



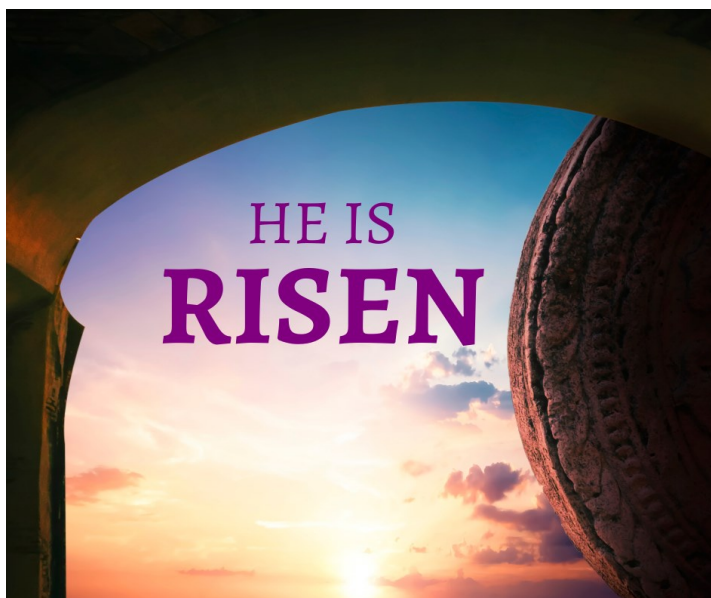
# Roots & Wings

First Presbyterian Church of Chili

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



2024



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

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*2024 Season Teams:* Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Harvest, and Advent/Christmas / Epiphany (ACE)

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

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

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## Wooten's Wonderings



On that first Easter morning, the women went to Jesus' tomb and discovered that Jesus was no longer there. Hearing the testimony of the angels, they rushed back to the other disciples to joyfully declare that "Christ has risen!" Then on their way to Emmaus, two other disciples came upon a man walking in the same direction. After hours of conversation, the man broke bread and the disciples discovered it was Jesus who had been walking and talking with them the entire time. They raced back to the 11 disciples in Jerusalem who said to them, "The Lord has risen indeed, and appeared to Simon!" From these very first days, Christians have been declaring this joyful and wonderful news and it has become a liturgical tradition to share this greeting with other Christians on Easter. HE IS RISEN is our Easter Theme this year, so, I was curious to see if I could find out how long this tradition spans so I did some research.

The phrases "Christ has Risen," "He is risen, indeed," are called the Paschal Greeting or the Easter Acclamation.

While we do not know exactly when this greeting became common, there is a tradition in the Eastern Orthodox Church that the saying was made popular by Mary Magdalene when she supposedly brought an egg to Emperor Tiberius in Rome and addressed him with the words "Christ is risen."

One of the earliest written records we have of Christians saying this in the context of worship is from a sermon written by John Chrysostom, who was the archbishop of Constantinople from 397-405 AD, making him one of the Nicene Fathers.

Using this address should be more than an empty tradition. The words "He is risen!" remind us of the joyous news we celebrate at Easter, that through his resurrection, he has the power to overcome death and that we too are assured that death is not the end for us either. Jesus' resurrection is a continued fact, so we use the present tense "is" when we proclaim his power over death. Christ's resurrection gives us hope and new life. Saying "He is risen!" allows us to share this incredible truth with each other. It is the foundation upon which we understand our faith.

So, in this season of Easter, let us joyfully and confidently proclaim the good news to one another, that *Christ Has Risen Indeed!*

Rev. Brandi Wooten

# Getting to Know about our Easter Season Outreach



**THE PROBLEM:** Today, there are over 108 million people around the globe who have been forced or have made the painful choice to leave their homes. Threatened by violence and persecution for who they are, what they believe or who they befriend., they leave behind everything familiar to see a life free from fear. Over 10,000 refugees from more than 35 countries have been resettled in the Rochester area since the year 2000. And yet, too many of these brave women, men and children continue to struggle as they seek to rapidly adjust to a new country, language and culture. Rather than flourish in our community, many struggle to overcome unexpected vulnerabilities and systemic barriers to integration

**WHAT WORLD RELIEF IS:** At World Relief Western NY, they come alongside refugees and other immigrants in vulnerable situations as they rebuild their lives in the United States

**WORLD RELIEF'S MISSION:** Their mission is to empower the local church to serve the most vulnerable.

**HOW WORLD RELIEF WORKS:** They provide newly arrived refugees and other immigrants with access to basic necessities and help them on the journey to belonging. They care for newcomers holistically, facilitating integration through our expertise, specialized services, and relationships. They continuously innovate their program to address the needs of newcomers while building on their incredible strength.

