

The Geneva Pres



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Lenten Journey with Jesus



Lent and Easter come around every year calling us to “slow down”, “stop” at an oasis and find our spiritual compass. This year the forty days of Lent begin on March 1 which is Ash Wednesday. Our Lenten breakfasts begin that day at 6:45 am with an interdenominational worship. You will have another opportunity for spiritual reflection in the evening with an Ash Wednesday service in the chapel at 6:00 pm. The sacrament of communion will be served in this quiet meditative worship. Please note that there will not be a dinner before the Ash Wednesday

service. The Board of Deacons will meet immediately after.

Throughout the six weeks of Lent, Wednesday worship will focus on our common call to “Journey with Jesus” as he points to God’s Way. Theologian and author, Walter Brueggemann refers to it as “A Way Other Than Our Own” in his devotions for Lent. (Available in the office). He wrote,

“The long history of faith, with all the saints, is the story of walking into the future given by God. Lent is a time for sorting this out. Popular Lent is too much preoccupied with guilt and repentance. But not here. (Genesis 17:4-6) Lent is rather seeing how to take steps into God’s future so that we are no longer defined by what is past...”

We Christians stand at a cross road that either takes us backwards or into God’s future. Going backwards, staying stuck in the past, is repeating the deadly mantra, “We have always done it that way”. I, too, am tempted to reach back to my best memories and consider those strategies will build the church of tomorrow. The strategy of Christ is to direct us to God. Like the prophet Joel, we are called to return to the “Heart of God”. Please consider what you need for your heart and soul. For this may be the most spiritual hour of your week. If not now, when will you take time for God?

Pastor Deb

March 5- A Way Other Than Our Own Joel 2:12-13, Matthew 4:1-11

March 12- Spiritual Journeys Genesis 12:1-9, John 3:1-17

March 19- God's Signs Along the Way Exodus 17:1-7, John 4:46-54

March 26- With Eyes Wide Open Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9: 1-7



**Daylight Savings Time begins @ 2:00 a.m. on
March 12th**

Remember to set your clocks ahead!!



37th ANNUAL LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST SERIES

The Presbyterian Church, in cooperation with the Christian congregations of the Geneva Area Interfaith Council, is again hosting the Lenten Breakfast series. You are cordially invited to attend any or all of them.

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| March 1 – Matthew 5: 3 | Rev. Dr. Deb Lind-Schmitz
The Presbyterian Church |
| March 8 – Matthew 19: 13-22 | Rev. Janice Bourne
Retired Baptist minister |
| March 15 – Matthew 19: 23-26 | Rev. Donald Golden
Mt. Olive Missionary
Baptist Church |
| March 22 – Matthew 19: 27-30 | Father Thomas Mull
Our Lady of Peace Parish |
| March 29 – Matthew 20: 17-18,
20-28 | Rev. Tae Kun Kim
United Methodist Church |
| April 5 – Matthew 20: 29-34 | Rev. Cameron Miller
Trinity Episcopal Church |

The breakfasts are held in the Fellowship Hall of The Presbyterian Church, 24 Park Place, and will begin promptly at 6:45 am and will adjourn by 7:30 am for those who must leave for work. A free will offering is taken and anything over the “chef’s” costs is given to One Great Hour of Sharing. The suggested donation is \$4.00. We invite you to make this series a part of your Lenten experience. Come and bring a friend.

Adult Forum

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

Please join us in conversations in which we explore our faith, expand our understanding and learn about opportunities for action. The topics are important, the conversation thought-provoking, the company welcoming.

March: Violence Divine, with John Dominic Crossan.

We continue the 8-part DVD-based series on Crossan's book *How to Read the Bible & Still Be a Christian: Struggling with Divine Violence from Genesis Through Revelation*. Crossan, Professor Emeritus of Biblical Studies at De Paul University and author of twenty books, is a widely acclaimed historical Jesus scholar, and an entertaining and thought-provoking speaker.

According to the Living the Questions website (<http://www.livingthequestions.com/xcart/home.php?cat=497>), in this series Crossan explores and "helps [us] rise above the greatest of Christian treasons: that everlasting peace can only be achieved through the onslaught of divine violence." In February we looked at: An Epic Matrix; Sin and Escalatory Violence; The Heart of the Torah and Deuteronomy Rules. In March, we consider:

1. Mar 5 - Undecided Justice
2. Mar 12 - Not, not, not, not, not, NOT the End of the World
3. Mar 19 - The "Violentization" of Jesus
4. Mar 26 - Overcoming the Bible's Betrayal of Its Non-Violent God

April 2 and 9: Peacemaking through Dialogue

We welcome Kim Reisch, long-time mediator and facilitator employed by the Center for Dispute Settlement. She will lead us in an exploration of the ways dialogue processes can strengthen and heal families and communities. She will also join us later in the spring for an evening workshop.

