

# ***The Geneva Pres***



***2015***

# ***The Presbyterian Church in Geneva***

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## May 2015-Pastor Deb's Page

**“Discover, Dream, Design, and Deliver”** were the four segments of our Presbytery retreat on Saturday, April 25. About sixty Presbyterians, ministers, elders and members from the Finger Lakes area churches gathered to discuss the past, present and future of the Presbytery Geneva. Dr. David Olson, a talented and trusted consultant who guided us through the turmoil of June 2014, noted the change from then to now. As we openly discussed our reasons for staying in the Presbytery our core values emerged; relationship, purpose, mission and transformation. These are the reasons we didn't run away, or hold onto our grudges. Hope and faith gave us the persistence to work together. God-with-us gave us the endurance to sort through the problems and find solutions. And, the results have been worth the work. The spirit in the Presbytery is no longer tense and cynical. Rather there is a freedom and spirit of goodwill. There is a commitment to the Presbyterian Church (USA).

At the April session meeting a similar reflection of the tension and pain a year ago occurred. During my pastor's report, I noted the difference between Lent 2014 and April 2015. What have we discovered in one year? Many have forgotten the pain, the disappointment and the disillusionment. But, for me the same questions remain, “What made you return to church?” “It's all about relationships! “ Yes, we have something good here; a long history interwoven with faith and families, vital mission, and a community that cares!” Often we rediscover our core values when there is a crisis.

The Presbyterian Church in Geneva and this Presbytery has discovered that we are a persistent people willing to work on the problems that threaten to destroy. Once over that hump, we had the freedom to change, to dream and to design our future. And, that began in a real way with the renovated kitchen and our updated technology in both the office and the sanctuary sound system. That's quite an accomplishment, to recover, envision and improve in a very short amount of time.

**Dr. David Olson affirmed our suspicion that most churches have an abundance of plans and few completed projects after crisis.**

**Discovery, dream and design is as far as they get. Delivery or implementation is where we stop short. So when a church or a presbytery completes (accomplishes) a dream, we should celebrate!!! Celebrate the dreams which were given wings! Designs that were supported and implemented! Thank the people who delivered the goods, worked hard to accomplish the tasks and endured with hope. So, let's celebrate projects completed! Let's thank God and the people who have made this ministry happen! At the end of this school year, thank the teachers who stayed committed to the cause! Thank the music leaders for their endurance even in the worst winter ever!!!! And, thanks to your members who chose to come to church instead of a hundred other competing activities. We need each other. Our church is made up of relationships that matter. So, celebrate with me as we continue to discover what purpose God has for The Presbyterian Church in Geneva.  
Pastor Deb**

**May 3 Sacred Song Sunday- Talent Show**

**May 10 Mother's Day- Suzanne Otterbacher and Camp Whitman**

**May 17 Ascension**

**May 24 Pentecost-Communion**

**May 31 Trinity Sunday- Confirmation Sunday**

***What if you woke up this morning  
with only the things you thanked  
God for yesterday!***



**MAY 10 – MOM’S SING WITH CHILDREN’S CHOIR AND  
ORFF – warm-up 9:00**

**Practice MAY 3 – 9:00**

**MAY 20, 7:00 – CONFIRMATION AND SPONSORS meet  
with Session**



**MAY 31 - 10:30 worship**

**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.**

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



**May 11, 2015 - 7:00**

**CAMPBELL’S SOUP UPC CODES**

**Please save your UPC CODES**

**Youth Fellowship**  
**MAY**  
**Grades 6-12**

**Corning Museum  
of Glass**



**When: Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Where: Leave church parking lot at 11:30 drive to Corning (1 hour 5 min)**

**NOTE CHANGE TO ACCOMMODATE TALENT SHOW**

**Time: 12:30-3:00 – HOME A LITTLE AFTER 4:00**

**Price: Free, bring money for food or snacks**

Please RSVP by **Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** to [pjfoote25@gmail.com](mailto:pjfoote25@gmail.com) so we can figure out transportation. Must have at least 4 youth attend to take group.

