



# Roots & Wings

First Presbyterian Church of Chili

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



Season of Reflection



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*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, WIC and much more.

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## Wooten's Wonderings



As I wrote my sermon reflecting on what I had learned in my sabbatical, there were so many things that I wanted to share, but I quickly realized that I could not share them all in one sermon. So, periodically, I will find different ways of continuing to share my experiences and learnings with you. One such topic was something else I learned from studying watercolor.

One way I intended to use my sabbatical time was in taking a variety of online watercolor classes to learn new styles and techniques. Through these classes I gained a greater appreciation for the variety that can be found in watercolor. It is such a versatile art medium.

On one end of the spectrum, it can be very loose and gestural- for example, creating a very general representation of a flower or a tree. On the other end of the spectrum, it can be hyper-realistic seeking to represent exactly what one would see in real life. Watercolor paintings can also be somewhere in between these two extremes. There is also the architectural style and the illustrative style (which resembles a more drawn look or uses unusual colors for things- for example pink trees.) And one of my favorite styles is called “ink and wash” which uses a combination of ink drawing and watercolor.

Through studying this variety, I came to appreciate the unique beauty of each of them. Each style seeks to portray something different- from the playful and fantastical to the serious and moody. Appreciating each of the styles and what they bring to the art reminds me of the variety of people, personalities and perspectives we have in this congregation. Each person brings something unique to our community. Each person is valued for who they are. Each person has a unique voice that is worthy of being heard.

November is Stewardship Season. It is a time to recall how we, as a community of unique personalities and perspectives, come together in our common desire to love, serve and follow Jesus. As we give thanks for the ways in which our church community is changing lives, may we also give thanks for the varied gifts and styles which come together to paint a beautiful picture of the life of faith.





## *Fall Supper* *Saturday, November 4*

*Take Out Only*  
*4:00 pm until sold out*  
*\$15 each for a delicious meal*

*Please consider volunteering we could use your help!*



### **The Grocery Run**

The Grocery Run is sponsored by the Third Presbyterian Church of Rochester to benefit area Food Cupboards. This year, our church will be participating in this run. There are a variety of runs and walks you can select from; however, our Food Cupboard's Team has chosen to sponsor the Virtual Run/Walk. When one signs up for the Virtual Run/Walk, he/she can choose any distance to run, bike, walk, stroll, and can complete this event anytime, anywhere between November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. (Of course, you could still sign-up to participate in the runs and/or walks being held in the City of Rochester for this event. These races are explained at <http://www.groceryrun.org>.) If you are not a runner or walker, you can choose to go to our team's website and donate any amount of money you feel comfortable in contributing to the Cupboard. The registration fee for our Virtual Run/Walk is \$30.00, and our Food Cupboard will get the entire \$30.00 back to help cover food expenses. Each month our Cupboard services between 70 to 80 households and feeds between 200 to 300 people. Even with the help of Foodlink pricing, we spend approximately \$1,000 each month on food.

Please go to the church's website (<https://chili-presbyterian.org>) and follow the directions for registering for the race and/or making a donation.

If you register by midnight, October 9<sup>th</sup>, you will receive your preferred size, super-soft performance-fabric commemorative race t-shirt! (Ladies' shirts are fitted and run about two sizes smaller than the typical unisex. Ladies, please order one or two sizes up!)

Thank you for your support.



## **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – 2023**

*Option 1 – Poinsettia (\$10.00)*

☐ Placed in memory of:

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Presented by

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Total Plants \_\_\_\_\$    Enclosed \_\_\_\_

☐ Cash    ☐ Check

Last day to order is **December 3rd**

## **SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2023**

*Option 2 – Scholarship Fund*

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Last day to donate is **December 19th**

## *Annual Holiday Habitat Pie Sale*

The pies are made by Special Touch Bakery.  
This is the bakery for School of the Holy  
Childhood located at 1999 Mt. Read Blvd.

The pie choices are:

Apple crumb    Rumbleberry

Strawberry    Rhubarb

Pumpkin    Pecan

The cost of pies are \$18 each. Fruit pies will be  
unbaked and frozen in a bakery box for  
freshness and flavor. \$12 goes to support Holy  
Childhood and \$6 profit goes to Habitat.

The Pumpkin & Pecan pies will come baked  
and packaged in a durable plastic container.

Pies need to be **ordered and paid for by  
Monday, November 6.**

Checks should be made payable to First  
Presbyterian Church of Chili with "Habitat Pies"  
written on the memo line.

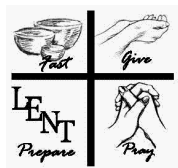
Pies should be picked up at church on  
Monday November 20 between 4:30-6:30 pm

The sign-up sheet is the bulletin board.

