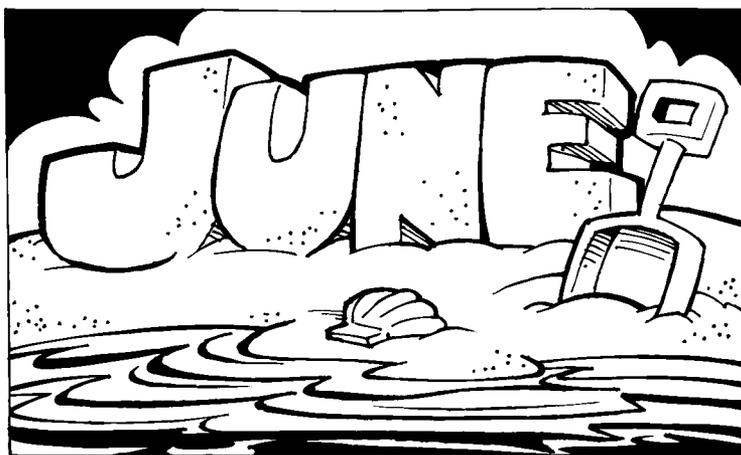


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Responding with Heart and Mind

The following is an excerpt from Robert Lupton's recent book, *"Toxic Charity – How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help."* Mercy is a force that compels us to acts of compassion. But in time mercy will collide with an ominous, opposing force, injustice. Against this dark and overpowering force, acts of mercy can seem meager. What good is a sandwich and a cup of soup when a severe addiction has control of a man's life? Or a night in a shelter for a young woman who must sell her body to feed her child?

Perhaps that is why the Bible places equal emphasis on both mercy and justice. The ancient prophet Micah succinctly summarizes God's design: 'He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.'

Act justly. Justice is 'fairness or reasonableness, especially in the way people are treated or decisions are made'

Love mercy. Mercy is 'compassion, kindness, or forgiveness shown especially to someone over whom a person has power.'

Twined together, these commands lead us to holistic involvement. Divorced, they become deformed. Mercy without justice degenerates into dependency and entitlement, preserving the power of the giver over the recipient. Justice without mercy is cold and impersonal, more concerned about rights than relationships. Mercy combined with justice creates: 1. immediate care with a future plan. 2. emergency relief and responsible development. 3. short-term intervention and long-term involvement. 4. heart responses and engaged minds." (Lupton, *Toxic Charity*, pp 41-42)

Here are several ways in which we are combining justice and mercy as we seek to respond to human need with our hearts and our minds: **SERRV, Café Justo, Working Capital for Community Need (micro loan fund in which part of our endowment is invested), One Great Hour of Sharing, Village Links, and Baby College.**



ONE SERVICE ONLY!!!!!!

JUNE 10 - SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY -

10:00 service

JUNE 17 - BACCALAUREATE - 10:00 service

JUNE 24 - UNION services begin

at the **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (THIS IS
A CHANGE) - 9:30** service

Come to the

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Wednesday

JUNE 20

5:30-8:00

Cake

Ice cream

Strawberries

BAKE SALE

SERRV International Handcrafts

LIVE entertainment

Activities for children

\$5.00 – age 13 and up

\$2.00 up to 12

.50 additional beverage

.50 cones

The Presbyterian Church in Geneva

24 Park Place



TAKE NOTE

*Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.*

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” was the opening hymn for our Sacred Song Services in May. The text of this familiar hymn was perfect for our theme of joy.

Presbyterian preacher and Princeton professor of literature, Henry van Dyke, penned this text in 1907. It connects God’s created world with the same creative spirit in the life of a believer and is filled with thoughts of trust and hope.

Van Dyke asked that his words be sung to Beethoven’s “Hymn of Joy.” The tune “Hymn of Joy” comes from the final movement of Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony, published in 1826. Beethoven had been totally deaf for quite some time when he composed this, his last symphony. It is said that after the first performance of the Ninth Symphony in Vienna, Austria, soloists had to come down from the stage to turn Beethoven around so he could recognize the thunderous applause.

Our program year will come to an end later in June. I am grateful to those of all ages who have been part of music ministry in our church. Our music staff deserves special thanks:

Sandy Campbell

Virginia Champlin

Lorraine Jones

Kate Komara

May we think of these words of van Dyke as we continue on our faith journeys.

*Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.*

101 Hymn Stories Kenneth Osbeck Kregel Publications



SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY IS JUNE 10, 10:00 service.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY IS JUNE 17, 10:00
service.

We invite ALL high school seniors to take part.

Anyone receiving a **college degree** or who received one in Dec. please call the church office with your information.

DEACONS invite all grads and their families to a breakfast
JUNE 20, 9:00

THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! to all those who taught our Sunday School classes this year. A special coffee hour in your

honor is **JUNE 10, 9:00** in the parlor.

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

FANTISTIC camps open to youth at **CAMP WHITMAN**
(beginning 3rd – 12th grade).



There's swimming, sailing, hiking, biking AND SO MUCH MORE!! If you need an application see Kathy Breese. Get them in early to secure a spot.

The church pays a scholarship for each of our youth to help defray the cost.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - GRADES 6-12

Cookout & Games



When: Thursday, June 28th

Where: Seneca Lake Yacht Club

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Please RSVP to Paula by email (pjfoote25@gmail.com) by Monday, June 25th!

Whitewater Rafting



When: Friday, June 29th – Saturday June 30th

(Tentatively sleeping over at the Presbyterian Church in Watertown and may help with a mission project Friday evening)

Where: Black River (Watertown, NY)

Time of departure and what to bring will be sent out after we have a confirmed number of people. Cost is \$64.00 a person (over 12 people will be cheaper). We also have youth group funds available to help with the cost!

**PLEASE RSVP by MONDAY JUNE 4th
so reservations can be booked and a
time can be given to our group!**

pjfoote25@gmail.com



THANK YOU!!!

In grateful appreciation for sharing your time, your talent and your facilities as a sponsor for Red Cross Blood Drives during 2011. THANK YOU!!!!

**There is so much confusion in this world because
PEOPLE are being used and
THINGS are being loved!!!**

CHRISTIANITY
EXPLORED

**Sunday Adult Forum
in the South Parlor
9:15 – 10:15
Living The Questions: An
Invitation to the Journey**

June 3 Out into the World There is a reformation afoot in Christianity. Long held ideas of divinity and of faith are changing and evolving to reflect 21st century thought and spirituality. Inspired by these fresh insights, Christians can claim a distinctive voice by being in solidarity with the poor, countering the idolatry of wealth, practicing nonviolence, and by seeking justice and inclusivity in a culture dominated by fear.

Let's Talk

In the Studio

Thursday, June 28

7-9 PM

Dexter Benedict's Studio

Jesus calls us to be doers of the word, to reach out in love and concern for those who need our help. Within our congregation, we have many opportunities to serve.

Jesus also demonstrated for us how to nurture our spirituality. By going off to a quiet place to be with God, Jesus gathered strength for what lay ahead. Such spiritual time nurtures our faith and brings God into our busy lives.

Opportunities for spiritual time are presented to us in worship and fellowship. In fact, Let's Talk is presenting an evening for experiencing the spiritual.

On Thursday evening, June 28, from 7-9 PM, Dexter Benedict has invited us to his studio for our next Let's Talk discussion. Dexter creates his sculptures in this studio. With Dexter, we will consider the spiritual aspect of creating art as well as the spiritual message art brings to us through its creation and its beauty.

The evening will start with fellowship followed by a presentation and a time for questions. Attendance is limited to 20 people, so please RSVP to Edna May in the church office or on the church website.

This program is sponsored by the Adult Education Committee.

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

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



June 28th *In the Studio...With Sculptor Dexter Benedict* who will talk about his art and the spiritual experience of creating art. Dexter has invited us to come to his workshop for the discussion so that we can experience the spirituality of the creative process in that setting.

1554 Baker Road, Penn Yan.



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 Colombia 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.

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

Crosswalk!!



Crosswalk because there are so many reasons to walk and meditate such as:

- Walking toward the Easter cross**
- Walking with your cross (Matthew 16:24)**
- Walking (a)cross/in service to America**

Starting this spring a Crosswalk group has been walking in unique areas of Geneva. Each experience has been a revelation. In addition, others have been walking individually, recording their miles on a log. We walk for health; we walk for inner peace; we walk to enjoy the world God has created.

