

The Geneva Pres



2012

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Members and Friends,

I have some important and perhaps anticipated news to share with you.

Allow me to begin by recalling that in his book *“Everything I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten,”* Robert Fulghum reminded us that some of life’s most important lessons come very early on and form the foundation upon which our lives are built. Among those things learned in our most formative years, according to Fulghum, are these: *“Share everything. Play fair. Don’t hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don’t take things that aren’t yours. Say you’re sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life - learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.”*

Experts have confirmed that it is indeed in our first few years of life that we are being shaped in body, mind, and spirit by the people and events around us. Hopefully, in those critical, early times, we are blessed by having the best people and most appropriate experiences helping to shape our healthiest possible sense of self and molding us into the people God intends us to be.

I think you will agree that there are also certain contexts or environments that are formative for us as well – our families; our social circles of friends, classmates, and colleagues; and the communities of which we are a part.

I came to Geneva as a very young (“still wet behind the ears”) pastor and I want you to know that it has been one of the greatest blessings of my life to have learned everything I need to know for ministry in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ from you. It was in the context of the loving, caring, compassionate, and joyful community that is this congregation that I best learned what it is to be his disciple.

Some things I’ve learned:

Worship is a joyful, inclusive, participatory experience with lots of lay leadership and participation by people of all ages. Music in worship should be appropriate to the liturgical seasons, diverse, engaging, participatory, but most of all, dripping with theological integrity.

Learning is a life-long endeavor in the church and an informed faith is a stronger faith. There are still many caring adults who want to tell the story and share their faith with our children. There are still mature Christians who refuse to check their brains at the door and who are not seeking easy answers but covet opportunity to wrestle with the tough questions of life and faith.

Mission can and should be at the very heart of who a congregation is and what it does. Outreach, locally and globally, is what flows naturally from letting the gospel of Jesus Christ inform everything that a community of faith does.

Fellowship and a sense of community are vital to the life and health of a congregation. Enjoying one another and savoring opportunities to simply be together says a lot about who a congregation is as an extension of God's holy family in a particular place. If it is good for a family to sit down and eat together as often as possible, than you are family at its best.

Pastoral Care is something that is best done by *all*. Bearing each other's burdens and sharing each other's joys are not things for which only the clergy and deacons are responsible. Praying for and being with one another, in the good times and the bad, is a holy task in which everyone shares.

Leadership is most effective when shared in the spirit of a sacred partnership as people gladly and graciously take turns leading and following. It is good to be a congregation full of people who minister to one another and where one or two just happen to be professional clergy.

Another thing for which I am most grateful is that you were generous, gracious, and forgiving enough to have afforded me thirty-two years to learn all of this. Indeed, you have allowed me to make a career of living and learning in your midst and I have been honored beyond words by the way you have entrusted me for so long with the pastoral leadership of this community of faith.

I share all of this in order to tell you that I am about to join Jane as we move into a new phase of life. I have informed the Session, Board of Deacons, and the Presbytery that it is my intention to retire from active ministry as of December 31, 2012.

I do this with a strong sense that together for more than thirty-two years we have been faithful to our calling prescribed by the Six Great Ends of the Church (and symbolized in the elegant banners that adorn the walls of our sanctuary), which are: *proclaiming the gospel for the salvation of humankind; providing the shelter, nurture, and fellowship of the children of God; maintaining divine worship; preserving the truth; promoting social righteousness; and exhibiting the Kingdom of God to the world.*

A committee has been meeting to design a planning retreat to be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Geneva. The main purpose of this retreat is to give the congregation and its leaders the opportunity to plan for this transition in leadership while maintaining the wonderful momentum for ministry that has characterized this congregation for so long. The retreat is open to all and you are urged to attend. I will be present for the opening worship only.

As we get closer to the end of 2012, I will be writing to you again about the rules that shape the relationship between a congregation and a retired pastor who intends, as I do, to continue to live in the community. It is my intent to carry it off as well as Dick Hart did before me.

You have been great teachers, leaders, guides, and friends on my own journey of faith. It has been one of my greatest joys to have sojourned for so long among you as your pastor. I can only hope that it has been half as good for you as it has been for me.