Come together for a Stewardship Celebration  
Luncheon

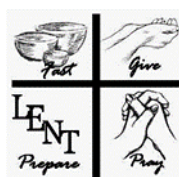
Immediately following Worship  
November 19<sup>th</sup>, Stewardship Sunday.  
Sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall.





**In November we give, and we give thanks! On November 19th we will celebrate Stewardship Sunday when we make our pledge commitment for 2024. We will also volunteer to share our time and talent by participating on a Season Team. How about joining a Season Team in 2024?**

These small groups work together to plan activities and projects for a liturgical season. The first meeting is with Pastor Brandi where you study the Bible passages for the season and identify a theme. The team sets up their own schedule to develop plans for worship, decorating the church, Children's church, outreach, fellowship activities, and adult learning opportunities. Participating in a Season Team small group unleashes your creativity, fosters yet another form of fellowship (especially when some of meetings involve gathering around a table of food!) and sharing of inspirational stories of our own.



## Lent

Planning Begins:

January 3, 2024

Implementation begins:

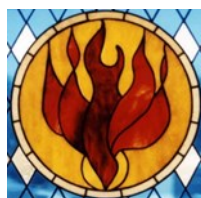
February 14, 2024



## Easter

Planning Begins: February 11, 2024

Implementation begins:



## Pentecost

Planning Begins: April 1, 2024

Implementation begins:

May 19, 2024



## Harvest

Planning Begins: July 21, 2024

Implementation begins:

September 8, 2024



## Advent-Epiphany

Planning Begins: October 13, 2024

Implementation begins:

December 1, 2024

## A TISKIT, A TASKET, A FOOD CUPBOARD BASKET?!



The Food Cupboard Committee is reaching out to those in our congregation that might be interested in putting together a basket to be raffled off at the Florence Brasser Craft Fair which will be held at the Chili Community Center on Friday evening, December 1, 6-8:30 and Saturday December 2, from 12 noon to 5.

The committee did participate in this basket raffle last year and found it was *a very successful way* to raise money for our Food Cupboard which has grown from serving 3 families in its inception to serving over 85 families each month!

you are interested, please let either Sue Johnson or Sharon Breeze know if you would like to participate and the theme of your basket. The more baskets, the better! Thank you for considering to be part of this fund raiser for our Food Cupboard.



“To know him and the power of his resurrection”

Our Bible study time is not just for us to know more about the Bible, but to know Jesus, and God better.

Join us for this 45 minutes before church every Sunday

9 – 9:45 am , classroom next to Brandi’s office

# Celebrating

each other.....

## November

2 Ashleigh Naugle  
5 Fred Mollon  
8 John Rowe/Brian Faatz  
11 Mila Rose Sosik  
13 Ashley Avery  
20 Cindy Blair  
22 Don Strine  
27 Marlowe Gittens



## Prayer Time

**Is offered**  
**every Tuesday at**  
**2:00 pm**  
in the sanctuary

All are welcome

## Volunteers for November

### November 5

Greeters:

Communion: Jan Hoyt (bread), Bill Hoyt (juice),  
Debbie Lamphron

Jr. Greeter: Patrick Engelbrecht

Childcare : Grace Engelbrecht & Beth Rowe

Children's Church: Alice Zah & Marla Guarnieri

### November 12

Greeters: Brian Gernhardt & Lori Oliver

Jr. Greeter: Audrey Sosik

Childcare: Elena Castillo & Sue Atwater

Children's Church: Alice Zah & Vicky Leahy

### November 19

Greeters: Mick & Sandy McCauley

Jr. Greeter: Brooke Wilson

Childcare: Vicky Leahy & Katie Engelbrecht

Children's Church: Alice Zah & Sandy McCauley

### November 26

Greeters: Linda Enright & Gail McArthur

Jr. Greeter: Henry Gernhardt

Childcare: Debbie Lamphron & Judie McGaffick

Children's Church: Alice Zah & Sue Edwards

A lot of great events and opportunities during November  
at Chili Pres !

- ⇒ Habitat Pie orders
- ⇒ Stewardship campaign and luncheon – November 19
- ⇒ Season Team sign-up for 2024 – November 19
- ⇒ Raffle baskets for Food Cupboard fundraiser
- ⇒ Holiday cards for members of the USS Carter Hall
- ⇒ Poinsettia orders for Christmas





## Reflection Team's Updated Mission Project: Holiday Cards

Please join us in gathering Christmas Holiday Cards (as many as you'd like) to be sent from our Church Family to the USS Carter Hall. We will no longer be collecting personal items. This is a nice way of letting our Service Members know we're thinking of them. There will be a box of cards at church on Sunday if you need some cards to use, or feel free to use your own. Please return your completed cards **(in a blank envelope)** to the decorated box in the Fellowship Hall, **no later than Sunday, November 19**. The cards will be mailed together after that date. Thank you for your help with this project.