## How is Chili Pres going to help during the Easter Season?

- \* A donation container will be in the sanctuary for you donation (or you can send a check to church with "World Relief" written on the memo line)
- \* We will be sponsoring a FREE Worship Music Night on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> with our own Adam Scoville and other musicians. The evening will include a free-will offering and refreshments!
- \* On Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> our guest speaker during Worship will be Heritage Munyakuir, the church mobilizer from World Relief of Western NY

# Celebrating

each other.....

## *April*

- 6 Andy Atwater, Ken Milner, and Jane Schultiz
- 7 Barb Wasmer
- 15 Judie McGaffick
- 21 Dodi Kasiske
- 25 Sue & Andy Atwater Anniversary



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

### **Coffee Fellowship**

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.

## Volunteers for April

### April 7

Greeters: Carrie Horton & Judie McGaffick  
Communion: Carrie Horton, Gail McArthur (bread).  
Brenda Naugle (juice)  
Jr. Greeter: Audrey Sosik  
Childcare : Grace Engelbrecht & Lori Gittens  
Children's Church: Alice Zah

### April 14

Greeters: Sue Johnson & Barb Wasmer  
Jr. Greeter: Brooke Wilson  
Childcare: Vicky Leahy & Lori Oliver  
Children's Church: Alice Zah & Sandy McCauley

### April 21

Greeters: Marla Guarnieri & Fred Mollon  
Jr. Greeter: Henry Gernhardt  
Childcare: Gail McArthur & Elena Casillo  
Children's Church: Alice Zah & Sandy McCauley

### April 28

Greeters: Bill Horne & Debbie Lamphron  
Jr. Greeter: McKenlee Scoville  
Childcare: Kathy Mathewson & Katie Engelbrecht  
Children's Church: Alice Zah

### A special service remembering Joe Harkness

You're cordially invited to join our family in a celebration of life service for Joe Harkness on **FRIDAY, April 12** at 11:00 a.m. There will be a slide show of favorite pictures and music starting at about 10:30 prior to the service. A complimentary catered lunch in the church dining room will be provided afterwards.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the church memorial fund or to Alzheimer's Association Rochester and Finger Lakes region, 200 Meridian Center Blvd., Suite 110, Rochester, NY 14618

## 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
Shampoo	Dish soap
Hair conditioner	Laundry detergent
Paper towels	

The Board of Trustees are good stewards of our facilities. Besides our church committees, Boards, youth and music department; many groups and outside community organization use our building almost every day. As a result, our facility-use calendar gets pretty full and occasionally we have some conflicts.

We ask that if you are needing to plan a meeting or event, you call the office to be sure that the space you want to use is available. Thanks for your help.

Board of Trustees



Dear Church Family,

The celebration of my retirement as Clerk of Session during worship on February 25<sup>th</sup> was simply SO special and touching. And...then, to have such a lovely reception during Coffee Hour hosted by the Deacons was, as they say, "over the top".

In my 20 years of "Clerking", we have experienced many changes in the Presbyterian Church coming from PC/USA to our Presbytery of the Genesee, and on to our own Chili Presbyterian's "little white church on the hill". At many levels we are doing things differently and implementing new approaches as change occurs. It is exciting to be a part of the moving forward activities which are paving the way for new activities with

new meaning, new avenues for creativity, and new ways to experience God in our midst.

It was an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Clerk of Session. For me, it was a ministry I truly enjoyed.

*Nancy*



# 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Chicken BBQ



**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

Noon to meals are gone  
(drive through pick-up only)  
\$15 per meal

## **MENU**

Each meal includes 1/2 chicken, salt potatoes, slaw, roll and  
homemade cookie

Proceeds will go to the Mission Fund

### **Cooking with Miya**

Tuesday, April 23 6:30-7:30 pm

Come and learn to cook a healthy  
meal with Foodlink's Nutritionist!

**FREE EVENT**

Space is limited

Open to the community

call 585-454-9939 for reservations

The 2024 Church Directory will be available in April. A digital copy will be sent electronically and there will be hard copies available on the table in the fellowship room

Our volunteer schedule (greeters, jr. greeters, childcare givers, etc.) goes from July 1 to June 30.

We soon will be developing the schedule for July 1 2024 to June 30 2025. If you would like to be added as a greeter or volunteer in the nursery, please contact the church office. Helping in some way to support our Worship experience and getting to know our children on a Sunday is a great way to be involved.

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# Leadership News

## **At its meeting on March 4, 2024, Session...**

...Opened with a word of prayer by Pastor Brandi

...Upon motion and second, Session approved:

The Agenda with one item added

The Consent Agenda

The Treasurer's Report for month ending February 29, 2024

...were joined by the Board of Deacons at which time Pastor Brandi conducted a training session on the Church's "Safe Sanctuary and Sexual Misconduct Policy." It was noted that this is now an annual requirement by Presbytery and NY State.