Grace and Peace,

Jim

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AS WE BEGIN
LENT

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 6:00. Come and enjoy dinner, pancake races, and great fellowship! Please bring your own table service.

Lenten Prayer Breakfasts

Wednesday mornings, Feb. 22, 29 & March 7, 14, 21, 28. Breakfast at 6:45 followed by a brief worship service led by Geneva area clergy.

Ash Wednesday Dinner &

Service of Communion & Renewal of Baptism

This special, annual event takes place on Wed. Feb. 22. The pot luck dinner is at 6:00, and the service takes place around the table immediately following.

Friday Night Soup Supper and Bible Study

Sessions continuing February 3-March 30, at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall. We are sharing the ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

Pretzel Sunday

On February 26, the Sunday School classes will make pretzels to share with the congregation after Worship. Pretzels were used during Lent as treats since they were made without any of the rich ingredients that were forbidden during Lent.

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 22.

SHROVE TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 21

Adults - \$4.00 Children under 12 - \$2.00
(families of 4 - \$10, \$1 for each extra person)

Our annual pancake supper will be held at
6:00 pm.

Come for a great dinner and fellowship. We'll
have some Mardi Gras mixer activities for fun
... AND don't forget the pancake race.

Please BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE.



ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 22, 6:00 pm

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, the congregation is
invited to share a common simple meal, then
gather for a special Ash Wednesday service in
Fellowship Hall. Traditional Lord's Supper
will be offered, as well as a "Renewal of
Baptismal Vows" liturgy, in which members
are invited to re-affirm the promises made at
their baptism.

Please bring a MEATLESS DISH TO PASS
AND YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE

LENTEN STUDY

Luke is our guide as we relive the events of the early church. Catch the wind of the same spirit that brings renewed life to today's Christians. This study will visit the key personalities in Acts, review their activities, reflect on their meaning, and discover their message to the Church today.

Soup/Supper Bible Study

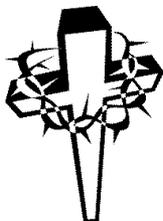
Friday Evenings

NOW – March 30 6-8 pm

in the Fellowship Hall

Please join us for this twelve-week Lenten study of the Acts of the Apostles. Soup and supper begin at 6 pm with an opportunity to fellowship with others in the group. This is a pot-luck dinner that is provided by those in the group. Following dinner there is an hour of study and discussion. This year we will learn together about Luke's doctrine of the church. Jane Gerling and Diana Capron will facilitate the study.

Please join us in February and March for this study of God's word.



CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

ADULT FORUM IN THE SOUTH PARLOR

Sundays 9:15 – 10:15
All are welcome.

Feb. 5 Discuss parable:

Feb. 12 View Amy-Jill L

the Road to Jericho" parable

Feb. 19 Discuss "Dangers on the Road to
Jericho"

Feb. 26 Begin a Lenten devotion by attending
Adult Education

*Lord, Teach us to Pray: Studies on
Spirituality and the Lord's Prayer*

The Lord's Prayer is among the greatest treasures of faith. This six-week study explores the key phrases of the Lord's Prayer as they lead us to greater spirituality and growth through the Lenten period.

Feb. 26 Keeping Our Distance: *How close can we come to a holy God?*

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY
17, NOON



THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING is a youth-led movement to fight hunger and poverty.

On SUPER BOWL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, after each worship service, young people from our congregation will be holding soup pots outside the doors of the Chapel and Sanctuary to collect for the “SOUPER BOWL OF CARING.” You are encouraged to donate a dollar or more

100% of our donation stays right here in our community.

The “SOUPER BOWL OF CARING” started in a Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina in 1990. Last year across the country, \$11 million was raised and given directly by youth to hunger-relief programs in their areas.

Please bring an extra \$1 with you on FEBRUARY 5 and help our youth help others!!

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in ...

