

The Geneva Pres



2012

*The Presbyterian Church
in Geneva*

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Vacation Time

We have had such a wonderful year of program and mission as a congregation that we might very well be thinking that it is about time we took a vacation. When I think about some of the things we have to celebrate just from this spring I think that surely there must come a time when we can just sit back on the porch swing and say, “this is good, and it is enough.”

Think about it:

- ❖ Over \$13,000 collected for One Great Hour of Sharing (our highest total ever).
- ❖ A large group of new members (14) that we received this spring.
- ❖ A wonderful and completely children-led Sunday School Sunday.
- ❖ A robust offering of adult education opportunities.
- ❖ A Baccalaureate service where we congratulated and extended our best wishes to all our graduates.
- ❖ The “Baby College” early literacy program graduated 10 babies and 8 moms.
- ❖ The SERRV Shop board and volunteers have been as busy as ever.
- ❖ Our 58th annual Strawberry Festival about which the community is still talking
- ❖ The Presbytery commissioned Beth Newell as she left for Colombia to work in the accompaniment program there (please read more about it inside).
- ❖ Creation of a Transition Pastor Nominating Committee to help the session find a pastor to lead the congregation through its time of change.

The list goes on and it is easy to think that we all need a well-deserved rest!

I have good news for all of us. The position description for our vocation as disciples of Jesus Christ includes vacation time. Indeed, our worship of God is our refreshment – it is the source of the life and strength we need to be the people God created us to be. It is our Sabbath, which

literally means a time to cease and rest – to regain our wholeness and well-being.

You already know this, but I will remind you again. We will worship in our sanctuary for July and we will be at First Baptist Church for all of August and the first Sunday of September. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of August. Come and join us. Instead of taking a vacation from worship, come and see how worship is an essential part of the vacation we all need. It is how we find refreshment for the vocation to which we each are called as disciples of Jesus Christ.

WJG



ONE SERVICE ONLY!!!!

at the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – 9:30

JULY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

at FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – 9:30

AUGUST 5, 12, 19, 26, and SEPTEMBER 2

Our Graduates

High School

ALLISON MARIE CHAPIN daughter of Cindy and Ray Chapin, Co-Valedictorian GENEVA HIGH SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES: Interact Club, Drama Club (treasurer-grades 10 & 11, President-grade 12), Graduation Rate Committee, AlliKat Trio, Band, at Church: Deacons, Assistant Acolyte Director (3 yrs), lay reader, usher

Volunteer Service: Musselman Triathlon, Miracle March, HWS Days of Service, Rotary Club Santa Train, Community Lunch Program, GHS Open House, Festival of Nations
HONORS: National Honor Society, Instrumentalist Magazine Musicianship Award, Chemistry Achievement Award, Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award, Finger Lakes Scholar, National Merit Scholarship Commended Student, Regents Scholarship, DAR Good Citizen Award

INTERESTS: Figure skating, Irish dance

EMPLOYMENT: babysitting, inventory of aircraft parts

FUTURE PLANS: Colgate University for math

CHRISTOPHER JONES son of Lorraine and Steve Jones Salutatorian WATERLOO HIGH SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES: Concert band, Jazz band, Wind ensemble, Winter percussion ensemble, All-County band, All-County orchestra, Brass quintet, Woodwind quintet, Mexican Marimba ensemble, Varsity tennis, Varsity golf, Masterminds, Drama club, Spanish Club, at church: Deacons, Acolyte, usher

HONORS: National Honor Society, George Eastman Award, Concert band MVP 2011, Gold Key, Solo Festival Piano (duet) – perfect score level IV, Solo Festival Horn 99/100 Level VI

