



Roots & Wings



First Presbyterian Church of Chili

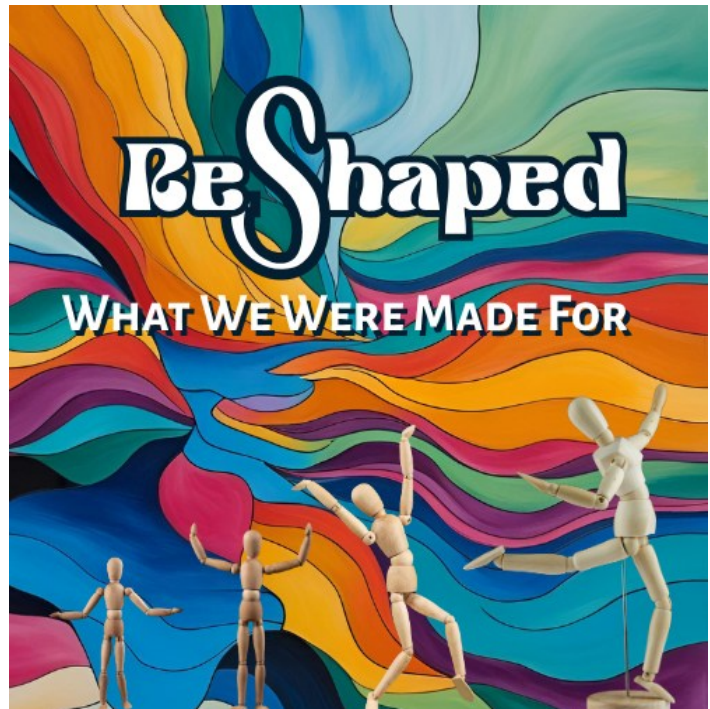
“Rooted in Faith, Growing Together, Caring for the Community”



2025

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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

Accompanist: Ruth Heitz

Livestream Facebook Technician: Ishai Nardia

Season Teams: Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Harvest, 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, World Relief and much more.

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Wooten's Wonderings



On June 14, nine of us from Chili Pres went down to Irving New York, in the Cattaraugus Territory to spruce up the Wright Memorial Presbyterian Church. This church has a unique over 200 year history as an Indigenous Church and it is a member of the Western New York Presbytery and our Synod. The Mission Day was organized by the Synod of the Northeast as a way for us to build bridges and relationships with at least one of the four Indigenous Presbyterian Churches within the Synod's borders. In addition to planning time to do building repairs, cleanup and landscaping, the day included an opportunity to learn more about the Seneca Nation's culture and history through a presentation by Flip White, member of the Seneca Tribal Council.

The part of his presentation which stood out to me the most was the explanation of the three guiding principles used by the Seneca in decision-making: the people, the environment, and the future. He then shared how these principles were applied in real-life scenarios with the tribe and with their struggles with the local and national government.

As I listened, it struck me that these principles are helpful to us as we talk about change. As our church boards and committees consider new decisions, or as we as individuals make a variety of choices and form opinions on any number of issues, these principles dovetail well with the way Jesus calls us to live in this world.

Jesus calls us to put people first. Over and over again, Jesus healed on the sabbath, going against human created religious laws in order to care for people in need. When making a decision, do we first consider how that decision will impact others? Do we consider how that idea positively or negatively affects people, even people we don't personally know?

We all live in God's world. This creation was given to us as a gift. Yet, our society tends to take it for granted. We make decisions that are primarily about our convenience but which have a lasting impact on the natural world. Climate change is warming our planet at an alarming rate and creating ripple effects for animals, forests, oceans and us. How does our role as caretakers of God's natural world impact decisions about what we buy, how much we throw away, and what polices we support?

The third principle about the future is often explained in this way: how will what we decide today impact people 7 generations down the line? Jesus consistently calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves. While we tend to think of loving our neighbors more in terms of the people here right now like in the first principle, we should also hold ourselves accountable for the well-being of future generations. While we do not fully know what the future will look like that far ahead, keeping in mind sustainability and leaving a positive legacy for those who come after us are ways that we live into our call as disciples in decision making.

This was not the first time I have visited the Seneca Nation territories (Alleghany and Cattaraugus). Each time I go, I learn a little more about who they are, the struggles they have been through as a people, their resilience and commitment to the values of people (relationship), environment and the future. The deep wisdom of indigenous peoples can teach us valuable lessons for our growth as followers of Jesus.

Rev. Brandi Wooten

Pentecost Season Updates



On Pentecost Sunday we gathered for our **Annual Church Picnic** at the Pathfinders Pavilion at Black Creek Park. The weather was perfect for our outdoor event. Pastor Brandi's creative worship service introduced our theme, "Reshaped: What We We're Made For". A Playdough activity was a meaningful way to experience the meaning of "Reshaping", and we enjoyed sharing experiences about how we have "reshaped" our lives in various ways. Of course, there was so much delicious food available as we picnicked, visited the playground, looked for frogs in the pond and socialized!

Our Outreach Project, "Pave the Way" is supporting the Trustees' multi-month project to receive donations to support the cost our new driveway. (see article on page 5) You will see the signature

YELLOW DUMP TRUCK with the donation box in the sanctuary and on display at other events. It was visible at the Rummage Sale and many shoppers made donations.

Pentecost Season Activities - What's Next?

July 12 (Saturday) - Red Wings Baseball Game and Fireworks



Plan to attend this early evening (6:45 PM) game and watch the Red Wings vs. Worcester Red Sox. A Fireworks show will follow the game. Geoff Wasmer has again reserved seats behind Home Plate. Tickets went up in price this year to \$16.00 each. 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, June 29, 2025, at 12 noon.

August 3, 2025 (Sunday) 2:00 PM

"Motor Cars and Munchies" Gathering at Huffman's,

601 Stearns Road, Churchville, NY



The Huffman's invite you to come and view their collection of antique cars and enjoy a ride in any one of their cars. If you have a vintage car, please drive it and display it! Cars are considered vintage if they are 25 years or older so anything 2000 or earlier qualifies!!!

Gather at 2:00 PM. Bring an appetizer or finger foods to share, a chair, and your favorite beverage. Water will be provided. You can also bring a lawn game as there is plenty of space to play!! The Sign-up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, July 28th.

August 28 (Thursday)

Chil Pres Fun Fair 5:00 to 8:00 pm

More Details about this COMMUNITY event on page 6 of this newsletter.

Your Pentecost Team

Nancy Huffman & Sandy McCauley, facilitators

Andy Atwater, Sue Edwards, Jerry Huffman, Fred Mollon, Chris VanEpps

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 McArthur
- 13 Faatz Anniversary
- 16 Jay Mathewson
- 18 Sue Edwards
- 25 Ivan Nganyu
- 26 John Atwater
- 31 Jon Engelbrecht

**The September newsletter
deadline is August 19**

Volunteers for Summer 2025

July 6

Greeters: Sandy McCauley & Paula Smith
Communion: Grace Engelbrecht, Beth Rowe (bread),
Barb Wasmer (juice)
Childcare: Becky Sosik & Marla Guarnieri

July 13

Greeters: Dale & Brian Faatz
Childcare: Becky Sosik & Mira Wooten

July 20

Greeters: Elena & Stephanie McArthur
Childcare: Katie Engelbrecht & Kathy Mathewson

July 27

Greeters: Sheryl & Ed Jones
Childcare: Linda Enright & Mira Wooten

August 3

Greeters: Alice & Fred Zah
Communion: Sharon Breeze (bread), Gail McArthur, Judie
McGaffick (juice)
Childcare: Lori Gittens & Barb Wasmer

August 10

Greeters: Ashleigh & Brenda Naugle
Childcare: Grace Engelbrecht & Judie McGaffick

August 17

Greeters: Tim Engelbrecht & Marla Guarnieri
Childcare: Debbie Lamphron & Elena McArthur

August 24

Greeters: Anne Dorty & Bob Kraus
Childcare: Sue Edwards & Vicky Leahy

August 31

Greeters: Jay & Kathy Mathewson
Childcare: Sue Atwater & Becky Sosik

Summer Worship

Guest Speakers

July 20 - Fred Mollon, Elder
August 10 - Rev. Laurel Nelson
August 17 - Fred Mollon, Elder
August 24 - S Therauesan
August 31 - Rev. Jeff Falter

Vacation

Pastor Brandi will be on vacation

June 30 through July 4

August 5 through September 4

If you are in need of emergency Pastoral
Care please call Sandy McCauley
at 585-615-1911.



Church Office open on:

Thursday, July 3rd 9 am to 2 pm

Thursday, July 10th 9 am to 2 pm

Thursday, July 17th 9 am to 2 pm

Thursday, July 24th 9 am to 2 pm

Thursday, July 31st 9 am to 2 pm

Thursday, August 7th 9 am to 2 pm

Regular hours resume the week of August 12:

Tuesday through Thursday 9 am to 2 pm

Pentecost Season Outreach **Let's Pave the Way!**

Typically, each season, the Season Team looks for a mission project outside of ourselves; however, this year, considering the expense of the repaving, the Pentecost Team is asking that we all make a concerted effort, over and above our regular giving, to support the Trustees' multi-month effort in this \$ 55,000 project and help to cover the expense.

One of our Church's monikers is "the little church with the big heart." This is seen in our various community outreaches, such as AA, Al-Anon, the Food Cupboard, Boy Scouts, roast beef and chicken BBQ dinners, and other groups and events. To be able to do this, we sometimes need to make necessary repairs or upgrades to our facility. One of those essential repairs occurred in early June with the total repaving and remarking

of our north driveway and east parking lot. Watch for the YELLOW DUMP TRUCK with a donation box in the sanctuary and at other events.

There are also envelopes in the pews for us to use. We would ask you to consider passing some envelopes to family and friends who pass through our parking lot for community events and meetings. Let's thank God for blessing us as one of his instruments in our community and support this endeavor.

Help us "Pave the Way" together.

Caring For Our Community

CHILI PRES FUN FAIR FREE!

Food, Fun and Games for All

Thursday, August 28th, 5-8pm

Open to the community !

No Registration required!

Come join us for a fun night!

Questions? Contact Adam @ 585-454-9939

This will be free and open to anyone in our community!

To do this, we will need all the help possible! There is a sign-up sheet for help in the fellowship room or you can follow the link below and sign up to help in any of the areas you are able to! You can also contact Adam at 585-269-8746 or at cpministerof-music@gmail.com for more information.

[Fun Fair Sign-Up Link](#)

A poster for a cooking event. The background is a wooden surface with various kitchen items: a pepper mill, a garlic press, a small bowl of herbs, a green pepper, and a knife. The text is in a clean, sans-serif font.

Cooking with Foodlink!

Come learn to cook a healthy meal with
Foodlink's Nutrition Educator!
Free event, includes grocery bag of food
to take home and try recipe on your own!

Tuesday, July 22nd, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Chili Presbyterian Church
3600 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14624

Space is limited! Contact Adam @ 585-454-9939 or
sign up @ www.chilipres-events.com

Leadership News

At the June 2, 2025 Stated Session meeting.....

...Opened with prayer led by Pastor Brandi.

...Voted to approve the Agenda.

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...Voted to receive the Treasurer's Report.

...Pastor Brandi reported 32 pastoral contacts.

...Pastor Brandi noted that she will be on vacation from June 30th to July 3rd, July 20th, and August 5th through September 4th. All pulpit supply is covered for Sundays.

...Volunteered to be Liturgists on those Sundays.

...Pastor Brandi noted that she has a person to redesign our website with the \$1,000 grant the church received.

...Elder Engelbrecht reviewed the annual action items that are completed for June and to be completed in August.

...Pastor Brandi noted that the Presbytery Neighborhood groups are being dissolved and the Committee on Ministry is being restructured.

...Recognized Kathy and Wayne for all the work they put into preparing for the Rummage Sale and Geoff Wasmer for his efforts in recruiting a Facebook Livestream Technician

...Voted to approve the hiring of Ishai Nardia as the Facebook Livestream Technician at \$20 per hour up to three hours per week.

...Voted to call a special meeting of the congregation for June 22nd after worship to discuss Pastor Brandi's terms of call based on changes from the Board of Pensions.

...Conducted personnel reviews for Pastor Brandi, Adam and Sandy.

...Voted that effective June 2nd, 2025, all background checks conducted will be done through Genesee Valley Presbytery using their company and form.

...Voted to pay off the balance of \$36.00 of the Westside News advertising invoice from the Session Discretionary budget line.

...Voted to reimburse Elder Wasmer an additional \$150 for lunch for the second leadership training session held on June 1st.

...Adjourned at 9:30 PM, with a shared benediction based upon the Great Commission.

Submitted by

Grace Engelbrecht, Clerk

Personal Care Items needed....

