

The Geneva Pres

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Rally Round Christ

When you think of a rally, what comes to mind? A school pep rally gathers students to rouse enthusiasm for the football game. Cheerleaders, band members and the announcers main goal is to give the team support and ignite school spirit. The football captains give a hopeful speech about the prospects for the year. The captain usually concludes with either “Go Team” or “Win one for the Gipper”.(George Gip, the famous University Notre Dame football player died tragically at 25 years old)

Rally Day at church has some similarities and obvious differences. Christian Education (for all ages) begins on September 7 with games and great plans for the year. The main goal of everyone gathered is to give support to the children, teachers and congregation. Yes, there are a few cheerleaders on staff, including Kathy. Actually, we all should be cheering each other. My job is to be both team captain and cheerleader bringing enthusiasm and a hopeful vision for the year.

The difference is Christians rally around Christ in the fall, welcoming everyone back from summer vacations. The church rally does not end with a competitive cry, “We are going to WIN this year!” Instead, gather around the Lord’s Table to remember Christ and renew our commitment to God. The mission is not to win as much as to imitate Christ’s love and devotion to God and humanity. We are called to be team players, but our team includes our Triune God. So, come cheer each other on. Join us as we rally around Christ and begin our fall programs. “Go Team!”

Pastor Deb



Sept. 7 Rally Day –“ Rally Round Christ”

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18: 15-20 Where Two or Three are
gathered in my name, I am with you.

Hymns: *Gather Us In* GG 401

These Treasure Children GG 487 (in
honor of all the returning children)

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love GG 203

Sept. 14 “Extraordinary Multiplication”

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35 Forgive Seven Times Seven

Hymns: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* GG 620 (or 619)

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy GG 435

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive GG 444

Sept. 21 “Who’s on First?”

Phil. 1:21-30 - Stand Firm, Walk Side by Side

Matthew 20:1-16 - The First will be last, the last will be first

Hymns: *All Who Love and Serve Your City* GG 351

Come, Labor On GG 719

O Jesus, I Have Promised GG 724

Sept. 28 “In Full Accord & Of One Mind”

Phil. 2: 1-13

Matthew 21:23-32 Make my joy complete: be of the
same mind, having the same love

Hymns: *In the Presence of Your People* GG 631

New and fun:

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name GG 264

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah GG 65

Parents please feel free to join us at 5:30 to add your input to our plans.

COME ONE, COME ALL . . .

WELCOME BACK TO A

NEW PROGRAM YEAR!!!!

SEPTEMBER 7 is



We invite **EVERYONE** to join us in Fellowship Hall at **9:15 am** on September 7, for games, songs, and fellowship.

Let's all come and reacquaint with old friends and maybe make some new friends.

Then we hope you'll join us at the **10:30** worship service.

PLEASE BRING A SCHOOL SUPPLY - 2 pack glue stick, box of 16 or 24 crayons, 12 pkg colored pencils, 12 pkg of pencils, a spiral notebook, pkg of washable markers, or a small pencil box

Hope to see you SEPTEMBER 7, at 9:15.

Take Note



LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD

Many musicians provided music to enhance worship during the summer months. Virginia Champlin, Linda Cox, Don Damick, and Judy Tresback served as organists. There were many vocalists and instrumentalists to provide music for summer worship including youth pianists and instrumentalists. We are grateful to all the musicians who shared their talents.

We look ahead to our new program year, which will include new talent. Linda Hanson Cox will be our organist for both services. Linda's husband, Richard, will be directing our Adult Bell Choir. We welcome them and look forward to the contributions they will make to music ministry at The Presbyterian Church in Geneva. On September 14 we will honor Virginia Champlin for her many years of service as Chapel Organist. Watch for details.

The Adult Choir will offer Martin Shaw's exuberant "*With a Voice of Singing*" on September 7 – Rally Day. We are always happy to welcome new musicians to all our musical groups. Please consider this opportunity!

I will be in Abu Dhabi for a few weeks in the fall and am grateful to Don Damick for filling in for me.

*O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of his name.
Make his praise to be glorious.
With a voice of singing
declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia!*

Faithfully, Chris



THANK YOU!!!!!!

Sept. 14
after 10:30
worship
to recognize
Virginia Champlin

Virginia is retiring as our Chapel organist after MANY years of service. Please join us after 10:30 worship on Sept. 14 to honor her and say *THANK YOU!!!* She will be attending Chapel services that day so those who choose to worship early will get a chance to see her.

