



Roots & Wings



First Presbyterian Church of Chili

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



2024

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

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

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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As we begin to make the transition into summer, I was thinking about all the things we might be looking forward to- trips to camps, vacation plans with family, relaxing in the pool or outside, summer reading lists. We are waiting with anticipation for these things that will happen but are not quite here yet. In addition to these, we might find ourselves waiting in a variety of waiting rooms- to board a plane, to see the doctor, for the car maintenance to be done, for our number to be called. Or maybe you are waiting in line, waiting in traffic, waiting for test results.

There are many moments in which we find ourselves "in-between" and often they can feel like wasted time. We would rather get through the road work delay, arrive at our vacation destination, or get the doctor's appointment over with. But what if we were able to turn these moments into an opportunity to connect with God?

Whether it is waiting in line, waiting to board a plane, or waiting for test results, the in-between times can be a place to practice our faith. Rev. Dr. Hollie Holt-Woehl created this prayer practice and writes,

"I have noticed many of us get cranky or angry or impatient while waiting. I wanted to find a way to transform this waiting experience into an opportunity to pray. I decided to create a prayer guide that would be simple, and somewhat easy to remember, that could be put in a pocket or purse or saved on a mobile device that could be taken out while waiting. It is my hope to share this guide widely so that this current time of waiting may be transformed for everyone."

I invite you to take a picture of, download, or print this prayer prompt and keep it with you so that when you find yourself waiting, you can use the time to connect to God.

Rev. Brandi Wooten

While You Wait, Pray...

For the workers at the place where you wait & the people waiting with you:

"Only you, O God, know what is going on in their life, make whole what is broken, give strength for whatever they face this day..."

And pray some more...

For family and friends, lifting them up one by one to Jesus:

"Jesus this is [name], [name] this is Jesus."

If still waiting pray...

For medical personal, support staff, public servants. For people who are sick, alone, facing food/housing insecurity. For all who come to mind.

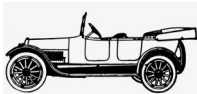
Time to say amen...

"May it be so," leave it in God's hands. God cares for you, strengthens you, and watches over you while you wait. (Isaiah 40:31)



Living into the Creative Spirit

Support the Season's Outreach - Throughout the Pentecost Season we will be collecting money to donate to Habitat for Humanity. So far we have received \$43 Thank you! Donations can be placed in the "Crate" container in the front of the Sanctuary.



July 28 (Sunday) 2:00 PM- Appetizer and Gasoline Alley

Gathering at Huffman's, 601 Stearns Rd., Churchville

Come and enjoy some rides in old cars that span several decades. We know that some in our church family have vintage cars so please drive your own vintage car to this event. Gather at 2:00 PM. Bring an appetizer or finger foods to share, a chair, and your favorite beverage. You can also bring a lawn game as there is plenty of space to play!! Water will be provided.



August 17th (Saturday) - Red Wings Baseball Game and Fireworks

Plan to attend this early evening game and watch the Red Wings vs. Syracuse Mets. Fireworks show will follow the game. We have reserved seats by the 3rd base side near to home plate. (Maybe we will be able to see the new "Bat Dog" retrieve bats!!) Tickets at \$15.00 each and the sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall. Meet at the church at 5:00 PM to get your tickets from Geoff and then carpool to the stadium in time to purchase food, find our seats, and get ready for some fun when the game starts at 6:45. ! The LAST day to sign up is Sunday, August 11, 2024 at 12:00 PM.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Food Cupboard Committee !!!!

They recently had their yearly inspection from Foodlink and were awarded the PLATNUM AWARD (the best you can get). Our church family is proud of you and all that you have done. You certainly reflect our church's mission statement of "caring for the community".

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
- 30 Doug McArthur

August

- 3 Sharon Breeze
- 5 Dale Faatz
- 6 Dan Cuffe
- 7 McCauley Anniversary
- 10 Sherman Gittens, Pat Jones,
Dan Wooten
- 12 Elena Castillo
- 13 Faatz Anniversary
- 16 Jay Mathewson
- 18 Sue Edwards
- 26 John Atwater
- 30 Gary Alger

Volunteers for Summer 2024

July 7

- Greeters: Judie McGaffick & Sue Edwards
Communion: Grace Engelbrecht, Judie McGaffick (bread),
Barb Wasmer (juice)
Childcare: Becky Sosik & Elena Castillo

