



# Roots & Wings

First Presbyterian Church of Chili

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

## JANUARY



## 2023

### A Time to TRANSFORM



In this issue of “Roots & Wings” .....

- \* CPR/AED Training
- \* Epiphany Cabin Worship, Potluck and family game time
- \* Breakfast/Orientation for Boards and Session
- \* Installation/Ordination of new Board members and Elders
- \* Annual Meetings

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

*Staff:* Pastor: Rev. Brandi C. Wooten, Minister of Music and Youth Director: Adam Scoville, Office Administrator: Sandra McCauley, Custodian: Marla Guarnieri, Media Coordinator: Rory O'Connor

*2023 Season Teams:* Lent/Easter, Season of Renewal, Season of Reflection and Advent/Christmas /Epiphany

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

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

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## *Wooten's Wonderings*



This year, our theme for the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Season has helped us to understand the transition from one season to the next. First, Advent was our time to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ into our lives. Next, as we enter the 12 days of Christmas, it is a time to celebrate "God with us." Finally, now that we have received the gift of the Christ child, Epiphany is a time for us to be transformed by that gift.

To be transformed is to be changed, molded, and formed into something new. Sometimes we get so comfortable with the way things are, that we lose sight of the way God wants us to be. Being a people of faith does not mean that we will be comfortable all the time. God calls us out of our comfort zones into something new- whether it be a new ministry opportunity, a new idea, or a new activity.

As we welcome the beginning of a new year, it is an especially good time to ask God to disturb our complacency and stir something new in us. I shared this prayer with our Session several months ago asking God to do just that- disturb us. It is attributed to Sir Francis Drake who was an English sea captain living from 1540-1596 CE. For my own spiritual practice, I am going to print out this prayer and keep it in my bible so that I can regularly pray it this year. Perhaps it will be something you are inspired to pray regularly as well this year. But be reminded that when we pray a prayer like this, we will not be left unchanged.

*Disturb us, Lord,*  
when we are too well pleased with ourselves,  
when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little,  
when we arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore.

*Disturb us, Lord,*  
when with the abundance of things we possess,  
we have lost our thirst for the waters of life;  
having fallen in love with life,  
we have ceased to dream of eternity,  
and in our efforts to build a new earth,  
we have allowed our vision of the new heaven to dim.

*Disturb us, Lord,*  
to dare more boldly,  
to venture on wider seas,  
where storms will show your mastery;  
where losing sight of land,  
we shall find the stars.  
We ask you to push back the horizon of our hopes;  
and to push back the future in strength, courage, hope and love.

This we ask in the name of our Captain, who is Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Rev. Brandi Wooten, Pastor*  
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**Annual Meeting for the Congregation and for the Corporation of:**

**The First Presbyterian Church of Chili**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023- 11:45 AM**

**Annual Corporation/Congregation Meetings**

On January 22, 2023, following the 10:00 AM worship service, the Annual meeting of the Congregation will be conducted for the business of electing officers, hearing reports, and transacting other business as appropriate. 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: Andy Atwater, Tom Leahy, and Gage Oliver. Financial reports for the year 2022 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 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 2022 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.

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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Nancy Huffman, Clerk of Session

*Acts* **CATCHING UP  
WITH THE SPIRIT**

Six week book and  
video based bible study  
on the book of Acts.  
led by Pastor Brandi

**Beginning Thursday,  
February 9th at 7pm  
via Zoom**

Come on a journey with  
the early Christian  
community that is capable  
of igniting our  
imaginations about the  
character of the Christian  
message, the work of the  
church and the challenges  
of living faithfully in a  
complex and changing  
world.



Fellowship (Coffee Hour) is a time when we have the opportunity to enjoy fellowship with each other. The Deacons are looking for volunteers to host our fellowship time.

General suggestions: provide coffee, tea, cold beverage, snacks (such as gluten free pretzels) and cookies (both regular and gluten free). Grab a friend and sign-up on the sheet in the lower hall.



Reports for the 2022 Annual Meeting booklet will be due in the office by Tuesday, January 10. The booklet is distributed the week before the Corporation and Congregational meetings which will take place on January 22, 2023. If you have any questions, please call the church office.



## Personal Care Items needed....

Our Youth Groups are collecting FULL SIZE hygiene items. We are providing bags of these items for people who come to the Food Cupboard each month. It has been a huge gift to families who truly need it. Your donations can be placed in the collection bin in the fellowship room. Thanks for your support of this community ministry.

Tooth brush	Deodorant (men & women)	Diapers & pullups (any size)
Tooth paste	Bar soap	Paper towels
Shampoo	Dish soap	Toilet paper (smaller pkg)
Hair conditioner	Laundry detergent	Baby wipes



Tuesday,  
January 31  
8:00 pm

## The Authenticity Project by Clare Pooley

Short synopsis: Julian Jessop, an eccentric, lonely artist and septuagenarian believes that most people aren't really honest with one another. But what if they were? And so he writes—in a plain, green journal—the truth about his own life and leaves it in his local café. It's run by the incredibly tidy and efficient Monica, who furtively adds her own entry and leaves the book in the wine bar across the street. Before long, the others who find the green notebook add the truths about their own deepest selves—and soon find each other In Real Life at Monica's Café.