INTERESTS: piano, guitar, ukulele, arranging music, reading, singing

EMPLOYMENT: Huntington Living Center 12/2010-8/2011, HMS Host Corp 7/2011-6/2012

FUTURE PLANS: SUNY Geneseo to major in

mathematics/music

TREVOR BURRALL son of Beverly and Thomas Burrall
GENEVA HIGH SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES: Model United Nations (secretary 2010-2011, president 2011), Link Crew, Math League, Class officer (treasurer 2010-2011, president 2011-2012), Varsity Track and Field

At church: Acolyte, usher, lay reader

HONORS: National Honor Society (secretary 2011-2012), Youth Elder (2010-2012), University of Rochester Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award, Dartmouth College Book Award, Finger Lakes Scholar Award, AP Scholar Award

INTERESTS: Violin study and orchestra participation, competitive figure skating, ballet and lyrical study, reading, drinking tea, member of St. Peter's Community Senior Choir

EMPLOYMENT: Finger lakes Gifts and Lounge (summer 2011)

FUTURE PLANS: Touring with Disney on Ice

KRISTIN SARAH OSWALD daughter of

Debbi and Jim Oswald, GENEVA HIGH SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES: Synchronized swimming (captain 3 years, teaching Synchro in PE and beginners for the team), Ballet since 3 years old (Pointe since 2011), GHS girls' swimming and diving team (Individual 500 and 200 Free, Relays 200 and 400 Free (captain senior year), Interact Club, Marching, Pep and Concert Band (play flute, secretary), at Church: Youth bells (8 yrs), usher, Acolyte (10 yrs), Assistant Acolyte Director (2yrs), Sunday School, Youth Group,

HONORS: National Honor Society, Youth Elder (2010-2012), The Instrumentalist Magazine Merit Award (9th, 12th), Nester Hose Company Douglas Cobb Memorial Award, Synchronized Swimming Scholar Athlete Award (since 7th), Scholar Athlete Geneva High School Girls Swimming and Diving Team (10th, 12th)

EMPLOYMENT: Lifeguard for Boys' Varsity Swimming and Diving team, volunteer lifeguard at Geneva Middle School,

babysitting

FUTURE PLANS: Canisius College for Athletic Medical Training, Synchronized Swimming Division I

NOAH MARK SALVATORE PITIFER son of LeighAnn and Mark Pitifer **GENEVA HIGH SCHOOL**

ACTIVITIES: Drama Club, Spanish Club (president), 4 year Track (captain), Basketball (2 years), at church: Acolyte, usher

HONORS: Junior Class president, Boy's State Leadership Program, 2010 Film Festival, People's Choice 2 times award winner

INTERESTS: Making short films, acting, playing basketball

EMPLOYMENT: Busboy at Cobblestone Restaurant, YMCA weight room teacher

FUTURE PLANS: FLCC then transfer to a film school out west.

DANIELLE RAE VONHAHMANN daughter of Tammy and Karl vonHahmann, **ROMULUS HIGH SCHOOL**

ACTIVITIES: Varsity Club, Varsity soccer (9-12)-captain, Varsity basketball (9-12)-captain, helping with running program, coaching Bitty basketball

HONORS: broke Romulus school record for most goals scored in a season and career beating her mom's record, 1st team soccer – Finger Lakes West, Exceptional senior – soccer/basketball, Player of the year – Finger Lakes West Soccer, Honorable Mention/basketball, led Section V with most goals of the season/soccer

INTERESTS: sports, iphone

EMPLOYMENT: Tim Horton's and childcare

FUTURE PLANS: FLCC for nursing

JACOB PETER SARACINO son of Joanne and Peter Saracino, **MIDLAKES HIGH SCHOOL**

ACTIVITIES: Concert and Jazz Band, indoor and outdoor track, Interact Club, at church: Acolyte, usher

HONORS: National Honor Society, Boys' State delegate, Finger Lakes Scholar, RIT Innovation and Creativity Award, Local/Regional/State "Trig Star", High Honor Roll (4 yrs)
INTERESTS: bass player in band:"Beneath the Words"
EMPLOYMENT: Wickham's Farm Stand, Ashton Place
FUTURE PLANS: SUNY Binghamton

