

The Geneva Pres



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“HARVEST, ABUNDANCE AND GRATITUDE”

Late this summer, I was invited to go berry picking at a local berry farm. Turning the corner I held my breath seeing millions of blueberries hanging on rows and rows of bushes.

No photo could capture the beauty and abundance. The memory of this sweet harvest comes to mind every time I grab a few frozen blueberries from my freezer. I thank God for the sweetness of life.

Reflecting on that experience of abundance, I am wondering how we deal practically and spiritually with the season of harvest. Abundance can be overwhelming. What do we do with all those berries, tomatoes and zucchini after a productive season? There are only so many hours left before the frost is on the pumpkins. Jesus words come to mind, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” (Matthew 9: 37-38). Great solution observation! Jesus’ solution can work for Thanksgiving dinners as well as congregational events. Ask people to help prepare and invite them to share, and end with a thankful prayer.

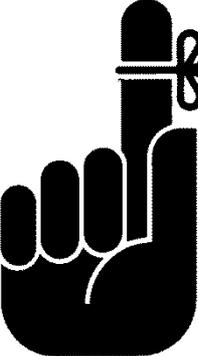
Friends, this congregation has been blessed with abundance. Prayerfully consider a list of your blessings that overflow. And, consider the blessings we have in this congregation. Let me begin the list, thanking God for generations rooted in this congregation for more than 200 years, and for every member who has made this church their home, for the new members’ class, and the many babies baptized this year. I thank God for each and every one of you who encourage your friends in faith. We are all blessed as we gather each Sunday morning in prayer, education and song. May we continue to harvest God’s blessings together, sharing the abundance and living with gratitude.

Living Joyfully, Pastor Deb

**Don't forget that we have an Interfaith Harvest Service on November 17 (Tuesday)
And, the Board of Deacons is serving a Harvest Luncheon, Sunday, November 22.**

SCRIPTURAL FOCUS: Radical Gratitude/Abundant Joy

- November 1, 2015** **Sermon: "For all the Saints"**
Rev. Suzanne Otterbacher
- November 8, 2015** **Sermon: "Radical Gratitude"**
Rev. Deborah Lind-Schmitz
- November 15, 2015** **Sermon: "What's Your Vocation?"**
Richard Cox
- November 22, 2015** **Thanksgiving Service/ Harvest Luncheon**
Sermon: "Now Thank We All Our God"
- November 29, 2015** **First Sunday in Advent**
"Are You Ready for Christ?"

 **Remember!**
Time Changes
this Sunday!

November 1

Join us for the
Harvest Lunch!!

~ November 22nd, following the 10:30 service~

We will be serving an autumn meal including salad, potatoes, bread or roll, cider, and dessert, as well as one* of the options below.

Please indicate the number of each of the following main dishes that your family will be ordering:

_____ Turkey

_____ Ham

_____ Vegetarian Butternut Squash Soup

*Bowl of soup for the main dish, cup of soup for the side...

(Circle one) We will be... dining in taking out.

Name:

Is a gluten-free bread option needed for your family? Yes / No

Suggested donation:
\$10 (“adults” & kids 13+),
\$5 (children 12 & under)
for the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund

Please put this ticket in the collection plate or office to give us a sense of how much food to make. Invite a friend!



Deacons

A Note from a Deacon...

A few years ago, my uncle passed away after an intense battle with cancer. Up until that point, I hadn't lost too many close family members or friends, so his death struck me particularly hard. Things came to my mind - what I'd said or done, and those I wished I had... Interestingly, I found a certain comfort in reading the cards in the sympathy section at Wegmans, and I distinctly remember coming across one with the poem below by Mary Elizabeth Frye. Something about it resonated with me, and, following the recent passing of a member of our congregation, I've been thinking about it again. So, now I offer it to you.

**“Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.”**

Take comfort in this and let not your hearts be troubled. Love does not disappear, but rather changes form. As we progress through autumn and into the winter of the year, know that you have people you can go to if you're struggling with any difficulty, and wherever you are, amidst the joys and challenges of life, reach out, or let someone in. We are each other's family.