Can you spare the week of Sept. 14-20?
The West Virginia Mission Work Team could use some more help.
For more information contact Fritz Aude,
359-3240.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

**“The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.”
Sydney J. Harris**

You’re invited...

to Adult Forum on Sunday, September 14th at 9:15 am to join others in “turning mirrors into windows”. The Adult Ed Committee is beginning our program year with an opportunity for everyone to determine our educational direction for the coming year. Our theme is Mind: Body: Spirit and resources will be available for consideration and ideas will be collected through discussion and a survey.

“You can never be...overeducated.” Oscar Wilde

More opportunity...

will be offered as the Adult Ed Committee offers two study programs for the year. One will follow the traditional Adult Forum pattern. The second will focus on “Our Selves” delving into meditational practices, Presbyterian traditions, and the Bible as a guide in our lives. The two-program format will begin in October.

We’ll see you...

September 14: **“Turning Mirrors into Windows”**, 9:15 am
South Parlor, a survey and sample materials

September 21: **PC(USA) General Assembly: Some Social Issue Outcomes**, 9:15 am South Parlor, a discussion of marriage and divestment

September 28: **“Opening the Windows Discovered”**, 9:15 am
South Parlor, a discussion of the survey results and the direction of study for 2014

Consider Paul’s Letter to the Romans 12:2 ***Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your m***



*RALLY DAY IS Sept. 7-intergenerational event
COME JOIN US - SEE you at 9:15*

WELCOME FALL TEACHERS:

3 yrs-K – Karen Howard

1st-3rd – Sue and Richard Hendersen

4th-6th – Bev Burrall

**Confirmation – Rick Bley, Sigrid Carle, Mark Palmieri,
Beth Newell, Lauren Lamb, Steve Cottrell**

10-12th – Bill Lamb, Ed Frick



SEPTEMBER 8, 7:00

**YOUTH ELDER /DEACON ORDINATION AND
INSTALLATION**

SEPT. 14, 10:30 WORSHIP

CONFIRMATION RETREAT – SEPT. 12-13

CONFIRMATION YOUTH AND SPONSORS' CLASS – 9:00

SEPT. 21

CONFIRMATION VISITS TEMPLE BETH EL–SEPT. 28, 9:00

CAMPBELL'S SOUP UPC CODES

Please save your UPC CODES

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

to benefit Geneva Head Start

Youth Fellowship

If you are in grades 6 through 12, you are invited to come to Youth Fellowship! Friends are also welcome!

Games, Pizza, and Planning in the Park

When: Sunday, September 14th 4:30-6:00pm

Where: Lakefront Park Gazebo (By Chamber of Commerce). Please wear clothing appropriate for outdoor games!

Planning: Bring your calendar (school, sports, and extra-curriculars) so we can plan for the year!

Rain location: Meet at the church if it is pouring rain

Please bring \$3 for pizza, soda, and munchies!!



Presbyterian Women

- **Upcoming Events:**

PW Coordinating Team will meet on September 21, at 11:45 a.m. in the Conference Room.

All women are encouraged to attend this meeting to learn about upcoming activities and events for the Fall.

Special Thanks to all who donated items and/or helped with the receptions for Gus Pohlig, Betty Holden, and for Pastor Deb. Everything was delicious and the help was much appreciated.



FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY GROUP- Tuesday, Sept. 9, 1;30
South Parlor. The new study will be introduced by Suzanne Ottbacher.





Deacons

Recently, I was visiting my dad at Seneca Lake Terrace. When I arrived he was sitting in one of the living rooms with other residents waiting for daily exercise class to begin. I greeted him with a hug and asked how he was doing. He gave me a big smile and said, "Well, much better now that you're here!"

The things that matter in our lives are not fantastic or grand. The really important things happen in the everyday moments that we share with others. We all need one another to help fill our simple yet profound need for human connection. God is present in these everyday moments helping us grow goodness in our lives. What could be more important than that?

As we begin a new church year, remember that the deacons are here for you. If you need help with transportation to church or a doctor's appointment, or grocery shopping, please give us a call.

Sandy McDonald

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER 19- NOON**



Just a reminder - Our Parish Nurse is NOT an emergency responder. If you have a true emergency you need to call 911.



Dear Church Family,

I hope you all had a fun, safe and restful summer. I have just returned from our family camp in Quebec where it felt more like the end of October than mid August. We did see a number of trees that had red leave already. Get your furnaces checked and houses buttoned up early this year.

So how many of you have heard of the Ice Bucket Challenge? It's as bad as it sounds. People pour a bucket of ice or ice-cold water over your head, and if they are really sadistic, they do it real slow! So why are people doing such a painfully ludicrous thing? It's to raise awareness and money for ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Thankfully I have not been challenged, (I guess you can donate money instead of, or along with the ice water torture). But it is a worthy cause, so I decided to help out in part with this month's newsletter.