Lenten Soup/Supper Bible Study

Meets from 6:00 to 8:00 on Friday evenings, Feb 24-Apr 7

This study of three books of the Old Testament begins February 24 and will continue on Friday evenings through April 7. A dinner of soup, bread and fruit begins at 6 pm, the study follows at 7 pm and the evening ends at 8 pm. In Lamentations, Isaiah and Jeremiah, hope is expressed in God's ongoing love, mercy, justice, and restoration, a hope we can claim for ourselves. Join us as we study the words of the prophets encouraging us to reach out to others and live our faith.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - \$300

THANK YOU for donating!!

½ will go to Community Lunch, ½ to Food Pantry

MARCH 5 IS PRETZEL SUNDAY!!! The Sunday School will make pretzels to share with the congregation during coffee hour. This is a long time tradition as we begin Lent.

The Sunday School, with the help of SERRV and you, is able to buy 4 sheep for HEIFER PROJECT. This project is the

GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!!!

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!!!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

to benefit Geneva Head Start

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.

**Youth Fellowship
January
Grades 6-12**

Movie



Time: To be determined (1:00-6:00), will depend on movie selected

When: Sunday, March 5

Where: Geneva Movie Theater (Based on the number of people we will look ahead and vote on a movie and decide on the time)

Cost: \$7, bring extra money for snacks if you want

Please RSVP to Paula by email (pjfoote25@gmail.com) by Sunday, February 29th!

BOWLING



Time: 1:00-3:00

When: Sunday, March 26

Where: Sunset Lanes

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

Please RSVP no later than Monday, March 20th to pjfoote25@gmail.com. Reservations need to be made and no late entries will be allowed to join after Monday.



DEACONS

“Supper and a Song” is returning! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, March 5th following the 10:30 service**, right here in the FELLOWSHIP HALL! The Geneva High School Drama Club will perform select scenes from the musical *Into the Woods*, which they will present on the GHS stage the following weekend. For the supper portion of the event, the deacons will be providing your choice of chili and corn bread muffins or chicken and biscuits, salad, dessert and beverages. Please contact the church office to RSVP so we have enough place settings!

The deacons would like to thank Richard and Sue Henderson for serving as coordinators for the Lay Ministry/Nursing Home Visitations. They have done a wonderful job of making sure everyone in the hospital or nursing home received a cheerful visit.



In memory of **Jeffery Newcomb** by Sally Jack of Roanake, VA.
In memory of **Shirley Brind** by Richard and Sue Henderson and Lucille Stewart of Geneva and Joan Witte of Rockport, MA.
In memory of **Nancy Cox** by Carl Aten of Geneva.

PASSAGES

Our next Passages event will be on Sunday, March 26, 2017. There will be 2 speakers. Alice Berry from Quail Summit in Canandaigua will discuss the facility she works for as well as the difference between senior independent living, assisted living, and memory care. Our second speaker will be a therapist from Living Center South in Geneva. This person will discuss what rehab entails and how it is paid for. We will meet in Fellowship Hall after second service. Lunch will be served. Please call the church office or Parish Nurse to sign up.

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SAVE THE DATE!

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH

ANNUAL BRUNCH AND AUCTION

PROCEEDS GO TO

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING





It is so good to be back to church! I want to thank everyone who sent cards, prayers, get well wishes and flowers during my hospitalization and recovery at home. I am so appreciative of all your kind words of love and support for myself and my family. We are well blessed! Debbi Oswald



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

MARCH 17TH



TAKE NOTE



As we enter the Lenten season and journey through Palm Sunday to Easter, it is a great time to join the choir for a season of singing. We have wonderful anthems planned for this reflective journey in musical styles from Baroque to contemporary, including a piece that will join the children's choirs with the adult choir on Palm Sunday. The Bell Choir will ring a wonderful arrangement of "What Wondrous Love Is This" during Lent and ring our Easter celebration in with the celebratory melody by Natalie Sleeth, "Joy in the Morning". If you are of high school age or above, come and join us for the Lenten/Easter season of song. We rehearse Thursday evenings from 7:00 until 8:30. On May 20 at 4:00 pm, our choir will be joining with singers from the community for a concert entitled 'Love Your Neighbor: For Everyone Born, a Place at the Table'. Rehearsals for this special event will begin in March during the regular choir rehearsal time from 7:00 until 7:30. We will be using many of these songs for the Sacred Song service. Help us come together to show our love for our neighbors and give support to those who feel threatened. Through all of our joys and struggles, music, played and sung, brings us comfort and strength. Every season is an opportunity to sing and dance, to make a joyful noise to the Lord, to celebrate the uniting love of Christ.