**Spring  
Clean-UP**



**When: Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Where: Church**

**Time: 9:00-12:00**

Please RSVP by **Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** to [pjfoote25@gmail.com](mailto:pjfoote25@gmail.com)

# Take Note



SACRED SONG SERVICES – MAY 3, 2015

THE LIFE OF CHRIST THROUGH MUSIC

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

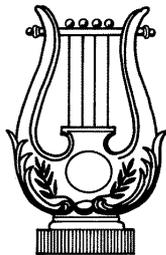
Scripture and music will be interwoven during both services on May 3 to tell the story of Christ's life from PROPHECY to RESURRECTION. Congregational singing as well as vocal duets will be part of the 8:15 service. Congregational singing, a bell choir anthem, choir anthems, and an instrumental solo will be part of the 10:30 service.

Verses of the hymn, "I Danced in the Morning" will be the musical connection among the parts of both services.

The Sacred Song Services will end with one of my favorite hymns – "Beautiful Savior."

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!*

Faithfully, Chris



Praise  
God  
with  
Music



Dear Church Family,

I have been learning a lot about our legal system this past month. I was selected for Grand Jury duty. I started in April and won't finish till July 1. We meet 2 times a week (Tues. and Thurs) to decide if there is enough evidence for cases to be brought to trial. One thing that I have heard a lot about is the "field sobriety test" that police use to determine if someone is inebriated or not. When researching the topic of balance this month, I found it funny that most of the exercises to improve balance are exactly what you are asked to do for the field sobriety test. So, if the police should stop you, it might be good to know you can do these exercises without much difficulty. They are somewhat difficult to do well when sober, it seems drunk people cannot do them and fail the test.

Your balance is very important to work on as you age. Falls are a leading cause of injury to older adults. Balance issues are often a deciding factor in how long people can stay in their homes.

Balance is often affected by feeling dizzy. There are a number of conditions that can cause dizziness or vertigo. Most can be corrected or made better with diagnosis and treatment. Inner ear problems are often the culprit. An ear infection can make you off balance. Low blood pressure can cause lightheadedness. Vision problems can also throw off your balance. BPPV (benign paroxysmal positional vertigo) is a condition where tiny calcium crystals in the inner ear become displaced which disrupts your balance. Meniere's Disease is a presently unexplained disease characterized by severe dizziness, nausea, feeling of fullness in an ear and some hearing loss. Meniere's Disease presents as brief events of extreme dizziness separated by long periods in time or very short attacks in clusters over several days. See your doctor if dizziness/vertigo is a problem. Don't let it get worse.

Declining balance can also be due to weakness or poor muscle tone. Simple exercises can help you improve your balance (and pass a field sobriety test if you aren't drunk!) If your balance is poor, use a chair or cane to steady yourself. Some exercises to try are; standing on one foot, walking heel to toe along a straight line, back leg raises, side leg raises and balance walk (similar to marching forward, lifting your knee high as you move). I will have information on the health table showing how to do these exercises.

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



# Deacons

## ***"Once a Deacon, Always a Deacon..."***

This is a phrase Deacons say often; I've heard it from my grandmother, who was part of the group years ago, and from current members at our monthly meetings. As a teacher, I have said something similar many times - to current and past students - "once a teacher, always a teacher" - in this case meaning that I am always available and happy to help, to tutor, to guide...

At our most recent Deacon meeting, we updated our list of "shut-ins" and others we contact - via phone, cards, or occasional visits, to let people know we're still thinking about them. This got me thinking - don't we all want to be remembered - and feel loved? And I began to wonder - are there others in our community who need that human connection? Are there members of our church who are no longer able to attend each week, and could benefit from a hug or hello? Something that is so great about our church is that we're always welcomed back, and we're really all still part of that larger church family, no matter how far we travel, how long we're gone, or what the circumstances are.