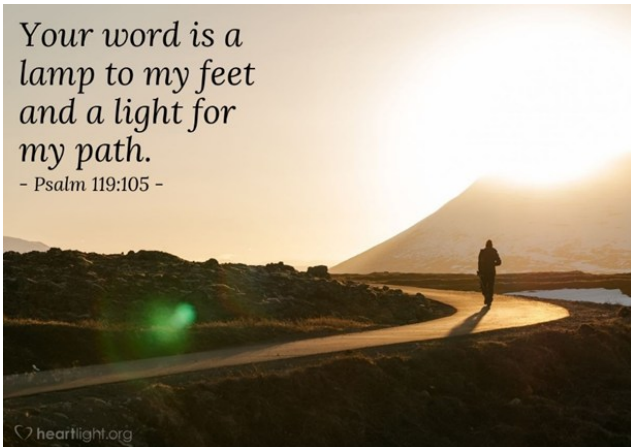
Our Youth Group is collecting FULL SIZE hygiene items. We are providing bags of these items for people who come to the Food Cupboard each month. It has been a huge gift to families who truly need it. Your donations can be placed in the collection bin in the fellowship room.

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	

Your word is a
lamp to my feet
and a light for
my path.

- Psalm 119:105 -



We finished the Adult Bible Study on June 1st. We studied the books of Galatians, Colossians, and Philemon. In March, we began a topical study examining several scriptures from a contemporary perspective. We will start again in September, and we would love to have you join us. Please watch for our start date. God bless you and have a great summer.

The Easter Team wants to thank all those who donated to their mission outreach project. We sent \$115 to World Relief of Western NY

Rummage Sale results...

Many, many thanks to those who....

- *donated items*
- *worked all week to set up in the lower hall, cleaning items, sorting and making signs*
- *welcomed the community on Saturday June 7 by carrying items and working the booth*

We are pleased to announce that, with your help, the rummage sale made \$1,083 for our Mission Fund

Prayer Walks at The Labyrinth Trail

Thursdays: 10am
July 10, 17, 31
August 14, 21, 28



Park on the grass, meet at this sign!

3551 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14624

"Change is the law of life, and those who look only to the past and present are certain to miss the future."

- John F. Kennedy



It has been another great year of worshipping together! I want to thank all the groups who have worked so hard all year and shared their talents in church. The choir works so hard every week and everyone is so diligent in coming and singing, and I thank you for taking time out of your week to do that! The Bell Choir has been so enjoyable to lead as well, and I appreciate all who take time out of their schedules to come and make music together! I thank all those who have sang solos this year! It is always fun to create music that is meaningful and bring people closer to our mighty God. And finally I want to thank Ruth Heitz for her wonderful accompanying and music she has brought to Chili Pres. She is truly a blessing and has a heart for leading people to Christ through music.

There are just so many people to thank and I want to take that time to recognize people because you have all been such an amazing support to me as I am completing my 13th year leading the music program here at Chili. Hard to believe right? God has been great and has blessed me and our church with a worshipful and meaningful music program, with people who enjoy worshipping for 13 years!

I have thoroughly enjoyed this time as the Minister of Music here at Chili and know that God continues to use me to bring our congregation closer into relationship with our Creator. It is a privilege to lead you all and I thank you for the opportunity to do something I really love – leading people in the praise of Christ!

Enjoy your summer everyone!

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



Families and Youth

Director Adam Scoville

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IT'S SUMMER!

What a great year it has been! Lots of fun was had this year and it has been a pleasure to lead our youth kids and watch them grow! Thank you to all those who have contributed to the health and growth of our youth. Thank you to the parents who are diligent to get their kids to all the events we do, and all the support (and lunches) they have provided. And a special thanks goes out to the Joint Youth Group and churches, leaders and helpers involved with that as well. It has been a great group to be apart of.

As we go into summer, we have a couple fun summer events coming up with the Joint Youth Group. See those in the schedule below.

We are happy to announce that we will be doing a Fun Fair at Chili Pres this year on August 28th, 5-8pm. This will be free and open to anyone in our community! To do this, we will need all the help possible! Follow the link below and sign up to help in any of the areas you are able to! Or contact me and let me know what you would like to help with.

Fun Fair Sign-Up Link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DA4A622A5FDC61-57382591-chili#/>

And always remember to be lights to those around you! We can make a big difference in the world by spreading God's light.

Have a great summer!

-Adam

Upcoming Schedule!

Monday July 14th – JOINT YOUTH GROUP @ SEABREEZE! 10am-4pm. Cost \$25.

Saturday, July 19th – Serving at church for the Chili Food Cupboard. 9:30-11:30am.

Saturday, August 2nd – JOINT YOUTH GROUP POOL PARTY @ Hershey's, Time: TBD.

Saturday, August 16th – Serving at church for the Chili Food Cupboard. 9:30-11:30am.

St Pauly Box Schedule

June 30-July13 – Brooke Wilson

July 14-27 – Leahy's

July 28-August 10 – Honsberger's

August 11-24 – Paula Smith