

The Geneva Pres



2015

The Presbyterian Church in Geneva

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 FROM THE
PASTOR **Summer of Psalms**
& Wisdom

This summer let's do something different, something out of box. How about a sing-along outside or a "flash mob" song? That's just another way of saying, "Everyone meet at the fountain and start singing a favorite song." Please check your emails, texts and newsletters for time, date and place.

Social Media, U-tube and Facebook have made "Flash mobs" popular. Without the videos, spontaneous sing-a-longs have occurred in streets and other public arenas for centuries. Some of the oldest songs in the Hebrew Scriptures originated at the scene. Miriam, Moses' sister led a victory Song giving God thanks after successfully crossing the Red Sea (Exodus 15). Then, there are the ancient planned sing-a-longs on the Sabbath. A Sacred Song, a canticle or psalm was sung during Sabbath in Hebrew homes and on Sunday in Christian chapels. Musical prayers are a vital part of our faith story and heritage.

This summer, I am not following the traditional Lectionary selects. Rather I will loosely follow a type of lectionary, Narrative, that consists of books or topics that fall outside of our three year cycle. It will be almost impossible to cover all the Psalms, Wisdom Literature and Poetry. However, I will use examples that demonstrate the best of our heritage.

You are invited to enjoy new tunes as well as "chestnuts" as we pray and learn more about the psalms we sing.

Rev. Dr. Deborah Lind-Schmitz

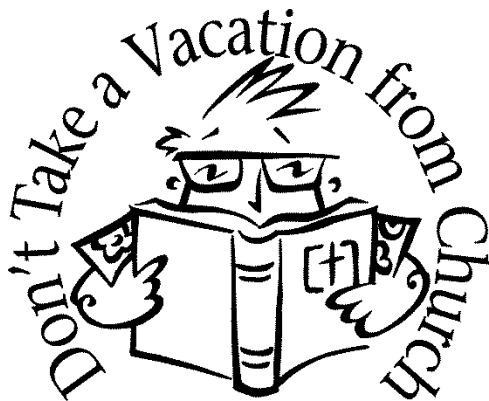
P.S. - I will be leading two workshops on the "Glory to God", the new hymnal at the Presbyterian Women's Conference the weekend of June 21)





Preaching Schedule

June 7, 2015	Sunday School Sunday	
June 14, 2015	Praying the Psalms: "All God's Benefits" Psalm 103	
June 21, 2015	Baccalaureate Sunday Ethan Powell Preaching	
June 28, 2015	"Psalms that Teach" (Teaching)	Psalm 1
July 5, 2015	"We Sing Your Praise!" (Praise)	Psalm 113
July 12, 2015	"Where Are You God?" (Lament)	Psalm 69: 1-16
July 19, 2015	"In God We Trust" (Trust)	Psalm 27:1-6
July 26, 2105	"God's Gift of Love" (Thanksgiving)	Psalm 40:1-10



FYI - LOOKING AHEAD



We will worship together (8:15 & 10:30 services) with ONE SERVICE at The Presbyterian Church beginning JUNE 14 until SEPT. 6. The service will begin at **9:30** in our Sanctuary. We look forward to seeing you this summer!!!!

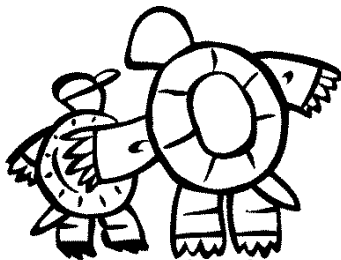
A little boy and his dad were walking in the evening while the sun was setting.

"See the sunset God painted for us, son?"

"Yes! And he did it all with his left hand."

"What do you mean?" asked his dad

"I heard them say in church that Jesus is sitting on God's right hand."



Happy Father's Day

The Worship Committee would like to let people know that we will be celebrating Communion during the summer, on July 5th and August 2nd. For the summer months, Communion will be served in the front of the Sanctuary. Those who are able, we ask that they come forward to receive the sacrament, and upon returning, spend some quiet time in prayer and reflection. Those who are not able to come forward only need to simply indicate and they may be served from where they are seated.