This month, think about who you haven't seen in a while or might benefit from a "check-in". Maybe it's an old friend, committee member, or Sunday School teacher; perhaps it's someone in your neighborhood. Then, send a note - or send me the contact information so we can make sure we're reaching out.

Let's help this spring to feel extra warm for elder and hurting individuals from our congregation who maybe were "once a member" and truly *are* "always a member" of our family.

~with smiles, Ryan Kincaid (rkincaid@dor.org or 315-871-6795)

***Don't forget:***

*the annual Talent Show will take place on  
Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm.*

*We hope to see you there!*

# Let's Talk

*Meets once a month on  
Thursdays during the summer  
from 6-8 pm in various locations*

**Save the dates!!**

Plan ahead for a summer of excitement as we again consider topics of interest in our Let's Talk venue.

**June 25: Renewable Energy Resources: Willow Trees and...**  
Larry Smart will discuss renewable resources and our responsibility in serving as stewards of our environment. This program will be open to the Geneva community and will be in the Fellowship Hall.

**July 23: How to Be an Ally: Helping Others**  
This program will be in a congregants home

**August 20: Education: Graduation: Work or College –  
Are We Addressing the Dreams of our Youth?**  
This program will be open to the Geneva community and will be in the Fellowship Hall.

**September or October (date to be set): Abu Dahbi**  
Chris and Don Wertman will present a program on Abu Dahbi. The program will be open to the Geneva community and will be in the Fellowship Hall.

# **Adult Forum**

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

## **What Presbyterians Believe**

Throughout May, the Adult Forum will discuss Presbyterian beliefs in several areas. We will explore Forgiveness, Miracles, and Predestination. The same topics will be considered on the Presbyterian Belief table in the Fellowship Hall before and after worship. Life is full of questions and answers. This study provides an opportunity to become better informed about our faith and how it impacts our lives today. Our final social issues study will be a discussion of our aging society in June.

<b>May 3</b>	<b>The Influence of the Pope</b>
<b>May 10</b>	<b>Forgiveness</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>Miracles</b>
<b>May 24</b>	<b>Memorial Day Weekend, no Adult Forum</b>
<b>May 31</b>	<b>Predestination</b>
<b>June 7</b>	<b>Our Aging Society- Jim Gerling</b>

Everyone is invited to join us for the discussions. Add your personal thoughts to our discussion as we discover answers about our faith and how to live in a diverse world.

## **BLANKET THE WORLD WITH LOVE**

*MOTHER'S DAY  
SUNDAY, MAY 10*

Mother's Day is a day when families across the country get together to celebrate moms, grandmothers, aunts, and other special "mothers" in their lives.

It is a day when churches give thanks for all the mothers in their congregations.

AND, it is a day when Church World Service honors mothers around the world through the CWS Blanket & Tool Program.

*Your blankets will wrap the world*

*in warmth and love ...*

*they will warm the hearts of mothers everywhere!!*

### **FYI – LOOKING AHEAD**

**We will worship together (8:15 & 10:30 services) with ONE SERVICE at the Presbyterian Church beginning JUNE14 until SEPT. 6. The service will begin at 9:30 in our Sanctuary. We look forward to seeing you this summer!!!!**



## **Presbyterian Women**

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### **Upcoming Events:**

Sat. May 2 – Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women –  
9am-2:30p

1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Ulysses, Trumansburg, NY

Sun. May 17 = PW meeting 11:45am – Conference Room

Please mark your calendars – Wed. June 17, 2015 –  
61<sup>st</sup> Strawberry Social & Bake Sale

Sun. June 21<sup>st</sup> – PW meeting – Conference Room

*The moderator, Donna Newcomb is very appreciative and wishes to **thank** everyone who volunteers to work and bake for receptions and help reorganize the new kitchen.*



**Friendship Study Group & Needles/Craft** cordially invites all women of the church to join them for lunch and a social time together at the Ramada on **Tuesday, May 12 - 12:30pm**. Reservations must be made by Friday, May 8 - call the church office at 789-1343 and let Edna May know if you are planning to attend. All persons attending will choose from the menu and pay for their lunch.

