

*The Geneva Pres*



**2017**

# *The Presbyterian Church in Geneva*

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## May Message: Faith, Family and Friendship

**Faith:** It's Easter Evening, the sun is still shining and memories of our beautiful worship are fresh. Thank Heavens, the season of Easter continues through Memorial Weekend. According to the lectionary readings, the Risen Christ appears on earth until he ascends into heaven six weeks after Resurrection. The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of the early church as "they devote themselves to teaching and fellowship, to breaking of bread and the prayers". It is a fertile time for faith development. Often the Book of Acts is used to revive and build up congregations. I believe The Book of Acts brings us back to the very basics of hospitality, generosity, prayer and devotion.

**Family:** The month of May is a time for family and friends gathering on the weekend for Mother's day, HWS and high school graduation, and Memorial Day. As we celebrate the traditions mentioned above, I want to stay aware and sensitive to those who do not have children or families nearby. Since I viewed the movie "Hidden Figures", I realize a multitude of unrecognized people who make a difference in the world. There are hidden figures right here who teach, nurture and nourish our youth and college students. Teachers in Sunday school and public schools, neighbors and friends all help raise our children. Their acts of kindness and guidance make a difference.

**Friendship:** When I was young little boys and girls would ring a neighbor's doorbell after hanging a little basket of candy or flowers on the door knob. May Day was considered a day of Friendship. I didn't know it was a rite of Spring until I was older. What I liked was the neighborly outreach. We can revive this tradition in creative ways. Just reach out to someone with a small act of kindness in anyway that works for you: email, texting, a card or a call. Enjoy your faith, family and friends every day. Enjoy

Acts 2:46 "Day by day, as they spent much time together ...ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47praising God and having the goodwill of all the people."

In Christ's Service, Pastor Deb

## MAY SUNDAYS & SERMONS

May 7      *“Day by Day, Three Things I Pray”* Acts 2:42-47  
                 Communion

May 14     *“From Generation to Generation ”* Acts 17:22-31  
                 Mother’s Day and Congregational Meeting

May 21     *“Sacred Song Sunday”*

May 28     *“Now What?”* Acts 1:1-11 (12-14)  
                 9:30 service begins on Memorial Weekend

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## **Membership Classes**

for those that might want

- more information on joining the church
- to be refreshed on Church Membership

The classes will be led by Pastor Deb on Sunday, **April 30** and Sunday, **May 21** at 9:15 in the Pastor’s Study.

At the conclusion, if you choose to join, you are to attend:

May 24, 7:00 PM (Wed.)                      Session Meeting

June 11, 9:30 Worship                      Introduction to Congregation

Please speak with Pastor Deb or the church Secretary, Colleen, if you are interested in attending the above classes.

If you are unable to attend the classes and wish to become a member, please speak with Pastor Deb, and she will make arrangements for a time that is convenient with your schedule and hers.



**MAY 7, 9:15 – 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and parents –**

**CONFIRMATION MEETING**

**MAY 8, 7:00 – Christian Education Meeting**

**MAY 14 – MOMS sing with Children’s Choir at 10:30**

**May 7 – moms practice 9:00 with choir**

**MAY 28 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**JUNE 4 – SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY – all classes lead  
worship at 9:30**

**CAMP WHITMAN - Flyers are out for this summer’s camping experiences. The church provides scholarships for each camper so see Kathy Breese before you sign up.**

**It’s FUN!!!**

**It’s EXCITING!!**

**It’s a GREAT EXPERIENCE.**

**SIGN UP SOON!!!**

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

**GRADUATION – is someone in your family graduating from college this year or did so in December? We’d like to recognize them.**

**Please call the church office, 315 789-1343, with their information:**

**Name**

**College**

**Degree**

**Future plans**

**Youth Fellowship  
May  
Grades 6-12**

**SKY ZONE**



**What: Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park**

**When: Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: Meet at Church at 1:15, arrive at Sky Zone 2:30, arrive back at church at 5:30**

**Price: \$20 (\$18 for pass, \$2 for sky socks)**

<http://www.skyzone.com/>

**Reservations were made on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Spring  
Clean-up**



When: Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

Where: Church

Time: 9:00-12:00

Please RSVP to Paula by email ([pjfoote25@gmail.com](mailto:pjfoote25@gmail.com)) by Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please let her know if you can work the whole time or what time frame you can work.