LAVERNE M. SESSLER son of Lisa and Vern Sessler
WATERLOO HIGH SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES: Baseball, Soccer, Ski Club, Student Council, Interact, Tech Ed Club
HONORS: National Honor Society, RIT Computing Medal, High Honor Roll, Academic Achievement Award, Student of the Quarter, Athlete of the Month, Gold Pin
INTERESTS: Skiing, boating, diving, wakeboarding
EMPLOYMENT: Ralph Lauren Polo Outlet Store, lawncare
FUTURE PLANS: Syracuse University for Civil Engineering

DANAE E. WETHERBEE daughter of Carol and Larry Wetherbee, **GENEVA HIGH SCHOOL**
ACTIVITIES: Varsity soccer, softball, indoor track, School Leadership rep, Varsity Club, at church: Acolyte, usher
HONORS: National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Masonic and Mason's Scholarship
INTERESTS: Exercise, sports and contributions to the community
FUTURE PLANS: Nazareth College for a Doctorate of Physical Therapy

KATIE ROSE BAKER daughter of Bruce Baker
GENEVA HIGH SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES: Varsity swim team, Interact Club, Band, IEA Riding team, Swim team (captain)
HONORS: Triple "C" Award from the Attorney General, High Honor roll (4 years)
EMPLOYMENT: State Park lifeguard, teaches swimming at the YMCA
FUTURE PLANS: SUNY Oswego for business

College

Associate's Degree

EMILY JONES from Genesee Community College in
Theater Arts

Bachelor's Degree

LAUREN PAMIERI from Niagara University, Magna Cum
Laud, with BA Degree in Communications Studies

MATTHEW PALMIERI from Keuka College with a BS
Degree in International Business

AARON PALMIERI from Paul Smith's College with a BS
Degree in Natural Resource Management

T J SCHUHLE from SUC at New Paltz with a BS Degree in
Music with a double major in Vocal Performance and Music
Theory and Composition, cum laude

GREGORY BONNEY from SUC Geneseo in economics,
magna cum laude

Master's Degree

TESSA HANAGAN from Nazareth College in Education,
Early Childhood Inclusive

RYAN KINCAID from William Smith in Teaching,
Elementary and Special Ed (children with disabilities)



Congratulations!!!



SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!!!

RALLY DAY - SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

CONGRATULATIONS 2012 GRADUATES!!!

"Three grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for."

HELP!!! We need a teacher for the Fall for our 1st - 3rd class.



AUGUST 20, 7:00

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - GRADES 6-12

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!!!

Have a nice summer!!!

Let's Talk....About Issues This Summer

*Summer gatherings devoted to informal
discussions of issues over dessert, wine, and
coffee*



July 19th ***Adventures in India.*** Churches, temples, cows, insane diverse traffic. Jean and Gary Harman will share their reflections on a very exotic trip to India. This will be at the home of Jim and Diana Capron at 4155 Glass Factory Bay Road.



August 16th. ***Peacemaking in Columbia.*** Beth Newell will discuss her trip to Columbia and her experiences in the Presbyterian Church (USA) Peace Fellowship Columbia Accompaniment Program. The August program will be held at the home of Sandy and Tim Merwarth, 1136 Earls Hill Road (off Rt. 14 South).

Programs are from 7 – 9 p.m.

RSVP to church office (789-1343)

Or register on the church's website www.pcgny.org

Programs are limited to 20 people

September/October TBA



Montezuma Bird Watching Tailgating Party. This will be on a Saturday and we hope to be joined by one of the Sanctuary guides. The date will be determined by the migratory patterns of the birds passing through the area.

Adult Education Committee offers these programs. For more information, please contact Ellen Reynolds or Diana Capron.



