

The Geneva Pres



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The Presbyterian Church in Geneva

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**FROM THE
PASTOR**

Preaching using the Narrative Lectionary

For a couple of decades, I have used the Three Year Common Lectionary for Sunday Morning Preaching. Protestants and Roman Catholic ministers chose a two or more scriptures from a common selection of Psalms, Old Testament, Gospel and Epistles. The challenge for preachers is finding the common theme in at least two of scriptures. A few years ago, I began using the alternative “Narrative Lectionary” for the summer worship services. Preaching a series on the Psalms or Wisdom Literature was satisfying for several reasons. One, there was a continuity of theme every Sunday. Two, it gave me the opportunity to preach on lesser known scripture passages or books. Three, the Narrative lectionary was not a forced lesson structure. Many of you responded positively to “summer series” preaching.

So, with the blessing of the Worship Committee, I am using the Narrative Lectionary in the autumn and winter and spring. Last month, I began at the very beginning, Genesis, telling the most famous stories of our faith; Creation, The Children of Abraham, and the Story of Jacob (Joseph and his brothers). During October, you will hear the “old, old stories” with relevant applications and current challenges. I hope you find this walk through the Bible instructive and inspiring. October will teach main lessons from Exodus, I and II Samuel and I Kings. I will also reference a Gospel lesson that relates to the Old Testament lesson. Please see the preaching schedule and scriptures listed. If you are interested in discussing these scriptures during the week, I would be happy to arrange a “sermon prep” chat. One thing, on October 30, we will be celebrating All Saints Day with the naming of those who died this last year. If you have lost a loved one, member or not, I want to remember them in this special prayer service. Please send their name to the office and consider lighting a candle in either the first or second worship service. If you are unable to walk forward, an acolyte will light the candle while your loved one’s name is spoken. This was a very meaningful service last year. Considering how many people have died this year, I believe it will be comforting for the whole congregation, May the blessings of our gracious God be with you,

Pastor Deb

October 2 World Communion Sunday
“Freedom and New Life”
Exodus 12:1-13, 13:1-8, Luke 22:14-20

October 9 Golden Calf Ethan Powell Preaching
Exodus 32:1-14, Luke 23:34

October 16 “Hannah’s prayer”
Exodus 32:1-14 , Luke 23:34

October 23 “God’s Promise to David”
2 Samuel 7:1-17, Luke 1:30-33

October 30 All Saint’s Sunday
God’s Care for the Widow
I Kings 17:1-16, Luke 4: 24-26





**Word of
thanks to:**

Edna

May

A BIG thank you to Edna May for her 30 years of service to our church. She was always a helpful, friendly face in the office. She will be missed. We will hold a Thank You Celebration for her on November 6th after the 10:30 service.

We need your help. Would you please write or record messages of thanks to Edna May? Send them to the office or Pastor Deb at deblindschmitz@pcgny.org. We hope to have a book of memories and gratitude. Also, if you would like to contribute to a monetary gift, you may send that to our financial administrator, Alan Schenck at The Presbyterian Church by October 25.

Geneva Center of Concern, Inc.
Geneva Food Pantry

Thank you all for helping us feed your neighborhood families this past summer. The Geneva Food Pantry **filled almost 2,400 hungry tummies with emergency food from June through August, as well as an additional 400 families through our monthly mobile pantries.**

But the need for food doesn't end with back-to-school. We all have learned proper nutrition helps feed the brain as well as the tummy.

More than 48 million Americans across our country are in need of food assistance; 1 of every 5 children does not get enough food on a daily basis.

FALL MISSION PROJECT

OCT. 2&9 - we will be collecting items to give to the Geneva Food Pantry.

**OCTOBER 2 – canned vegetables
and canned fruit**

**OCTOBER 9– HEARTY soups and
pasta**

Thank You!!



OCTOBER 2 & 9 – FALL FOOD DRIVE

OCTOBER 16 - Children's Choir (1st-6th) sings at worship

OCTOBER 30 – 6th -12th carve pumpkins. You can vote for your favorite. Proceeds will go to Camp Whitman for new roofs for the sleeper cabins.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION
to benefit Geneva Head Start

2 CENTS – A - MEAL
We will collect 2 cents offerings on OCT. 2
You can make a difference in the lives of hungry people!!!

G O D is

Forgiving

Understanding

Never too busy!!!!!!

Youth Group ~ 6th – 12th

Trip to Stokoe Farms!



What: Corn maze, pumpkin picking, “Canine Spectacular”, and other fall fun!