~Ryan



**NOVEMBER 1 – ACOLYTE TRAINING, 11:30 –open to all
3rd-9th graders who wish to be Acolytes**

**NOVEMBER 15 – ACOLYTE INSTALLATION – 10:30
WORSHIP**

NOVEMBER 22 – 3 yrs-7th – sing at 10:30 worship



November 9, 7:00

HEIFER PROJECT-*the gift that keeps on giving*

This year the Sunday School will try to purchase a goat for Heifer Project. Watch for the Heifer bucket in Fellowship Hall if you'd like to help.

GO FOR GOATS!!!

CAMPBELL'S SOUP UPC CODES

Please save your UPC CODES

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

to benefit Geneva Head Start

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**Alison Lamb and Stephanie Smart – Commended Students in
2016 National Scholarship Program**

**Alison Lamb and Alaina Miller are nominated for scholarships
from the Philanthropic Education Organization**

Youth Fellowship

NOVEMBER

Grades 6-12

BOWLING



Time: 3:00-5:00

When: Sunday, November 15th

Where: Sunset Lanes

Cost: \$10 for 2 games, shoe rentals, pizza and soda

Please RSVP no later than Monday, November 9th to pjfoote25@gmail.com. Reservations need to be made and no late entries will be allowed to join after Monday.

Fall Clean-Up



When: Saturday, November 21st

Where: Church

Time: 9:00-12:00

John Hovey has asked for the youths help with this day. If you are unable to attend 9-12 they would be willing to schedule work for youth the week before or after. Please consider helping at the work day even if for a little while.

Please let me know at pjfoote25@gmail.com by Sunday, November 15th. So we can let John know if we need to schedule other times.

Adult Forum

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

Join us as we become armchair travelers, exploring distant places as we explore our faith.

Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God

Please join us in Adult Forum for the next six Sundays (October 25 through November 29) as we embark on a study of the Apostle Paul with the help of leading New Testament scholars John Dominic Crossan and the late Marcus Borg. Each session includes a short video travelogue, as Borg and Crossan trace Paul's footsteps throughout the Roman Empire. We will talk about Paul's message of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial theology, and its relevance for today.

The topics for the sessions will be:

Week 1. Empire (October 25, led by Mat DeMoras)

Week 2. Jesus (November 1, led by Judith McKinney)

Week 3. Paul's Mission (November 8, led by Diana Capron)

Week 4. Paul's Character (November 15, led by Michele Ross)

Week 5. Paul's Vocation (November 22, led by Bill Fox)

Week 6. Cities (November 29, led by Bill Fox)

In addition to our Forum study, please join us during the fellowship time for a discussion of Faith in the News or Presbyterian Beliefs. The information provided at each of the tables in the Fellowship Hall suggest topics that may be discussed. Everyone is invited to join us and add personal thoughts or insights to the discussion as we discover answers about our faith and how to live in a diverse world.

SERRV International Fair Trade Gift Shop

SERRV is recognized as a leader and pioneer in the fair trade movement, with origins in 1949 as one of the first fair trade organizations in the United States. As a founding member of both the World Fair Trade Organization and the Fair Trade Federation, SERRV has touched countless lives with opportunity to break the cycle of poverty.

SERRV began with a small group of Church of the Brethren relief workers helping refugees rebuild after World War II. SERRV originally stood for "Sales Exchange for Refugee Rehabilitation and Vocation", but since our mission and work has expanded greatly since then, we now use SERRV as a word on its own. In 1993, SERRV incorporated as an independent nonprofit organization.

Think of us when you need a unique gift for birthdays or the holidays or just to treat yourself, knowing at the same time you are helping artisans around the world make better lives for themselves. Our shop continues to add new items and we encourage you to check them out!

We are expanding our hours for the holidays and will be open from 10-4 on Saturdays and after each service on Sunday.



