

*The Geneva Pres*



**MARCH**

**2016**

# *The Presbyterian Church in Geneva*

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*Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the  
LORD." Psalm 118*

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**I cannot wait for Easter's "Hallelujah Chorus". Singing Handel's Messiah, especially the Hallelujah Chorus is a tradition in many congregations. However, the choir usually 'performs' while the congregation listens. This year, The Presbyterian Church in Geneva will do our best to include everyone who wishes to sing this heavenly chorus. It is so uplifting to be surrounded by music. I hope you will join in. Leading up to Easter, the Geneva Churches will combine our talents to present The Passion of Christ with drama, scripture and hymn on Maundy Thursday. Last year, thirteen willing men and several enthusiastic women dramatized The Last Supper. It was a meaningful communion and I think people enjoyed a different way of worship and sacrament. Please invite your neighbors and friends for I believe Maundy Thursday will be equally moving.**

**Worship on Good Friday will be held at noon, March 25 at Trinity Episcopal Church. The new priest, Rev. Cameron Miller will officiate with other pastors participating.**

**Don't forget that there is an Easter Sunrise Service on the front lawn of the Methodist Church. Rain or Shine, Snow or green grass, a small group sings and prays while the sun peeks over the lake and main street buildings.**

**Back at The Presbyterian Church, we will gather for a joyous celebration on THE DAY OF RESURRECTION.**

**Hallelujah! Christ has Risen Indeed!**

**Deborah**

**MARCH 6 Fourth Sunday in Lent, Communion**

**Scriptures: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

**Sermon: “God Welcomes All”**

**MARCH 13 Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21. John 12:1-8**

**Sermon: Oil and Water**

**March 20 Passion/Palm Sunday**

**Scripture: Psalm 118, Luke 19:28-40**

**Sermon: “His Last Week”**

**March 24 Maundy Thursday Joint Service**

**“The Drama of the Passion”**

**7 PM at the United Methodist Church**

**March 25 Good Friday**

**Noon Worship at Trinity Episcopal Church**

**March 27 Easter: The Day of Resurrection**

**Scripture: John 20: 1-18, Acts 10:34-43**

**Sermon: “Join the Hallelujah Chorus”**



*Palm Sunday, MARCH 20,  
Auction and Brunch  
following the 10:30 worship service.  
Adults- \$6.00    under 12 - \$3.00*

*Over 30 wonderful items will be  
offered for auction this year to benefit  
our OGHS campaign. There are items  
in a wide range of asking prices and a  
great variety of styles.*

*OGHS dinner is always a great treat!!!*

*Hosanna!*  
**HOSANNA!**  
*Hosanna!*





MAUNDY THURSDAY  
*Evening Communion*  
*and*  
*Tenebrae Service*

**Maundy Thursday is the evening when we remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. As we move through the Scripture readings of Holy Week, candles will be extinguished, symbolizing the darkening shadows as Jesus moves closer to the Cross.**

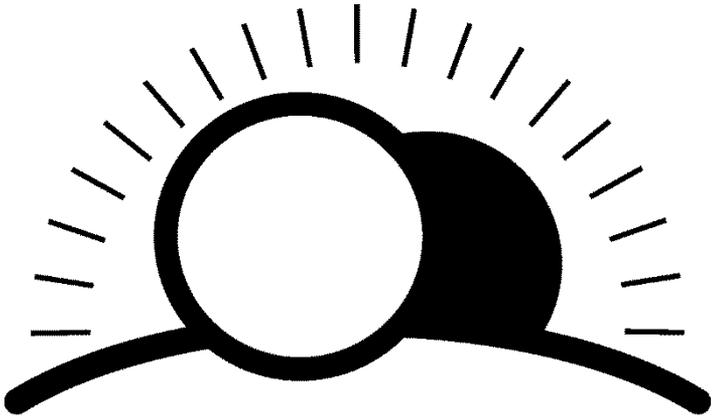
*THURSDAY, MARCH 24*  
*at 7 pm*  
*at The First United Methodist Church*

*ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE*



GOOD FRIDAY

*Friday, MARCH 25, 12:15 pm*  
*at Trinity Episcopal Church*



EASTER

*Sunday, March 27*



## *Easter Dinner for Community Lunch*

We would like to make "*Easter dinner in a bag*" to give to those who attend Community Lunch Program. Our Christmas bags were a BIG HIT the other year!! We will do all canned foods so there won't be a problem with spoilage. You can choose to donate a whole meal or a portion of a meal or money towards buying supplies for the meal. We need all donations by Sunday,

MARCH 13.

Meals include:

A small canned ham (must not need to be refrigerated)

Canned sweet potatoes or white potatoes

Canned green beans

Canned cream corn

Can of fruit

If you can find cans with pull top lids it would be easier for them to open.



# Sunday School

**MARCH 20 – Children’s choir sings, Youth bells ring  
10:30 worship service**

**MARCH 27 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - EASTER**



**MARCH 14, 7:00**

CAMPBELL’S SOUP UPC CODES

Please save your UPC CODES

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

to benefit Geneva Head Start

**2 CENTS – A - MEAL**

**We will collect 2 cents offerings on MARCH 6**

You can make a difference

in the lives of hungry people!!!

**GIRL SCOUTS CELEBRATE Empowering Girls**

**Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and**

**character, who make the world a better place. Founder Juliette**

**Gordon Low organized the first Girl Scout Troop on March**

**12, 1912, in Savannah, Ga. Today, there are 3.2 million Girl**

**Scouts—2.3 million girl members and 880,000 adult members**

**working primarily as volunteers.**



**Youth Fellowship  
March  
Grades 6-12**

**West Side Story** 

Time: Meet at 1:45pm, Starts at 2pm

When: Sunday, March 13th

Where: High School

Cost: Will share when ticket prices come out

Please RSVP no later than Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> to [pjfoote25@gmail.com](mailto:pjfoote25@gmail.com).

**Palm Sunday Brunch**



What: Palm Sunday Brunch

Where: Church

When: Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

Time: Setup is at 9:00 (8<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> Graders) and  
Serving & Cleanup (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders) clean-up is at  
10:30

-Parents are welcome to help with the clean-up too  
it would go so much faster

Please RSVP to Paula by email ([pjfoote25@gmail.com](mailto:pjfoote25@gmail.com)) by  
WEDNESDAY, March 16<sup>th</sup>!

# Adult Forum

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

## **Lenten Study:**

### ***Will You Come and Follow Me?***

Our Lenten study continues in March with a focus on Lenten hymns. The materials explore the texts of various Lenten hymns, challenging participants to work through the meaning of the text and to learn more about the hymn writers. Each Sunday we will discuss two hymns, one an “old favorite” and the other likely to be less familiar. This series gives us an opportunity to discuss ideas raised in Pastor Deb’s sermons, which during Lent will also focus on Lenten and Easter hymns.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Hymns</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>
3/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To God Be the Glory (#604)</li><li>• God Welcomes All (#399)</li></ul>	Tim Merwarth
3/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lord of the Dance (#157)</li><li>• Woman in the Night (#161)</li></ul>	Ellen Reynolds
3/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Glory, Laud and Honor (#196)</li><li>• Filled with Excitement (# 199)</li></ul>	Bill Fox
3/27	<b>EASTER</b> There will be no Adult Forum discussion.	

# Lenten Bible Study

***Friday Night Soup Supper and Bible Study***  
**6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Revelation:** Our Lenten Bible Study will continue in March as we work through the meaning of the visions to John in Revelation. Everyone is welcome to attend and discuss the significance of this remarkable Book in our lives today.

# *SERRV* International Fair Trade Gift Shop

**Your support changes lives!**

## History and Name

**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. The first product sold was a cuckoo clock from Germany! 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 1999, Serrv incorporated as an independent nonprofit organization.**

**Over the decades we have steadily increased our impact through the number of partners we work with and the depth of our development work. From what began as a small black and white catalog of a few items and one gift shop located in New Windsor, Maryland, we have grown to offer a large range of products through seasonal catalogs, three Serrv-owned stores, and hundreds of retail stores and churches throughout the country.**

## Our Mission Statement

**Serrv is a nonprofit organization with a mission to eradicate poverty wherever it resides by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide.**

**Inventory in our shop is progressing, but still not complete. We will put a notice in the bulletin when we are again able to open.**



Dear Church Family,

Before I launch into this month's topic, I want to warn you that I think this weather has our local critters confused about what time of year it is. Don't skunks hibernate? If they don't, they should!! My dog Heidi found a skunk (on the coldest day of the year). The skunk let Heidi know she was not wanted; actually, no one wanted her after that. Tomato juice DID NOT help much in washing out the odor. The vet gave me the magic formula to help get rid of skunk aroma: 1 qt hydrogen peroxide, ¼ cup baking soda and 1 tbsp dish detergent. Be very careful not to get this in your pet's eyes.

March is National Nutrition Month. I have several handouts on the Health Table dealing with healthy eating. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics has some good information on line at [www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org) and [www.ChooseMyPlate.gov](http://www.ChooseMyPlate.gov). One of their articles contains a list of healthy eating tips to help you stay healthy and keep your weight in a reasonable range. I will touch on a few of the items on their list.

Always try to eat breakfast. I am sometimes guilty of dashing out the door with only a cup of coffee for "breakfast". It's a lousy way to start out. You lose energy and become mentally "foggy" by the afternoon and tend to eat and snack more in the evening when you may not be as active, (not burning off calories). A good breakfast with lean protein, vitamins and minerals from fruits and veggies, and some whole grains will supply your body with energy to think clearly and keep going.

Portion size is important. Eating too much of anything isn't good. Read labels for what a serving size actually is and try to stick to that.

If you look at the governments recommended dietary guidelines, half of your plate should be fruits and vegetables. If these aren't doctored up with buckets of butter, salt and sauce, they are packed with vitamins and minerals, roughage, and are usually very low in calories. Plus, they fill you up. It's a win, win situation.

Drink plenty of water. As we get older, we often don't want to drink much due to not feeling thirsty or not wanting to spend much time in the bathroom. However, dehydration is a huge problem often causing lengthy hospitalizations, mental confusion, and enabling the start of a number of illnesses. Try to drink that water!

Stop by the Health Table and pick up a handout. Call me with question 315-759-9039

God Bless, Beth



## **Presbyterian Women**

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### **Upcoming Events:**

**Mark your calendar: Strawberry Festival –**

**June 15, 2016 - 5:30-8:00 PM**

**Donna Newcomb and Bev Burrall – co-chairs**

**Presbyterian Women donated \$100 to purchase ten solar lantern lights for the Majok-Keen Girls' School n Mayen Abun, South Sudan. The Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering helped to build this school. A school just for girls makes it possible for more girls to receive an education. Girls receiving these lights will be able to study at home, at night!**

**PW will not meet in March.**



**Friendship Study Group - *Tuesday, March 8, 1:30 pm***

**Lesson 6 – “The Waters”. All are welcome to attend. These are interactive studies and discussions.**

**Needles/Craft – *Thursday, March 3, 1-3:00***



# Come and Join the Hallelujah Chorus !

One of the most beloved choral works of all times is Handel's Messiah. Intended as an Easter offering, it was composed in only 24 days in the summer of 1741 and first performed in Dublin in April 1742. At the end of the original manuscript after

his name, Handel inscribed "SDG", or Soli Deo Gloria, "To God

alone the glory". This inscription, along with the speed of the composition of this work, has led to the possibly apocryphal story that Handel wrote this piece "in a fervor of divine inspiration in which, as he wrote the "Hallelujah' chorus, he saw

all heaven before him". True or not, this Oratorio has inspired generations of performers and audiences, becoming one of the best known and the most frequently performed choral work in Western Music.

This Easter we are inviting church members who have sung Hallelujah Chorus, to join the choir in singing this great work of

Easter celebration. Just come to the beginning of rehearsal at 7 pm on Thursday, March 17, or Wednesday March 23rd at 7pm, and come to the Easter Morning rehearsal at 9:30.

Join us in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior with one of the great choruses of all time!

## Join the Hallelujah Chorus!



## *Deciding Which Path to Take: a Lenten Reflection*

Throughout our lives, we have to make decisions – from something as seemingly trivial as which outfit to wear to work, to more significant decisions such as which college to attend, what subject to major in, which job to apply for, whether or not to have children, who to spend time with, where to live, what to do with our lives... All of the decisions you've made thus far have led you to where you are at this exact moment, reading – or in my case writing – this article.

I like to think of life as a journey – a series of paths through woods and meadows, over mountains, along lake shores... Each choice is like a fork in the road – red shirt or blue shirt, HWS or University of Vermont, Education, Environmental Studies, Veterinary Medicine, or Architecture... and the resulting journey is only available to us because of all of the steps we've taken up until that point, the right turns and left turns, yes' and no's. God has given us free will, and with it, the ability to think for ourselves and weigh our options. This is not to say that we can predict all outcomes, though, because we are in a vast forest with many paths and countless people traveling on them. We may walk with some people for a while; others we may glimpse only briefly or never meet at all. Perhaps a choice that we think will lead us farther away actually loops around and brings us right back to a trail upon which we've tread before; maybe the obstacle we never saw coming is actually the best thing for us, or it just might happen that the place we didn't expect to go, but somehow ended up, was where we needed to be all along.

What decisions have led you to where you are now? What have you learned from your journey so far? How might life have been different if you had chosen other routes?

This Lent, reflect on your travels thus far in life – both literal and figurative. Then, think about the choices you have yet to make. Is it time for a career change? Do you want to have/adopt a(nother) child? Are there people you'd like to visit or places you'd like to go?

Which path will you take next?

# March



Gordy Baxter 2	Daniel Blume 2
Heather Drennen 3	Mickey Peters 4
Audra Burrall 5	Emily Howard 5
Judith Treisback 6	Kathy Breese 7
Dolly Travis 9	Chris Smart 10
John Komara 11	Jordan Hornbeck 13
Shirley Brind 14	Erin Equinozzi 14
James Bates 15	Janet Knowlton 16
Kim Brown 17	Casey Doyle 17
Laura Lewis 17	Jacob Saracino 20
Timothy Wixom 21	Janet Wixom 21
Jim Capron 22	David Herd 22
Alexander Smith 24	Wendy Doyle 25
Bette Schubert 25	Dallas Fowler-Barnes 26
Erin Campbell 28	Mark Palmieri 28
Paula Breese 30	Michael McClure 30
Alice Van Gorden 30	

Is your March birthday missing from the list? If so, send a note with your birthday to the church office or send it in an email to [ServantKeeper@pcgny.org](mailto:ServantKeeper@pcgny.org).



**Be A Teacher**  
*There's a place where  
only you fit!*

## **MARCH IS SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER RECRUITMENT MONTH**

**Our Sunday School needs YOU!!!! You need no special talent or teaching skill. All we ask is 11 weeks of your time. If you like children and would like to help provide the basics of Christian education to these youngsters, please consider signing up.**

**We provide lesson plans, materials, and support. Please consider spending 9:00-10:15 am on Sunday morning with our youth for 11 weeks. They will benefit and so will you. Watch the bulletins for sign ups.**



## **PASSAGES**

**Our next Passages event will be Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am (after second service) in Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Lida King from Lifespan. Her topic will be Scams and Identity Theft. Lida was recommended by the Ontario County District Attorney's Office. The Parish Health Ministry Team will be serving a lunch during the event. If you would like to attend please sign up with an e-mail to the parish nurse, church office or via the church website or call the church office. It would be good to hear from you by Thursday, February 25 to be sure we have enough food for everyone.**



Pastor Deb - [deblindschmitz@pcgny.org](mailto:deblindschmitz@pcgny.org)

Edna May - [secretary@pcgny.org](mailto:secretary@pcgny.org)

Alan Schenk - [finadmin@pcgny.org](mailto:finadmin@pcgny.org)

Servant Keeper - [servantkeeper@pcgny.org](mailto:servantkeeper@pcgny.org)

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
MARCH 18 - NOON

## ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION -

**A monthly Caregiver Support Group for individual's who are caring for a loved one(s) with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia. This group will meet the FIRST Wednesday of every month from 1:30-2:30 pm in the church parlor.**

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**

*Stephanie Smart has been named Valedictorian*

*GHS class 2016*

*Ben Aliperti has been named Salutatorian*

*GHS class 2016*

## Events Happening Soon:

**Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> (after the 10:30 service) ~ Supper with a Song**

**Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> (7pm) ~ Lisa Genova at the Smith**

## Elders and Deacon's Listings

Looking for a listing of the latest Elders and Deacons – it's on the website! You can find the list of current Elders and Deacons on our main website at

<http://www.presbyterianchurchingenevanewyork.org/about-us/elders-and-deacons/>. You can get their contact information by checking out the detailed listings of Elders and Deacons on the Member's website. Use

<http://members.presbyterianchurchingenevanewyork.org/directory/session/> to get contact information for session members and

<http://members.presbyterianchurchingenevanewyork.org/directory/deacons/> to get contact information for deacons.



We are still accepting family pictures for the pictorial directory. If you would like to submit a picture of yourself or household, you may do so at any time. You may send a printed picture (4" x 6") to the church office or email us the picture, saved in a JPEG format, to [ServantKeeper@pcgny.org](mailto:ServantKeeper@pcgny.org). 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.

**THANK YOU AGAIN!**

**You may not remember where you were on Monday, Feb. 23, 2015, but a group of 18 Scouts and leaders including many from Boy Scout Troop 4 were returning home after driving more than 1,500 miles from the Florida Keys after our airline flights were cancelled. As it turned out, the snowiest roads were between Watkins Glen and Geneva, and we all got to explore I-95 and South of the Border on that trek.**

**We are grateful that in the year since, the congregation and several troop friends have contributed about 15,400 deposit bottles and cans, helping us raise nearly \$770 toward our next High Adventure trek, which we expect will be a rock climbing and zip-line adventure at the Bechtel Summit in West Virginia. We do appreciate your help and support since 1917.**

**-Fred Schühle, Assistant Scoutmaster**

**Enhancing Our Mission**

**"A Vision for the future"**

**I'm sure that many of you want to know what we are doing regarding capital projects in the church. On Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>, and again on Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday), a display of proposed projects will be located on the wall of the ramp as you exit church on your way to the fellowship hall. In addition, you will be asked to complete a brief survey of what you like, and what you don't like. You will be asked to prioritize that which is most important to you. Members of Session will be available to answer questions.**

**John Hovey**

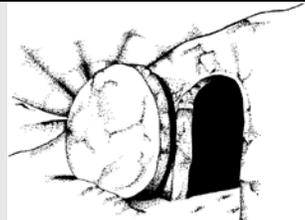
**On behalf of the Session and the Property Committee**



# Spring Forward!

*Daylight Savings Time begins*  
**MARCH 13**

# MARCH MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:30 Sunday School – 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:15		<b>1</b>  Adult Ed Com .5:30  Property Com. 7:00	<b>2</b> Breakfast 6:45  Sewing 9:00  Deacons 7:00	<b>3</b> Needles Group 1:00 Memorials 5:30  Choir 7:00	<b>4</b> Soup/Supper 6:00 	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Communion at both services  Deacon's Lunch at GHS 11:45	<b>7</b>  Bell rehearsal 5;15  I & S Com. 7:30	<b>8</b>  Women's Circle 1:30	<b>9</b> Breakfast 6:45  Sewing 9:00 Worship Com. 7:00	<b>10</b>  Choir 7:00	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Blood Pressure Check following both services.	<b>14</b> Bell rehearsal 5:15  C. E. Com. 7:00	<b>15</b> Red Cross Blood Drive 1:00 7:00 Com. Com. 7:00 Membership 7:00	<b>16</b> Breakfast 67:45  Sewing 9:00  Session 7:00	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b> Twilight Group 10:30  Newsletter Deadline - Noon Soup/Supper 6:00	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Palm/Passion Sunday  Communion at both services  Auction/Brunch 11:30	<b>21</b>  Mission 7:30	<b>22</b>  SERRV Com 7:00	<b>23</b> Sewing 9:00  Choir 7:00	<b>24</b> 7:00 Maundy Thurs at Methodist Church Parish Health 7:00	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Easter Celebration    No Sunday School	<b>28</b> Church office closed	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Sewing 9:00	<b>31</b>  Choir 7:00		

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