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TRANSITION: A TIME FOR COURAGE & STEPPING FORWARD IN FAITH

Greetings! As you may have heard, I am the Rev. Dr. Deborah Lind-Schmitz, your transition minister at Presbyterian Church in Geneva. You can call me Deb or Pastor Deb. Thank you for welcoming me on January 20, 2013. I am looking forward to knowing you better and I hope to learn about your spiritual journey as we step into the future.



The months of December and January were time of farewells and greetings for all us.. These changes are both exciting and unsettling. For me, it is comforting to turn to God's assurance in Isaiah, *"Fear not for I am with you. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you."* (Is. 41:10a) Transitions are easier when we rely on God, who calms our fears and strengthens our spirits; especially when we journey in

unchartered territory. Stepping into the future requires an adventurous and fearless faith.

With that in mind, I have two visuals for you to contemplate during this transition. First the sign above says "End". However, the small figure in the background is walking along a path, not well defined and not heavily travelled. He or she has not taken that sign as a directive to stop her/his journey. Courage is reaching the end and yet continuing on the spiritual journey...regardless of someone else's label that this is the end. So, have courage and carry on. Step forward in faith.



The young skateboarder to the right is adventurously airborne. We hope he will find solid ground safely. But, for a moment he is flying.

So it goes for those who are adventurous to take a leap of faith. Tom Teller explains stepping faithfully into the unknown as follows:

*When you come to the edge of all the light you see,
And you must take a step into the darkness of the unknown, you
must believe one of two things:
Either you will find something firm to stand on,
Or, you will be taught to fly.*

During this next year, God willing, we will learn to fly **and** land safely.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Deb

February 2013 Preaching Schedule

Questions of Faith based on the Lectionary listed above

February 3	What is the Good News?
February 10	Is this Really about Rejection?
February 13	ASH WEDNESDAY "From Your Mouth to God's Ear"
February 17	First Sunday in Lent: Pastor Suzanne Preaching
February 24	Second Sunday in Lent: "Ice Fishing?"

33rd ANNUAL LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST **SERIES**

The Presbyterian Church, in cooperation with the Christian congregations of the Geneva Area Interfaith Council, is again hosting the Lenten Breakfast series. You are cordially invited to attend any or all of them. Our time together will focus on the Beatitudes.

The schedule is:

- February 13 - The Reverend Janice Bourne
Retired American Baptist minister
Blessed are the poor in spirit
- February 20 - The Reverend Tae Kun Kim
First United Methodist Church
Blessed are those who mourn
- February 27 - The Reverend Karen Lewis
Trinity Church
*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness*
- March 6 - The Reverend Lesley Adams
Chaplain, Hobart and William Smith
Colleges
Blessed are the merciful
- March 13 - The Reverend Hoan Dinh
Our Lady of Peace Parish
Blessed are the pure in heart
- March 20 - The Reverend Paul Tomasso
Our Lady of Peace Parish
Blessed are the peacemakers

The breakfasts are held in the Fellowship Hall of The Presbyterian Church, 24 Park Place, and will begin promptly at 6:45 am and will adjourn by 7:30 am for those who must leave for work. A free will offering is taken and anything over the “chef’s” costs is given to One Great Hour of Sharing. The suggested donation is \$3.00. We invite you to make this series a part of your Lenten experience. Come and bring a friend.

SHROVE TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 12

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 OBSERVANCE

FEBRUARY 13, 6:00 pm

On Wednesday, Feb. 13, 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**



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!!!**



Deacons

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE DEACONS

Ham and Scalloped Potato Lunch

Sunday, February 24th

Following the 10:30 worship service

Lunch will include: ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls,
dessert and beverage.

Take-out will be available but please stay for fun & fellowship!!!!

**THIS IS A BENEFIT FOR THE PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY
FUND TO HELP THOSE IN NEED**

SUGGESTED DONATION

ADULTS: \$8.00 KIDS UNDER 8: \$4.00

RESERVATIONS:

Call the church office by February 20th OR
put this form in the offering plate on Sunday.