For church members who wish to donate poinsettias “in honor of” or “in loving memory of” for Christmas, please call the church office. The cost is \$12 per plant and orders will be taken until December 8th. Those who order a poinsettia plant may take it with them after the Christmas Eve Services.

The Chancel Guild



Presbyterian Women

Upcoming Events:

Election Day Bake Sale – Tuesday, November 3rd - 9:00 am.
We will need workers between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm. If you are available to work and have not signed up, please contact Lorraine Millis.

Pies are a big-selling item and donations of breads, cookies, brownies, pickles and jellies/jams are also welcome. Any donations should be left in the church kitchen by 8:00 am the morning of the sale. Please mark them “for the bake sale”. Don’t forget to vote and stop by our bake sale.

P.W. November meeting will be at 11:45 A.M. on Sunday, November 15th. Women of the church are cordially invited to attend and learn about Presbyterian women and their mission.

If items are taken to the Linden Shop to be sold, please remember the monetary reimbursement can be designated for Presbyterian Women in our church.



Friendship Study Group - Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1:30 pm

Friendship Bible Study Group: Would you like to learn more about Baptism? This year’s Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study “Come to the Water” is the rich imagery of water throughout the Bible, which helps us to understand and articulate our faith. Just as water nourishes our bodies, so the scriptures on water nourish our souls. On November 17th at 1:30 pm we will study “Life Giving Waters – Baptism”. All are welcome to attend. The scripture for this session is Matthew 3: 13-17. These are interactive studies and discussions.

Needles/Craft - Thursday, Nov. 5, 1:00 pm



PASSAGES

On November 8th at 11:45 (after 2nd service) come join us for lunch and an informational presentation about the benefits of massage therapy. Our presenter will be Leasa Morrison, a Licensed Massage Therapist who has improved quality of life for many people using the natural approach of Massage Therapy for over 8 years. For those of you who can't/won't climb on a table she will demonstrate how a chair massage is performed. Please sign up by using the church website, e-mailing the parish nurse, or calling the church office. Hope to see you there!!!

Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.



GOOD STEWARDSHIP



The hymn tune of the German Protestant Church played a central role in the life of church worship. Long before any other people, the Germans developed a hymn tradition in their own language. As a result, the hymns were well know and widely sung as part of their tradition. Because of this, the chorale held a central position in the development German baroque music, which, in turn, became a major influence in the development of Protestant church music. Not only were the tunes and texts used as a basis for the rich cantata tradition, they were used in the development of instrumental music, and particularly in the development of the organ chorale, or chorale prelude.

In this tradition, Linda often plays a work that is based on a hymn tune as one of the special pieces she prepares each week. In some case, these come from a contemporary composer, in others, she draws on compositions from this rich musical heritage. If the piece is one from the Baroque Era, often the hymn tune or chorale is played first or sometimes, the chorale is played at the end. Then there are a series of variations on the tune in a polyphonic style which embellish and interpret the hymn. The hymn tune is often included in the variations used as a cantus firmus or ‘fixed song’, sometimes an elongated manner, while it is being embellished. Bach and Pachelbel often put the cantus firmus in the pedal. Sometimes there are free variations on the tune that use the original chord structure of the chorale without the chorale tune being present. In any case, at least the shadow of the hymn and its words color the composition with rich meaning.



Dear Church Family,

This is not my usual health related article. But, I have walked in on a few home visits to find people struggling with what to do concerning this issue. I feel it needs to be addressed. Have you received a phone call from the IRS saying they were filing a lawsuit against you? Has your credit card company called to supposedly issue you a new card with a chip, but you need to “verify” some information to do so? Has NYSEG called needing your account number to refund you money they owe you? ALL SCAMS!!!!