Matthew 25:35



**HELP!!! TEACHERS ARE NEEDED FOR SPRING TERM
(MAR.-JUNE) - 3 yrs.-K, 1st-3rd and 4th-6th**

FEB. 12 – 3 yrs.-6th SING at worship
accompanied by ORFF (8th-12th)

**NO YOUTH BELLS IN FEBRUARY
PRETZEL SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 26.**

HEIFER PROJECT – Sunday School classes are
saving to buy GOATS FOR GOOD!!!

**MARCH IS SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER
RECRUITMENT MONTH**

**Our Sunday School needs YOU!!!! You need no special talent
or teaching skill. All we ask is 11 weeks of your time. If you
like children and would like to help provide the basics of
Christian education to these youngsters, please consider signing
up.**

**We provide lesson plans, materials, and support.
Please consider spending 9:00-10:15 am on Sunday morning
with our youth for 11 weeks. They will benefit and so will you.
Watch the bulletins for sign ups.**



CE –MARCH 12, 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
GRADES 6-12

SLEDDING

When: Sunday, February 12th

Where: "Killer Hill" at Cayuga Lake State Park
in Seneca Falls

Time: 2:00-5:00

Leave church at 2:00, drive to Seneca Falls, and leave
Seneca Falls at 4:30.

Bring: hat, gloves, snow pants, boots, sled, tube, etc.
(Anything you will need to go sledding with!)

Please RSVP to Paula by email (pfoote@genevacsd.org) by
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, so we can organize
transportation!

Community Lunch

When: Friday, February 24th

Where: Methodist Church

Time: 9:30-1:00

Please come between 9 and 9:30. We will help set up for
the day. They have some staff out of town so could really
use the hands. We will be all cleaned up and out by 1:00 at
the latest!

Please RSVP to Paula by email (pfoote@genevacsd.org)
by MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20.



DEACONS

If you're like a lot of people, the month of February can be a bit daunting. In the aftermath of the holidays, and with tax time rearing it's head, worries can consume much of our time and energy.

Everyone occasionally needs a reminder that life should be more about "smelling the roses" than being plagued by worries. Consider the following:

"Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest." (Luke 12:25-26)

We all have demands on our time and our resources. What we all need to remember is that life isn't just about obligations. There are so many beautiful, wonderful moments in life that we miss because we're too busy worrying about what's coming next.

There are things we can all do to help alleviate stress. Try considering some (or all) of the following:

- Anything you get done is a bonus!
- Take things one at a time.
- Will it really matter in a thousand years?

Above all, remember that God is always with you.....each and every step along life's path. He is the cornerstone of faith and strength. He will NEVER forsake you. With God, ALL things are possible. The gift of life that he has given us is meant to be cherished, not viewed with anxiety.

As Deacons, our hope is that you find peace, contentment, and a calm soul in the words of this prayer by David Adam:

**"Calm me Lord, as you calmed the storm
Still me Lord, keep me from harm
Let all the tumult within me cease
Enfold me Lord, in your Peace"**

May God's serenity embrace you; and may you find an inner peace that sustains you always.

Wishing you all God's blessings!



COMPOSER'S CORNER

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

“I Will Sing of Thy Mercies”

*I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord
Of Thy mercies, O Lord, my Savior.
And of Thy faithfulness evermore.*

This text is from one of two anthems by the German composer, Felix Mendelssohn, which will be offered by the Adult Choir during February. Many consider Mendelssohn to be among the most popular composers of the Romantic era. Lush harmonies and lovely melodies characterize much of his music. This is true of “Grant Us Thy Peace,” the other anthem the Adult Choir will offer by Mendelssohn.

Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord,
Thou source of ev’ry blessing.

Mendelssohn lived from 1809 to 1847 and had a productive career as a composer, pianist, organist, and conductor. He was considered to be a musical prodigy as a young child.

Mendelssohn’s grandfather was a Jewish philosopher but Mendelssohn’s father eventually became a member of the Lutheran church and raised Felix in that faith tradition.

We are able to enjoy the music of Johann Sebastian Bach today because Mendelssohn revived interest in Bach’s music during the 1800s.

Felix Mendelssohn lived only 38 years but left us a treasure trove of wonderful and varied music.

