancing from Sin.'"

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Bring your drum!

During advent, I started reflecting on one of my favorite Christmas songs, “The Little Drummer Boy.” I began to realize new things about this classic fictional song that has challenged my faith which I will share with you.

As the song goes, a small child is told to go see the newborn King. This child seems intrigued, and wants to pay homage to the Christ-child. I am sure there was some mystery to hearing about a “newborn King.” Wouldn’t you want to see what people were talking about?

So the boy goes to see Jesus. I think he must have realized that he came empty handed, and maybe that bothered him. He states that he is a “Poor boy,” and has a connection with the baby Jesus who is born in a stable stall, and not looking very glorious.

The boy has brought a drum. It is all he has, and it seems that he realizes that there is something special about Jesus. So he plays. “Pa rum pum pum pum.” The boy seems to understand how important this moment is, and wants to give his time and talent to the newborn King. And the important line that may get overlooked in the song: “I played my best for Him.” Are we always trying to give our best to God? This little boy has nothing, but gives everything in his heart to worship this new king.

I was then reminded of “The Widow’s Offering,” from Mark 12. The widow gives the two coins, which is everything she has. She gives her best, her all. And God states that she is blessed beyond all others who have so much more. The widow has great trust and faith in Christ to provide for all her needs.

Do we live like this? I think we aspire to live like these two examples, but it is not always easy. I know in my own life that it would be tough to let go and give God everything I have – I question if I could do it. I also know that there are times we go through when all we can do is barely crawl into the church and struggle to understand God’s plan for us.

Then I started thinking some more. Does God need our best? Does God even need us? My conclusion is: Nope. God does not NEED us. But I believe that God CHOSE us.

Now I chose to be married to my wonderful wife. I CHOSE to be one with her, and to give my best, my all to her. In the same way, I think our calling is to have that same desire to CHOOSE Christ; the desire to CHOOSE to give our best to our Creator.

I pray that no matter where you are in life that you would have the desire to choose Christ, and to give your best in whatever form that may be. Take some time to deepen that desire you have for our Creator and play your best drum routine, or give what you have as a gift to the King.

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.

WE MADE IT!

It is 2021 folks! That's right, 2020 was life changing, and 2021 will be the start of many new things! Our youth have been thriving in their new normals of life, and we have had some good times to finish off the year. We ended 2020 with a virtual holiday party that was packed with all sorts of fun! It might not have been the norm, but it was so enjoyable to see everyone participating for the event!

And as we begin a new year, I ask for prayers for all the health and well-being of all our youth and families. We have younger kids who are working hard to succeed in a hybrid model of school. We have older youth who are finishing school and starting to look their futures beyond high school. So many pivotal moments in our youth kids lives, and continued prayers are always appreciated.

-Adam, Whitney, McKenlee, and Ethan ☺

St. Pauly Box Schedule

December 21 to January 3 – Aidan Snover
January 4-to 17 – Adam Scoville
January 18-to 31 – Mira Wooten

Upcoming Schedule!

January 3 – No Youth Group!

January 10 – Sr. High Youth Group - 1-3pm!

January 17 – Jr. High Youth Group – 1-3pm!

January 24 – Sr. High Youth Group – 1-3pm!

January 31 – No Youth Group!

February 6 – Jr High Youth Event – 1-3pm! More details to come!

February 7 – SUPER BOWL SUBS! BOTH Jr. and Sr. High Groups! Meet at church at 9:30am.

No Youth group after!