The Federal Trade Commission has a website www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts that will show you recent scams they are aware of and what to do if you have been taken advantage of. Most Federal or State agencies, and most big companies will not contact you by phone. Generally, you will get something via mail (not e-mail). Even a notice you receive in the mail needs to be scrutinized before you act on it. If you receive any of the phone calls I listed above, just hang up! Another high tech scam is a call, (frequently in the middle of the night) supposedly from a grandchild who is in jail or has been kidnapped. Some scammers have gone as far as recording the grandchild’s voice so they can sound similar. They also know when the child might be hard to reach by phone or locate right away, so their story seems real. The” kids” say they need money to get out of jail or kidnappers want money wired to them. Don’t fall for it!!!!!! These horrible people have stolen from grandparents in this area. If you have family members or friends who you feel may have a difficult time deciding what to do should they get one of these phone calls, please talk to them about it. These scammers can be very convincing.

There is not enough room to even begin to talk about all that needs to be discussed. My family has been affected by the Excellus internet hacking. Combating identity theft is a huge topic. Don’t make it easy for these evil doers. NEVER give your social security number out over the phone (or to anyone who doesn’t absolutely need it). Don’t verify information over the phone (NYSEG knows your account number and address, they couldn’t bill you if they didn’t), have callers tell you what information they have, don’t give it to them. Hang up if callers are nasty and call the police if they keep calling back. I’ll try to line up a speaker for this topic. Information will be on the Nov. Health Table. Call me with questions 315 759 9039. God Bless, Beth



INTERFAITH COMMUNITY
HARVEST CELEBRATION
NOVEMBER 17, 6:00
The Presbyterian Church



Be a cheerful giver



NOVEMBER

Amelia Gerling 1	Hugh Price 1
Emma Newcomb 1	Karen Howard 5
Millie Albertson 3	Robert Martin 7
Caryl Flickinger 7	Jacob Drennen 9
Marjorie McIntosh 7	Robin Kubasik 10
Lisa Carlyon 10	Shaun Sikes 11
Randy Powell 10	Arthur Treisback 12
Jessica Lou Tarr 12	Gary Harman 13
Elaine Hanagan 13	Karen Fahy 15
Mathieu DeMoras 15	Gail Butler 20
Oliver Gerling 15	Alan G. Taylor 22
Stephen Campbell 22	Rocky LaRocca 26
Ray Howard 26	Allison Martin 27
Phoebe Williams 26	Virginia Champlin 28
Rye Weber 27	Pamela Jennings 28
Hugh French 28	Robert Lamb 30
Jay Hanagan 29	Fred Schühle 30
Lois Nellis 30	Betty Winship 30

Now Thank We All
Our
God

VANDERKAMP!

February 5th – 7th, 2016

Ski right out your front door over snow covered trails through the woods ...

Read a book by the fire ...

Laugh and connect with friends while doing a puzzle or playing a game ...

Sled down Cherry Hill ...

Share a meal with old friends and new ...

Vanderkamp is a retreat center near Oneida Lake where all this can happen and more. We reserve 3 lodges for our families to share. Want more details? Talk to Lauren Lamb or Sage Gerling! Plan on coming? Let us know & fill out the form below.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Would you be Head of House? Y/N _____

Number of people in your group:

Over 12 (\$85.00) _____ Children ages 5-12

(\$75.00) : _____ children 4&under (free!) _____

Confidential camperships are always available!

Questions? Contact Lauren Lamb at 789-6589 or
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Sage Gerling at (607)339-7729 or
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Office Technology Update

As of Monday, October 19th, the congregation has returned 224 of 350 Family Profiles mailed this past July. If you did not receive a family profile or you have lost the Family Profile that we sent, please contact the church office to obtain a duplicate copy. Returning your Family Profile to the church office is your best way to insure that the information that we have in the Servant Keeper is as accurate as possible.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
NOVEMBER 20- NOON

2 CENTS – A - MEAL

We will collect 2 cents offerings on NOVEMBER 1

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



*Ms
sing*
*Word of
thanks to:*

THANK YOU!!!!!!

To my Presbyterianh Church Family, It is so nice to be reminded of what a loving and supportive church fanmily I have. I loved the care package and it was definitely the highlight of my day! The trail mix is the perfect afternoon snack. I hope all is well in Geneva and I look forward to seeing you all soon in church. Thank you again!!!