## ***Ode to the Tarrs***



***The stove won't work –***

***quick. go call John Tarr!***

***The cries ring out from near and afar.***

***We're tired of washing dishes one by one.***

***Can John make clean-up quick and fun?***

***Ovens, refrigerators, appliances, too,***

***Without John's help, we all would be blue.***

***Then there's Lou with all her knowledge***

***galore,***

***Recipes and lists of what to buy at the***

***store.***

***Confusion abounded with pots, pans, and***

***dishes***

***Till Lou put up labels that solved all our***

***wishes.***

***They've been a great team for all of these***

***years***

***So let's give them both three***

***loud, thankful cheers!***

Thanks

*to our*

Volunteers!



**Church Clean Up Day**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

**9:00- noon**

**Many hands make faster and  
lighter work!!!!**

# **SERRV** International Fair Trade Gift Shop

Have you visited the SERRV shop lately?? We have added many new items just in time for that special gift for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduations and Weddings.

The SERRV shop not only provides very special items not found in stores, but it also provides a way for you to personally play a part in helping artisans around the world break the cycle of poverty and support their families. Every basket, every tablecloth, every necklace we offer has a story behind it!

Come visit us and be a part of this mission and spread the word about these unique gifts.

Our hours are:

Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sundays: After both services

You may also call the church office and arrange to shop with one of our volunteers during the day Monday through Friday.

## **SAVE THE DATE: SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR,**

**Sunday, June 14**

The Foundation Committee has invited attorney Murray Heaton to speak at a special extended coffee hour immediately following worship on Sunday, June 14 (approximately 10:40 a.m., the day summer services begin at 9:30 a.m.).

All are invited, including friends of the congregation. Details to follow, but Heaton will present valuable information for those age 40+ about estate planning, charitable planning, etc. Please plan to attend and enjoy the good fellowship and information.

*—The Foundation Committee*

## **Office Technology Update**

Thanks to hard work by Alan Schenck and Art Lewis all of the church's new computer hardware have been installed and are now in use. Special thanks to Hugh Price who built and installed two small shelves in the church office which now hold our network modem, switches and router.

# **NEWSLETTER**

## **DEADLINE**

# **MAY 22 - NOON**

## **Get the Newsletter Online**

Would you like to view the church newsletter online or receive it by email? If you would, it is easy to do. Look for the Newsletter heading in the second column of the church home page. Follow the directions underneath the column heading to view the current newsletter, a previous newsletter or subscribe to receive it by email.



**THANK YOU!!!!!!**

*Dear Presbyterian Congregation*

*You have been a blessing to Mt. Olive and there is no way to repay you for your kindness! We pray for your continued success in your ministry and may our union with you continue to grow!*

*Blessings, Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Donald Golden*

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION  
to benefit Geneva Head Start**

**2 CENTS – A - MEAL**

We will collect 2 cents offerings on **MAY 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.



PASTOR DEB – [deblindschmitz@pcgny.org](mailto:deblindschmitz@pcgny.org)

EDNA MAY – [eml22@rochester.rr.com](mailto:eml22@rochester.rr.com)

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

**Like communicating?**

**Please consider joining our committee!**

The PCG Communications Committee is looking for a few additional members from the congregation. We meet once a month (third Tuesday at 7 p.m.) for one hour. Our goal is to help everything related to communications within and beyond our church, including publicity, church website, Facebook, events, news, printed materials, photos, etc. People with experience writing news releases especially welcome! If you would like to know more, please contact committee chair Fred Schuhle at [jfschuhle@netscape.net](mailto:jfschuhle@netscape.net) or 789-1269. Thank you!