July 14

- Greeters: Dale & Brian Faatz
Childcare: Ashleigh & Brenda Naugle

July 21

- Greeters: Sandy McCauley & Katie Engelbrecht
Childcare: Vicky Leahy & Kathy Mathewson

July 28

- Greeters: Alice & Fred Zah
Childcare: Marla Guarneri & Beth Rowe

August 4

- Greeters: Brian & Becky Gernhardt
Communion: Sharon Breeze, Brian Gernhardt (bread),
Becky Sosik (juice)
Childcare: Elena Castillo & Gail McArthur

August 11

- Greeters: Ashleigh & Brenda Naugle
Childcare: Linda Enright & Lori Gittens

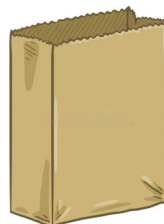
August 18

- Greeters: Tom & Vicky Leahy
Childcare: Sue Atwater & Elena Castillo

August 25

Joint Worship at Ogden Presbyterian

**The September newsletter
deadline is August 20**



The Food Cupboard is in desperate need of handleless paper shopping bags



Monthly Men's Breakfast

Our gathering will be Saturday,
July 13 and August 10

The Original Steve's restaurant in
Paul Road Plaza at 7:30 am
If interested call Adam Scoville
at 585-269-8746

Summer Worship

July 21 - Rev. Andrew Schep

July 28 - Fred Mollon, Elder

August 4 (Communion) -

Rev. John Goehle

August 18 - Joint worship with
Ogden Presbyterian @ Chili Pres

August 25 - Joint Worship with
Ogden Presbyterian @ Ogden

September 1 - Fred Mollon, Elder



Week of July 1 - Church Office closed all week
Open:

Thursday, July 11th 9 am to 2 pm

Thursday, July 18th 9 am to 2 pm

Thursday, July 25th 9 am to 2 pm

Thursday, August 1st 9 am to 2 pm

Thursday, August 8th 9 am to 2 pm

Regular hours resume the week of August 15:

Tuesday through Thursday 9 am to 2 pm



**Labyrinth Trail
Memorial Benches**

To be built and installed by Boy Scouts as an
Eagle Project

To include: 4 ft bench, with crushed stone
base, and memorial plaque. The 3-line
Memorial plaque to be provided at a later
date. Cost: Donation of \$100. A sign-up
sheet is on the bulletin board in the
fellowship room. Donation can be given to
Sandy in the church office.

Vacation

Pastor Brandi will be on vacation

July 15 through August 8

If you are in need of emergency Pastoral
Care please call Sandy McCauley
at 615-1911.

Caring for the Community...

CHILI PRES FOOD CUPBOARD @ CHILI SUMMER FEST!

**Stop by our tent to play games and win prizes
to support our Food Cupboard!**

Located on Chili Avenue @ Chili Center.

Saturday, June 29th, 3 - 10 pm

Thank
you!

The Easter Team's Mission Outreach was for World Relief of Western NY. The proceeds from Adam's Worship Testimony on May 4 and the generosity of our church family we were able to donate \$558 to World Relief!

Many, many thanks to those who....

- donated items
- *worked all week to set up in the lower hall, cleaning items, sorting and making*
- *served the community on Saturday June 1 by caring items and working the booth*

We are pleased to announce that, with your help, the rummage sale made \$1,730 for Habitat for Humanity!

Leadership News

At its scheduled meeting on June 3, 2024, Session...

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

...Upon motion and second, voted to approve the Session Agenda

...Upon motion and second, voted to approve the Consent Agenda

...Upon motion and second, voted to receive the monthly Treasurer's Report

...Heard report from Pastor Brandi. She had a total of 31 contacts with members. She reported that she will be taking three weeks of vacation from July 21 – August 8, returning to the pulpit on August 11. She will also take one week at the end of August/beginning of September.

...Because of Brandi being away, upon motion and second, Session voted to move September's communion service to the second Sunday, September 8, 2024.

...Brandi reported that FPC and Ogden Presbyterian, will have two combined services: the first will be on August 18, 2024, when OPC will join us at FPC; the second combined service will be on August 25, 2024, and FPC will join OPC, at OPC. OPC has extended an invitation to FPC to join them at their annual church picnic, on August 25.

...Discussed how to replace Alice Zah, as she steps down from Children's Church so that there will be continuity for the children.

...Heard a report from the Clerk. There were two items forwarded to the elders concerning the new guidelines from the Board of Pensions, and the requirements, as per the Book of Order, for policies which are gathered in our "Safe Church Policy."