Members seated on Fellowship Hall-side of the church and the right side of the center pews will exit their pews and come down the interior isle, move forward, receive the bread, the cup, move to their right across the front of the Sanctuary and return to their pew from the exterior isle on Fellowship Hall-side.

Members seated on Washington Street -side of the church and the left side of the center pews will exit their pews and come down the interior isle, move forward, receive the bread, the cup, move to their left across the front of the Sanctuary and return to their pew from the exterior isle on Washington Street -side.

Elders from the Worship committee will help to usher during Communion and to ensure that all are served.



Dear Church Family,

Trying to write the newsletter with less than 3 hours of sleep is proving to be challenging, I've been staring aimlessly at the computer waiting for divine intervention for the last 5 minutes. It has come to me that the importance of sleep and how well (or not well) a person functions without enough sleep might be my topic.

The National Sleep Foundation studies indicated that adults (18 and up) need 7-9 hours of sleep each night to stay healthy. Studies also show that over time sleep deficiency contributes to heart disease, kidney disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, mental illness, stroke and weight gain. You may ask how sleep impacts your weight. The amount of sleep you get helps control your "hungry hormones", ghrelin (makes you feel hungry) and leptin (makes you feel full). Not enough sleep makes the ghrelin levels increase and the leptin levels drop, thus you feel very hungry when sleep deprived and you eat, eat, and eat without feeling full!! Another problem lack of sleep causes is malfunction of your immune system; it cannot function well and does not do a good job of fighting diseases when you lack proper sleep. Mental illness and lack of sleep go hand in hand. Lack of sleep makes mental disorders much worse and can be the cause of certain neurosis. Some more usual problems that occur with lack of sleep are slower reaction time, inability to make decisions, irritability, (falling asleep at the computer), and not being able to concentrate.

Many times the lack of sleep "problem" is self-inflicted. We are too busy, too nervous or too social to get enough sleep. There are other more serious causes of sleep deprivation such as sleep apnea, chronic pain and breathing disorders. You need to see a doctor about any of these conditions (sooner rather than later).

If you are just having trouble sleeping, the National Sleep Foundation has some ideas to try to help. Exercise daily, don't nap during the day, avoid alcohol, nicotine, or caffeine for several hours before bed (alcohol can make you wake up in the middle of the night), limit water intake before bed, get into a relaxing routine before bed. Bright light will trigger your body to wake up. Try dimming lights before you go to bed. If you must get up, try to avoid bright light if it's safe to do so. If you can't sleep, get up and read (out of bed), then try to go to sleep again. I will have information on the Health Table about sleeping aids (meds).

Call me with any questions! 315 759-9039 God Bless, Beth



“Honor your
father...
as the LORD
your God has
commanded,”
you”

Deuteronomy 5:16



**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS who were
Confirmed May 31, 2015**

**Audra Burrall, Ben DeMoras, Brennan Bates, Ellie
Aliperti, Jason Carle, John Alexander, Lauren Schmit,
Kate Equinozzi, Rye Weber**

JUNE 7 – ALL classes take part in Sunday School Sunday

**JUNE 21 – BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY – we honor ALL
graduates on this day. High School seniors will take part in
worship. ANYONE receiving a college degree please contact
the church office with your information ASAP.**

*Have a nice summer!!
SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!!!*



June 8, 2015 - 7:00

CAMPBELL'S SOUP UPC CODES
Please save your UPC CODES

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION
to benefit Geneva Head Start

Youth Fellowship
June
Grades 6-12

Family

Cookout & Games



When: Wednesday, June 24th

Where: 4666 Driftwood Lane,
Geneva (It is road number 17 off
of East Lake Road)

Time: 4:00-6:00pm

What: Bring a dish to pass.

Hamburgers, hotdogs will be
provided

Please RSVP to Paula by email
(pjfoote25@gmail.com) by
Wednesday, June 17th so that
food can be planned!!!!