Call it **Your Garage Sale**
or **The Not A Garage Sale Garage Sale** Or
Flea Market
Or **Sell it Yourself Sale**
Or **Self-Staffed Rummage Sale** BUT
THERE WILL BE ONE!

The Presbyterian Women are going to try something different this year. To make it a little easier on fewer people in PW, there will be a SALE but not like in past years.

People can rent a table. Bring their items, price their items, sell their items, and keep their profits. PW will make its profit from table rentals. Tables will be \$20. We will use the Fellowship Hall and adjoining areas if necessary.

**SAVE YOUR STUFF
SAVE THE DATE**

The DATE is SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13th

PW will do the publicity, take signups, assign tables, assist a bit on the day of the sale. Watch for more information in the September *Pres* Newsletter

PW's fundraising efforts contribute to local, churchwide, and international mission projects. PW also contributes funds for the Church Nursery and absorbs some expenses for Memorial Receptions. Your participation in making this a success will not only empty your storage spaces, and recycle goods, but help PW continue its work in our church, in the Presbytery, churchwide, and worldwide. By membership definition of Presbyterian Women, every woman who is a member of the church is a member of Presbyterian Women. For more information about PW participation, contact Donna Newcomb or Ellen Reynolds,

Dear Church Family,

Greetings from Apartadó, Colombia!

I'm happy to report that the Presbyterian Church is alive and well in Colombia! For the next month, my partner Sue Dickson and I will be visiting churches within one Presbytery that covers a region near where the isthmus of Panama connects with South America.

We have been welcomed with open arms! We are staying in an apartment next to the pastor's apartment in the building that also houses the Presbytery office and a child development program sponsored by the local church and Compassion International. The church is just a few blocks away, right next to the Colegio Americano, a high school run by the Presbyterian Church of Colombia (IPC).

Church is a big part of the lives of its members. With evening services Wednesday through Saturday as well as Sunday morning, church-goers can see each other almost every day. The Friday services are held in members' homes and the Thursday evening services are especially for women.

Friday evening through Monday afternoon, I've been participating in an intensive course on the Book of Job that's being taught by Sue Dickson (a professor of religion at Ashland University). Given that virtually all of the people living in the region have been affected by the violence of armed groups in Colombia – either being forced off their lands and/or having loved ones killed – the Book of Job takes on a special meaning. Yesterday morning we worked through the third chapter of Job – his lamentation. We broke into groups and had the assignment to think about situations where it seems like there's no hope and then had to write a lamentation prayer about one of those circumstances. The lamentations shared with the whole group were very moving. One young woman wrote a poem about her own experience. She was there when her grandfather was assassinated, and then her family had to flee, leaving behind their home, their land, their animals -- basically the only life she'd known.

On a lighter note, we've been enjoying the sights, sounds, and flavors of life in rural Colombia. Our apartment is right on a fairly busy side street. As I sit here I hear the whine of motorcycles, the diesel engine of a truck, the clip-clop of a horse pulling a wagon carrying long pieces of rebar, cumbia music playing in the distance, indistinct conversations from the apartment next door, and the singing of a few birds. Across the street is a woman selling snacks from a small cart protected from the rain by a colorful umbrella. At the end of the block is a man selling what look like little stacks of pancakes but what are really thick corn tortillas with a layer of fresh cheese between them. We haven't sampled any food from street vendors because we're very well fed by the pastor's wife, Élvia. Breakfast is usually scrambled eggs, with a slice of fresh cheese, and arepas (thick tortillas made of white corn flour), a small cup of "tinto" (coffee) and then a large cup of hot chocolate. Other meals usually include rice and bananas or plantains cooked in some way, a small salad, some type of meat, most often chicken (for Sue), and a glass of fresh fruit juice. We've had blackberry, pear, starfruit, passion fruit, mango, tamarind, and a few other types of fruit I couldn't identify. I'm going to return home about 10 pounds heavier!