**Yes!! I (we) plan to attend the February 24th Ham and Scalloped
Potato Lunch.**

Name.....

_____ number of adults

_____ number of children 8 and under



Lenten Bible Study

GENESIS

Genesis is a book of beginnings:

A beginning for the world

A beginning of the people of God

ABRAHAM JACOB JOSEPH

We will be studying the:

Embraced Call of God

Conflicted Call of God

Hidden Call of God through

familiar stories in the Genesis text.

THE STUDY

We are all fascinated by beginnings. Faith communities produce sacred literature and are a product of those Scriptures. Genesis continues to exert an influence on contemporary culture today.

MEETING

Friday evenings through March 22

6-8 PM

A supper of soup, bread and fruit begins at 6 pm. The study begins at 7 pm. Handouts for the study are available in the church office.

From the Parish Nurse

Dear Church Family,

Everyone is cutting back. Have you noticed how your bar of soap has shrunk from a big handful size to something that might fill the hand of a 4 year old? Well, the Post Office is having its cut backs too. As a result, my newsletter article can only be 1 page instead of 2. So, it's not that I'm getting lazy; a longer version will be on the church Web Page if you are able to access that.

Another place that has experienced a cut back is the blood bank. With the flu epidemic this year there are fewer people donating, (You should not donate when you are ill). However, once you are completely healthy, consider scheduling an appointment to give blood if this is something you feel called to do. *“This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.”* 2

CORINTHIANS 9:12

February is National Blood Donation Month, so I decided to share some information about donations. Eligibility requirements for blood donors include: being healthy, at least 110 lbs., and at least 17 years old. To have a “successful” donation: be sure to drink plenty of fluids the day before you donate, be sure to eat an iron rich diet in the weeks before your donation, bring a list of any medications you have been taking recently, wear clothes that make it easy to access your upper arm, bring an ID and a friend to drive if you are prone to feeling a little woozy after the donation.

An average adult has approximately 10 pints of blood in his/her body. A typical donation takes about 1 pint of blood (1/10th, just like tithing). A healthy adult can donate whole blood every 56 days (the procedure takes about 10 minutes). A healthy donor can donate particular parts of the blood, such as platelets, much sooner (approx, every 7 days), but the procedure takes 1hr. to 2 1/2 hrs.

According to the American Red Cross: every 2 seconds someone in the US needs blood, more than 44,000 blood donations are needed every day, a single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood, giving blood is a safe procedure, the blood is tested for disease and the donor is notified if a problem is found (this is kept confidential).

There are several blood types: A, B, AB, and O. Type O can donate red blood cells to all other types and is referred to as the universal donor. However O can only receive O type blood. Type AB can only donate to other

Abs, but can receive blood from all other types. ABs are the universal recipients. The A, B, and O deal with types of antigens (substances that can trigger an immune response if not normally found in a person's body). So giving someone with type A blood a transfusion of type B blood would trigger an immune response. The body would try to "fight off" the unusual type B antigen, causing the individual to become VERY sick and possibly die. Rh factor is another antigen associated with blood. You either have it (Rh positive) or you don't (Rh negative). In this case a person with Rh negative (no antigen) can only get Rh negative blood. Rh positive folks can receive blood with or without the Rh factor.

If you have ever received blood, you might have noticed how closely the nurse checked your identity and that your blood unit number matched your wristband number. Prior to the transfusion the lab takes a blood sample and mixes the donors blood with the blood of the to be recipient. It is monitored under a microscope to see if the two blood types are compatible. If any reactions occur the individual will not be given that unit of blood. When there appears to be a good match the blood is brought to the patient and the transfusion is started. The patient should be checked every 15 minutes for at least one hour, to be sure they are not having a reaction to the blood. Fever, chills, chest or flank pain, or a sudden rash are never a good sign when receiving blood. If any of these problems start to occur the blood is stopped and the patient is given IV fluids.