December Newsletter deadline will be  
November 21



### **Paper bags needed**

The Food Cupboard committee are looking for regular size paper grocery bags for packing food for distribution.

If you get paper bags at the grocery store and don't need them, we would be glad to take them off your hands!

The Board of Deacon are looking for folks to volunteer to host fellowship time after Worship in the lower hall.

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 fellowship room.

## **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	
Hair conditioner	Laundry detergent	





## *Stewardship Sunday is November 19<sup>th</sup>*

As you prepare to make your 2024 pledge commitment on Stewardship Sunday think about how Chili Pres changes lives. Think about how Chili Pres has changed your life.

As we continue to live into our Mission “Rooted in Faith, Growing Together, caring for the Community”, think about our initiatives and their impact on us as brothers and sisters in Christ. How can we assure on-going support for our Food Pantry? How can we provide support for Adam’s activities in his new position as Director of Families and Youth? How can we support our new opportunities for spiritual growth through Bible study and a time for group prayer? How can we continue to develop our beautiful Labyrinth Trail for our church family’s and community’s use?

As you think about what your 2024 pledge commitment will be. Consider praying this prayer.

*Loving God, I feel your love over and over all year. Your love keeps me rooted in faith. You know my situation better than anyone. Take my credits and debits, ins and outs, my pluses and minuses, surpluses and lacks, and show me how to use them to join the great chorus of Creation. Amen*

**“Because of YOU, our church changes lives”**

In faith,

Your Stewardship Team

*Tom Leahy*

*Nancy Huffman*

*Jerry Huffman*

## *Our Sabbatical Storyboard*





### Count Your Blessings.

I really love this time of year. Thanksgiving is the time of year where family and friends come together. After a year of fun and adventure, I really enjoy getting together and connecting with our family and sharing our experiences, our joys, our struggles, and our love for each other. And all that happens while we share some amazing food as well!

Thanksgiving can also be a tougher time of year for others who have lost loved ones, or may even have a hard time spending time with family. Sometimes, it is hard to find joy with certain people in our family, and it even can be draining! The reality is that sometimes doing family stuff is hard!

We are entering into the holiday season, and we all share different thoughts and feelings about getting together with family. And while we cannot control what others say or do, we can control our mood and how we act. We can vow to be positive and joyous during the holiday season, and not get bogged down with the worries and negativity that others can bring. We can be the positive difference in our families and share love and grace that our families may need.

Here is a short poem I found that can speak to how we act. May it be a framework for you to build upon during the holiday season to keep you focused on what really matters in life.

### Thanksgiving Observance

Count your blessings instead of your crosses  
Count your gains instead of your losses  
Count your joys instead of your woes  
Count your friends instead of your foes  
Count your smiles instead of your tears  
Count your courage instead of your fears  
Count your full years instead of your lean  
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean  
Count your health instead of your wealth  
Count on God instead of yourself.

-Author Unknown

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



# Families and Youth

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## Our time to shine!

It has been a busy October for us! There were two Joint Youth Group meetings. There was a Mission Trip service, where we reported about our trip to Houston, Texas (Check out the video from the church service on October 8<sup>th</sup> on the church Facebook page in case you missed it). We served at the food cupboard, where we had the highest numbers of families come. And we had a youth meeting at church where we prepared for the Trunk or Treat event and played the youth group classic, Sardines.

And as we close out October and head in to November, there are 2 big events this weekend! This Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> is the Trunk or Treat from 10-noon! Our youth are helping out at the event. Then on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, we are having our Fall Party after church. Come on out for all the fun!

We continue our support of the Food Cupboard with our Hygiene Cupboard. We are in need of pretty much ALL hygiene items! A list of items is available at the entryway of church. Thank you for all of your support.

Remember it is vastly important to pray for our youth. They are our future and they need to know that they matter and have people who care for them. It makes a big difference!

The schedule is posted below. Lots of things coming!

Blessings,

Adam

### St. Pauly Box Schedule

Oct 23-Nov19 – Need volunteers!

Nov 20-Dec 3 – Mira Wooten

### Youth Events Schedule!

**Saturday, October 28 – Chili Pres Trunk or Treat! 10am-Noon.**

**October 29 – FALL PARTY! 11-1pm.**

**Saturday, November 4 – Serving at Fall Supper! 4-7pm.**

**November 5 - Joint Youth Group! – Leaving from church @ 11:30am-2pm.**

**November 12 – Youth Group! 11-1pm.**

**Saturday, November 18 – Serving at church for the Chili Food Cupboard. 9:30-11:30am.**

**November 19 - Joint Youth Group! – Leaving from church @ 11:30am-2pm.**

**November 26 – No Youth Group!**

**Saturday, December 2 – Laser Tag! TBD.**

**December 3 - Joint Youth Group! – Leaving from church @ 11:30am-2pm.**

**December 10 – Youth Group Christmas Party! 11-1pm.**