Hannah Burrall

Members of the Presbyterian Church, Thank you so much for the care package! The cookies were eaten within seconds of my opening the box. They were delicious. Thank you, Prashanta Augustine

Thank you for your generous donation of school supplies to West Street School! We have many children who will be the recipients of your generosity! I personally feel blessed that your ministry is helping to connect community and school. Tammy Richmond, Family Services



The Memorials and History Committee recently received these donations:

In memory of Barbara Barnard, by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marullo, of Victor NY and Don and Deb Damick, of Geneva

Church Pictorial Directory

How would you like to have a pictorial directory of the congregation? If you do, please send us a picture of yourself or household before Christmas. You may email us the picture, saved in a JPEG format, to ServantKeeper@pcgny.org, or send a printed picture (4" x 6") to the church office. For the best results, the subjects in the picture should fill $\frac{2}{3}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of the picture and for pictures taken by a professional photographer, please ask the photographer if you can share or copy the picture without violating any copyrights. Please include the names of all the people in the picture, your address and phone with the picture.

We will publish a member only, confidential and downloadable pictorial directory on the Church Member's website by Epiphany, January 6, 2016. If you prefer that we do not share your personal information (address, phone number) please contact us with your request in writing. For those without internet access, there will be a limited number of pictorial directories available by request in the Church Office on January 10, 2016.

47th Annual
Wassail Bowl
Holiday Sale



Holiday Greens
Food

Attic Treasures

Christmas
Shoppe

Handcrafted
Gifts

The Presbyterian Church
Pulteney Park, Geneva

December 5, 2015
10am-2pm

November 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Communion 2 Cents a meal offering New Member Class 9:15 Acolyte Training 11:30</p>	<p>2 Bell Rehearsal 5:15 I & S Committee 7:30</p>	<p>3 Election Day  Bake Sale 9:00 Adult Ed 5:30 Property Com. 7:00</p>	<p>4 Sewing 9:00 Deacons 7:00</p>	<p>5 Needles Group 1:00 Choir 7:00</p>	<p>6  Give Thanks Each Day</p>	<p>7 SERRV Shop open 10:00 – 4:00</p>
<p>8 Blood Pressure check after both services New Member Class 9:15 Passages brunch – 11:45</p>	<p>9 Bell Rehearsal 5:15 C. E. Committee 7:00</p>	<p>10 Women's Circles 1:30</p>	<p>11 Sewing 9:00 Worship Com. 7:00 Finance Com. 7:30</p>	<p>12 Choir 7:00</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 SERRV Shop open 10:00 – 4:00</p>
<p>15 New Member Class 9:15 Acolyte Installation 10:30 Congregational Meeting 11:30</p>	<p>16 Bell Rehearsal 5:15</p>	<p>17 Geneva Area Interfaith Council Harvest Celebration 6:00 Communications Committee 7:00</p>	<p>18 Sewing 9:00 Session 7:00</p>	<p>19 Needles Group 1:00 Parish Health Committee 7:00 Choir 7:00</p>	<p>20 Twilight Support Group 10:30 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - NOON</p>	<p>21 SERRV Shop open 10:00 – 4:00 Clean-up Day 9:00 – Noon</p>
<p>22 Thank offering received New Member Class 9:15 Deacons' Thanksgiving Dinner 11:45</p>	<p>23 Bell Rehearsal 5:15 Mission Committee 7:30</p>	<p>24 Red Cross Blood Drive – 1:00 – 7:00 SERRV Committee 7:00</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Thanksgiving</p>	<p>27 Church office closed</p>	<p>28 SERRV Shop open 10:00 – 4:00</p>
<p>29 Advent begins New Member Class 9:15</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Sunday Worship Services 8:15 & 10:30</p>	<p>Sunday School 9:00 Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>9:15 SERRV Shop open after both services</p>		