...noted that Pastor Brandi, Adam Scoville and Gail McArthur will be updating/revising this policy to be in full accord with the Presbytery guidelines.

...took note of Pastor Brandi's reinstatement of taking the second Thursday of each month for a time of prayer and spiritual refreshment at the Mercy Spirituality Center.

...also took notice of Pastor Brandi's upcoming vacation/study leave from May 6, 2024 through May 22, 2024. Pastor shared that on Sunday, May 12, 2024, Rev. Jim Renfrew will be leading worship. The worship leader for Sunday, May 19, 2024, is still to be determined.

...acknowledged receipt of a letter from Presbytery regarding Cameron Community, and a large shortfall in its budget due to unforeseen circumstances and appeal to congregations to see if they could help with this situation. Barb Wasmer stated that the Mission Fund gave \$1,000 towards this need.

...noted that elder Tim Engelbrecht and Andy Atwater completed the paperwork and submitted it to the Town of Chili, to apply for tax exempt status for the Labyrinth property. Progress on this action will be forthcoming.

...reviewed our membership rolls and accepted them, noting that we have 89 active members and 22 people listed as "Friends of the Congregation."

...approved an updated "Special Gift & Fund Allocation Policy", adding both the Food Cupboard Fund and the Deacon's Fund to the list.

...upon motion and second, Session voted to adjourn at 8:05 PM.

Fred Mollon,

Clerk of Session

## Thoughts from the Minister of Music



As I am reflecting on Holy Week this week, this song that I have sung in past years continues to be the words I wish to proclaim during this time every year. Everlasting life was not given to us without Christ suffering and dying and having the scars as proof. And knowing that God's love is still relevant and alive is something our world needs to be reminded of often. May our praise be loud and impactful for God's glory this Easter season.

### "Son Of Suffering" by Matt Redman

Oh, the perfect Son of God  
In all His innocence  
Here walking in the dirt with you and me  
He knows what living is  
He's acquainted with our grief  
Man of sorrows and Son of suffering

Blood and tears, How can it be?  
There's a God who weeps  
There's a God who bleeds  
Oh, praise the One who would reach for me  
Hallelujah to the Son of suffering

Some imagine You are distant and removed  
But You chased us down in merciful pursuit  
To the sinner, You were grace  
And the broken You embraced  
And in the end, the proof is in Your wounds  
Yes, in the end, the proof is in Your wounds

Blood and tears, How can it be?  
There's a God who weeps  
There's a God who bleeds  
Oh, praise the One who would reach for me  
Hallelujah to the Son of suffering

Your cross, my freedom  
Your stripes, my healing  
All praise King Jesus  
Glory to God in Heaven

Your blood, still speaking  
Your love, still reaching  
All praise King Jesus  
Glory to God in forever

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All praise King Jesus  
Glory to God forever.

*Be blessed and continue to let the music play*

*Adam*





# Families and Youth

Director Adam Scoville

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We made it to Spring. WOOHOO! The sun is shining, the flowers are blooming and that fresh feeling of spring is all around us. And with spring comes many upcoming youth events! But before we share those, let's recap our month of March.

March was busy for our youth! We did a number of events with our Joint Youth Group, including a Lock-in @ East Avon Presbyterian Church where we had a lot of fun, ate a lot of food, watched the Prince of Egypt movie, played lots of games, and slept a little bit. It was a great time! We have also been meeting with that Joint youth group to prepare for our youth led Good Friday service. All that along with a lot of laser tag games!

Our youth continue to help at the Food Cupboard Distribution Day. With that, we will also continue to provide hygiene items through our hygiene cupboard. We are always pretty much in need of ALL hygiene items! A list of items is in this newsletter and is available at the entryway of church. Thank you for all of your continued support.

The Youth-led Good Friday Service is this Friday @ 7pm. All are welcome to come. Also our annual Chicken BBQ is on April 28<sup>th</sup> and we need all volunteers possible to make it happen! The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

Lots of other events are listed below!

*Peace and love,*

*-Adam*

**Friday, March 29 - Youth Led Good Friday Service @ Chili Presbyterian - 7pm.**

**Youth rehearse 4pm.**

**March 31 - No Youth Group. Easter Sunday!**

**April 6 - Youth Event TBD.**

**April 7 - Joint Youth Group! - Leaving from church @ 11:30am-2:30pm.**

**April 14 - Youth Group - 11-1pm.**

**Saturday, April 20 - Serving at church for the Chili Food Cupboard. 9:30-11:30am.**

**April 21 - Joint Youth Group! - Leaving from church @ 11:30am-2:30pm.**

**April 28 - Chicken BBQ! 8:30am-3pm.**

## **St. Pauly Box Schedule**

March 25-April 7 - Leahy's

April 8-May 5 - Need Volunteers!