All donated blood is tested for HIV, hepatitis B and C, syphilis, West Nile virus, antibodies for the parasite causing Chagas' disease, and for various other red blood cell antibodies and diseases.

Red blood cells can be kept up to 42 days in refrigeration and can be frozen for up to ten years. Uses include treatment of severe anemia or blood loss. Platelets are stored at room temperature and only last 5 days. They are used to help control bleeding. Plasma can be stored frozen for up to a year. It is used for preoperative replacement of deficient plasma proteins or bleeding patients who lack coagulation (clotting) factors. Granulocytes are used occasionally to help fight infections; they must be used within 24 hrs. of donation.

I will have more information on the website and Health Tables. If you have questions my cell phone number is 315-759-9039.

God Bless You All,

Beth



FEB. 3 –Children’s Choir and ORFF take part in 10:30 worship

FEB. 17 – PRETZEL SUNDAY

HELP!!! Teachers needed for Mar. – June – 1st -3rd and 4th-7th

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – FEB. 6 – can you spare \$1.00 to help feed the hungry?

2013 PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM – July 16-20

Open to ALL 9th-12th graders

Registration and deposit due APRIL 1

HEIFER PROJECT – the Sunday School classes are saving to buy A HEIFER OF HOPE – to help look for the HEIFER in Fellowship Hall.



MARCH 11, 2013, 7:00

CAMPBELL’S SOUP UPC CODES

Please save your UPC CODES

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

to benefit Geneva Head Start

**Youth Fellowship
February
Grades 6-12**

VanderKamp 

Arrive: Friday, February 8th

Depart: Sunday, February 10th



Time: 2:00-4:00pm

When: Sunday, February 24th

Where: Sunset Lanes

Cost: \$10.00 (2 games of bowling, shoe rentals, pizza, and soda)

Bring: socks

Please RSVP to Paula by email (pjfoote25@gmail.com) by

WEDNESDAY, February 20th!

Opportunities for Adults

Sunday Morning Adult Forum

In the South Parlor at 9:15 a.m.

February 2 Uppity Women of the Bible: Judith

February 10 – Not meeting

February 17 & 24 – For Lent we will be using *Making Sense of the Cross: Why Does the Cross Matter?* by David Lose.

Friday Night Soup Supper and Bible Study

Wind down the week with a relaxed soup supper followed by Bible study of *Genesis*. A simple meal of soup, bread and fruit is on at 6 and Bible study is from 7 – 8. Delicious food, good fellowship, and interesting faith journeying.

Octets

Octets are still forming. These are groups of eight people who meet when they want to meet and plan activities that they want to do for fellowship. If you are interested or want to know more, contact Diana Capron or the church office.



LECTIONARY For the Lord's Day -

Feb. 3 – Jer. 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6; 1Cor 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

10 – Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99; 2Cor 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

17 – Deut 26:1-11; Ps 91:1-2, 9-16; Rom 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

24 – Gen 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

***Another way to help* SERRV**

SERRV Shop will be open again Sunday February 10, 2013. Come into the shop and view our many gift items—jewelry, scarves, chocolates, fancy boxes, embroidered purses and tapestries and more—for Valentine’s Day, Easter and Spring giving.

SERRV International is continually working to eradicate poverty through education and empowerment in as many countries as possible. With knowledge and skills hard working artisans develop successful, sustainable businesses that provide for their families and communities.

Part of SERRV’s mission is to help partners build sales to provide employment to many more disadvantaged artisans. Representatives travel to these partners instructing on techniques for creating well-designed marketing.

At St Mary’s in Ahmedabad India, disadvantaged Christian, Muslim and Hindu women have been coming together for 50 years to create stunning works of art. Embroidery pieces showcase the hours of work that have gone into every detail and represent the empowerment and stability the work provides to each woman. Every thread stitched is creating a better future for them and their families. By purchasing in our Shop you will be helping to support them and many more struggling families of the world.