## **Adult Forum**

*Meets from 9:15-10:15 on Sunday mornings,  
September-May, 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.

### **Reconciliation, Peacemaking and Spiritual Journeys**

May 7 and 14: Dexter Benedict facilitates discussion of ideas raised by Jay Parini on the “spiritual journey” of writing a book on Jesus.

May 21: Ellen Reynolds facilitates discussion based on TED talks on the topic of forgiveness.

## **Lunch-time Reading Groups**

*Meets from 12:00 noon to 1:00 on either Wednesdays or  
Sundays, beginning the last week of April (26<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>)*

PCUSA has recommended that every Presbyterian congregation read and discuss the book *Waking up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. We are starting two discussion groups, one meeting on Wednesdays at the church, beginning April 26, the other meeting on Sundays after the second service at Bubble Tea (or other local restaurant), beginning April 30. The book is divided into 9 sections, each consisting of several short chapters; the plan is to discuss one of the nine sections each week. The book is available in paperback. The church is purchasing a few copies for those who would like to borrow them rather than purchase one to own.

### **Summer Sunday Mornings**

Join Pastor Deb after the service to explore connections between the lectionary text or sermon and a film or book which, although not necessarily obviously “religious,” raises important faith questions.

### **Let’s Talk**

This summer we will engage in peacemaking, see animals and landscape of southern Africa, listen to music and discuss ways to find political common ground in a polarized country. Details will be announced later.



## New Pictorial Directory

The Presbyterian Church in Geneva is having LifeTouch, successor to Olin Mills, create a new pictorial directory for our church. Families who have their picture taken for the directory will receive an 8 x 10 portrait and a new pictorial directory at no cost.

Photography sessions at church are scheduled for:

- May 9 (2:00 – 9:00 p.m.)
- May 10 (2:00 – 9:00 p.m.)
- June 2 (2:00 – 9:00 p.m.)
- June 3 (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
- June 14 (2:00 – 9:00 p.m.)

Scheduling an appointment is easy, go online to our church website at <http://www.pcgny.org> or to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/9rhtblq6/> to schedule your appointment. If you are unable to make your appointment online, you can call Colleen in the church office to schedule your appointment.

If you are not in the area, it is possible to arrange to have your picture taken at another Lifetouch photo session near you, please call the Lifetouch Connections Team at (866) 756-0281 to schedule your photo session.



## TAKE NOTE

It will be a busy month for the music program at the Church this month. Actually, the action starts the last day of April, Sunday April 30th at 5:30 pm with the **Church Talent Show and Ziti Dinner**. Come to share your talent or come to listen. This fun event will raise money for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to help those in need. Then on **May 20th at 4:00 pm**, our choir will be joined by singers from the community for a **Concert** entitled:

### **Love Your Neighbor For Everyone Born, a Place at the Table**

We all know the two great commandments, "to Love God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your might" and, "to Love your neighbor as yourself." But what is profoundly interesting is that the one commandment reiterated more than any other is to "Love the Stranger." Perhaps it is repeated so often because we have such a hard time relating to someone who we perceive is in some way different from ourselves or who comes from a different culture, or speaks a different language, or worships in a different manner. Whatever the case, the biblical writers are insistent about "Loving the Neighbor." And, to make it more difficult, the understanding of who the "Neighbor" is keeps getting broader and, frankly, more difficult. Come and join us for this concert exploring who our Neighbors are and what it means to love the Neighbor. Then, on Sunday May 21 we will have our **Sacred Song Service** which will include music from the Saturday Concert, hymns, and reflections.

"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."



Summer Worship

Memorial Day Weekend to  
Labor Day Weekend

We will worship together at one service  
in the Sanctuary starting at 9:30AM

We look forward to seeing you!



