



Chili Pres Connections



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



2026

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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, Facebook Livestream Technician: Ishai Nardia

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



Long before it became a time of purple paraments and Lenten devotionals, Lent was a season of preparation for baptism. New believers would spend these forty days learning the heart of the Christian faith before stepping into the waters on Easter morning. They studied what was central and foundational about being a follower of Jesus.

This Lent, we are using Sanctified Art's theme *"Tell Me Something Good."* As they studied scripture and put the theme together they asked:

What are the core, foundational concepts of Jesus' life and ministry and what makes each of these truly good news?

And perhaps most importantly: can we trust that the good news is actually good, even when it stretches, unsettles, or challenges us?

If we are honest, we can be tempted to soften Jesus' words. We can sanitize his teachings so they fit neatly into our comfort zones. But the life Jesus invites us into is not small or tame. It is abundant and expansive, yes, but it is rarely comfortable.

As the creators of this series explained: "We often call Jesus' ministry "radical." That word comes from the Latin *radicalis*, meaning "root" or "ground." Therefore, the good news should bring us back to our roots, back to what grounds us: loving our neighbor, caring for the vulnerable, pursuing justice and mercy, and resting in God's unending grace. (from Sanctified Art's "Tell Me Something Good" Infographic)

The good news of Jesus Christ is not fragile or polite. It is extravagant. Untamed. Illogical. Persistent.

The good news is alive. It is embodied. It is moving in the world.

This Lent, I hope that we will not simply reflect on the good news but that we will allow it to root us more deeply in God's expansive love. That we will wrestle honestly with Jesus' teachings. That we will rediscover what grounds us. And that we will be bold enough to let that grounding move us into action.

Ours is a world desperate to hear, see, and taste what is good.

May this season prepare us, not just for Easter morning, but for lives that bear witness to the living Christ. May the good news ground us. And may that grounding send us forward.

Rev. Brandi Wooten

Letter from St. Pauly Textile, Inc.....

The impact the clothing shed made in 2025

- 152353 pounds of clothing were donated to your shed
- This was enough to clothe an estimated 28,065 people all over the world
- Based on this volume of clothing, your organization received \$6094

Thank you so much for everything you, your volunteers and your community do to support the clothing shed program!



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, March 24th, 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

2026 Church Directory

In April the directory will be created and distributed. If you have had an address or telephone number change, please contact the office (889-9896 or fpc3600@gmail.com).

Thank you



Easter Flowers

Option 1 - potted spring flowers (\$10.00)

Placed in memory of:

Placed in honor of:

Presented by

Total Plants ____\$ Enclosed _____

Cash Check

Last day to order is **March 15**

Scholarship Fund

Option 2 – Scholarship Fund

Placed in memory of:

Placed in honor of :

Presented by

\$ Enclosed _____ Cash Check

Last day to donate is **March 29**

Celebrating

each other.....

March

- 1 Audrey Sosik
- 8 Jan Hoyt
- 8 Jill Monell
- 17 Grace Engelbrecht
- 29 Adam Scoville
- 31 Abby Wasmer



Coffee Fellowship

Board of Deacon's are looking for folks to volunteer to host the after Worship

Fellowship time.

General suggestions: provide coffee, tea, cold beverage, snacks (such as gluten free pretzels) and cookies (both regular and gluten free). The sign-up sheet is in the fellowship room.

Annual Per Capita

Apportionment for 2026

Presbytery	\$2,228.59
Synod	\$ 386.75
General Assembly	\$1,024.66

This is based on our active membership. We would appreciate your support of this budgetary cost by covering the **\$40.00** per active member in your family.