There are no group Crosswalks planned for this summer. However, as you enjoy your vacations this summer, take a walk where you are visiting and notice the treasures that are there for you to enjoy. And in Geneva, we will be walking and enjoying the sights and sounds of nature in our community. Hundreds of miles have been covered in the few months we have been Crosswalking and we are well on our way to walking “around our town” or across America!!

So keep Crosswalking because there are so many good reasons to walk. And remember to keep a record of your walks on a Crosswalking Log available in the church office or in the Fellowship Hall. When your Log is completed it can be submitted to the church office or to Beth Nicholas, our parish nurse. We are keeping track of how far we have gone.

HAPPY CROSSWALKING!!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



UPCOMING EVENTS:

JUNE 20 – 58th STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL, 5:30-8:00 pm

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.

At this Gathering, Virginia will be elected and installed as the Churchwide Search Moderator and will sit on the Board of Directors for the 2012-2015 triennial.

GARAGE SALE - CANCELLED



FRIENDSHIP STUDY GROUP-

See you in September

NEEDLES GROUP- Thursday, June 7, 1:00 pm

In the south parlor

SERRV

Haiti and SERRV

In our shop we have a number of Haitian products....the most popular ones are the metal wall art pieces. These metal products are made from recycled steel drums that are cut, shaped, hammered and stippled in detail. This wall art can be used both inside your home or outside on a patio or outdoor living space. Others products made in Haiti are basketry, stone work and items made of clay.

The partnership between SERRV and Comite Artisanal Haitien (CAH) has remained strong since it began more than 30 years ago. After the devastating earthquake two years ago, SERRV has further increased its support for artisans as they continue to rebuild their lives. The support comes in the form of providing emergency supplies for the artisans and their families. For the long term, it means facilitating design trainings for the artisans and securing grants for a new Haitian Design Center, where artisans can come for additional training and product inspiration and assistance.

Recently, SERRV was able to send 40 sets of new tools (files, drills and hardened drill bits) for stone carvers. These tools will make their work easier and allow them to produce finer, higher quality products. Another SERRV grant helped CAH develop a more effective website to market their products to new wholesale customers. The Haitian people have suffered too many man-made and natural disasters for a long time, but SERRV and CAH provides practical, concrete opportunities for families to improve their lives.

Haiti is just one of many third-world countries that SERRV assists...please come into to the shop and see the work of people around the world trying to make a better life for themselves and their families.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE

Dear Church Family,

Don't ever get into poison ivy!!!!!! I've had this rash over a month and it's worse than ever. (As the temperature warms up my spots seem to multiply.) Thankfully the doctors seem to be right, I have not passed it on to anyone, (I was assured by 3 doctors it is not contagious). I may look a little spotted, but I can still visit folks without causing a problem.

Talking about skin problems, a good thing to do right now is to invest in a new bottle of sunscreen, SPF (Sun Protection Factor) 15 or higher. (If you have light skin or have been burnt before, some articles suggest using SPF 30 or more.) Most of the articles I have read agree that you need to reapply sunscreen every 2 hours. Always reapply sunscreen after swimming or if you get sweaty working outside. If you are not wearing a hat that covers your ears, don't forget to apply sunscreen to your ears. Many people get skin cancer on the tops of their ears. If you have thinning hair or a bald spot on your head, keep it covered. I took care of a man who had melanoma on the top of his head. He never saw it until it began eating through his scalp and started to hurt. If wearing sandals, remember to use sunscreen on the tops of your feet. Skin cancer is no fun. That savage tanning may come back to haunt you later!! Tanning beds are not considered safe. I will have information out in June on skin cancers, what they look like and how to check for them.

Another topic I'd like to discuss is dehydration. Especially in very young children and older adult, this can cause very serious problems in a hurry. When the weather gets hot and people are outside in the sun it is important to stay hydrated, even if you are just sitting. (I had a friend who ended up with Heat Stroke when she fell asleep outside in the sun.) Be sure children and older folks in particular, drink plenty of fluids when it is hot.

Signs of dehydration can be dizziness, lightheadedness, headache, unusual thirst, irritability, confusion, dry mouth, dark colored urine, decreased urine output, low Bp, rapid heart rate, rapid breathing and fever.