# DEACONS

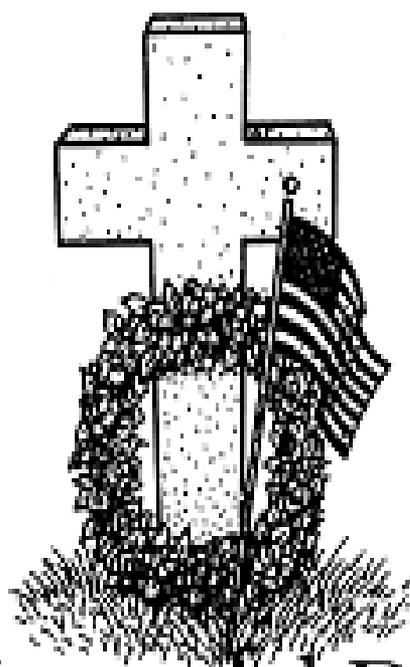
Spring...Flowers...Sunshine...Friendship

These are some of the things I think about in May! I remember when I was about 8 years old or so, making construction paper cone shaped May Day baskets, filling them with purple Violets and Myrtle from our yard and hanging them on neighbors' doors, ringing the bell and running away. Such a simple gesture that brings a smile, happiness and friendship.

As Deacons, we care about the well-being of our church family. Take a few moments this month to bring sunshine and friendship into heart and home, by sending a card and note to let someone know that you are thinking about them. Take a bouquet of flowers from your garden to a neighbor to brighten their home. Go for a walk and say hello to those you meet along the way. Share a smile!

Tell your Mother you love her whether she is here with you on Earth or forever in your heart in Heaven.





# Memorial Day

*Remember Those Who  
Gave Their Lives*



***Spring clean-up day is Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.  
We will start at 9:00 a.m.  
rain or shine.***

Bring your own rakes, shovels, work gloves, etc.



**"You know, most white people don't even think of themselves as having a race." (Debby Irving's Waking up White, p. 151) Are you interested in exploring whether this statement is true? And what the consequences are for American society if it is? If so, please join us in reading and discussing Irving's book.**

**"If someone called me a racist, I would kick and scream in protest. 'But I'm a good person!' I would insist, 'I don't see color! I don't have a racist bone in my body!' I would feel insulted and misunderstood." (Adapted from Debby Irving's Waking up White) Do you identify with this? If so, please join us in reading and discussing Irving's book.**

**Which of the following is an example of how the government in America has contributed to disadvantaging African-Americans?**

- a. The GI bill after WWII**
- b. Jim Crow laws**
- c. The Federal Housing Administration**
- d. All of the above**

**If you would like to understand more fully why the answer is (d) please join us in reading and discussing Debby Irving's Waking up White.**

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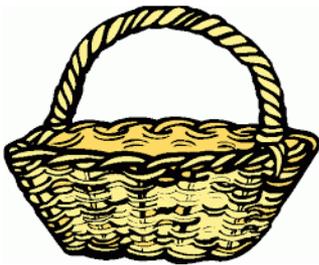
## **SERRV INTERNATIONAL FAIR TRADE GIFT SHOP**

Spring is in the air and soon it will be Mother's Day! Our shop is now stocked with more new merchandise and some 30% off sale items. It is the perfect time for women to start a Wish List with us so family members can purchase "just the right gift" for you!

In our world today, handcraft production is the second largest form of employment behind agriculture. In Cameroon, Nyimeh Elvis decided to learn pottery as a trade after primary school, because most elders were proud of their pottery skill and could earn a living from it. He is now a master potter living independently. He has been able to construct a three-room house for himself and assist his parents with paying their medical bills. He also pays school fees for his younger brothers and sisters who are in secondary school, so they may go further in their education than he did.

This is one of many success stories that helps us understand how important SERRV is in changing lives of so many people. Each purchase we make helps to improve lives of tens of thousands artisans and farmers.

We have a wonderful selection of jewelry, scarves, baskets, pottery and so much more. Our hours are Saturday from 10 to 12:30 and after each service on Sunday.





## TECH NEWS

### Subscribe Online

Would you like to receive your Geneva Pres newsletter online instead of US Mail? It's easy to do. Just go to the church website at:

[www.presbyterianchurchingenevanewyork.org](http://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 online or download it to your computer.

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**"Blog unto others as you would have them blog unto you.  
Spam not, lest ye be spammed! Though I surf through the  
valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no virus..."**



The Choir of the Presbyterian Church  
in Geneva  
and Friends from the Community

PRESENT

Love Your Neighbor  
For Everyone Born,  
a Place at the Table

A concert of choral music, bell choir music,  
with organ, piano, cello, trumpet, drums,  
and words.

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017 4:00 PM

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
24 PARK PLACE GENEVA, NY



*TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY -*

*It is difficult to find the right words to express how grateful we are for the kind, caring members of our church family. We are so thankful for your prayers of healing for Lynn, for the phone calls, the hugs, and for the cards and handwritten notes. Every word was read, reread, and cherished. Our sincere thanks to Pastor Deb and others who stopped in to share a smile and words of encouragement. We also are very appreciative of Beth Nicholas for her quiet caring and knowledgeable help. Many, many thanks.*

*With peace, love and joy to all,  
Sandra and Lynn Ansley*

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*Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, gifts, and phone calls during my recent eye surgery and challenging recovery period!*

*Linda Cox*

## From the Parish Nurse

Dear Church Family,

As I sit here, the birds are flying around, flowers are popping out and the sun is shining. Don't you just want to go sit in that beautiful warm sun and soak in its warm rays? Last summer was very hot and sunny. Many people soaked in too many warm rays and ended up with sunburns. The Skin Cancer Foundation states "One in five Americans will develop skin cancer in the course of a lifetime. An estimated 87,110 new cases of invasive melanoma will be diagnosed in the U.S. in 2017. An estimated 9,730 people will die of melanoma in 2017." YIKES!! Almost all skin cancers are curable when found and treated in the early stages. Do folks really have to die from this?

So how do we prevent skin cancer? Sunscreen (UVA/UVB, broad spectrum) SPF 15 or higher every time we are out in the sun is the biggest help. Sunscreen and makeup that contains sunscreen have been proven to also slow down the loss of elasticity of skin and prevent wrinkles. Reapply sunscreen when swimming or if you are perspiring, at least every 2 hours if not sooner. Tanning beds can cause burns and skin cancer. Check your skin and particularly any moles for changes, and see a doctor if something seems different or odd. Remember, your scalp and ears can burn, you can't always see cancer that has started on your head or top of your ears. Wear a hat when it is bright and hot out.

I will have pamphlets out in Fellowship Hall dealing with skin cancers and how to recognize them. Actinic Keratosis are precancerous lesions; they are rough or crusty spots on the skin that are red, tan or pink at the base. Basal Cell Carcinoma can look different, it can present as a shiny bump or as a non-healing sore with raised edges. Squamous Cell Carcinoma may resemble a thick scaly wart with open sores or be crusted over with patches on it. Melanoma is the most aggressive and invasive skin cancer, the lesions are usually brown or black spots that are asymmetrical, with irregular borders, grow in size (1/4"), have different color hues within the lesion and are evolving or changing shape, size and color.

The point is, if you're in doubt, check it out!!! Skin cancer is completely curable if caught early. Better yet, take precautions not to get it at all! Enjoy those rays safely!

God Bless,  
Beth



# Presbyterian Women

## Friendship Bible Study Group

Check bulletin

## Needles/Crafts

Thurs. May 4<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm in the South Parlor

## Upcoming Events:

**Fri. May 5 – PW of Geneva Presbytery Spring Gathering –  
9-2pm at the Ovid Federated Church, Ovid, NY**

**Sun May 21 – PW Spring Event & Lunch at 12 Noon – Entertainment  
by Val Foster, a folksinger who is also stated clerk for  
Geneva Presbytery. A fundraiser for Camp Whitman  
will be available**

**Sun June 4 – 6-8pm at Billsboro Winery, West Lake Rd., Geneva  
To benefit Presbyterian Women's Global Exchange  
to Indonesia and support Synod's delegate – our own  
Virginia Champlin**

**Save the date – Wed. June 21<sup>st</sup> – 63<sup>rd</sup> Strawberry Festival & Bake Sale  
5:30-8pm – Sign up sheets will be out soon – please be  
thinking what task you can do to make this Community  
event a real success**

**Aug. 18 –19 -- Triennial Gathering of PW synod of the NE –  
Desmond Hotel, Albany, NY**

The ECO Tip for May is:

Every litter bit hurts...  
pick it up!!



Clean communities have a better chance  
of attracting new businesses, residents, and tourists.  
Litter results in higher costs to city, county and state  
governments,  
meaning higher taxes.

Some estimates  
put the cost of cleaning up litter in America  
at over \$10 billion each year!

**We, together, can make a difference.  
Pick up litter.**

# **BIRTHDAYS**

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|---|---|
| May 1 Bob Bailey<br>Nicholas Martin                                       | May 16 Robert Ansley<br>Brad Broyles                          |
| May 2 Cindy Chapin<br>Lucille Stewart                                     | May 17 Sandra Ansley<br>Andrew Cieri<br>Jeff Henderson        |
| May 3 Anthony Saracino  | May 18 Hugh Baxter  |
| May 4 Kenny Munson  | May 19 William Clyde  |
| May 8 Alaina Miller<br>Danielle von Hahmann                               | May 20 Sigrid Carle<br>Jessica Gulvin                         |
| May 9 Sarah Pane  | May 21 Kristin Oswald   |
| May 11 Mia Alexander<br>Richard Gulvin                                    | May 23 Johnny Blume   |
| May 12 Ann Hovey  | May 24 Natalie Berg-Pappert<br>Bruce Reed<br>Kenneth Steadman |
| May 13 Darlene Cieri  | May 27 John Fouracre  |
| May 14 Nason Fishback, Sr.<br>Calla Magee                                 | May 28 Beth Carle   |
| May 15 Trevor Burrall<br>Emily Campbell<br>Edwin Frick<br>Judith McKinney | May 31 Dorothy Oaks   |

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In memory of **Lois Nellis** by Karl & Ti Siebert of Geneva.

In memory of **Jeffrey Braun** by Kenneth & Edita Carle of Canandaigua.

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

**May 2017**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Bell choir rehearsal 5:15  Interpretation & Stewardship Comm. mtg. 7:30	<b>2</b> Columbarium & History Comm. mtg. noon  Property Comm. mtg. 7:00	<b>3</b> Self-Help Sewing 9:00 Adult Ed Book Study NOON Alzheimer's Support Group 1:30 DEACONS mtg. 7:00	<b>4</b> National Day of Prayer  Needles Group 1:00  Choir rehearsal 7:00	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> SERRV SHOP OPEN 10:00 – 12:30
<b>7</b> Communion at both services Two-cents-a-meal offering Adult Ed Book Study 12:00 F.L. Symphony concert 2:00	<b>8</b> Bell choir rehearsal 5:15  Christian Ed. mtg. 7:00	<b>9</b> Lifetouch Photography Sessions 2:00 – 9:00 p.m.	<b>10</b> <b>Self-Help Sewing 9:00</b> Lifetouch Photography Sessions 2:00 – 9:00 p.m. Adult Ed Book Study NOON Worship Comm. mtg 7:00 Finance Comm. mtg. 7:30	<b>11</b>  Choir rehearsal 7:00	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> SERRV SHOP OPEN 10:00 – 12:30
<b>14</b> <i>Mother's Day</i> Blanket & tool offering Congregational Mtg. 11:30 Adult Ed Book Study 12:00	<b>15</b> Bell choir rehearsal 5:15  Membership Committee mtg 7:00	<b>16</b> Eco-Committee mtg. 6:30  Communications Committee mtg. 7:00	<b>17</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  MLK Scholarship Dinner	<b>18</b>  Choir rehearsal 7:00	<b>19</b> Twilight Group 10:30	<b>20</b> SERRV SHOP OPEN 10:00 – 12:00  SPRING CLEAN-UP 9:00  SACRED CONCERT 4:00
<b>21</b> Sacred Song Service Membership Class 9:15 Adult Ed Book Study 12:00 P.W. Luncheon 11:45	<b>22</b> Mission & Social Concerns Comm. mtg. 7:00	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Adult Ed Book Study NOON  SESSION 7:00 (meet w/ new members)	<b>25</b>  Choir rehearsal 7:00	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> SERRV SHOP OPEN 10:00 – 12:30
<b>28</b> 9:30 worship services begin NO Sunday School or Adult Ed. Classes Adult Ed Book Study 12:00 BP Clinic after both services	<b>29</b> Church office closed  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> 	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Adult Ed Book Study NOON	<b>Notes:</b> <b>9:30 worship services begin on May 28<sup>th</sup> and continue through September 3<sup>rd</sup>.</b>		