Faithfully, *Chris Wertman*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



UPCOMING EVENTS:

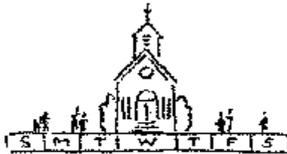
FEB. 4 – PW Meeting – 9:30 am in Kitchen

APRIL 21 – Spring Gathering – Geneva Presbytery 2012
Presbyterian Church in Geneva

Hosted by Presbyterian Women

Speaker -- Lucy Jinganjian, Synod of the Northeast

Representative -2011 Global Exchange to India



FRIENDSHIP STUDY GROUP- Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1:00 pm

Dessert and Bible study.

Suzanne will continue the study of Beatitudes.

NEEDLES GROUP- Thursdays, Feb. 2 & 16, 1:00 pm

In the south parlor

Help us help others Feb. 19

Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering

Since 1922, the Birthday Offering has provided and continues to provide much-needed financial assistance to numerous Worthwhile programs not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support. Each year, as many as five new projects, domestic and international-are carefully and prayerfully selected by the Creative Ministries Offering Committee to help meet a crucial need for persons who are hurting or are disadvantaged. The generosity of Presbyterian women and their families and congregations, as demonstrated through their Birthday Offering gifts, helps chosen recipients find real solutions for projects related to health, education, economic development and the needs of women and children.



THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA celebrate annually in the month of February, the Anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scout program by Lord Baden Powell in England. The Scout law says that a “*Scout is Reverent*” and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their “*Duty to God.*” These values strengthen youth character in their family, community, and faith. To ALL scouts, young and old, WE SALUTE YOU!!!

FROM THE PARISH NURSE

Dear Church Family,

I am creating a new health alert for you this month. I will call it “Watch Out for Old Weak Trees Awareness Month”. Not exactly a catchy phrase, but a good thing to be aware of. I became VERY aware of a 40-50 year old Maple tree outside our kitchen as a limb came crashing through the window around 11:30 at night. With all this crazy weather and wind be aware that 1) Pine trees’ roots are very shallow, if the ground is very wet and there is a very strong wind they can uproot and fall over 2) Maple trees get weaker after 40 years and big limbs can snap in high wind (and come join you in your kitchen). Check out the trees near your house for any signs of weakness and have limbs removed that may pose a threat.

Thank you to all who joined us for the first of the “Passages” series. Special thanks to Rita Reissig for that WONDERFUL soup, Sandy Campbell for serving, and the entire Parish Health Ministry Team for their ongoing help, information and support to put the series on. Our next session will be on February 19th at 11:45 with Murray Heaton. Mr. Heaton will be going over a number of legal topics and paperwork dealing with aging and end-of-life-issues. Please attend! There will be soup and bread served, but you must sign up if you would like to be fed. We need to know how many to make food for. You can call the church office or me to sign up.

This month’s health topic is Arthritis. There are actually over 100 different types of arthritis. Arthritis is defined as joint inflammation in the form of swelling, pain, redness, and heat due to disease of or injury to the joint. The 3 most common forms of arthritis are osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, and gout.

Osteoarthritis (also referred to as degenerative joint disease) is a condition in which the cartilage layers over bones in joints wear away, becoming pitted and eventually leaving bone on bone. The smooth surface of the cartilage no longer allows bone to glide over bone when moving. The bones that rub become thicker and can form spurs or bumps that make movement difficult and painful.

Rheumatoid Arthritis is an autoimmune disease (a disease in which the body's immune system attacks itself). It is characterized by affecting a set of joints bilaterally (both wrists, knees, etc.) In this disease the synovial membrane that lines the joint becomes inflamed (red, swollen, hot and painful). If untreated the synovial lining thickens and synovial fluid accumulates. The inflamed synovial lining cells give off enzymes that can eat away at cartilage and bone. If allowed to progress it leads to deformity and disability of the joint. Internal organs can also become inflamed. Loss of energy, fatigue, flu-like symptoms and problems sleeping can be symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis.

Gout is caused by high levels of uric acid in the bloodstream. Too much uric acid causes microscopic crystals to form and lodge in joints. This causes swelling and pain.

