



Roots & Wings



First Presbyterian Church of Chili

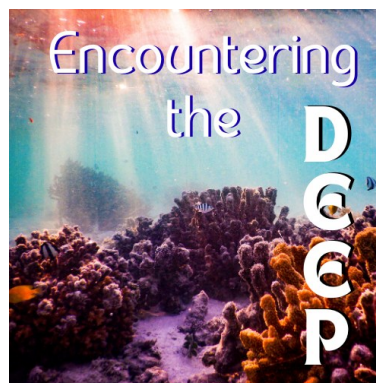
“Rooted in Faith, Growing Together, Caring for the Community”



In his issue of “Roots and Wings”

- ⇒ Fall Supper
- ⇒ Raffle baskets for Food Cupboard
- ⇒ Habitat Pies
- ⇒ Stewardship campaign and luncheon
- ⇒ 2026 Season teams sign-up
- ⇒ Poinsettia/scholarship donations
- ⇒ Day Light Savings Time ends
- ⇒ Youth activities

Finishing Harvest.....



Advent starts November 30



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

2025 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.

Church Information: 3600 Chili Avenue, Rochester NY 14624 585-889-9896

E-mail: fpc3600@gmail.com

Wooten's Wonderings



The Fall brings much activity into the life of our church. We recently had Trunk or Trick, held a cooking class, banded together to put on the Fall Supper and are expecting our normal higher volume of people coming to the Food Cupboard this month. In the midst of all of these activities and our own personal holiday celebrations, it is also Stewardship Season.

As I reflect on our Stewardship theme: *Dreaming God's Dream*, I am reminded of when Jesus feed the 5,000 (John 6:1-14.) Jesus looked out at the great crowd gathered on the hillside and saw both their hunger and their hope. Thousands of people had followed him, longing to hear his words and experience his healing touch. But as the day wore on, stomachs began to rumble, and the disciples began to worry.

"Where are we to buy bread for all these people to eat?" Jesus asked. Philip's practical mind concluded that they could not possibly afford to buy lunch for the entire crowd. And then Andrew noticed a boy carrying five small loaves and two fish. But that small amount would not nearly be enough to do the job either.

It would have been easy for the story to end there- with empty baskets, hungry people, and a sigh of resignation. They could have prayed for God to provide, and then waited, doing nothing. But instead, someone *acted*.

A child- brave, generous, and full of faith- stepped forward and offered his small lunch. And Jesus took that humble offering, blessed it, broke it, and multiplied it until everyone had more than enough.

We often find ourselves in similar moments- faced with great need, limited resources, and the quiet temptation to believe that what we have isn't enough. We pray for God to act, to feed, to heal, to change- but sometimes forget that God often chooses to *work through us*.

Prayer without action would have left that hillside full of empty baskets and growling stomachs. But when prayer and action came together- when the boy offered what he had, and Jesus blessed what was given- the miracle happened.

The same is true today. God still works through the faith and generosity of ordinary people like us. When we offer our gifts, our time, our presence, our compassion- God multiplies them in ways that feed both body and spirit.

We are a small church and if we only focus on what we don't have, we might get discouraged. But, when we share generously of the gifts God has given, like the child did, God will do amazing things in the life of this church and the greater community.

Continued on the next page....

Wooten's Wonderings continued

If a child could be brave and generous enough to step forward with what he had, surely we can follow his lead.

We can share our gifts of service, kindness, prayer, and resources- trusting that Jesus will take them and make them more than enough.

Our prayers prepare the ground.

Our actions plant the seed.

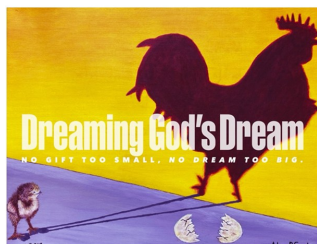
And together, God brings the miracle to life.

When we pray *and* act, we become part of God's ongoing story of abundance- where scarcity is transformed into sufficiency, where hunger becomes satisfaction, and where grace overflows for all. Two thousand years later, Jesus is still taking what we offer and multiplying it. Our prayers, our courage, our compassion, the resources of our time and talent are the loaves and fishes of today.