If an older friend is outside in the sun and seems to be falling asleep, go check them to be sure they are coherent and feel o.k.

Heatstroke is the result of being out too long in high temperatures or can be caused by overdoing physically in hot weather. A body temperature of 104 F or over is part of diagnosing heat stroke. Heat Stroke will damage muscles, heart, brain and kidneys. Heat Cramps and Heat Exhaustion are precursors to Heat Stroke. They begin with excess sweating, fatigue and cramps and progress to headache, dizziness, nausea, worsening cramps and cool moist skin. Water or Gatorade that is cool is good to give someone exhibiting these problems. Move them to a cool area and apply cool wet towels. If their temperature is high or they are faint, confused or dizzy it is best to call 911.

Remember alcohol can dehydrate you and decreases your body's ability to regulate temperature. Diuretics, vasoconstrictors and beta-blockers can add to dehydration. Drink accordingly!

Have fun in the sun, but be smart and sensible! Let me know if you have any questions.

My cell phone number is 315-759-9039.

God Bless You All,

Beth

PASSAGES - JUNE 3, 2012

Pastor Jim Gerling will be the speaker for our next Passages session. It will be held on Sunday, June 3, at 11:45 am in Fellowship Hall. Jim will discuss how to plan a funeral. Information about funeral homes in the area and what their role is will be included. It's a difficult subject, but we plan to make it interesting and light. A picnic style lunch will be provided when you sign up. If you wish to receive lunch please call the church office or the Parish Nurse to sign up.

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



LECTIONARY For the Lord's Day -

JUNE 3 Isa 6:1-8; Ps 29; Rom 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

JUNE 10 1 Sam 8:4-11 (12-15); 16-20 (11:14-15); Ps 138
2Cor 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

JUNE 17 1Sam 15:34-16:13; Ps 20; 2Cor 5:6-10 (11-13). 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

JUNE 24 1Sam 17:(1a, 4-11. 19-23) 32-49; Ps 9:9-20 or
1Sam 17:57-18:5, 10-16; Ps 133; 2Cor 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41



Café Justo

When is a cup of coffee more than just coffee? When it is Fair Trade Plus *Café Justo*. *Café Justo* is a grower-owned coffee cooperative located in Agua Prieta, Mexico, just across the Arizona border. Founded in 2002, the cooperative members own the entire business from the growing through the roasting and shipping. The co-op got its start with a \$20,000 micro-loan from Frontera de Cristo, the Presbyterian border ministry. It was decided that the cooperative must be Fair Trade Plus. What does that mean? It means:

- The cooperative pays a fair, stable, set price for the coffee beans.
- The coffee is organic certified.
- It is grown using sustainable agricultural practices.
- The cooperative practices financial transparency and consensus management and is committed to fair and just business practices.
- The cooperative does its own roasting (where most of the profit lies) so there is no middle man. A larger percentage of the final price goes to the cooperative members.
- The grower is guaranteed a living wage even when the prices fall.

Café Justo is committed to creating a strong future for all of its members and employees. It provides family health benefits and pension plans, unheard of in rural Mexico. When a fair price is paid for the coffee—which is a very labor-intensive crop—children stay in school, mothers have the option to stay at home to care for their families. There is money for community improvements.

Our church is committed to promoting peace and justice for each other, this church, our community, and the world. This is one way we can support our beliefs, the self-development of people, and enjoy the delicious results at home and during coffee hour. The Mission and Social Concerns Committee will take orders in the Fellowship Hall anytime and when they have enough orders they will place them with Cafe Justo. Look for the display.



DEACONS

Don't judge a book by its cover.

We've all heard that one before, right? And we all know what it means too - that we shouldn't look at someone and convince ourselves that we know who that person is or what they are like based on their appearance. Anyone who's ever watched an episode of *Undercover Boss* knows just how little it takes to transform one's outward appearance to see how people will respond to you when they have no idea who you really are. And how many "social experiments" have been conducted in an effort to assess how people will react based on what they **THINK** they know about someone rather than what they **ACTUALLY** know? Being non-judgmental is a good thing – but how about taking it another step? Forget appearance altogether. Tell yourself.....*People are like gifts.*

Yes, of course, the people we meet along life's road **ARE** gifts. They are blessings that come into each of our lives and enrich us in ways too numerous to list on this page. But take another look at what the words actually say.....