*The Authenticity Project's* cast of characters—including Hazard, the charming addict who makes a vow to get sober; Alice, the fabulous mommy Instagrammer whose real life is a lot less perfect than it looks online; and their other new friends—is by turns quirky and funny, heartbreakingly sad and painfully true-to-life. It's a story about being brave and putting your real self forward—and finding out that it's not as scary as it seems. In fact, it looks a lot like happiness.



# Epiphany

Welcome to the season of Epiphany

So...what is this season all about?

Is it another time of Transforming?

To answer those questions, let's look back at the season of Advent. During Advent we celebrated Jesus' birth and were transformed by the love, peace, and joy he would bring to the world. So, what is it that we are called to celebrate during the season of Epiphany? Are we to be transformed in some way? In the hymn "We three Kings of Orient Are" the lyrics tell us the three kings followed the star to see the new born king. We like to think that after seeing Jesus the wisemen were so excited and filled with joy that they could hardly wait to share the wonder and love of Jesus to the world. They were transformed. The season of Epiphany calls us to transform our lives as we continue to share the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

## **Sunday, January 15, 2023**

Worship Service, Potluck, Board Games, and Winter Fun event at Blackcreek Park Lodge

Please invite your friends and neighbors as we gather for Worship around 10:45. We will enjoy a potluck lunch following worship

Everyone needs to bring a dish to share and their own silverware and serving utensils. People are encouraged to bring board games and outdoor winter activity gear (sleds, cross country skis, snow shoes, etc.)



There will be no Worship at church or live stream of the Worship service

## **Epiphany Calendar**

The ACE team encourages you to use the photo calendar on the following page to help you celebrate the season of Epiphany and claim the blessing of each day. Hard copies of the calendar are available on the table in the fellowship room.

*Your Advent, Christmas, Epiphany (ACE) Season Team,  
Jan & Bill Hoyt  
Beth & John Rowe  
Barb & Geoff Wasmer*



# Epiphany

## Photo-A-Day Calendar

In the month of January, look for how the word written in the box for that day shows up and take a picture of it. You can then share the picture on social media with the hashtag #epiphanyphotoaday

New Life	Grate-ful	Listen	Marvel	Stability	Connect-ion	Play
Freedom	Learn	Creativ-ity	Challenge	Silence	Bless	Hope
Rest	Whole-ness	Tell	Story	Oppor-tunity	Risk	Speak
Embrace	Light	Toget-her	Awe	Build	Grow	Simplicity
Trust	Awake	Present				

Hard copies of this document are available on the table in the fellowship room.



The Session is sponsoring CPR training and how to use our new AED on

Saturday, January 7 from 9 am to 1 pm.

We will be trained by our own Brenda Naugle. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship room. Childcare providers are encouraged to sign-up...but all are welcome!

February 2023 Newsletter deadline is  
Tuesday, January 17

# Celebrating

each other.....

## January 2023

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



### Ordination/Installation of Officers

Deacons, Elders and Trustees elected at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation will attend a special welcome and orientation breakfast hosted by Session on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Currently serving and "retiring" Board members will also be at the breakfast to assist with orientation. Following breakfast, during worship, there will be a formal service of Ordination and Installation for Elders and Deacons and recognition of newly elected Trustees.

Nancy Huffman,  
Clerk of Session

## January Volunteers

### January 1, 2023

Greeters: Sue Edwards & Linda Enright  
Communion: Sue Edwards, Linda Enright (bread), Sue Johnson (juice)  
Jr. Greeter: Patrick Engelbrecht  
Childcare: Judie McGaffick & Dale Faatz  
Children's Church: Alice Zah & Ashleigh Naugle

### January 8

Greeters: Jane & Fred Schulitz  
Jr. Greeter: Henry Gernhardt  
Childcare: Grace Engelbrecht & Whitney Scoville  
Children's Church: Alice Zah & Ashleigh Naugle

### January 15

(Worship and potluck at Black Creek Park Lodge)

Greeters: Vicky & Tom Leahy  
Jr. Greeter: Patrick Engelbrecht

### January 22

Greeters: Sharon Breeze & Bob Kraus  
Jr. Greeter: Brooke Wilson  
Childcare: Sue Atwater & Barb Wasmer  
Children's Church: Alice Zah & Ashleigh Naugle

### January 29

Greeters: Jay & Kathy Mathewson  
Jr. Greeter: Mira Wooten  
Childcare: Marla Guarneri & Gail McArthur  
Children's Church: Alice Zah & Barb Wasmer

## Annual Per Capita

### Apportionment for 2023

Presbytery	\$2,182.50
Synod	\$ 397.70
General Assembly	\$ 955.45

This is based on our active membership. We would appreciate your support of this budget cost by covering the **\$36.45** (only 87 cents more than 2022) per active member in your family.

# Leadership News

## **At its meeting on December 5, 2022, Session...**

...as its devotion was inspired by a poem, "Making Room". We shared thoughts on preparing for Christmas and what we always "make room" to do. We also discussed how we can change things and give ourselves permission to not carry out activities that were once thought to be essential.