I recently attended a seminar on arthritis. I will have information on the treatments for arthritis along with diet and exercise recommendations. Please call me with any questions.

My cell phone number is 315-759-9039.

God Bless You All,

Beth

PASSAGES

The Parish Health Ministry Team has been working hard to develop a program for our parishioners dealing with the difficult topics of aging and facing death (at any age). Our hope is that through this series we can assist families in an easier and less stressful passage from one stage of life to the next. We encourage you to attend. We plan to have a program once a month through to summer.

Our first program on January 15 dealt with how to start a conversation with your family or friends about your wishes. We discussed whom to talk to, things that should be discussed and strategies for doing this. I have packets of information if anyone could not attend but would like the handouts.

The second program will be held Sunday, February 19 at 11:45. Lunch will be served. Mr. Murray Heaton will be our speaker. This program will deal with legal paperwork. Wills, POA's, DNR's, Health Care Proxies, MOLST forms, etc, will be discussed. Please call the church office or the Parish Nurse to sign up for a lunch.

RETREAT - February 11, 2012 - 9-3:00

at the First United Methodist Church in Geneva

The main purpose of this retreat is to give the congregation and its leaders the opportunity to plan for transition in leadership while maintaining the wonderful momentum for ministry that has characterized this congregation for so long.

It has been a year and a half since our last retreat. Many of the outcomes outlined at that retreat have been implemented.

Like the previous retreat all congregation members will be welcome to participate.

LET'S CROSSWALK...
YOU'RE INVITED

What is prayer walking? Simply, it is walking and praying at the same time. Engaging in two activities! Crosswalking!!

The Parish Nurse and the Adult Ed Committee invite you to join the Crosswalk experience.

Crosswalking will begin on February 26 with a Lenten Kerygma six-week study entitled, Lord Teach Us To Pray: The Lord's Prayer. In Adult Forum on Sunday mornings adults will focus their study on prayer. In church school, older youth may also join in this study.

In addition, once a month we will meet as a group; whole families can participate! We will prayer walk/crosswalk. Then for the rest of the month we will walk individually or as a family focusing on a prayer intention selected by the group.

So starting on March 24, we will do our group Crosswalk. We will meet at church and as a large group we will walk in the church neighborhood, praying and devoting each step to God and we will plan our prayer focus for the month of April.

Beth Nicholas, our parish nurse, will record our progress. Or you can keep a Crosswalk Journal, if you prefer.

Join us!! Crosswalk!!!!!!!!!!



SERRV

Come into the SERRV Shop and see our jewelry, heart-shaped boxes, chocolates and many other gift items for February 14th Valentine's Day, starting Sunday, February 5th after both services. We have some delicious new flavors of Divine Chocolates made with cocoa from Ghanaian farmers, mostly women and produced by a German candy company, all Fair Trade. Choose from Milk Chocolate Hazelnut, Dark Chocolate Mint, Fruit with almonds and currants or Dark Chocolate with Raspberries and White Chocolate with Strawberries.

The past year has been successful with your continued support and we appreciate the contributions of our committee members, officers and volunteers who have given many long hours. We have been able to donate money to Musselman, Geneva Community Lunch/ Food Pantry, One Great Hour of sharing, Church World Service Blankets & Tools, Heifer Project, Joy Offering and our church mission. Thank you for this support.

Since the devastating earthquake hit Haiti, SERRV has focused on rebuilding efforts by placing donated funds directly into the hands of artisans to purchase new tools and repair their homes. Thanks to purchasers of Haitian crafts an unprecedented quantity of Haitian crafts have been sold in the US. Many new products are being designed with the help of a newly created Haitian Design Center funded by SERRV. Come and see them.

SERRV International is always promoting economic justice for artisans and small farmers in developing regions of the world and several new countries have joined this partnership. Our shop is overflowing with these gifts. Support this mission project by shopping Saturdays 10:00 am-12:30 pm and Sundays after each worship service. And if you need assistance other times call the church office (789-1343) and one of our volunteers will help you.

SERRV SHOP HOURS for 2012 start Sunday, February 5th after both services and regular hours resume the remainder of the month. All who are interested in helping with this mission project are welcome. CALL LOU TARR 789-1252 to volunteer.