So let us not be content with prayers alone. Let us be moved to *do* something, however small it may seem, trusting that what Jesus will do with our prayers and our actions will be nothing short of miraculous. This week, find one small way to combine your prayers with action. Write a note of encouragement, volunteer your time, give generously, or speak kindness into someone's day. Offer what you have- and watch how God multiplies it for good. Together, by praying and acting, we can dream God's dream for our church and make a real impact in people's lives.

Rev. Brandi Wooten

Come together for a Stewardship Celebration Luncheon



Immediately Following Worship
November 16th, Stewardship Sunday
Sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall

Food Cupboard Basket Raffle



We will be having a Craft Basket Night Thursday, November 6 @ 6:30 pm. Bring your ideas, craft and basket items and we will fill empty baskets and wrap them for the craft sale in

December. The sign-up sheet is in the fellowship room

If you are making a raffle basket (s) on your own for the Chili Arts & Craft Sale which will be December 5 & 6. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board so we know how many baskets to plan for.

Annual Holiday Habitat Pie Sale

The pies are made by Special Touch Bakery. This is the bakery for School of the Holy Childhood located at 1999 Mt. Read Blvd.

The pie choices are:

Apple crumb Pumpkin
Rumbleberry Peacan
Strawberry Rhubarb

The cost of pies are \$20 each. Fruit pies will be unbaked and frozen in a bakery box for freshness and flavor. \$13/ goes to support Holy Childhood and \$7 profit goes to Habitat.

Pies need to be **ordered and paid for by Monday, November 10.**

Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church of Chili with "Habitat Pies" written on the memo line.

Pies should be picked up at church on Monday November 24 between 4:30-6:30 pm

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – 2025

Option 1 – Poinsettia (\$10.00)

☐ Placed in memory of:

☐ Placed in honor of:

Presented by

Total Plants ____\$ Enclosed ____

☐ Cash ☐ Check

Last day to order is **November 30**

SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2025

Option 2 – Scholarship Fund

☐ Placed in memory of:

☐ Placed in honor of :

Presented by

\$ Enclosed ____ ☐ Cash ☐ Check

Last day to donate is **December 14th**

In November we give thanks!

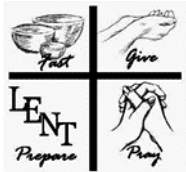
On November 16th we will celebrate Stewardship Sunday when we make our pledge commitment for 2026. We will also volunteer to share our time and talent by participating on a Season Team.

How about joining a Season Team in 2026?



These small groups work together to plan activities and projects for a liturgical season. The first meeting is with Pastor Brandi where you study the Bible passages for the season and identify a theme. The team sets up their own schedule to develop plans for worship, decorating the church, Children's church, outreach, fellowship activities, and adult learning opportunities. Participating in a Season Team small group unleashes your creativity, fosters yet another form of fellowship (especially when some of meetings involve gathering around a table of food!) and sharing of

Lent



February 22, 2026
through March 30, 2025

Easter



April 5, 2026
Through May 18, 2026

Pentecost



May 24, 2026
Through August 31, 2026

Harvest



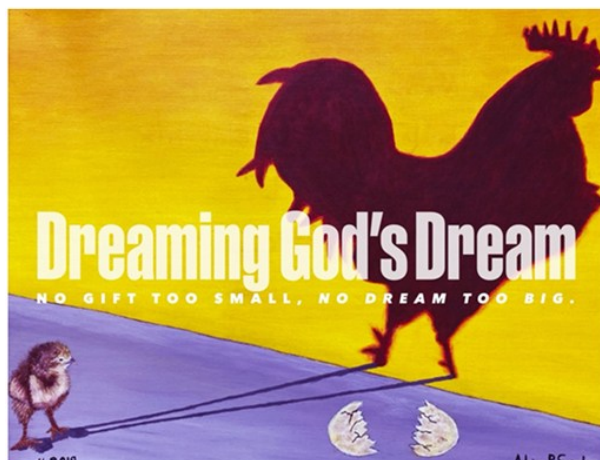
September 6, 2026
Through November 23, 2026

Advent-Epiphany



November 29, 2026
Through February 8, 2027

Stewardship Sunday is November 16th



As you prepare to make your 2026 pledge commitment on Stewardship Sunday, think about how Chili Pres has changed your life by being part of our church family. Also, think about how Chili Pres' discipleship has changed lives of others in our community. As disciples, we are not afraid to "Dream God's Dream". with those in our community and those in our church family. In fact, think about how Chili Pres has changed your life. What is most gratifying, is that when we "Dream God's Dream" we often, through our own generosity and with God's help, make our dreams come true.