...Heard a report from Tim Engelbrecht on the status of our tax exempt status with the Town of Chili concerning our Labyrinth trail; that he and Andy Atwater had made a presentation to the Town Assessment Board regarding this.

...Agreed to give special recognition to Roger Willis for his leadership re: the recent Rummage Sale, which raised funds for Habitat for Humanity.

...Did an annual review of Pastor Brandi, Sandy McCauley, and Adam Scoville

...Upon motion and second, adjourned with a shared devotional led by Pastor Brandi.

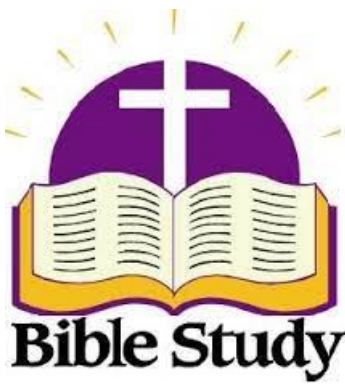
In Christ,

Fred Mollon, Clerk of Session

Personal Care Items needed....

Our Youth Group is 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 Bible study will resume on Sunday, September 15, 2024, at 9 AM. We will begin the new cycle with a study of Paul's letter to the Philippians. I hope you can join. We'd love to have some more of you join us as we explore God's word to see the unfolding story that culminated with the birth of Jesus.



Baptism and New Member Celebration

On Sunday, June 2, we recognized our newest members at Chili Pres.

Elena Castillo, Paula Smith, Ivan Nganyu, James Rohr, Stephanie McArthur, Michael McArthur, Wayne Honsberger and Kathy Honsberger.

Elena Castillo, Paula Smith, Ivan Nganyu and Demario Wright were also baptized.

The Session and Deacons provided a wonderful coffee hour after Worship

Welcome to our Church Family!



It Makes a Difference!

This week, I went and walked our church's Labyrinth Trail to have some time to reflect and be in nature. For me, I find God in the midst of Creation; the sounds of birds, the wind flowing through the trees, seeing awesome wildlife, and the rush of a waterfall. I find peace and inspiration in being outside in God's artwork.

As I entered the trail, I began browsing through our trail registry. Most people just sign their names in the book, but there was an unnamed entry in the book that shared their experience. This is what was written:

"I happened to stumble upon this trail in a time of crisis. I followed the tracks of deer through the entire path. I am not a Christian, but the words inscribed on the trail helped to stop me from spiraling and making choices that would've hurt myself and those I love. I found peace here when I thought I could not. Thank you, bless you. We are One in Nature."

There are some people in our community we will never see walk through our doors at church. They may have different beliefs than us, and will never decide to seek faith. Our Labyrinth trail however, is such a unique space that is outside the walls of our church, where God can reach people in our community. We may never meet them, but the power of the Holy Spirit impacts those who need it.

There was no name attached. But this person felt compelled to share in our registry, and it is proof of God's power and purpose for us when we try new things to make a difference in our community. You never really know what a person might be going through, and it is our duty to love, be present, have grace, and to be the hands and feet of Christ to anyone we come in contact with.

I can't thank Tim Engelbrecht and our Boy Scouts enough for taking an idea and bringing it into fruition. Their hard work has provided us this new way of being a difference maker for the kingdom of Heaven. If you get a moment this summer, please come and experience the Labyrinth Trail. Sign the registry. Pray for those who may stumble upon the trail looking for something more.

We will be doing Prayer Walks on Wednesdays at 10am in July and August. All are welcome. Have a blessed summer!

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



Families and Youth

Director Adam Scoville

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Summer is here!

We made it! Another year into the books. Lots of fun was had this year and it has been a pleasure to lead our young youth kids and watch them grow! As we go into the summer, pray for our youth at Chili Pres and the neighboring churches we partner with. The challenges that our youth face on a regular basis are much more complex now than they ever were. There are the years that are so important for spiritual growth in our youth. So pray for their protection, and that God will strengthen their faith in the upcoming year!

We are off for the summer, but we have a couple events below! See you in the fall!

Peace and love,

-Adam

Upcoming Schedule!

July 19 - Joint Youth Group @ Seabreeze! – Contact Adam for details.

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

Saturday, August 17 – Serving at church for the Chili Food Cupboard. 9:30-11:30am.

St Pauly Box Schedule

July 1 through July 14 - Vicky & Tom Leahy

July 14 through August 11 - **OPEN -we need help**

August 12 through August 25 - Mira Wooten

August 26 through September 8 - Henry Gernhardt