HOURS: Saturdays 10:00 am-12:30pm; Sundays after both services. Any other time call the church office (789-1343) and one of our volunteers will make the shop available to you.

All who are interested in this mission project are welcome. Call the church office or Lou Tarr (789-1252) for information to volunteer or work on our committee.



GLORY TO GOD

The Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song began its work in 2008 to determine what hymns and songs would be part of the new hymnal, **Glory to God**. Every hymn in our present hymnal was considered. **“Silent Night, Holy Night,” “Jesus Christ is Risen Today,”** and **“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”** are among those unanimously chosen. The latter will be the first hymn in Glory to God. This hymn praises the Trinity and implores us to lift our voices to God’s entire creation.

We were part of the program piloting new hymns and songs considered for this hymnal. Our congregation can expect this wonderful new resource to arrive this fall. We will reverently retire our present hymnal and embrace Glory to God as we continue our faith journeys as individuals and as a community.

***“The hymnal is a kind of response to the Bible, an echo and an extension thereof. In the Bible one perceives how the Lord communicates with people; and in the hymnal how people communicate with the Lord.”**

***(Eighteenth century Moravian theologian and prolific hymn-writer: Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf)**

Faithfully, Chris Wertman

Presbyterian Women



UPCOMING EVENTS:

PW Coordinating Team – Feb. 10, 11:30



FRIENDSHIP STUDY GROUP-Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1:30 pm
Chapter 6

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY to Freda Umiker on February 22nd!! - an amazing, and faithful member of our Friendship Study Group.

NEEDLES GROUP– Thursday, Feb. 7, 1-3:00 pm
South parlor

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 22 - NOON

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Elfredia Frick
Jean Harman
Sandy McDonald
Marjorie McIntosh
Dan Schreher

Youth Deacons

Amy Gorla
Ricky Cieri

Without M.L.K., Jr.

by Elizabeth Komara

(1st place primary school)

My life would be very miserable without Martin Luther King, Jr. I wouldn't have any friends like Brandy and Addison and such a special class. Everything would be so different right now and I would not get to be treated the same.

2 CENTS – A - MEAL

We will collect 2 cents offerings on FEBRUARY 3

You can make a difference in the lives of hungry people!!!

Community Lunch Program: Feeding bodies and spirits

Thank you to all who supported the Geneva Community Lunch Program through your donations and volunteer time over the holidays! Your support and generosity helps the program to continue providing 60 to 70 people with a nutritious hot meal every weekday. The CLP, a program of Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes, is located at the First United Methodist Church at 340 Main Street. You can help support this good work by providing specific items from the wish list, including: Salt and Pepper Shakers; Margarine or Butter; Band Aids (standard size); Paper Towels; Dish towels (can be gently used); 33 gallon-size Trash Bags; Plastic Serving Gloves (any size); Cooking Spray (such as “Pam”); Dishwasher Detergent; Baking Powder; Hydrogen Peroxide; and Pencils/Pens (can be gently used). Donated items may be brought to the Methodist Church kitchen any weekday between 9:00 and 1:00. The parking lot is located behind the church on William Street. For further information contact Connie Sullivan at CSullivan@dor.org or 315-521-6684.



RECORDED SERVICES

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



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We want to keep in touch with you!

As the Church enters this period of transition, communication will be even more important. **Please keep in touch with the Church through its “Facebook” page The Presbyterian Church in Geneva and become a Facebook ‘friend’.** Click on “Like” and under that “Get notifications” and “Show in newsfeed” for updates to show up on your Facebook page.

The church’s website

www.presbyterianchurchingenevanewyork.org will continue to assist the Presbyterian Church in Geneva in its efforts to reach out and spread the word of God to both its members and non-members. Email access to the church, its staff, and of course, Rev. Deborah Lind-Schmitz, our Transitional Pastor is available on the “About Us” tab.