Got to stop here and head to class. This coming week we'll be on the road, visiting another town in the Presbytery. More news when I return to Apartadó. We'll also be sending out our official weekly report in the near future. Check our church web site for a link.

Please keep the people of Colombia, especially our brothers and sisters in the Presbyterian Church, in your prayers, as well as Sue and me.

In peace,

Beth Newell

Community Lunch Program

The Presbyterian Church is serving on

Thursdays in AUGUST

The Community Lunch Program of Geneva provides a nutritious meal to people who are hungry, raises awareness about hunger and empowers the community to respond to this need.

The Presbyterian Church has agreed to provide the volunteers for the Thursdays of August. If you want to help with this ministry of compassion, please sign up in the space below and put the sheet in the offering plate or return it as soon as possible to the church office. Please plan to work from approximately 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

YES! I want to help with the Community Lunch Program in August.

I will work on (check appropriate date(s)).

_____ Thursday, August 2th

FULL _____ Thursday, August 9th

_____ Thursday, August 16th

_____ Thursday, August 30th

For the date(s) indicated above, I am willing to be:

_____ Kitchen Coordinator _____ Helper

Name: _____ Phone _____

e-mail _____

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



UPCOMING EVENTS:

JULY 18-22 – CHURCHWIDE GATHERING in Orlando. Churchwide is another venue to be spiritually fed and reenergized; a place to be educated about events and folks in the life of our denomination, a place to find out about many mission projects, a place to explore many justice and peace issues, a place to have fun, a place to be surrounded by the Love of Christ and your fellow PW sisters. If you have any questions, and/or need registration booklets please contact Virginia Champlin.

AUGUST (TBA) – PW Meeting

THANKS to one and all for donations of baked goods for the Bake Sale and for donating time to make the Strawberry Festival a success.



FRIENDSHIP STUDY GROUP-

See you in September

NEEDLES GROUP-

See you in September

SERRV

Where do the SERRV items come from!

Raffia Bags - Artisans in Madagascar use local raffia trees to create fun bags for SERRV and to better lives for their families. Despite living in a country with some of the highest rates of malnutrition and poverty in the world, these artisans work together to succeed.

Stone Carvings - Artisans in Haiti are learning to rebuild their homes and lives with developing crafts to sell. They started with oil drum art and now are learning the art of stone carving together. They work together in the shade of the mango and banana trees. Each carver focuses on a certain step in the process, all working together to complete a finished stone carving.

Sisal Jewelry - Artisans from Swailand are learning to weave the tiny discs for this stunning jewelry. They have to clean, strip and spin sisal by hand into fine thread to create jewelry of vibrant colors. Sisal is native to the country and is grown around the maize fields to keep the cattle out. Traditional sisal skills have been passed down from mother to daughter.

Textiles - Artisans in Viet Nam are producing many colorful textiles as pillow covers, table runners, plate mats, hand towels, wall hangings, etc. They have long traditions in bamboo and batik crafts. These artists like to use of combinations of different materials and appliqués common in the Vietnamese culture.

Divine Chocolate - This high quality cocoa has been grown since 1993 by a co-operative of 45,000 farmers in Ghana. During the harvest season these farmers help one another to gather the cocoa pods and break them open for the beans to ferment and dry. After 5 to 6 months of drying the beans, they are shipped to a Dutch importer, and the dry, hard beans are transformed into scrumptious chocolate bars.

Please come into our shop to see all these items plus hundreds more from all over the world. These items represent artisans, who are trying to make a better life for themselves and their families.

CHURCH FAMILY QUILT

Have you noticed the church family quilt in Fellowship Hall? It was made in the 1990's, so many of you newer members are missing (some of you long-time members forgot to make one so we want yours too). We'd like to have a square from you to add to it.

Here's what to do:

6 X 6 inch square

Pick a medium – embroidery, crewel, cross-stitch, fabric pen, whatever you like.

Include your family name and a symbol of your family (ex. The Lambs have lambs, the Newcombs have a paint brush).

