



Roots & Wings

First Presbyterian Church of Chili

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

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2022



In this issue of “Roots & Wings”....

Per Capita donation

February 13 - Souper Bowl of Caring

Pauly Textile “thank you”

Next Book Discussion

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

Wooten's Wonderings



Walking the path of faith can be challenging. Yet, in the midst of that challenge, we can be grateful that we do not walk the road alone. Not only do we have the presence of God, and the witness of scripture but we have each other. We have people with whom we share our journeys - particularly all of us in our church community.

Yet, living in an intentional community is not always easy. While there are many blessings associated with being part of the life of a church, inevitably there will come moments where we will hurt each other without intending to do so; we will disagree on the best course of action; and we will fail to meet all expectations placed on us. But we are God's people. And as God's people, there is something more powerful that binds us together and allows us to live in unity and forgiveness and love.

As Dorothy Day says in her book *The Long Loneliness*, "We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love we must know each other. We know him in the breaking of bread, and we know each other in the breaking of bread, and we are not alone any more. Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet, too, even with a crust, where there is companionship. We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes in community. It all happened while we sat there talking, and it is still going on."

As a church community, we all have value and place at the table even in all of our variety of differences, skills, world views and perspectives on life. We have something to share and give to this community and in so doing, we participate in the very love of God. I thank God for the ministry of the First Presbyterian Church of Chili and for its people as we seek together to be transformed by the living presence of God.

We cannot do this apart from prayer. The following is a prayer that you can start off every day with:

God, my Friend,
I offer You each moment of this day:
Whatever comes- the unexpected challenges,
diversions from my plans,
the need-filled glance,
the expectations and complaints,
the being taken for granted,
the slights and the sleights-of-hand.
I'd be grateful if You could keep me aware of my pesky habits like...
And, between us, perhaps we can enliven the spirits of
those I live and work with, like...
Whatever else befalls,
I trust we can cope with it,
together. Amen.

-from William J. O'Malley's "Lenten Prayers for Busy People"

Leadership News

At its meeting on January 11, 2022, Session...

...had devotion which was a “Mad Lib” prayer writing activity where we each wrote a simple letter to God stating why we were coming to God, what was on our heart, and what we hoped for.

... VOTED to receive Frederick Louis Mollon into the church by Certificate of Transfer from Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY where he is currently affiliated.

... 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 December 31, 2021

...expressed deep appreciation to Elder Sharon Breeze and Elder Linda Enright for their service on Session this past year. Each filled a 1-year term vacancy on Session. Their insights and contributions have been an invaluable in this leadership ministry.

...noted that Presbytery has brought closure to the Vital Congregations Initiative (VCI). Churches can proceed in VCI initiatives if they wish to do so

...heard a report from Nancy Huffman, Chair of the Nominating Committee that all positions have been filled for 2022. She expressed appreciation to the committee members as well as appreciation for all who serve and agree to serve our church as Deacons, Session members, Trustees and Committee members.

... reviewed the 2022 Stewardship Campaign Final Report prepared by the Stewardship Committee

... VOTED to confirm members of the Mission Fund Committee as required by the Mission Fund Policy as follows: Session Member: Barbara Wasmer Trustee Member: Andy Atwater; Congregation Member: Roger Willis; Youth Director: Adam Scoville; Youth Delegate: Ashleigh Naugle until she leaves for college.

... VOTED to appoint Darla Diehl to conduct the Annual Financial Review for 2021.

... VOTED to receive the 2021 Statistical Report for PC/USA prepared by Nancy Huffman Clerk of Session

... VOTED to approve the recommendation of the Endowment Committee that \$30,000.00 from 2021 net proceeds from the Endowment Fund investments be disbursed in 2022 as specified by the Endowment Fund policy: \$10,000.00 Inside the Walls (Session), \$10,000.00 Outside the Walls (Mission Fund Committee) and \$10,000.00 On the Walls (Trustees).

...finalized plans for the Annual meeting, the training and orientation of newly elected officers, and the service of ordination and installation of officers.

Leadership News continued...

...discussed sharing Joys and Concerns during worship. It's been noted that it is difficult to hear Joys and Concerns spoken from the pews. This is particularly so for those viewing the service live stream. While Pastor Brandi summarizes each request, church family have difficulty hearing the person making the request. For those participating live stream, there is an extended silence before Pastor Brandi rephrases. We agreed to have the greeters of the day take and hold a microphone for the individual who wishes to share a prayer request. Session discussed other ways to make a prayer request known. For example, write it down or email it prior to the service to Pastor Brandi to read; or give the request (either before or after the service) to Elder Sharon Breeze who records and publishes prayer requests. Sharon Breeze will prepare an article for the newsletter.