Adult Forum

*Meets from 9:15-10:15 on
Sunday morning in the South Parlor*

Our Aging Society

Jim Gerling

June 7 As the baby boomer generation ages, a large percentage of our population will be older than 65 years of age. In addition, in 60% of mainline denominations, one-quarter of members currently are 65 or older. This demographic will have a continuing impact on communities and churches for years to come. Jim Gerling has been an advocate for the elderly throughout the years. From work on housing for the elderly to recognition of the value that the elderly bring to a congregation, Jim has worked to enhance the opportunities for older people to continue to contribute. He will discuss his experiences with advocacy for the elderly in both the congregation and the Geneva community.

Happy Summer

June 26 The summer schedule begins for Adult Forum. Join us for Sermon Dialogues in the south parlor. This is an opportunity to discuss the morning lectionary and sermon. Bring your refreshments and contribute to the discussion of the day.

*Thanks
Dad!*

Let's Talk...About Issues This Summer

Summer gatherings devoted to informal discussions of issues following a dessert, wine and coffee time

All programs are from 7-9 pm

June 25 ***Renewable Energy Sources: A Mandate to be Proactive.*** As stewards of our environment, we are challenged to consider green technology as a way to conserve our natural resources. Larry Smart from the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station will discuss his research into the use of renewable willow as an energy source. With a greater understanding of renewable energy sources, our responsibility as stewards of the environment will be discussed. How can we as individuals use renewable resources to the greatest advantage of our planet Earth. This program will be in the Fellowship Hall of The Presbyterian Church in Geneva.

July 23 ***Voluntourism.*** As individuals of faith we are challenged to feed the hungry, house the poor and provide for those with less. One way to provide that assistance is through Voluntourism. Travel to a different place to provide assistance to those who need help, to learn about a culture different from our own, and to see a world very different from where we live. Michele Ross will talk about her personal experiences with voluntourism. The program will be in the Fellowship Hall of The Presbyterian Church in Geneva.

August 27 ***Sustainable Organic Farming.*** Klaas Martens, an organic farmer, will discuss food, sourcing, sustainability, and spirituality. The program will be at the home of Tim and Sandy Merwarth at 1136 Earls Hill Road, Penn Yan. Group limited to 20 participants. RSVP to the church office (789-1343) or register on the church's web site www.pcgny.org.

September 27 ***Discover Abu Dhabi.*** Don and Chris Wertman have traveled to Abu Dhabi many times to visit with family. They will be sharing their experiences of traveling in the country and learning about the culture. In addition, this will be an opportunity to learn more about this region. The program will be in the Fellowship Hall of The Presbyterian Church in Geneva. Note that this program is on a Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm.



word of thanks to: **THANK YOU!!!!!!**

Thank you...from the Deacons

to everyone who contributed to this year's Talent Show and Dinner! A total of \$475 was raised for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund!

THANK YOU so much for hosting the Geneva Heroes this year. We were happy to help clean the kitchen and loved seeing how the organization developed. Hope to see you next year.

THANK YOU for your recent gift to the Geneva Community Lunch Program. We serve more than 15,000 meals annually. This could not be done without the generous support of the community.



Presbyterian Women

Upcoming Events:

Wed. June 17, 2015 – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

61st Strawberry Social & Bake Sale



**Friendship Study Group & Needles/Craft
Will NOT meet until September.
Have a nice summer!!!!**

Take Note

END NOTES

JUNE 2015

First of all I want to thank everyone who helped with the reception to celebrate my years as Director of Music in our two Presbyterian churches. I was also touched by cards and notes as well as by a photo album of choir pictures put together by Joan McClure.

We will end this program year with Martin Shaw's much-loved anthem: *"With a Voice of Singing"* on June 28.

O be joyful in God all ye lands.

O sing praises to the honor of His name.

Make His praise to be glorious!

This anthem is a favorite of mine and is filled with joy.

I am delighted that Richard Cox has agreed to be our next Director of Music. You will be introduced to Richard in detail in our next newsletter. Stay tuned!

Remember to keep a song in your heart and a sense of joy!