Please leave 1/2 inch around all the edges for hemming

Hand into the church office when done.

Hope to have them all by September 9.

Any questions call Kathy Breese, 789-5667.





DEACONS

Someone told me long ago....You don't have to be inside a church to hear God's words or to acknowledge His presence in this world. Just look around you....His blessings are EVERYWHERE! He is always near.

Now that summer is upon us, that becomes an even more important message than ever. Why? Because during the next couple of months, many of us will be so busy that we don't get to see our church family as often as we would like.

The sunny days of summer bring with them numerous seasonal activities that keep many of us on the go-go-go! Maybe it's the water park at the lake, picnics, family vacations, baseball games, county & state fairs, craft shows, outdoor concerts, amusement parks, or camping. And how many of us plant gardens each spring and spend countless summer hours communing with nature as a result? Because of these things, many of us aren't around town when Sunday morning arrives.

That doesn't mean that we aren't still in touch with God or His teachings. We often hear "live life to the fullest", "enjoy the life that God has given you", or variations on that same sentiment. As the Bible says, "To everything there is a season...."

Summer – as it turns out – is often the season of "on-the-road"!

So, as you go about enjoying your summer days, remember that whether you're sitting in church or on the beach, there are infinite blessings from God all around you. And remember to slow down a bit.... stop a moment....and take in all the wonders around you. All the blessings from God. And if you listen.... you just might hear God whisper words of wisdom to you as well.

Wishing all of you a beautiful and blessed summer!

FROM THE PARISH NURSE

Dear Church Family,

It feels like we are living in the tropics today!! Summer is here. As this is the last newsletter for summer I decided to touch on some summer safety items.

First is water safety. We have already had 2 drownings in the Finger Lakes. Both were adults out fishing. If you are in a boat, be sure you have easy access to a life jacket if you aren't wearing one. Never swim alone. NEVER leave small children alone near pools, the water's edge or in a bathtub. If people are using their boat or Jet Ski unsafely, leave the area and call 911 to alert the Sheriff's Department. If at the beach, be sure you know what the colored flags stand for and respect them. I saw an example of this on the beach in Ocean City, Maryland. A flag was out indicating dangerous marine creatures. Some numbskulls ignored the flags, swam out and got stung by a swarm of jellyfish, requiring other folks to be put in harm's way trying to rescue them. What if it had been sharks or a rip tide? Most drownings are stupid mistakes that could have been easily prevented by common sense. The most tragic is the toddler found floating in a pool. It happens every year. If you have to leave the poolside, take the child with you. Never underestimate the ability of a sleeping toddler to wake up, get through a screen door, out of a playpen or over a gate.

Since the contamination fiasco at the Seneca Lake Water Park a few years back, many water parks have revamped their methods to keep water clean. Looking on the CDC website, they encourage you NOT to use spray parks or pools if you see people changing soiled diapers in or on the edge of the wet areas or if people are obviously dirty or sick or spitting into the water. Hopefully the chlorine is at a high enough level to kill the germs, but why take the risk? I will have a handout from the EPA available "Before You Go to the Beach". It tells you how to check on the water quality at beaches and any safety risks that have been found.

The next item I want to discuss is Picnic food. The FDA recommends that picnic food should not be left out more than 2 hours, 1 hour if the outside temperature is over 90 degrees. The “Danger Zone” is between 40-140 degrees. Cold foods need to be at 40 or below, hot foods over 140. If traveling with uncooked food to a grilling site, wrap raw meat well and be sure not to cross contaminate with other foods. Wash fresh fruits and vegetables before packing them. For outdoor grilling, suggested temperatures for steaks and fish is at least 145, pork and ground beef is 160, chicken is 165, lobster and shrimp is to be grilled until pearly and opaque and oysters till the shells are open. I will have a handout from the FDA about this.

I know I touched on it last month, but with the hot weather you have to stay well hydrated and not be too active to avoid dehydration and heat stroke.