Volunteers for March 2026

March 1

Greeters: Sandy & Mick McCauley
Communion: Sue Atwater, Grace Engelbrecht (juice),
Debbie Lamphron (bread),
Jr. Greeter: Ethan Scoville
Childcare: Katie Engelbrecht & Elena McArthur
Children's Church: Alice Zah & Mira Wooten
Coffee Hour:

March 8

Greeters: Grace & Evan Engelbrecht
Jr. Greeter: McKenlee Scoville
Childcare: Brenda Naugle & Mira Wooten
Children's Church: Alice Zah & Jane Schulitz
Coffee Hour:

March 15

Greeters: Jane & Fred Schulitz
Jr. Greeter: Audrey Sosik
Childcare: Sue Atwater & Elena McArthur
Children's Church: Alice Zah & Mira Wooten
Coffee Hour

March 22

Greeters: Becky & Brian Gernhardt
Jr. Greeter: Mila Sosik
Childcare: Grace Engelbrecht & Mira Wooten
Children's Church: Alice Zah & Sandy McCauley
Coffee Hour:

March 29

Greeters: Elena & Stephanie McArthur
Jr. Greeter: Audrey Sosik
Childcare: Vicky Leahy & Lori Gittens
Children's Church: Alice Zah & Mira Wooten
Coffee Hour:

Church Treasurer

After nine years serving as our Church Treasurer, Sandy submitted her resignation to the Session effective December 31, 2026. In her letter, she expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve and explained that she felt it was time to step down. The Session accepted her resignation with sincere appreciation for the skill, integrity and organization she brought to the position. Please join the Session in expressing your thanks for her dedication. Sandy will remain our Office Administrator, as this role is separate from that of Treasurer.

As we prepare to transition to a new Church Treasurer, the Session is seeking someone who can begin collaborating with Sandy in June to become familiar with the responsibilities of the role prior to assuming the position in January 2027. A summary of the duties associated with this position is provided below. If you are interested in learning more about this position, please contact Pastor Brandi.

The Church Treasurer is responsible for:

- Paying all the bills from the general fund (checking account).
- Documenting debits and credits on the general fund Excel spread sheet.
- Transferring funds to and from the savings account as necessary and documenting all transactions on the savings accounts Excel spread sheets.
- Reconciling monthly bank statements and preparing the monthly treasurer's report.
- Sending staff payroll information to the CPA.
- Preparing monthly financial summaries for the Mission Fund and Pray & Play.

April newsletter deadline is
March 17

Donation envelopes are in the
pew racks

Save the date:



Sunday, May 3



Leadership News

At its last regularly scheduled meeting on February 2nd, Session...

...Opened with prayer led by Pastor Brandi.

...Voted to approve the Agenda with no additions.

...Voted to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

...Voted to receive the Treasurer's Report ending on January 31st, 2026.

...Received Pastor Brandi's Pastor's report.

...Reviewed the annual action items that are completed and upcoming for February.

...Recognized Nancy Huffman for her many years serving on Session and as the Clerk of Session, and all the time and dedication she has put towards those roles.

...Established the Annual Calendar of Dates/Events for 2026 and into 2027

...Assigned Session representatives for each Presbytery meeting and Season team facilitators.

...Voted to approve the 2025 annual statistical report to the Presbytery as presented.

...Voted to remove Bonnie Seabach and Aidan Snover from the active member roll.

...Voted, with deep thanks, to acknowledge Sandy McCauley's resignation from the church treasurer position effective on December 31st, 2026.

...Voted to affirm the continued open-ended terms of Grace Engelbrecht as Clerk of Session and Sandy McCauley as Church Treasurer.

...Voted to grant permission to Pastor Brandi to administer communion at any church related function (including home communion) per her discretion for 2026.

...Adjourned at 7:49 PM, with a shared benediction based upon the Great Commission.

Grace Engelbrecht, Clerk



April 2

7:00 pm

At Chili Pres



Good Friday Service - April 3

7:00 pm

At East Avon Presbyterian Church

5605 E Avon Lima Rd, Avon, NY 14414

It will be youth led, by our Joint Youth Group and will be similar to last year's service we held at Ogden Baptist