People are LIKE gifts.

Think back to any time when you've received a present from someone. Did you just set it on a shelf somewhere and gaze at the wrapping paper each time you walked by it? Of course not! You tore the wrapping away to see what was inside the box. Well, people are like gifts too. They come in all shapes and sizes and colors. Whether they are outwardly beautiful or not doesn't matter. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder – and it's fleeting. The point is they all look different. Who they are and what they will add to your life isn't apparent on the outside: that's just (so to speak) their own personal "wrapping paper". To find out who each individual is, you have to look inside. That is where the true gift resides.

So the next time you meet someone, please remember -

People are like gifts! And take a look inside....

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

_____ Thursday, August 9th

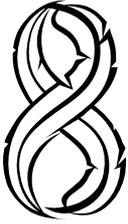
_____ Thursday, August 16th

_____ Thursday, August 30th

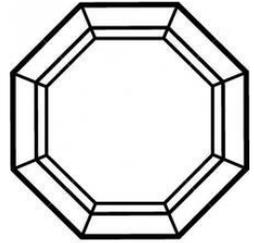
For the date(s) indicated above, I am willing to be:

_____ Kitchen Coordinator _____ Helper

Name: _____ Phone _____ e-mail _____



**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

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

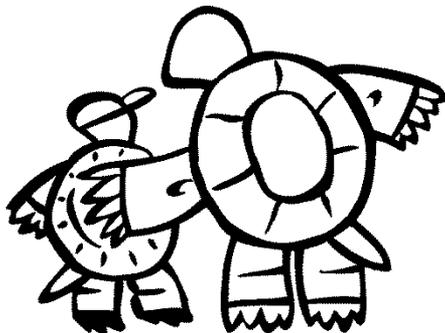
Pick a medium – embroidery, crewel, cross-stitch, fabric pen, whatever you like.

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

Please leave ½ inch around all the edges for hemming
Hand into the church office when done.

We need them by June 30.

Any questions call Kathy Breese, 789-5667.



Happy Father's Day

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 JUNE 3
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.



JIM – wjg@rochester.rr.com

SUZANNE – agosgo2@hotmail.com

EDNA MAY – eml22@rochester.rr.com

Website: <http://www.presbyterianchurchingenevanewyork.org>

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -
FRIDAY, JUNE 22, NOON

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, Ellyn Colquhoun, or Tom Burrall.



Special Meeting Of The Presbytery Of Geneva May 3, 2012

A special meeting of the Presbytery of Geneva was held at Camp Whitman to consider the purchase of a property on East Leach Road next to the camp. Present were The Rev Dr. Joelle Davis, Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk, Rhonda Everdyke, 23 Clergy Members including Rev Gerling, 18 Elder Commissioners, 3 Voting Commissioners and Amanda Grover of Amanda Grover Real Estate. Several nonvoting guests were also present. I attended for the Presbyterian Church in Geneva.

The meeting opened at 3:30 with a prayer by Ruling Elder Bob Bell, Moderator. A presentation was made by Ms. Grover to describe the property. Ms. Everdyke showed a “virtual visit” using visual media. The Rev. Jim Yao to discussed finance. An extensive question and answer period was followed by discussion. A ballot vote was taken on the question: “Shall the Presbytery of Geneva authorize the Rev. Dr. Joelle S. Davis, acting as Stated Clerk, to prepare a purchase offer for the property located at 169 East Leach Road, not to exceed \$695,000?” The proposal failed.

**Edwin Frick
Elder Commissioner**

NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL

Have you want to receive the newsletter by email? It's easy, open your computer's web browser and navigate to the church's home page at

<http://www.presbyterianchurchingenevanewyork.org>

In the second column of the webpage, underneath the picture of the picture of the church, find the heading labeled "Newsletter." In the paragraph underneath "Newsletter," with your mouse, click on the words "click here" to start the subscription process. When the Newsletter page is displayed enter your email address in the text box and then press the Subscribe button. You will receive an email from the church website asking you to confirm your subscription to the newsletter. Once you confirm your subscription, you will receive a second email confirming that your subscription is complete.