In memory of Dr. J. Richard Hart, by Mr. and Mrs. Al Schneider, Mequon WI, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sweasy, Green Bay WI, Dan Bennett, Kewanee IL, and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Aude, Phelps.

In memory of Anita Davis, by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Aten, Geneva.

In memory of Dominc DeFelice, from Thelma Frick, Walton Beach FL.

In memory of Richard Spetz, from Mr. and Mrs. Michael Spetz, Winston Salem NC and Kathy and Gary Breese, Geneva.

In memory of Mary Over, from Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Aude, Phelps.



LECTIONARY For the Lord's Day -

FEB. 5 Isa 40:21-31; Ps 147:1-11, 20c
1 Cor 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

FEB. 12 2Kings 5:1-14; Ps 30; 1Cor 9:24-27
Mark 1:40-45

FEB. 19 2Kings 2:1-12; Ps 50:1-6; 2Cor 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

FEB. 26 Gen 9:8-17; Ps 25:1-10; 1Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – FEBRUARY 5
Can you spare \$1.00 to help the hungry?

CAMPBELL'S SOUP UPC CODES
Please save your UPC CODES

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION
to benefit Geneva Head Start

2 CENTS – A - MEAL
We will collect 2 cents offerings on FEBRUARY 5
You can make a difference in the lives of hungry people!!!



RECORDED SERVICES

Sunday services are recorded and available on CD to borrow from the church office.



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| Edwin Frick | Robin Clark |
| Elaine Hanagan | Michele Downing |
| David Herd | Robert Lapp |
| Colleen VanAllan | Allison Martin |
| | David Phillips |

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| Jim Dickson | Janet LaRocca |
| Bill Fox | Arthur Lewis |
| Judy Luce | Jan Rao |
| Jennifer Morris | Cathy Thurston |
| Mark Palmieri | Ti Siebert |
| Ann Warner | |

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| Ellen Colquhoun | Marge Bailey |
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| Tim Merwarth | Patty Dublin |
| Hugh Price | Lori Greene |
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| Ellen Reynolds | Brittany Penta |
| Larry Smart | Kathy Poole |

Youth Elders– 2011 – 2012- Deacons

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| Kristin Oswald | Allison Chapin |
| Trevor Burrall | Christopher Jones |

Clerk of Session

Bette Schubert

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Fritz A. Aude

Financial Administrator

Alan Schenck

Thank you for your generosity!

Contributions to the Peacemaking Offering totaled \$1,859.

We allocated our share (25%) to:

Water for South Sudan and Building Minds in Sudan

Excerpts from thank you notes:

Thank you very much for your recent donation to Water for South Sudan, Inc. The money that you have graciously donated to this project will make an enormous difference to the suffering people of South Sudan. It will help to give them a new beginning to their lives.

Thank you very much for your generous contribution to Building Minds in Sudan. The people in Sebastian and Mathon's home village of Mayen-Abun in Southern Sudan eagerly await the construction of a new school for their children. Your gift will be used to purchase building materials and help make their dream come true.

Contributions to the Christmas Joy Offering totaled \$2,594

We allocated our share (50%) to the Geneva Food Pantry and the Community Lunch Program.

The remainder supports the Presbyterian Church's Board of Pensions and Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

Excerpt from PCUSA's thank-you note:

Thank you for your contribution to the Christmas Joy Offering. Clearly your congregation takes joy in praising God's love by sharing it with others. The need of both racial ethnic students and the faithful servants of the church is always greater in times of economic stress. May the Spirit of thanksgiving with which you gave continue to overflow abundantly within your own lives and the life of your congregation.

Something to ponder ...

Jesus had no servants,
yet they called Him Master.

Had no degree,
yet they called Him Teacher.

Had no medicines,
yet they called Him Healer.

Had no army,
yet kings feared Him.

He won no military battles,
yet He conquered the world.

He committed no crime,
yet they crucified Him.

He was buried in a tomb,
yet He lives today.

... and he loves us.

To view the complete calendar of what's going on at church in February click [here](#) or click the calendar link on the church's home page.