...continued its discussion on planning for Pastor Brandi's sabbatical. The Lilly Grant Committee is at work drafting the grant application which is due in April 2022. Nancy Huffman read sections of the draft which summarize the character and purpose of the grant as well as rationale for why the project should occur and be funded. Our goal is to focus on the labyrinth that was built two years ago on church-owned property and use that space as a source for further renewal during the sabbatical. The season teams of Easter and Pentecost will be temporarily suspended and replaced with a "Season of Renewal". During this time, we will engage in activities that cause us to notice, pause, and slow down in a spirit of "sacred looking" or "divine seeking" and reflect on ourselves as individuals and as a church looking both inward as well as outward into our community. The theme of the sabbatical is "Visio Divina: Pause, Notice and Reflect". As Nancy read sections the proposal draft, she asked Session members to identify activities for renewal and outcomes we will achieve. Here are some ideas for activities: nature walks, evening gatherings to view a sunset, outdoor movie night, painting class, games night, visit to the Memorial Art gallery, mini-group gatherings, chicken BBQ. Ideas for sabbatical outcomes were: discovering who we are inside and cleaning out what is no longer relevant; discovering and identifying what really is our purpose in the community; renewed faith, purpose, and direction; looking within and around us to see what is going on; opportunity to break out of our shells and reconnect in familiar and new ways; renewed faith, purpose, and direction.

Remitted by,

Elder Nancy Huffman, Clerk of Session

The deadline for the
March 2022 newsletter is
February 15

A Sunday school teacher began her lesson with a question: "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

"He's an artist!" a little boy replied.

"Really. How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"Our Father, who does art in Heaven," the boy replied.



Since 1990, the Souper Bowl of Caring has been a national movement across the nation working together to fight hunger and poverty in local communities. The youth of our congregation have been sponsoring this worthy cause for many years. There are two ways to support this worthwhile outreach:

- ⇒ Make a donation of non-perishable food and/or a monetary donation
- ⇒ Order a “homemade” sub (or as many as you want) from our Youth group. They make FRESH ingredient subs the morning of February 13, for only \$10. You can sign-up on the sheet in the fellowship room or contact Adam Scoville at cpministerofmusic@gmail.com BY February 6. Sub pick-up will be on February 13 following church.

Proceeds will go to the Mission Fund and will be distributed to support local food needs

Lilly Grant Update

The grant committee is beginning to put “pen to paper” to draft the Lilly Grant application. This application will be mailed in April. Be sure to read about Session’s discussion of the grant in the summary of the Session meeting on page 4 in this newsletter. We continue to encourage discussion in your meetings (Boards, Choir, Staff meetings, Food Cupboard meetings, the Book Club, Season Teams and other small group gatherings). Think about the grant theme, “Visio Divina: Pause, Notice, and Reflect”. As we plan to focus on using, experiencing, and further developing the labyrinth on the church property, what can we do to pause, notice and reflect to feed our souls? Then, as a result of our pausing, noticing, and reflecting, how will we change? Remember that Pastor Brandi will be experiencing Christian history and art in Italy by visiting the Vatican, Venice and other areas foundational to Christianity. She plans to observe and experience art forms and learn more about the connection of art and spirituality. As a result of her “noticing” and “reflecting”, she will be changed. How will we be changed during our sabbatical?

Please contact anyone on the committee (Grace Engelbrecht or Nancy Huffman) or Pastor Brandi with your ideas.



SPECIAL CELEBRATION

On February 1, Marge Tucker will be celebrating her 100th birthday!!!!

We know that hearing from her church family will make her smile.

Her address is:
2000 Park Creek Lane, Apt 302.
Churchville NY 14428

Ordination/Installation of Officers

Deacons and Elders elected at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 23rd were Ordained/ Installed on January 30, 2022. While Trustees are not formally ordained or installed, newly elected Trustees were recognized during the worship service.

Installed as Deacons were Dale Faatz, Jan Hoyt, and Debbie Lamphron

Ordained as Elder was Brenda Naugle.

Installed as Elders were Grace Engelbrecht, Tim Engelbrecht, Carrie Horton, and Brenda Naugle

Newly elected Trustees who were recognized are: John Rowe, Marla Guarnieri, Jay Mathewson and Roger Willis

Congratulations to all!

Nancy Huffman,

Clerk of Session

From St. Pauly Textile. Inc.:

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church of Chili,

We hope that this letter finds you and your families safe and warm this winter. We're happy to report that 2021 was a record year. Over 40 million pounds of clothing were donated to our clothing sheds – that's over 200,000 pounds of clothing collected every business day!

Every clothing shed is an important part of the big picture. Here are some numbers to show you the impact YOUR shed made in 2021:

- 129,480 pounds of clothing were donated to your shed
- This was enough to clothe an estimated 23,852 people all over the world
- Based on this volume of clothing your organization received \$5,179

Thank you so much for partnering with us on this. We truly appreciate all the support you continue to give to the clothing shed program.

Sincerely,

The Team at St. Pauly Textile, Inc.



Our next book club meeting will be on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7:00 pm via zoom. We will be reading The Charmed Wife by Olga Crushin. Please consider reading the book and joining our discussion!

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did , but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

- Maya Angelou

Celebrating

each other.....