Use your sunscreen and don’t forget your ears and top of your head. Wear a hat if you need to.

Some folks had asked me about the Anatomical Gift Program following the last Passages session. I now have the information pamphlets and paperwork if you are interested.

The next Passages session will be in September. Michelle Wheeler from HOSPICE will be our speaker.

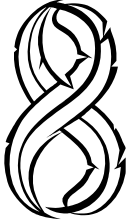
I hope you all have a wonderful, safe and healthy summer. Call me with any questions or concerns.

My cell phone number is 315-759-9039.

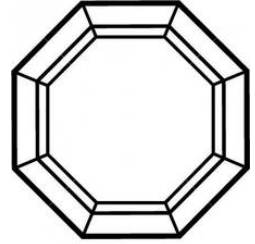
God Bless You All,

Beth





**Transition
Small groups
Fun and Fellowship Get
Together
Hang Out
OCTETS !!**



Do you want a book club to study *Revelations* by Elaine Pagels or the *Scandalous Gospel* by Peter Gomes, or *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins?

Does an evening dinner with people of faith have meaning for you?
Are you looking for a group with whom you can provide service or mission work?

Are you looking for a group with whom you can share?

Do you wish you had a group with which to study the Bible or discuss the weekly sermons?

Is an exercise group your preference?

Perhaps a movie night followed by discussion would be fun!

THEN...

You are invited by the Adult Ed Committee and the Membership Committee to join...

OCTETS

What: Octets are groups of eight people. A group may include non-members as well as church members. Everyone is encouraged to form a group or express individual interest in being part of a group.

When: The groups are forming now and will start meeting in the fall.

Where: Each group will be an independent entity. The group will decide where to meet, when to meet, how often to meet, as well as determining whether to be a study group, a social group, a dinner group, or a service/mission group. If any group is unsure of its goal, either the Adult Ed or Membership Committees is ready to help with ideas and suggestions.

Why: It is the hope of both committees that the groups will provide mutual support through the upcoming transition as well as serving as setting for social, educational, or service activities.

How: There are several ways to join a group. Those who have six or eight people who would like to start a group can give the list of people to Edna May in the church office. These groups will become one Octet and will continue as a group. Individuals or those who do not have a group of eight can sign up and indicate their interests. Groups of eight will be formed from everyone on the list. Areas of interest will be considered in forming these groups.

OCTETS

IT'S COMING: IT'S FUN: IT'S EASY: LET'S GO!!

RSVP

The Church Office: Edna May

Adult Education Committee: Ellen Reynolds

Membership Committee: Jennifer Morris

Name (s) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Interests (can select more than one)

- Book discussion**
- Dinner group**
- Service / Mission work**
- Discussion group**
- Bible study**
- Exercise**
- Movie discussion**

Frequency Desired

- Regularly (i.e. monthly)**
- Occasionally**
- Other**

Preferred Meeting time

- Daytime**
- Weeknight**
- Weekend**
- Other**

39 and Holding?

We all wish time could stop at say, 39 years. Many of us may even deny senior citizen discounts. But for most members at our church, we're not young or getting that way. The good news is that we are wiser, we are more responsible, and we've come to appreciate and love our families, our lives, and God's gifts more than when we were say, 39.

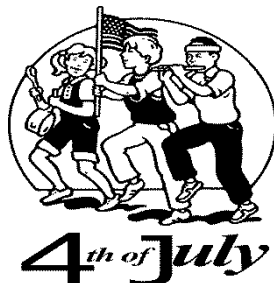
Our "Passages" programs have made us realize important decisions regarding end-of-life issues are necessary to provide financial, medical, and emotional security to those we love.

One of those difficult but necessary decisions is "Beyond my family, who or what do I wish to remember in my will?"

The Foundation Committee has been providing information and stressing the remembrance of our church with bequests in our wills. Many of our member have already committed to that very personal decision. This fall, the committee will be doing more with speakers, luncheons, and/or additional "passages".