Faithfully, Chris

SUMMER CONCERTS –

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GENEVA

TUESDAY, JUNE 16 ORGAN RECITAL AT 7:30

ZAHARI METCHKOV

SATURDAY, JULY 18 FLUTE AND GUITAR DUO 7:00

EASTMAN STUDENTS

Soli Deo Gloria - To God alone be the glory



Deacons

A Deacon's Reflection

Once upon a time, there was a young girl. She became pregnant before she was married and would give birth in a manger. Her son would grow up without much money, was renowned for spending time with sick and sinner alike, and yet would arguably change the world more than any other person in history. You know the story; the girl was Mary, and her child, of course, was Jesus. The one upon whom our faith is based, Jesus preached a gospel and way of life centered on love.

"He said 'Love... as I have loved you.'

We cannot love too much." ~ Amy Carmichael

I came across this quote recently and it struck me. It can at times feel awkward to show emotions and compassion toward others; we worry about what others might think and are self-conscious about how we will appear. There is vulnerability in opening our lives and hearts to others - what if we get hurt? It can be tough to let people in, to branch out, to strike up a conversation with a person you don't really know. So we continue on with our lives, but are we **loving enough**? When we ask how others are doing, is it just a formality or do we want to know the real answer? Are we living our lives in such a way that someone else can breathe a bit easier in theirs?

Years ago, my friend shared with me another quote, which similarly calls me to reflect on my life, and reassess the direction in which I'm going. In a poem entitled *The Summer Day*, Mary Oliver prompts: **"Tell me child, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"**

I imagine this question being asked by God, of all of us. What is it we are called to do, and are we living life to the fullest? In what way can we make the world a bit better? How can we love a bit more?

As we welcome another summer, let love emanate from you like rays of sun, warming everyone you come in contact with.

SERRV International Fair Trade Gift Shop

Thousands of lives have been lost and thousands more injured in the terrifying 7.8 magnitude earthquake which struck north central Nepal on Saturday, April 25th, only to be followed by a second quake on May 12. SERRV has longstanding relationships with 4 partners in Nepal (Mahaguthi, Craft with a Conscience, Get Paper Industry, Association for Craft Producers, and Kumbeshwar Technical School). Funds are being collected to help the artisans rebuild their homes. SERRV has already forwarded donations directly to our partners Get Paper Industry and ACP.

On Tuesday May 19 our partners at ACP wrote:

"The second quake of 12 May really terrified us. More than the physical damage it has dampened the morale of the people. People live in constant fear and the continuous aftershocks worsen the situation. Many people refuse to go inside their houses. They are living outside in the open area in the tents. Do not know how long it would take for things to be back to normal.

We very much appreciate you providing us financial support to us. We very much appreciate your kind thought and generosity. The earthquake has left almost 200 of our producers and employees homeless. This has also impacted their opportunity to work and earn. Most of our weavers are home based. They have their loom in their home. Now with the houses turned into rubbles they can no longer work. We are trying to raise funds to provide our people support in rebuilding their houses. The rebuilding would take months. In the meantime, there is urgency to build workshop for our producers, mainly the weavers so that they can work and support their family. Thus the support you have provided would be utilized for building workshops for our producers."

Our committee has agreed to support aid to Nepal when SERRV notifies us how and where we can help especially our partners and crafts people. Your purchase of products from our Nepali partners will also help them rebuild what they've lost.

With summer upon us the shop will be open upon request when summer services begin. A member of the committee will be happy to accommodate anyone wishing to find a gift any Sunday after service or during the week. We will also be open during the Strawberry Festival, June 17th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

61st Annual Strawberry Festival

The Presbyterian Church in Geneva
*(corner of Park Place and Washington St.,
Geneva)*

Wednesday, June 17, 2015
5:30 – 8:00 pm

Cake, Ice Cream, Strawberries

Live Entertainment

Bake Sale

Activities for Children

SERRV International Gift Shop - open

\$5.50 – ages 13 and older

\$2.00 – age 12 and under

\$.50 – cones

61TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Fresh Berries, home-made cake and ice cream on yea! We are planning this year's strawberry festival. This event has always been a big success, drawing in 600-700 people from the community at large. Proceeds of the festival are used by the Presbyterian Women Group during the upcoming year.