...VOTED to approve the agenda with items added.

...VOTED to approve the Consent Agenda.

...VOTED to receive the Treasurer's report and summary for the month ending November 30, 2022.

...noted that Pastor Brandi will be taking vacation the week after Christmas (12/26 – 12/29)

...noted that on January 7, 2023, CPR/AED training will take place, 9 AM – 1 PM at the church

...noted that the Valley Neighborhood Pastors will be holding a pot-luck lunch at Chili Pres on December 15, 2022 and upon motion and second, Session VOTED to purchase/provide a dessert for the luncheon.

...discussed the Passing of the Peace during worship and agreed to continue passing the peace from our pews to the people around us. Session noted when passing of peace this way, there is less commotion, it reduces time consuming side conversations that emerge when walking around the sanctuary and keeps us focused on the true purpose of passing the peace, "May the Peace of Christ be with you."

...noted that the Personnel Committee will be working on a proposed position description: Director of Youth and Families (Personnel Committee).

...heard a report from Nancy Huffman, Chair of the Nominating Committee, that the committee is continuing its work to fill board positions.

...received a preliminary report from the Stewardship Committee noting the number of new and increased pledges, decreased pledges, pledges that remained the same, and lost pledges. Pledges are still coming in. A final report will be forthcoming.

...VOTED to approve Session's Annual Report.

...heard a report from Nancy Huffman, Chair of the Endowment Committee that Endowment Fund investments this year did not generate revenue thus, there will be no proceeds available for distribution in 2023.

...reviewed draft of the Sabbatical Temporary Supply Pastor Job Description, the Covenant Agreement for Non-Installed Pastoral Positions, and the Terms of Call for Whitney Scoville and Fred Mollon who will be sharing the supply pastor position May 1 – September 3, 2023. As part of discussion, Session noted that in preparing the grant, estimated Terms of Call were based on 2022 figures. Now that the 2023 Terms of Call recommendations are available, Session noted that we would need to supplement the figure by approximately \$500.

...VOTED to change Communion dates in July and September to the second Sunday.

Commissioned Pastor Whitney Scoville will preside on July 9, 2023 and Pastor Brandi will preside on September 10, 2023.

...VOTED to approve holding the Annual Meetings of the Congregation and Corporation in person, in the sanctuary, on January 22, 2023 immediately following worship

Remitted by,

Elder Nancy P. Huffman, Clerk of Session





## Happy New Year!

Let's take a moment to reflect on 2022. 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 in 2022?

- \* *What made you smile?*
- \* *What made you laugh?*
- \* *What brought you tears?*
- \* *What was lacking for you in 2022?*
- \* *Where was God working and using you in 2022?*
- \* *Where did you see/feel God on earth? Did you see/feel God this year?*
- \* *What were some of the big things that happened for us as a church?*

### Now look ahead to 2023 and meditate on the future God has for you.

- \* *What are you excited for in 2023?*
- \* *What concerns/worries do you have for the new year?*
- \* *What hopes and dreams do you wish to accomplish in this new year?*
- \* *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 a period of time and think about where God has taken me. Sometimes it helps me to realize that God is using me to make an impact on the world. Other times, I feel lost and distant, and reflection helps me to see this, and fuel me to work harder to find God in the things that I am doing. Also, knowing the events that I was apart of, both good and bad, remind me of the amazing joys of 2022, but also to keep me grounded on the struggles I had to endure.

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 2023. 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 strengthen their faith in Christ and build lifelong relationships with others.

## 2023 is HERE!

Can you believe it? We made it to the New Year! It is time to party!

Speaking of parties, we had an epic Christmas Party this year! Lots of fun and laughs, and yes, someone went home with a toilet brush as a gift! We also had a great Joint Youth Group Meeting with the Valley Neighbor Youth Group! We had 17 kids! It is growing fast and we are having a lot of fun connecting and strengthening our faith.

Please continue to support the Hygiene Cupboard that we have at church! We have been serving at the Food Cupboard and providing bags of hygiene to people who come to the Food Cupboard each month. It has been a huge gift to families who truly need it. A list of items is available at the entryway of church and feel free to contact Adam for questions about our current needs.

Check out the schedule below! Let's hit 2023 strong!

*Blessings*

*Adam, Whitney, McKenlee, and Ethan*

### St. Pauly Box Schedule

January-2-15 – Mira Wooten

January 16-29 – Henry Gerhardt

January 30-February 12 – Brooke Wilson

## Upcoming Schedule

January 1 – No Youth Group!

January 8 – Joint Youth Group! – Both Groups! Leaving from church @ 11:30am-2pm.

January 15 – Winter Fun Day @ Black Creek Park–Service @ 10:30am with Food and Games to follow!

Saturday, January 21 – Serving at church for the Chili Food Cupboard. Both Groups! 9:30-11:30am.

January 22 – No Youth Group!

January 29 – Sr. High Youth Group – 11-am-1pm.

February 5 – Joint Youth Group! – Both Groups! Leaving from church @ 11:30am-2pm.

February 12 – Super Bowl Subs! Both Groups! Be there @ 9:30am.