February Celebrations

- 1 Mick McCauley
Marge Tucker (celebrating 100 years)
- 2 Becky Sosik
- 8 Eric Boerschlein
Huffman's Anniversary
- 9 Connor Snover
- 10 Barb Boerschlein
- 12 Vicky Leahy
- 16 Milner Anniversary
- 18 Marla Guarnieri & Becky Gernhardt
- 25 Becca Buell (Wasmer)
- 26 Bruce Olson
- 28 Tristan Engelbrecht (celebrating 1 yr)

Annual Per Capita

Apportionment for 2022

Presbytery	\$2,137.50
Synod	\$ 389.50
General Assembly	\$853.10

This is based on our active membership. We would appreciate your support of this budget cost by covering the **\$35.58** (only 44 cents more than 2021) per active member in your family.

"If you're not allowed to laugh in Heaven, I don't want to go there."
– Martin Luther

Worship Volunteers for February 2022

February 6

Greeters: Kathy & Rich Stowe
Communion: Sue Atwater (juice), Barb Wasmer (bread), Rich Stowe
Childcare: Barb Boerschlein & Marla Guarnieri

February 13

Greeters: Bill Horne & Debbie Lamphron
Childcare: Debbie Lamphron & Sue Atwater

February 20

Greeters: Alice & Gary Alger
Childcare: Becky Gernhardt & Linda Enright

February 27

Greeters: Marla Guarnieri & Tim Engelbrecht
Child Care: Ashleigh & Brenda Naugle

WEEKLY JOYS & CONCERNS

If you do not already receive the weekly Joys & Concerns that are shared each Sunday morning, and would like to receive them, please let Sharon Breeze know 293-1340 or sbreeze@frontiernet.net and your e-mail will be included on the list of recipients.

No e-mail – No problem –
Let Sharon know and a copy of those Joys/Concerns shared each week will be mailed to you



The Healing Power of Music

We have all experienced the healing power of music. It can be the moment when certain heightened senses in our soul mix with a song that speaks directly to that heightened sense and profoundly transcends our being. Music can bring moments of clarity and affirmation in life experiences and realities (or optimism). The healing power of music can work also work us through negative emotions as well (grief, anger, etc.). It is the moment when we collide with a song and peace and clarity in life return.

Over the years, I have experienced music's healing power in so many ways. I remember in my younger years sitting in front of the record/cassette/radio combo player waiting for the next amazing sound to grace my ears. The records I loved were so scratched over years of wear that they struggled to play without skipping after a while. The rewind button on the tape player got so worn from all the times I loved a song and wanted to hear it again. And many times I sat in front of that FM radio, waiting to record the next top 40 song so I could play it again and again. When I was in front of that stereo everything was okay in my mind.

Technology has also increased my opportunities in finding the healing power of music. In my teens, my parents got me a CD player, and I spent hours singing (and screaming) to my favorite songs. Then another decade later, the creation of digital music provided a vehicle for accessing almost every song that exists. Now having full access to internet, I can quickly find the healing power of music and find solace at any place and time.

At this point in my life, I have playlists that provide this profound power in music. I have my playlist for focusing my heart on Christ and worship. There are also times when I feel down or frustrated, and I have a playlist for that too. I have playlists for working out, and even the road trip playlist for long car rides.

Music is so vital to worship. When we worship in church, many who come are looking for some sort of healing. Coming to church each week can be a therapeutic experience for many. I have always felt that my role as the Minister of Music is to bring music that can speak to those looking for healing. My hope is that when we sing in church, or listen to those bringing the message through song, that it brings you to a place where your life experiences and the music collide and bring clarity and peace, like I found sitting in front of the stereo as a youngster, finding transcending clarity and solace in those special moments.

Music is one of God's greatest gifts that we have as humans. It is a profound and endless medium that God gives us that will forever effect our souls. So know that amidst everything that life throws at you, God speaks to us through music, which can bring clarity, peace and healing.

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.

C-C-C-C-Cooooold!

Just because we are in the dead of winter does not mean we are hibernating! The youth have started off the year in epic fashion. The whole congregation joined together for a fun day of indoor board games, and outdoor sledding. We had a fun and impactful meeting with Sr. High Youth gaming and strengthening our faith in how we live for Christ. We ended the month with an awesome bowling trip!

So we head into February, and that means it is time for the annual Super Bowl Subs, and the Souper Bowl of Caring! Subs are \$10 and if you would like to order a sub, please email Adam by February 6th, at cpministerofmusic@gmail.com. The Super Bowl is February 13th, and the subs will be ready then after church. Also bring donations to support our Souper Bowl of Caring drive. Your support is appreciated!

Check out the rest of the plans for February below! Have a great February!

Adam, Whitney, McKenlee, and Ethan ☺

Upcoming Schedule!

February 6 – No Youth Group! Adam is away!

February 13 – SUPER BOWL SUBS! Be ready to go at 9:30am.

Saturday, February 19 – Sr. High Youth Event - TBD.

February 20 – Jr High Youth Group – 12-2pm.

February 27 – Sr. High Youth Group – TBD.

St. Pauly Box Schedule

January 31 to February

- Mira Wooten

February 14 to February 27

- Henry Gernhardt

February 28 to March 13

- Brooke Wilson