Where: 656 South Rd, Scottsville, NY

Date: Sunday, October 16 after Church (meet at noon)
carpooling (parents can you help?)- bring a bagged lunch

Cost: \$14 (General Admission plus a pumpkin and snack)

*Please RSVP to Ryan Kincaid by Friday,
October 6th ☺*

(ryan.kincaid15@gmail.com)

Pumpkin Carving



When: Sunday, October 30

Where: Church basement

Time: 9:00

We will be carving pumpkins during Sunday school. The congregation will vote for the winner during the 10:30 worship. Please bring carving tools and a design. You will have only 1hr to complete your carving.

Adult Forum

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

Join us this fall as we explore the promises and challenges of interfaith cooperation.

October and November

- October 2—Lauren Lamb will discuss Family Promise, an interfaith initiative to assist the homeless, with a particular emphasis on children. The Mission Committee will be considering whether our church should participate in this work. Come learn what the program involves and what it would mean for our church and our community.
- October 9- November 20--We will be exploring interfaith cooperation with the help of a DVD-based series called “Changing the World by Coming Together,” featuring presentations by Eboo Patel. According to the Cokesbury website, in this series Patel “explores what it means to be ‘literate’ about other faiths, how interfaith cooperation ‘works’ and why, the skills needed for interfaith cooperation and the significant role that our institutions, including colleges and faith communities, can play in this process.” Patel is a Muslim of Indian heritage and American citizenship who is a regular contributor to such publications as the *Washington Post*, *USA Today* and the *Huffington Post*.
- October 23—Mission Fair

November and December Advent Series: Names for the Messiah

- November 27-December 18: With guidance from theologian Walter Brueggemann, we will consider each of the four royal titles used in Isaiah 9:6—Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. How did people in the time of Isaiah interpret these titles? How did Jesus fulfill (or not fulfill) each of these titles? How do Christians today interpret Jesus as representative of each title?
- December 25: *Merry Christmas!!* (no adult ed program)



MISSION FAIR

On Sunday, October 23rd the Mission and Social Concerns Committee will host a Mission Fair in the Fellowship Hall. The Fair will provide members of our congregation the opportunity to see and experience many of the agencies and groups that our church supports either by offering the use of our facilities and/or financial support through our mission giving.

The list of agencies and groups that fit this description exceeds 45 individual entities. All have been invited to participate and we fully expect many of them to be there.

Our Church has long been a welcoming church to the community and to services and agencies, offering support and space to enhance their, and our, mission. We have been referred to at times as a community center. That mission and approach in large part defines us and helps us put into action our goal of being in service to our community.

The Fair will commence at the close of the early service that Sunday, at 9:00am. There will be time for experiencing the Fair and getting to know those agencies that participate until the

second service at 10:30. The Fair continues at the close of the second service at 11:30 and the agencies will be there for later service participants to visit until 12:30pm.

Please come and spend time roaming the Fair. Refreshments will be available and the agencies will all have representatives to meet and greet you and share their mission with you. We expect

to have a wonderful morning and hope you mark your calendars to be there.

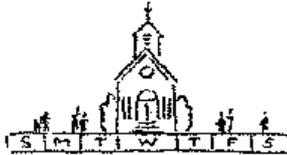


Presbyterian Women

Upcoming Events:

The next meeting of PW will be at 9:15 am on October 16th in the North Parlor. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE. ATTENTION ALL WOMEN

Out to Lunch Bunch: The Out to Lunch Bunch meets at 11:45 am on the Third Monday of the Month at various restaurants in the greater Geneva area for all women of our church. It is always “Dutch Treat”. Please let the church office know by 9:00 am on that day (earlier if possible) so that we can give the chosen restaurant proper notice to set the tables. If you work in the area, you are welcome to join us. October’s Out to Lunch Bunch will be October 17th at the Ramada.



Friendship Study Group – *Monday, October 17, 10:30am* South Parlor - “Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes” is the title chosen for this year’s women’s Bible Study. This study has us look through the lens of each of the Gospels, Paul, Hebrews, and Abrahamic religions. All Women of the Church are welcome. Our studies are always interactive and open discussions.

Lesson One “According to Mark” will be led by Ruby Anderson on Monday, October 17th at 10:30 am at the church. It is not required but helpful if you read the Book of Mark before our discussion. Copies of the Study and Workbook are available from Lou Tarr. These are helpful but not required.