"When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings; when the nations work to change war into peace; when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor; we see God, here by our side, walking our way."

Richard Cox
Director of Music

From the Parish Nurse

Dear Church Family,

March is “Save Your Eyesight” month. We often take for granted our health when all is going well. Then, something happens and we wish we had done things differently. As we age, our eyes frequently become less able to focus, but we can still function with glasses and adaptive devices. Wouldn't it be a shame to lose your vision just because you weren't careful with your eyes?

The National Eye Institute, NEI, has ten recommendations for us to keep our eyes as healthy as possible. First, have a comprehensive dilated eye exam. The Dr. can see changes in your eye and detect problems with eye disease early. You should have an eye exam every year, and you should schedule an exam if you notice changes or problems. Always bring sunglasses or have someone drive you home after having dilation. It takes my eyes about 5 hours to return to normal, it is difficult to see well till then.

The second tip is to know your family's eye health history. Many eye conditions run in families (glaucoma, etc.) and early monitoring and detection can hold off loss of sight.

Third, the NEI (National Eye Institute) recommends a diet filled with fruits and vegetables, with an emphasis on dark leafy greens (such as spinach), and fish high in omega-3 fatty acids (salmon, tuna).

The fourth tip is to maintain a healthy weight. The fifth is to wear protective eyewear when working with something that might spatter into your eye (paint, grease). The sixth is to quit or never start smoking.

Seventh, wear sunglasses. UV-A and UV-B radiation can damage your eyes.

The eighth tip is to not continually strain your eyes. The NEI recommends the 20-20-20 rule, “Every 20 minutes, look away about 20 feet in front of you for 20 seconds.”

And finally, tips nine and ten are to always wash your hands well before touching your eye, clean contacts per instruction and practice work place eye safety.

All 10 of these tips are easy to do, and could save your sight! I will have information out in Fellowship Hall concerning different eye diseases (Glaucoma, Macular Degeneration). Call me with any questions. (315-789-9039)

God Bless, Beth



Presbyterian Women

Needles/Crafts - Won't meet during Winter Months

Upcoming Events:

PW Meeting --Sunday, March 19th @ 11:45am. All interested Presbyterian Women are invited to come and join us and learn what we are about.

Friendship Bible Study Group – Tuesday, March 21st
We will meet for lunch at Dana's Time Out at 11:45, and study will begin at 1:30 at the Church

Spring Gathering -- Friday, May 5

PW Spring Event & Lunch -- May 21—More info. to follow

Tri-ennium -- Aug. 18, 19 @ Desmonds, Albany, NY

GIRL SCOUTS CELEBRATE OVER 100 YEARS of 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.



SERRV INTERNATIONAL FAIR TRADE GIFT SHOP

Following the devastating earthquakes in Nepal in spring 2015, SERRV has continued to respond to the needs of artisans and their families.

One Nepalese partner we work closely with is Get Paper Cooperative. Get Paper's artisans make beautiful paper products including our jewelry boxes and scarf envelopes.

We originally sent funds to help rebuild and furnish a rural school north of Kathmandu that was ruined by the earthquakes. The new school is earthquake-resistant, and more than 200 children now attend class in four new classrooms.

Our more recent donations were used to expand a food program in an urban school, after it was determined that young students desperately needed more nutrition. Get Paper built a new hall and purchased tables, cooking utensils and other supplies with our funds. Now 80 children are able to both attend school and receive nutritious food.

Get Paper Cooperative consistently focuses on the education of girls as a means to prevent human trafficking and to improve economic security. They often provide families with a small stipend if they allow their daughters to attend school.

We are so proud of our part in partnering with 55 small-scale artisan/farmer organizations and cooperatives to bring you unique, handcrafted product collections. We have lots of new sale items to check out! Come visit during our regular hours of Saturday from 10:00 to 12:30, after each church service on Sunday.