For an event as big as this, we need many helping hands. **Please check below for the way in which you can help, and drop this form in the offering plate or leave it at the church office as soon as possible.** You will be contacted by the appropriate coordinator to choose a shift. Thanks.

Chairpersons: Donna Newcomb & Robin Clark

_____ Bake a cake	Janet LaRocca
_____ Slicing cake on the night of festival	Janet LaRocca
_____ Bake for Bake Sale	Lorraine Millis
_____ Work at Bake Sale (5:00 - 8:00pm)	Lorraine Millis
_____ Hull/slice strawberries (5:30 – 8:00)	Tuesday 6/16 Donna & Robin
_____ Set up the for festival (3:30 pm)	Nancy Miller
_____ Serving lines (5:15 - 8:00 pm)	Britt Penta
_____ Kitchen Service/runner (4:30 pm - finish)	Laurie Pane
_____ Clean up outdoors (8:00 pm)	Rick Bley/Fred Schühle

Name _____

Phone(s) _____ (h) _____ (c)

Email address: _____

A Note from the Treasurers –

The Treasurers remind everyone that bills still need to be paid during the summer.

Please keep your pledge up-to-date either by placing in the offering plate any Sunday or by mailing in to the church office at 24 Park Place.

Have you considered electronic transfers for your pledge? Several folks already do. This can easily be established as a monthly transfer throughout the year to make your life simpler.

We are currently installing new computers in the offices. A new membership/contribution database program has been purchased and is being integrated into the system.

Normally, contribution statements would be sent out early in May. They will be delayed this year until this new software is fully functional and data has been entered. This will occur over the next few weeks.

Please contact me if you have specific questions about your status.

Thank you for your understanding.

**Alan Schenck
(315) 789-1343
schenck@rochester.rr.com**



ENHANCING OUR MISSION

It's hard to believe it has been over a year since we began talking about holding a capital campaign to raise money for renovating the kitchen as well as several other projects around the church.

With some plans already drawn up and folks dreaming about other projects, we asked for pledges for a three-year capital commitment at the same time as we ran our annual fall Stewardship campaign.

Everyone on the committee was very pleased when we exceeded our goal and raised \$282,215 in pledges.

As of April 30th, we have already received payments on 40% of the pledges, \$111,600. Thank you for that!

The kitchen renovation is now complete and the final payment was made a couple of weeks ago (slightly below budget). During Lent, the nearly completed kitchen was used for several Wednesday morning prayer breakfasts as well as our always successful Palm Sunday Brunch and Auction.

New computers and software for the offices have arrived and are being used on a daily basis. A new membership database program is being integrated into the system. Special thanks go out to Art Lewis, who has coordinated the purchase and installation of the new computers and server.

A task force has been looking at the Christian Education wing to prepare a plan, and the Sanctuary Acoustics group is studying issues.

If you have any questions about the Enhancing Our Mission campaign or your pledge, please contact Alan Schenck at 789-1343 (schenck@rochester.rr.com), or Jackie Augustine, Campaign Chair at 315-398-4590.

We are so thankful to be celebrating the strength of our church through its congregation.

Thank you and have a great summer.

Jackie and Alan

REFLECTIONS AND A special coffee hour, Sunday, June 14
Take time ... give thanks ... consider your personal inventory

On Sunday, June 14, through worship and a presentation during a special coffee hour, we as a congregation will contemplate and discuss the ways to look at and frame our individual and relational legacies. What's important? What needs to be done in our lifetimes? How do we want to be remembered?

This topic of taking stock of one's life is seemingly everywhere in this season of commencement speeches, newspaper editorials, new books (e.g. author David Brooks' "The Road to Character"), and summer days that unfold with time to relax and reflect.

Please plan on attending worship for inspiration on gratitude and God's gifts to each of us, and then continue the theme during a coffee hour conversation with attorney Murray Heaton, who will present ideas and help us discuss the benefits and satisfaction gained by taking stock of our lives. This special coffee hour will take place in Fellowship Hall immediately following 9:30 worship (first summer service).

All are invited, including friends of the congregation. Throughout the morning, Pastor Deb and Murray Heaton will engage us with valuable perspectives and information on topics from thankfulness, peace and reconciliation to personal values and estate and charitable planning. Come and enjoy the good fellowship, information and topics for reflection.

-The Foundation Committee

Sharing the Light

Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes will be holding their 21st Annual “Sharing the Light” Award Dinner, and this year our own **Tom McClure** is among their honorees.

Each year, Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes recognizes individuals across their four-county service area whose everyday lives reflect examples of compassion, mercy and love. The honorees are individuals who willingly and generously devote themselves to helping others; who believe in social justice; and who serve our community in many ways. In addition to Tom, this year’s honorees are: Maxine Alberici, Menzo Case, Sandi Perl, Frank and Donna Pullano, and Marcia Webster.

The dinner will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2015, at 5:30 pm in the Vandervort Room in the Scandling Center on the Hobart and William Smith campus.

Catholic Charities has invited the members of The Presbyterian Church in Geneva to be a part of this dinner. Your support will help them raise needed funds to serve the most vulnerable children and families in the Finger Lakes. Their hope is that you will be willing to participate in Tom’s dinner through an ad, a ticket to attend, or a donated item to be added to the Silent Auction.

For additional information please contact: Rhonda Zettlemoyer at Catholic Charities at (315) 789-2686, ext. 104 or email: rzettlem@dor.org.

VOLUNTEER!!!!

Do you know an adult who can't read? Someone who would like to read better or earn a high school equivalency diploma? A non-English speaker who would like to communicate better or earn U.S. citizenship?

Literacy Volunteers of Ontario-Yates can help. We also welcome new tutors and now have online tutor training available. For more information, please call us at (585) 396-1686 in Ontario County or (315) 536-6799 in Yates County.

Office Technology Update

The church has completed the purchase of our new church database, Servant Keeper. We have started the process of converting our existing database and will be updating it throughout the summer. Our goal is to be able to produce a printed church directory and to produce labels for newsletters by Labor Day.

We will be sending a mailing to all members of the church including the current names, addresses and phone numbers of all family members that we have currently in our database. Please review the information, make any necessary corrections and return it to the church office by mail or by placing it in the offering plate on Sunday morning.





Saturday, June 6th, Noon to 4:00 pm.
Camp Whitman Open House
And Chicken BBQ
Dinners \$9.00, Halves \$6:00
no reservations necessary

**Camps are for entering kindergartners-12th grade.
The church pays a scholarship for each camper so see
Kathy Breese before you sign up.**

CAMP WHITMAN WISH LIST

CRAFT SUPPLIES – construction paper, scissors, straws, masking tape, scotch tape, paper plates, balloons, chalk, water color paints, hot glue sticks, staples, glitter

OUTDOOR SUPPLIES – kayak paddles, golf carts, silverware, Tupperware, microwave oven, extension cords

TOILETRIES – toothpaste, toothbrushes, water shoes, towels, travel sized soap and shampoo

GIFT CARDS – Target, BJ's, Amazon

**WE'LL COLLECT YOUR DONATIONS ON
JUNE 7 SO PLEASE HELP!!!!**

**We will collect 2 cents offerings on JUNE 7
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 JUNE 19 - NOON

this will be the summer newsletter for July and August

**The Social Ministry Group from the Catholic churches in the
area collect items from linens and clothing to small furniture.
They send the appropriate things to Nicaragua. The items
suitable for our area are given to migrants here. YOU can
help. Unclutter your houses and donate. They collect at the
GREEN SHED on Rts 5&20.**

**Open 7 days a week from 5/30-8/22. Can YOU help? More
info is available from Jeanne Stebbins, 568-8030.**

I WILL
POUR
OUT MY
SPIRIT
ON ALL
PEOPLE.

ACTS 2:17