Needles/Craft – *Thursday, Oct. 20, 1:00 pm-* South Parlor

BAKERS AND WORKERS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE. This election year will be a big fundraiser as a heavy turnout is expected. We need pies, small loaves of bread, cookies, muffins, and brownies. Call Lorraine Millis to work or if you have questions.

We need YOUR help. Please consider helping with coffee hours and memorial receptions if you are asked or by volunteering. Please contact Ann Warner (789-6430) if you are interested in helping. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

All Saints Day is going to be observed on Sunday, October 30th at both services. We will make special time to acknowledge and remember those from our church family, as well as, loved ones who have passed the last year.



Deacons

“In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks.”

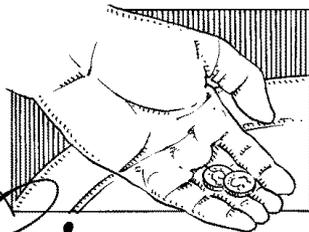
-John Muir

Autumn is upon us and we have settled into our familiar routines. Take some time with your family to get out and enjoy the beauty of autumn in the Finger Lakes. There are so many fall activities to enjoy in the area; apple picking, pumpkin patches, corn mazes and hiking trails. As the temperatures drop the tantalizing fragrances of apple pies, pumpkin bread, chili, and corn muffins fill our homes, comforting us with happy memories.

Join us after services on Sunday, October 30th for the Autumn Stewardship Luncheon. Please watch the bulletin inserts this month for additional information and to RSVP.

Deacons are very happy to welcome Rye Weber and Lauren Schmit, serving our congregation as youth deacons.

Love and Peace, Debbi Oswald



*Give unto
the Lord*



Dear Church Family,

It's that time again, you roll up your sleeve, cringe and pray the nurse is good at giving shots, then thank God it's over. In the scheme of things, vaccinations don't take very long and can save you a lot of grief, possibly prevent a hospital stay, or worse! So, did you get that Flu shot yet? What other vaccines are out there that you might find beneficial?

According to the CDC, the Flu vaccine should be taken by late October. It is hard to say when the Flu will peak, but it usually goes into full swing by late October. It takes 2 weeks for you to receive immunity from the vaccine and the vaccine typically only protects against 3-4 of what scientists are guessing to be the most prevalent Flu strains for the year. Some doctors allow people who claim the Flu vaccine makes them feel sick to take it in 2 divided doses, 2 weeks apart. My grandmother did this and it worked well for her. Not all doctors allow this. This is a yearly vaccine.

There are now 2 different Pneumonia vaccines. The CDC is recommending adults 65 and older get a dose of PCV13 first, (this protects against 13 strains of pneumococcus bacteria, meningitis bacteremia and pneumonia), and then PPSV23 at least 1 year later, (this protects against 23 strains of pneumococcus bacteria, meningitis and bacteremia). The CDC states "pneumococcal pneumonia kills 1 of 20 older adults that contract it. It is spread via respiratory secretions. These vaccines are presently given only once in your lifetime."

The CDC recommends adults receive Tetanus vaccines once every 10 years. If you step on a rusty nail, the doctor may want you to get a "Tetanus booster" before the 10 years are up.

The Shingles vaccine seems to be an "iffy" thing. The CDC recommends people 60 and over who have had chickenpox to get this vaccine. The CDC states "This vaccine reduces the risk of developing Shingles by 51% and PHN (post-herpetic neuralgia) by 67%." I know someone who has had Shingles twice since getting the vaccine, but did not have an extreme case either time. The protection from the Shingles vaccine lasts about 5 years, according to the CDC. People taking steroids or any immunosuppressive therapies should not have this vaccine. Talk to your doctors about their views of this vaccine. I will have information out on the health table or go to the website www.cdc.gov/vaccines to find more information.

God Bless, Beth

SERRV International Fair Trade Gift Shop

As Nelson Mandela said, “Education is the most powerful tool we have to change the world,” and is therefore key to the fair trade movement’s goal of eradicating poverty. With your support, SERRV funds projects including child education in countries such as Nepal, South Africa, Kenya, and India as well as training, tools, and grants that assist low-income farmers and artisans to work their way out of poverty.

SERRV sponsors small-scale, on-the-ground programs to bring practical training and business support to our artisan partners — particularly women — to extend their earning potential far into the future. We also respond to the needs of our partners when faced with emergencies such as the earthquakes in Nepal last year.

To help us contribute to these needs visit our shop on Saturdays between 10 and 12:30 or after each service on Sunday. We will be adding some new inventory soon as well as creating sale items, our “Red Dot Specials”.