The Eco Tip for March is:
**Fresh lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers and chard,
Grow your own vegetables in your backyard!
And if you want to do someone a favor,
Put in an extra plant for your neighbor!!**



*Family, Fun,
& Fresh...
Grow a Garden!*

Congratulations to Beth Kinne! The board of trustees of Hobart and William Smith Colleges approved her tenure at its April meeting. This summer she will be formally promoted to Associate Professor of Environmental Studies.



TECH NEWS

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Would you like to receive your **Geneva Pres** newsletter online instead of by the US Mail? It's easy to do. Just go to the church website at www.presbyterianchurchingenevanewyork.org and scroll down the page until you find the **"Newsletter"** heading. Once you find it follow the directions. Click "[click here](#)"; enter your first name, last name and email address; then click the "Subscribe now!" button. After subscribing, you will receive a confirmation email. Follow the link in it to confirm the subscription. Once confirmed, you will receive an email each time the Geneva Press newsletter is published. You will be able to view the newsletter on line or download it to your computer.

If you are currently receiving a printed copy of the newsletter through the US Mail and wish to discontinue receiving it, please call the church office.

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Photographers Wanted

For many, many years, Joan McClure has been taking wonderful pictures of our church life. Joan has expressed an interest in reducing the number of these occasions and concentrating primarily on church school activities. The Communications Committee is asking for volunteers to help take pictures when Joan is not available. If you are interested in becoming one of several people to assist in photographing our church life and have a digital camera or a smart phone with a higher mega-pixel camera, please contact the church office.

Pictorial Directory Update

We have updated our downloadable pictorial directory of the members and friends in our church congregation. If you would like to view or download a copy of the pictorial directory, you will need a valid username and password for the Members Website. To register for a username please [click here](#) or copy the link below into your web browser's address box:

<http://members.presbyterianchurchingenevanewyork.org/secureadmin?action=register>

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/ChurchDirectory20170208.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.

If your family is not pictured in our directory, 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.

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.

Sunday worship services: 8:15 in Chapel, 10:30 in Sanctuary. 9:00 Sunday School, 9:15 Adult Education Class

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday Lenten Breakfast 6:45 Self-Help Sewing 9:00 Alzheimer's Support 1:30 Ash Wed. Communion 6:00 Deacons meeting 7:00	2 Choir 7:00	3 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Soup Supper and Bible Study 6:00	4 SERRV SHOP OPEN 10:00 – 12:30
5 Pretzel Sunday  Communion at both services Two-cents-a-meal offering Supper and a Song 11:45	6 Bell Choir 5:15 Interpretation & Stewardship Committee meeting 7:30	7 Columbarium & History Committee mtg. 12:00 Adult Ed. Comm. mtg 5:30 Property Comm. mtg. 7:00 SERRV mtg. 7:00	8 Lenten Breakfast 6:45 Self-Help Sewing 9:00 Worship Comm. mtg. 7:00 Finance Comm. mtg. 7:30	9 Choir 7:00	10 Soup Supper and Bible Study 6:00	11 SERRV SHOP OPEN 10:00 – 12:30 Set your clocks ahead tonight 
12 Daylight Savings Time begins Blood pressure clinic after both services	13 Bell Choir 5:15 Christian Education Committee meeting 7:00	14 Red Cross Blood Drive 1:00 – 7:00	15 Lenten Breakfast 6:45 Self-Help Sewing 9:00 SESSION meeting 7:00	16 Choir 7:00	17  Twilight Group 10:30 Soup Supper and Bible Study 6:00	18 SERRV SHOP OPEN 10:00 – 12:30
19 P.W. meeting 9:15	20 Bell Choir 5:15 Circles Group 10:30 Boy Scouts Troop 4 Court of Honor 6:00 Membership Comm mtg 7:00	21 Communications Committee meeting 7:00	22 Lenten Breakfast 6:45 Self-Help Sewing 9:00 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23 Choir 7:00	24 Soup Supper and Bible Study 6:00	25 SERRV SHOP OPEN 10:00 – 12:30
26 Passages program – 11:45	27 Bell Choir 5:15 Mission & Social Concerns Committee meeting 7:30	28 Presbytery Meeting in Phelps 9:30	29 Lenten Breakfast 6:45 Self-Help Sewing 9:00	30 Choir 7:00	31 Soup Supper and Bible Study 6:00	Notes: