



Roots & Wings

First Presbyterian Church of Chili

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



2023

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

Staff: Pastor: Rev. Brandi C. Wooten, Temporary Supply: Elders Whitney Scoville, CP & Fred Mollon, Minister of Music and Youth Director: Adam Scoville, Office Administrator: Sandra McCauley, Custodian: Marla Guarnieri, Media Coordinator: Rory O'Connor

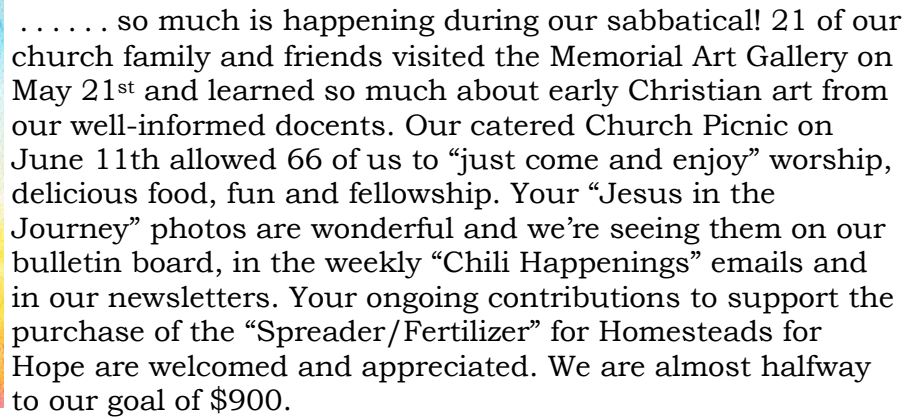
2023 Season Teams: Lent/Easter, Season of Renewal, Season of Reflection and Advent/Christmas /Epiphany

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

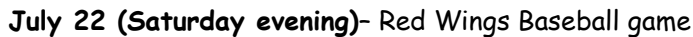
Mission / Community Support: Cameron Community Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, Presbyterian Church special offerings, Caring For The Community, Chili Pres Food Cupboard, and much more.

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If you are signed-up, remember to bring your \$10 and a mat, towel, or chair to use for the yoga activity.



This evening game (game start time 6:45 PM) will be contested between the Rochester Red Wings and the Durham Bulls! We have reserved seats behind home plate and tickets are \$15 each. The sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall. **The LAST DAY to sign up and PAY is Sunday, July 16th.** Carpools from the church will leave at 5:30 PM so we will arrive in time to get autographs, purchase food, find our seats, and get ready for some fun! Guests are welcome.

A perfect spot for solitude, prayer, and reflection. You are invited to explore on your own or with friends and family! Go and take pictures to share with all "Jesus on the Journey" photos. Plans are underway for a planned "walkover" to follow a worship service. Stay tuned!

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)	
Tooth paste	Bar soap	Paper towels
Shampoo	Dish soap	Toilet paper (smaller pkg)
Hair conditioner	Laundry detergent	



For emergency Pastoral care
please call either

Elder Fred Mollon (253-324-7553) or
Pastor Whitney Scoville
(585-217-2596)

Worship Leader Schedule

July & August

July 2 - Fred Mollon, Elder

July 9 (Communion) - Pastor Whitney Scoville

July 16 - Pastor Whitney Scoville

July 23 - Fred Mollon, Elder

July 30 - Fred Mollon, Elder

August 6 (Communion) - Pastor Whitney Scoville

August 13 - Pastor Whitney Scoville

August 20 - Fred Mollon, Elder

August 27 - Pastor Whitney Scoville

The **church office** will be open from 9 am -2 pm ONLY on the following dates in July and the first two weeks in August:

Thursday, July 6

Thursday, July 13

Thursday, July 20

Thursday, July 27

Thursday, August 3

Thursday, August 10

Regular Tuesday through Thursday hours will resume on Tuesday, August 15. Please keep these dates in mind when needing something from the church office or items that needs to be included in the Sunday bulletin or Thursday "Chili Happenings".

Celebrating

each other.....

July

- 1 Evan Engelbrecht
- 2 Henry Gernhardt
- 12 Beth Rowe
- 18 Sue Johnson
- 21 Kathy Mathewson
- 22 Jerry Huffman
- 25 Brenda Naugle
- 28 Alex Buell
- 31 Doug McArthur

August

- 3 Sharon Breeze
- 5 Dale Faatz
- 6 Dan Cuffe
- 7 McCauley Anniversary
- 9 Lisa Snover
- 10 Sherman Gittens, Pat Jones,
Dan Wooten
- 11 Harkness Anniversary
- 13 Faatz Anniversary
- 16 Jay Mathewson
- 17 Bev L'Hommedieu
- 18 Sue Edwards
- 26 John Atwater
- 30 Gary Alger
- 31 John Engelbrecht

Summer Worship Volunteers

July 2

Greeters: Bob Kraus & Anne Dorthy
Childcare: Vicky Leahy & Linda Enright

July 9

Greeters: Sue Edwards & Judie McGaffick
Communion: Barb Boerschlein, Sue Edwards
(juice), Judie McGaffick (bread)
Childcare: Gail McArthur & Elena McArthur

July 16

Greeters: Lori & Cecil Gittens
Childcare: Katie Engelbrecht & Sue Atwater

July 23

Greeters: Pat & Bruce Olson
Childcare: Ashleigh Naugle & Debbie Lamphron

July 30

Greeters: Alice & Fred Zah
Childcare: Sue Edwards & Becky Sosik

August 6

Greeters: Becky Gernhardt & Dan Wooten
Communion: Sharon Breeze, Brian Gernhardt
(bread), Dan Wooten (juice)
Childcare: Lori Gittens & Barb Wasmer

August 13

Greeters: Ashleigh & Brenda Naugle
Childcare: Katie Engelbrecht & Elena McArthur

August 20

Greeters: Jean Bartholomew & Becky Sosik
Childcare: Grace Engelbrecht & Judie McGaffick

August 27

Greeters: Kathy & Jay Mathewson
Childcare: Marla Guarnieri & Beth Rowe

September newsletter deadline is
August 15

Church Picnic

June 11, 2023





There are a few great moments I have experienced that are life changing. From my wedding to the birth of my children, I have seen God's blessings beyond measure. And recently, one of those moments happened to me that has surely been life changing.

Student loan forgiveness. Sounds silly, but I feel like I've won the lottery and I need to share the full story.

I went to college and received a bachelors in music education, and a masters in music therapy. I compiled hefty loans to complete my degrees. I worked in both settings for several years, until I was called into ministry.

My student loan debt was surreal. The number was so big, and I just figured I would take it to my grave when I die. It was embarrassing. It was discouraging. The interest piled up as the years went by. I kept thinking back and wondering how did this happen? I was 18 years old when I signed the paperwork to begin college. I had no idea what I was signing. I had the basic idea of finances but I was never trained how to do finances in the real world. I made many mistakes. I had to have my parents bail me out many times.

I thought that this would always be a part of my life story. But God had a different plan. In 2022, the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program (PSLF), a program designed to forgive loans of people working in public service, changed some of the criteria to allow church staff members to qualify (previously churches were not included in the program). Whitney begged me to apply, but I didn't think I met the criteria, and I had an excuse not to fill out the form each step of the way. These loans controlled me to the point that I had no hope and they dictated my life.

But I applied. It was hard, but easy. The process was tough to figure out. It took several mistakes to finally call and get the correct information. I remember filling out the form and dropping it in the mail and saying, "Well, God your will be done, but it's not going to happen. I'm not getting my hopes up."

It's those moments when you have lost all hope when God can step in and do miraculous things. Matthew 19:26 states that "With God, all things are possible." And Friday June 2, 2023, God proved it again in my life. Debt larger than a mortgage on a house is gone. It's GONE. The statement says \$0.00. It is a miracle. I've been given new life. I cannot praise God enough.

I still check the account. It doesn't feel real. I made those mistakes. I signed those loans into existence. And yet my debt has been paid. This is the same as receiving new life in Christ Jesus. We all sin. We all make mistakes. We all fall short. But when God sent Jesus into the world, the life He lived and His death on the cross was life changing. We would've never figured out how to break free from the bondage of sin. Jesus paid that price, and because of that, we are free.

My hope for all of you is to never to give up on God, no matter how bleak things may look. Keep praying and trusting that God will reveal His plan for your life and never lose hope. As Christians we are free! Shout it from the rooftop! Tell those around you.

I feel I have a new financial life. I plan to teach my children every detail of finances that I can before they start making big financial decisions in life. We need to do this as a society.

And the greater lesson in all of this is that God can do the impossible. Praise be to God.

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

Happy Summer everyone! Hope you are enjoying the weather and spending time outdoors with family and friends! There is not much happening with our youth currently, but a couple things to highlight below.

This summer we have a number of youth and adults taking a mission trip together to Houston, Texas. We will be leaving August 5 and returning August 11. We will be serving alongside the FAM Houston ministry, which works with refugee and immigrants within the Houston area. Please pray for this group as this trip forms into what God has for us! Mission trips are always life changing! More information to come in next month's newsletter. Please check out FAM Houston's website at <https://www.famhoustontx.org/> for information on where we are heading and who we will be serving.

As always, we appreciate the support of our Hygiene Cupboard that we have at church, and continue to ask for donations. As we continue to serve at the Food Cupboard we have been 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. Also, after a huge donation of diapers we received from Foodlink, we do NOT need any diapers for awhile!

I pray that you are able to connect with God this summer! Looking forward to seeing everyone in the fall!

Peace and love,

Adam, Whitney, McKenlee, and Ethan ☺

St. Pauly Box Schedule

June 19-July 2 – Aidan Snover

July 3-16 – Adam Scoville

July 17-Aug 13 – Need Volunteers!

Aug 14-27 – Mira Wooten

Aug 28-Sept 10 – Henry Gernhardt