**COMMUNION is the 1st SUNDAY of each month at
SENECA LAKE TERRANCE and THE LIVING CENTERS.**



The finches are back in moving clouds in my back yard, decorating the stems which, only a short time ago, were flowerheads. Some, swing upside down on the remains of the green coneflowers, feasting for the journey. They are only a part of the moving, changing fauna in this season of change. A small and beautiful part of the drama of life in which we are embedded.

I am currently reading a book by Robin Wall Kimmerer, the Native American biologist from upstate New York. She writes beautifully about the land and our embeddedness in it and our dependance on it for our very being. She speaks of the gifts of the land and the other beings that dwell here and how, in our busy techno-centric lives, we do not recognize those gifts. She speaks also of how our lives have wreaked terrible damage to the web of life on which we are so dependent. We forget the stewardship that was entrusted to us at Creation. We forget that before us, all of the creatures were given a place in Creation and the blessing of the abundance of food.

As I sit watching the golden wings on bobbing flowerheads, the words and melodies to our anthem for October 2nd run through my head.

*“For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing...”*

and wonder if we will have the wisdom to recognize, as native cultures have and do, that all living creatures are our brothers and sisters, joint participants and creators of the web of life that sustains us and that all require a place at the table and a part in the celebration of life.

*“For God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
creators of compassion and peace.”*

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
OCTOBER 21 - NOON



A big thank you to the many volunteers who worked at the Community Lunch program on Thursdays in August. In total they served 249 meals, more than the average number. I'm looking forward to the day when no one shows up for the free lunch and there is no longer a need for this program. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Alan Otterbacher

Many thanks for all the cards, phone calls, food, prayers and support when George died. We are blessed to have such caring friends and congregation.

Liz Hall and family

“Heartfelt thanks to my church family and friends for the prayers, flowers, visits, cards, phone calls and other kind offers following my recent hospital stay and recuperation. I miss you and hope to be back in church very soon.” God Bless you all,

Muriel Stobie

COFFEE HOUR

During the year, church committees are responsible for coffee hours after both services.

If you do not serve on a committee and would like to host coffee hour for the 8:15 or 10:30 service, NOW is your chance!

Easy instructions are provided. We are looking for hosts for Sundays in November and December. Reimbursement for supplies is available.

Please call Connie VanGorden, 315 521-3509, or Steve Cottrell, 781-2288, if you are interested.

We will be glad to meet with you to show you where supplies are kept in the kitchen.

Your help is needed to send our love and encouragement to our college students. This year, we are sending out over 30 boxes full of goodies from you – our congregation - to both OUR college students and the Hobart/William Smith College incoming Presbyterian Freshmen on

OCTOBER 16.

We already have popcorn, hot chocolate, chex mix, m&m's, hand sanitizer, Kleenex packets, church stickers.

We all know that college students love homemade goodies - brownies and cookies are favorites. Please consider helping out! Your creative ideas/donations will also be welcome.

We need your donations in the conference room by 9:00 am on OCTOBER 16. Thanks.



The Memorials and History Committee recently received several donations in loving memory of Ruth Nielsen, by Marje and Fritz Aude, of Phelps, Helen Kipp, John and Karen Fouracre, Suzanne Marino of Geneva; and Eva Jensen of Penn Yan.

In memory of David Newcomb, by Paul Kirsch and Helen Kipp of Geneva.

In memory of George Hall, by Thomas Higgins of Fairport NY, Michael and Jean Dickson, Carl Aten, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Sayers and Robert G. Mayo, Jr., of Geneva, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Van Orden of Trumansburg, and Elizabeth Newell of Phelps.

In memory of John Klein, by Carl Aten and Jane Donegan of Geneva.

In memory of William Sherring, by Dr. and Mrs. Paul Bleakley of Geneva.

In memory of Ronald Cox, by Carl Aten of Geneva.

In memory of Carol Warren, by Thomas Burrall and Doris McDonald of Geneva, Mr and Mrs. James Rinaldo of Waterloo, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lamphier of Penn Yan.

Also, in memory of Gary Braun, by Joan Braun.



VanderKamp

Did you have a great summer playing outside and wish the fun would never end?

If so, mark your calendar for fun in the snow at VanderKamp!

Do you love doing puzzles, playing games and hanging out with friends?

If so, mark your calendar for fun in the lodge at VanderKamp!

