



Chili Pres Connections



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



BRAVING THE MOUNTAINS

**MEETING GOD IN THE
CHALLENGES OF LIFE**



2026

- ◇ Pentecost mission outreach
- ◇ Pentecost fellowship events
- ◇ Annual rummage sale
- ◇ Annual church picnic
- ◇ Special Celebrations – June 7
- ◇ Cooking with Foodlink
- ◇ Church Office summer schedule

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

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2026 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, and much more.

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Wooten's Wonderings



When our Pentecost Team met, we focused on the semi-continuous scripture readings from the opening of Genesis through the early chapters of Exodus and our theme: *Braving the Mountains: Meeting God in the Challenges of Life* emerged. This theme invites us to explore how God meets ordinary people in moments of confusion, courage, struggle, failure, hope, and transformation.

Anyone who has ever hiked a mountain trail knows that the journey is rarely easy. At the trailhead, the path may seem clear and manageable, but as the climb continues, the terrain changes. There are steep inclines, unexpected obstacles, moments of exhaustion, and places where the trail seems uncertain. Sometimes hikers have to stop and catch their breath before moving forward again. Yet often, it is only by continuing through the difficult stretches that they reach the breathtaking view waiting at the summit.

Faith can feel much the same way.

The stories we encounter in scripture are not stories of people who always knew the way ahead. Abraham leaves home without a map for the future. Jacob wrestles through a dark night of uncertainty. Joseph endures betrayal and suffering before seeing redemption. The midwives, Shiphrah and Puah defy Pharaoh's order to kill the newborn Jewish boys. Again and again, God meets people not after the struggle is over, but in the middle of the climb.

Throughout the summer, we will follow these stories of our fathers and mothers in faith. Along the way, we will wrestle with questions that still matter today:

- How do we trust God when the future is unclear?
- What does it mean to wrestle honestly with faith?
- How do we recognize God's presence in seasons of disruption or pain?

Where is God calling us to courage, forgiveness, or deeper trust?

Braving the Mountains reminds us that life often feels like a steep climb. Yet scripture teaches us that mountains can become places of encounter where God shapes faith, renews hope, and reveals new possibilities. Together we will explore how these ancient stories continue to speak into the challenges of modern life.

May we brave the mountains and discover anew the God who walks with us every step of the way.

Rev. Brandi Wooten



Welcome to the Season of Pentecost

Pentecost Season Outreach

Upon reading an article on the [Church World Service](#) website, the Pentecost team decided to support CWS's efforts by assembling "Period Packs". CWS supports this effort locally and around the world.

What are Period Packs?

Period Packs are menstrual hygiene kits. Each kit includes menstrual supplies and hygiene items so all women can care for their health with comfort and dignity. These products are often not covered by government assistance programs.

The Pentecost Team, with your help, will be assembling Period Packs for Willow Domestic Violence Center of Greater Rochester. Our goal is 50 packs.

You can help by either donating items or by making a monetary donation. (The cost of assembling a period pack is \$12.) Donations of any amount are gratefully accepted. Checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church of Chili with Willow Domestic Violence Center in the memo line. A list of supplies needed, a monetary donations box, and a box for donated supplies are in the Sanctuary.

We will be collecting items throughout the summer. Then, on Sunday, August 30th after church we will hold an intergenerational coffee hour and where we will be assembling the packs. We invite everyone to join us to help end period poverty. PERIOD!

Pentecost Season Activities

June 14-- Church Picnic



We will meet for worship at 10 AM at Black Creek Park Pavilion, 3835 Union Street. The picnic will follow worship. Lemonade, iced tea, water and tableware will be provided. The sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up for a main dish, a side or a dessert. Deadline to sign up is June 7

July 18 (Saturday) 6:45 PM- Red Wings Baseball Game and Fireworks



Plan to attend this early evening (6:45 PM) game and watch the Red Wings vs. Jacksonville Florida Jumbo Shrimp. A Fireworks show will follow the game. Geoff Wasmer has again reserved 25 seats behind Home Plate, and we need at least 20 to sign up. Tickets are \$16.00 each. Look for 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, July 12, 2026, at 12 noon.

Note: ESL Ballpark is a cashless venue and only accepts credit/debit cards for all purchases including parking. Parking is \$7.00 plus tax.

August 23, 2026 (Sunday) 2:00 PM

"Hobbies and Horsepower" 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, you are invited to drive it and display it! Cars are considered vintage if they are 25 years or older so anything 2001 or earlier qualifies!!!



You are also invited to bring an example of a hobby you enjoy to display for others to see. What do you do in your spare time? Paint? Woodworking? Macrame? Puzzles? Embroidery? Knitting? An interesting collection? Diamond Art? Legos? Quilting? Gardening? Mandala?

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, August 16th.

Celebrating

each other.....

June

- 1 Kathy Stowe
- 3 Mike McArthur
- 5 Geoff Wasmer
- 9 Wasmer's Anniversary
- 12 Sandy McCauley
- 16 Paula Smith
- 17 Alice Alger
- 17 Zah's Anniversary
- 20 McKenlee Scoville
- 26 John & Leah Atwater Anniversary
- 30 Hoyt's Anniversary

Volunteers for June 2026

June 7

Greeters: Grace & Evan Engelbrecht
Communion: Barb Boerschlein (juice),
Marla Guarnieri (bread), Nancy Huffman
Jr. Greeter: Mila Sosik
Childcare: Sue Atwater & Mira Wooten

June 14

Church Picnic

At Black Creek Park

June 21

Greeters: Vicky & Tom Leahy
Childcare: Debbie Lamphron & Mira Wooten

June 28

Greeters: Sue Edwards & Gail McArthur
Childcare: Becky Sosik & Barb Wasmer

Rummage Sale Donations and Volunteers!