ALS is a degenerative disease that affects certain nerve cells of the brain and spinal cord. The affected nerves are called motor neurons. They send messages from the brain to the muscles to tell them when and how you want to move. These neurons control voluntary muscle movement. They do not affect muscles like your heart, which move involuntarily (on their own, you don't have to think about it). Unfortunately, some of our muscles used in breathing are voluntary, so eventually ALS makes it difficult for those afflicted to breath. As the motor neurons die, muscle movement stops, muscles atrophy and paralysis sets in.

Symptoms of ALS include muscle weakness, muscle twitching and cramping, difficulty speaking and swallowing, loss of muscle mass, paralysis and difficulty breathing and death.

The mean survival rate after diagnosis is 3 to 5 years, although some people have survived over 20 years. The most common age range in which ALS is diagnosed is 40 –70 years. Most commonly victims of this disease are whit males. Many people with ALS do not experience mental changes, but some do. At present, no one has found what causes this disease. Riluzole is presently the only FDA approved drug used to treat ALS. It has been found useful in slowing the progression of the disease. You can find more information at www.alsa.org. I will have more information out on the health table in September. Call me with and questions 315-759-9039. God Bless, Beth

SERRV International Fair Trade Gift Shop

SERRV Shop will be opening SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7th at 9:00 am and 11:30 am, Rally Day. You are invited to visit the SERRV Shop and encourage friends, family and co-workers to come and see our variety of handcrafts. You will find many items for all occasions through the year.

We will be opening Saturdays starting September 13th from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm and we will continue those hours until November when we have extended holiday hours. SERRV provides not only fair prices and vital income but also training, grants, emergency assistance and resources to 32 developing countries and partners in the United States.

October 19th will be our annual basket sale in Fellowship Hall. There will also be some other special gifts including jewelry. We will have many colorful baskets, multicolored grass baskets and intricate baskets with flower designs along with many others. It will be an opportunity to shop early for the holidays.

The SERRV Shop Hours are Saturdays 10:00 am -12:30 pm and Sundays after both services or call the church office for help weekdays from a volunteer.

Be sure to come OPENING DAY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH AFTER BOTH SERVICES.

*PRAY for peace today and maybe tomorrow
You won't have to.....*



The Memorials and History Committee recently received several donations:

In memory of Leona Choffin, by Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Thorpe of Holcomb NY.

In memory of Norma Davidson, by Emma Andrews, of Keene Valley NY.

In memory of Gary Braun, by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Carle, of Canandaigua NY.

In memory of Gus Pohlig, by Dawn Wickum, Anne and Jeffrey Cassim, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Powers, Mr. and Mrs. James Nearpass, Marjorie Warren, and Janice Stewart, all of Waterloo, NY. Also by, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Nearpass, of Owego NY, Mr. and Mrs. Saul Towers, MD, of Seneca Falls NY, Wendy, Dennis and Casey Doyle, of Romulus NY, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dobbin of Naples FL and Richard Klein of Geneva.

***GRACE isn't a little prayer you say before a meal,
It's a WAY OF LIFE!!!!***

2 CENTS – A - MEAL

We will collect 2 cents offerings on SEPT. 7
You can make a difference in the lives of hungry people!!!

Like a good neighbor, JESUS is there!!!!

RECORDED SERVICES

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



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COLLEGE CARE BOXES

Cookies and brownies are needed on Sunday,
Sept. 21.

The Membership & Evangelism Committee is planning the annual preparation of *Care Boxes* to be sent to our new college students and *Welcome Bags* to be delivered to HWS students who are Presbyterians.

Please help us brighten the college students' day. Bring your treats to the conference room NO LATER THAN 9:00 am on Sept. 21. Sunday School classes will pack the bags and boxes.

You Can Touch the Future

Have you ever considered making a provision for The Presbyterian Church in Geneva in your will? Please give this some prayerful consideration. Your generosity after your lifetime can make a tremendous difference to this church and the community.

Thank you!

The Foundation Committee: Ruth Benedict, Jerry Rose, Beth Reiners, Ed Frick, Don Damick, Bob Eberle

PLEASE bring school supplies on Sept. 7, These will be donated to the local schools to help those who can't afford to buy their own:

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Pkg washable markers

2 pack glue sticks

12 pkg colored pencils

12 pkg pencils

box of 16 or 24 crayons

small pencil box

**We also need ONE SUBJECT
NOTEBOOKS**

THANKS!!!!