It's not the time in our lives to not admit being say, over 39. It's time to admit what's important to us now....and later.

**Foundation Committee of the Session:
Bob Bailey, Jim Gerling, Dave Herd, Donna Loeb, and Beth Reiners and Jerry Rose (co-chairs)**





THANK YOU !!!

We would like to thank the congregation for the many kind expressions of sympathy at the time of the death of our brother, brother-in-law, uncle and great-uncle. We deeply appreciate it.

Ruth Benedict and Jerry Rose

Dexter & Faith Benedict

Heather, Mat and Ben DeMoras

THANK YOU to everyone for the wonderful cards I have received and for all your prayers.

Mary Burgess

THANK YOU for all the Campbell Soup labels we have received. We were able to get equipment for our Therapeutic Recreation program, educational software and reference books.

Kemmerer Village

On behalf of the Scouts and leaders from Boy Scout Troop 4 who will be going to Philmont Scout Ranch this summer, THANK YOU for your help and support. The blue collection box helped us raise more than \$2,300 in deposit bottles and cans. We also appreciate the donations of currency and checks. After our crew returns from New Mexico, we will resume collecting for our next "longer trip" -- perhaps to Washington, D.C. or elsewhere. We do value this church's support since 1917.

Fred Schühle, Assistant Scoutmaster

Memorial Garden Update

As of May 15th, the concrete foundation work is done and the base is prepared for the fountain. The concrete ramps, wiring for the fountain and lights, and the brick walkways are also complete. This wonderful addition to our church facility is currently funded through the memorials fund, but will need to rely on donations and sales of memorial bricks and columbarium niches to complete the project.

When completed, the garden will provide a sacred and natural setting to honor deceased members. The names of members who pass away after 12/31/11 will be engraved on the bricks for free. Members that were deceased prior to 1/1/12 can be honored on a memorial brick for a \$100 donation.

The columbarium will provide niches for those members wishing to have their cremains stored in their church as opposed to a cemetery or home. They are large enough to accommodate a couple or a family in one or two urns for the same price.

Applications for the columbarium niches, memorial bricks, and donations for the garden are available at the office. For more details, contact the Memorials and History Committee members: Bob Bailey, Jerry Rose, Beth Reiners, Elynn Colquhoun, or Tom Burrall.



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 JULY 1

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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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -
FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, NOON**

SAVE THE DATES!!

With the onset of Jim's retirement a committee has been formed to plan and execute two parties to honor Jim.

What I am asking you to do now is to save the dates if you wish to participate.

The first Dinner/Roast will be on Friday, November 9 at the Belhurst, in the evening.

The second will be at the church on Sunday, November 18 in the afternoon.

More information will follow as the plans are developed.

Bette Schubert, Chair

REMINDER: The church office closes at noon during the summer.



LECTIONARY For the Lord's Day -

- July*
- 1 - 2 Sam 1:1, 17-27; Ps 130;
2 Cor 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43*
 - 8 - 2 Sam 5:1-5, 9-10; Ps 48; 2 Cor 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13*
 - 15 - 2 Sam 6:1-5, 12b-19; Ps 24;
Eph 1:13-14; Mark 6:14-29*
 - 22 - 2 Sam 7:1-14a; Ps 89:20-37;
Eph 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*
 - 29 - 2 Sam 11:1-15; Ps 14;
Eph 3:14-21; John 6:1-21*
- Aug*
- 5 - 2 Sam 11:26-12:13a; Ps 5:1-12;
Eph 4:1-16; John 6:24-35*
 - 12 - 2 Sam 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Ps 130;
Eph 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51*
 - 19 - 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Ps 111;
Eph 5:15-20; John 6:51-58*
 - 26 - 1 Kings 8: (1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43;
Ps 84; Eph 6:10-20; John 6:56-69*