Looking for donations for our Rummage Sale!

Items must be clean and decent quality.

Please price items at a reasonable price.

NO clothing, glassware, dishes or linens are needed!

DONATIONS ACCEPTED BETWEEN MAY 16 AND MAY 30

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!! A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship room

Setup: June 1-3 9am-3pm

Sale Day: June 6th - 9am-3pm, June 7th - After church until 1pm.

Cleanup: June 7th - 1-2pm.

Contact Roger Willis @ 293-3561 / rwillis004@rochester.rr.com if interested in volunteering for any of these times.





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!

Thursday, June 25th, 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

NOTE DATE CHANGE

Family Breakfast!

Saturday, June 13th, 9 - 10 am

Free Breakfast with activities and fellowship for all ages.

Chili Presbyterian Church,
3600 Chili Ave. Rochester, NY

All are welcome!
No registration needed!

Questions? Contact Adam - 585-454-9939.





Annual Church Picnic

Enjoy Faith, Fun and Fellowship on **June 14th**

Pathfinder Shelter in Black Creek Park

Directions from church: go west on Chili Avenue, turn left on Union Street south. Travel 1.6 miles and turn right into Black Creek Park

10:00 am Worship

- Bring a "dish" to share for the potluck lunch
- Electric is available if you want to bring your dish to share in a crockpot
- Walt Scott will be cooking hot dogs on the grill !!!
- Beverage and paper products will be provided

Sign up in Fellowship Hall by June 7th

Special Celebrations

We will be having a special coffee hour on June 7



We will be celebrating:

- ⇒ Ashleigh Naugle's graduation
- ⇒ "Re" New Members Al and Sue Conklin
- ⇒ Confirmation of Henry Gernhardt and Mira Wooten

Come and celebrate with us !

Summer newsletter

Deadline is June 18



The Lenten Team's mission outreach was the Presbyterian Special offering of One Great Hour of Sharing. We are pleased to report that we were able to send a check for \$444.97. Thank you for your generosity.



Church Office open on:

Thursday, June 25th	9 am to 2 pm
Thursday, July 2nd	9 am to 2 pm
Thursday, July 9th	9 am to 2 pm
Thursday, July 16th	9 am to 2 pm
Thursday, July 23rd	9 am to 2 pm
Thursday, July 30th	9 am to 2 pm

Regular hours resume the week of August 3rd:

Tuesday through Thursday 9 am to 2 pm

Thoughts from the Minister of Music/Director of Families and Youth

Another year, another successful Chicken BBQ! We are blessed by all the help and support we receive each year for this event. We had great weather and we sold out before 1pm! The profits we received through the BBQ will go toward our Youth Mission trip to Ocean City, Maryland this summer!

We have many events coming up this summer! Here is a list below of the upcoming things to save the dates for:

Saturday, June 6 – Rummage Sale, 9am-3pm

Sunday, June 7 – Confirmation and New Member Sunday!

Saturday, June 13 – Family Breakfast, 9am!

Sunday, June 14 – Church Picnic @ Black Creek Park, 10am

Thursday, June 25 – Cooking with Foodlink, 6:30-7:30pm (Recently rescheduled!)

Wednesday, August 26 – Chili Pres Fun Fair (Rain date – Thursday August 27)

Isaiah 40:31

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

It is a very busy time of year for sure! From graduations to weddings, from kids' soccer games to school's chorus concerts, our plans are full and sometimes overwhelming! Let us not forget the Great Creator who we can rely on to help slow us down and keep us grounded when the world is moving so fast!

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



Families and Youth

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The Last Days Before Summer!

It's hard to believe that another school year is almost in the books! It has been a great year for our youth in youth group, and it's been fun to watch them mature this year! This month we were able to do some fun events with the Joint Youth group. This group has been so awesome, and watching our youth connect with others has been a joy and a blessing as a youth director.

One of the big things our youth have been going through this year is Confirmation Class. We will be confirming our youth on June 7th, so please come out and see how our youth have grown!

We continue to help with the Food Cupboard distribution day where we continue to provide our food cupboard clients with diapers and toilet paper. Our youth also help bringing food to the clients, where we are serving 130 families a month!

One of the big events coming is our Mission Trip in August! We are heading to Ocean City, Maryland with our joint youth group! This is our first big mission trip since Covid!!! Please pray for our group as we plan to do various mission projects in the area there.

The rest of the year's activities are below! Lots of things coming up! It's going to be epic!

Adam

Upcoming Schedule!

[Sunday June 7 - Confirmation Sunday during church!](#)

**Sunday, June 14 - Joint Youth Group Pool Party @ RevKev's in Scottsville,
11:30am-3:30pm.**

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

Wednesday, July 22 - Joint Youth Group @ Seabreeze!

August 9-14 - Youth Mission Trip to Ocean City, Maryland!

St. Pauly Box Schedule

June 1-14 - Honsbergers

June 15-28 - Paula Smith

June 29-July 12 - Barb Wasmer