As we continue to live into our Mission "Rooted in Faith, Growing Together, caring for the "Community", think about our initiatives and their impact on us as brothers and sisters in Christ and our need to keep them going—our Food Pantry, our annual Roast Beef Dinner, our Bible Study, our Labyrinth Trail, our Rummage Sale, our discussion/conversation group opportunities, our Super Bowl Subs and Souper Bowl of Sharing, our Season Teams, our creative worship and music opportunities, and the Fellowship all these programs offer.

In thinking about what your 2026 pledge commitment will be, remember that when "Dreaming God's Dream" no gift is too small, and no dream is too big. Consider praying this prayer.

Loving God, I feel your love over and over all year. Your love keeps me rooted in faith. You know my situation better than anyone. Take my credits and debits, ins and outs, my pluses and minuses, surpluses and lacks, and show me how to use them to join the great chorus of Creation. Amen

Be sure to sign up to attend the all-church luncheon
on November 16th to celebrate our generosity!

Blessings,

Your Stewardship Team,

Tom Leahy, Nancy Huffman, Jerry Huffman

Leadership News

At the October 6, 2025 Session Meeting

...Opened with prayer led by Pastor Brandi.

...Voted to approve the Agenda with the addition of Church Safety.

...Voted to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

...Reviewed the annual action items that are completed for October and upcoming in November.

...Recognized The Board of Trustees for all their labor and coordination in moving out the basement stove and replacing it with the newer one.

...Received the 2026 Personnel Compensation recommendations from the Personnel Committee

...Voted not to renew the church's Westside News advertising subscription.

...Nominated Elder Guarnieri for election as the session representative to the Nominating Committee.

...Voted to appoint Becky Sosik to fill the Financial Data Entry position for an open-ended term starting January 1, 2026.

...Voted to use \$132.92 from the session discretionary fund for QuickBooks Pro Desktop 2024 for two indefinite use licenses.

...Adjourned at 9:08 PM, with a shared benediction based upon the Great Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Engelbrecht Clerk



Celebrating

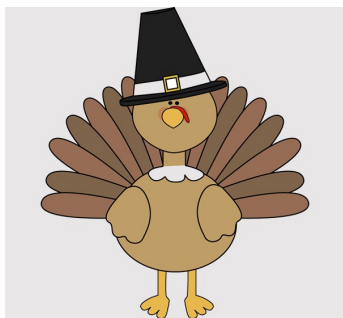
each other.....

November

- 5 Ashleigh Naugle
- 6 Fred Mollon
- 8 John Rowe
- 8 Brian Faatz
- 11 Mila Rose Sosik
- 13 Ashley Avery
- 20 Cindy Blair
- 20 Wayne Honsberger
- 23 Lydia Engelbrecht
- 27 Marlow Gittens

Donation envelopes and the yellow truck will remain in the sanctuary through December for your contributions to cover the cost of the parking lot paving

The Church Office will be closed
on Thursday, November 27



Volunteers for November 2025

November 2

Greeters: Jane & Fred Schultiz
Communion: Judie McGaffick (bread), Bill Hoyt,
Jan Hoyt (juice)
Jr. Greeter: Patrick Engelbrecht
Childcare: Grace Engelbrecht & need help
Children's Church: Alice Zah & Marla Guarnieri
Coffee Hour: Kathy & Wayne Honsberger

November 9

Greeters: Becky Sosik & Roger Willis
Jr. Greeter: Mila Sosik
Childcare: Lori Oliver & Mira Wooten
Children's Church: Alice Zah & Marla Guarnieri
Coffee Hour: Elena, Gail & Stephanie McArthur

November 16

Greeters: Dale & Brian Faatz
Jr. Greeter: Betsy Nganyu
Childcare: Debbie Lamphron & Barb Wasmer
Children's Church: Alice Zah & Marla Guarnieri
Coffee Hour: Stewardship luncheon

November 23

Greeters: Barb Boerschlein & Lori Oliver
Jr. Greeter: Brooke Engelbrecht
Childcare: Brenda Naugle & Mira Wooten
Children's Church: Alice Zah & Marla Guarnieri
Coffee Hour: Paula Smith & Marla Guarnieri

November 30

Greeters: Mark Carden & Paula Smith
Jr. Greeter: Audrey Sosik
Childcare: Elena & Gail McArthur
Children's Church:
Coffee Hour:

The December newsletter
deadline is November 18

Thoughts from the Minister of Music



Announcements:

Need Choir Members – Calling all singers! We would love to have you join us on Wednesday nights @ 7pm for rehearsal! It is a very rewarding time, and provides an opportunity to worship God through singing during the week! Let Adam know if you are interested!