VanderKamp February 3rd to the 5th, 2017

**Questions?? Ask Sage Gerling at 607-339-7729.
Registration forms coming soon.**



Introducing
our
**NEW
STAFF!**

A New Face in the office

Colleen Van Allan will be the new secretary in the church office starting October 3rd. The Personnel committee and Pastor Deb reviewed applications and interviewed the candidates. It was unanimously felt Colleen was the best choice for the position. She has many years experience as a secretary in varied offices. She is also a familiar face in our church having served on Session and many different committees. She will be a great addition to our wonderful staff.



Pastor Deb - deblindschmitz@pcgny.org

Alan Schenck - finadmin@pcgny.org

Servant Keeper - servantkeeper@pcgny.org

Colleen Van Allan - secretary@pcgny.org

Office Technology Update

We have updated our downloadable pictorial directory of the members and friends in our church congregation stored on our church website. Because the directory contains information about our entire church membership, we ask you to only share it with the members and friends listed in the directory. To view or download the updated pictorial directory, please [click here](#) or copy the link below into your web browser's address box:

<http://members.presbyterianchurchingenevanewyork.org/WebContent/ChurchDirectory20160923.pdf>

A limited number of copies of the directory are available in the church office for those people who do not have access to it online. We are still accepting family pictures for the pictorial directory as the response to our original request has been low. 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. 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.

Servant Keeper Update Has your contact information changed? If so, please send the changes in a note to the church office or in an email it to servantkeeper@pcgny.org.

OCTOBER



John Alexander 2	Katelyn Hadyk 2
Elizabeth Komara 2	Colleen Van Allan 2
Elisha Gulvin 3	Thomas Travis 3
Diantha Campbell 5	Chris Gerling 5
Nancy Taylor 5	Elizabeth Aliperti 6
Paul Hansen 7	Eva Steadman 7
Bruce Boyle 8	Bruce Knowlton 8
Ellen Reynolds 9	Howard Scribner 11
Carson Baxter 13	Timothy Gorla 13
Nicholas Smith 13	Kyle Adams 14
Eileen Broyles 15	Walter Gage 15
Mary Ellen Schreher 15	Harry Burt 16
Liam Crawley 17	Margie Fishback 17
Mary Lee Bourbeau 18	Neil Sjoblom 18
David Drennen 20	Art Equinozzi 20
Jerry Rose 20	Natalie Wiesner 21
Frances Herd 23	Sara McLaughlin 23
Ezra Williams 23	Ruth Benedict 24
Noel Diaz 24	Arthur Howard 24
Keith Kubasik 25	Jayne Sonntag 25
Lisa Newcomb 26	Aric Lapp 28
Alan Schenck 28	Doreen Hovey 29
Karl Siebert 29	Rebecca Chapin 30
Carol Colegrove 30	Martha French 30
Aaron Williams 30	Kyle Hornbeck 31

"Is your October 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."



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Services 8:15 and 10:30 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Sunday School – 9:15 SERRV Shop open following both						1 SERRV Shop open 10:00 – 12:30
2 World Communion Sunday New Member Class – 9:15 Food Collection Blood Pressure checks following both services	3 Bell Rehearsal 5:15	4 Property Committee 7:00	5 Sewing 9:00 Deacons – 7:00	6 Needles 1:00 Memorials Com. 5:30 Choir 7:00	7	8 SERRV Shop open 10:00 – 12:30 Presbytery PW 9:30
9 Ethan Powell preaching Food Collection New Member Class – 9:15	10  Church office closed	11	12 Sewing 9:00 Worship Com 7:00 Finance Com 7:30	13 Choir 7:00	14	15 SERRV Shop open 10:00 – 12:30
16 Pack college boxes 9:00 Troop 4 Pancake Breakfast 8:00 – noon New Member Class – 9:15 P. W. Committee – 9:15	17 Women's Circles 10:30 Membership Com. 7:00 Bell Rehearsal 5:15	18 Communications Com. 7:00	19 Sewing 9:00 Session 7:00	20 Choir 7:00	21 Twilight Support Group 10:30 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE NOON	22 SERRV Shop open 10:00-12:30
23 Mission Fair 9 :00 – Noon New Member Class – 9:15	24 Bell Rehearsal 5:15 Mission Committee 7:30	25 SERRV Committee 7:00	26 Sewing 9:00 I and S Committee 7:00	27 Parish Health Committee 7:00 Choir 7:00	28	29 SERRV Shop open 10:00- 12:30
30 All Saints Day observed Youth group pumpkin carving 9:00 New Member Class 9:15	31 Bell Rehearsal 5:15 Halloween					



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