Bell Choir Members – We are always looking for people interested in playing bells! No music ability required! If you are interested in playing Bells this year, please let me know!

Calling all singers and instrumentals! I would love to put together some duets, trios, etc. of any mix of voices and instruments this year. If you are interested, please see me!

Changing Gears a Little

I wanted to shift gears with how I write this article moving forward. I want to be able to give details of things going on with the events I have been doing here at church, and provide a synopsis of my experiences. Below are some of the things that have happened over the last couple months.

Fun Fair

We had a great Fun Fair event in August, despite the significant rain that fell and forced us to do the event inside. We still had over 60 people at the event, not including all the workers we had to put it on. This was a free event and we had lots of food, games, prizes, and fun. We had several families that come to our Food Cupboard regularly, and a few community members as well. All who attended shared positive comments about the event and are excited about being outdoors for the event next year!

Cooking with Foodlink

We had a cooking event on Tuesday, October 21st. There were 26 people who came, all of which were Food Cupboard clients. We learned to cook an apple pear sauté, and learned about fiber and its benefits to our bodies. Our Mission Funds provide a bag of food to each person who comes to be able to try and make the dish we are taught to make. The response to the event was very positive. Each person who comes will tell me how much they love the event and how great and active our church is in the community. The teacher is impressed with the attentiveness of the group and the discussion that everyone provides.

Trunk or Treat

We had a very successful trunk or treat event! We had 15 cars decorated, along with games and prizes for the kids! There were about 75 kids who attended the event, which is 15 more than last year! It was sunny and rained all throughout the morning, but everyone seemed to enjoy. I had many parents thank me and tell me how great the event was, and how much more enjoyable our trunk or treat was compared to others they had been to. They would tell me that the people who do our event are so much more friendly, inviting and interactive with the kids and they loved to come out and be a part of it.

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



Families and Youth

Director Adam Scoville

cpministerofmusic@gmail.com 585-269-8746

NO WAY IT'S NOVEMBER?!

It's hard to believe that we are already two months into the school year already! Time goes so fast!

We have been having a great fall so far! We were able to go to Stokoe Farms and do all the fun activities they have there. We had 16 youth for that event! It's awesome to watch this combined youth program grow and the bonds the kids are forming with each other is amazing.

Starting in November, we will be doing confirmation classes for our youth. This will be the first Sunday of the month throughout the year, as we provide the opportunity for our youth to grow in their faith.

We also continue to provide monthly support during the Food Cupboard Distribution days. It is a great opportunity to help in our community and provide community service opportunities for youth who need to fill those requirements for school as well.

We are NO LONGER doing hygiene items for Food Cupboard. We have changed gears and have been focusing the resources we have specifically for toilet paper and diapers for Food Cupboard clients. So please do not collect and bring any more hygiene items to the church.

Check out the events below! Lots of fun opportunities coming up!

Peace and love!

-Adam

Upcoming Schedule!

Saturday, November 1 – Annual Fall Supper! Need help 3-7pm.

Sunday November 2 – Confirmation Class @ Union Pres in Scottsville. Leave @ 12:15pm-2:45pm.

Sunday, November 9 – Joint Youth Group @ Union Pres in Scottsville. After church until 2pm.

Saturday, November 15 – Serving at church for the Chili Food Cupboard. 9:30-11:30am.

Sunday November 16 – Youth Group! 11-1pm.

Sunday, November 23 – Joint Youth Group @ Union Pres in Scottsville. After church until 2pm.

Sunday, November 30 – NO YOUTH GROUP. Thanksgiving Break!

St Pauly Box Schedule

October 20 through November 2 - Henry Gernhardt

November 3 through November 10 – Brooke Wilson

November 11 through November 30 – Kathy & Way Honsberger