

# *The Geneva Pres*



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# *The Presbyterian Church in Geneva*

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# Pastor's Pondering about Stopping long enough for Sabbath

*“Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.”* The first line of Max Ehrmann's poem, *Desiderata* (1929) caught my eye as I passed by the framed document. It was a High School graduation present that stopped me long enough to find a peaceful place in my busy college life.

Last month, I gifted my oldest grandson with a framed copy of the *Desiderata* for his high school graduation with a few comments about its scriptural parallels in the Psalms and Gospels. Reflecting on the entirety, I can understand why the Rev. Frederick Kates copied it for devotional materials at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Baltimore, Maryland. It is perfect for a Sabbath day or moment. Consider the following excerpt.

*Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive (God) to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.”*

Words often stop us. And, sometimes they bring us to a holy place. I believe this is what Sabbath is about. Stopping for more than a moment or even an hour to reflect and connect with the Holy. In Genesis 2: 1-3, God stopped working and creating on the seventh day. “God blessed the day and made it holy”. (Genesis 2: 1-3)  
“Stop!”





*Have a great summer!!  
See you in September!!*

CONFIRMATION: works at  
Community Lunch Program  
AUGUST 3, 9:00-1:00

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<p>Youth Fellowship</p> <p>Grades 6-12</p>
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*Have a great summer!!  
See you in September!!*

## Adult Education

*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.*

### Summer Sunday Mornings

There will be no formal discussions during the summer. Instead, we encourage you to join the members of the Adult Ed Committee in spirit as we worship the Creator by enjoying the delights of summer in the Finger Lakes.

### Let's Talk: Peace-making

Peace-making can take many forms. This summer we explore two of these forms-- building bridges between different groups of people and learning to live in harmony with other species.

- i. July 20: Kim Reisch, who has many years of experience as a mediator, will lead us in a discussion of Restorative Justice and the ways in which it differs from more traditional ideas of justice. Location: Pastor Deb's house on Lafayette Circle. Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Limit 20. For reservations call the church office.
- ii. August 17: Jennifer Morris and Jim Spates will present slides of their trip to southern Africa, focusing on the wildlife and the natural environment. Tentative location: Fish Screening Room, Gearan Center for the Performing Arts, HWS Campus. Limit 40, for reservations (and possible change of location) call the church office.

### Books to Read and Discuss

We have a number of interesting books available to borrow. These include *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving and a number of books on healing after loss. These are available to borrow (please return when you are through) and can be found in Fellowship Hall on the southern shelf.

We also encourage you to check out the following resources to enhance your understanding of *Waking Up White*.

- For thoughtful discussion questions:
  - [https://www.pcusa.org/site\\_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/waking\\_up\\_white\\_study\\_english.pdf](https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/waking_up_white_study_english.pdf)
- For the chance to hear the author speak about the book
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oD5Ox5XNEpQ> (15 minutes)
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YL43HqvB4yY> a provocative hour-long interview with the author, who is described as going from being "well-meaning" to being "well-doing"

## From the Parish Nurse

Dear Church Family,

Finally there is sunshine and some warmth, it looks like we may not need to construct a fleet of arks. Unfortunately, with wet and warm weather comes the prediction for a bumper crop of ticks and bugs. These little guys can spread disease so we need to be careful!

We have pets, 2 dogs. Ticks apparently like dogs. We have found several dead ticks in the house on the floor and on the dogs. We have never had a problem with ticks before, so I do believe this is an especially prolific tick year. I treat the dogs with a liquid called Advantix. It kills ticks and fleas when they bite the pet. It seems to work well. Did you know your pet can get Lyme disease from a tick bite? (You can too!)

If you like to hike, or spend much time outside, check yourself for ticks when you come inside. Wear white socks and long pants when hiking in tall grass and do not underestimate the ability of these little pests to crawl inside your clothes and lodge themselves in you groin area, armpits, scalp and even inside your naval. The CDC states "In most cases the tick must be attached for 36 to 48 hours or more before the Lyme disease bacterium can be transmitted". So, check yourself and shower after a hike. The CDC also states that putting your hiking clothes in the dryer for 10 minutes on high should kill any tick hitchhikers. They also recommend using a bug spray with DEET 20% or higher to discourage ticks.

If you do get a tick embedded in you, DO NOT burn or Vaseline it!! These methods are only going to kill it, and you will have to go to your doctor (like I did) and have the head of the thing dug out of you. Tons of fun!!! Use tweezers and pull it straight back and out. I will have a sheet out on how to do this. It generally works. If you do find a tick in you, call your doctor to check on what they feel you should do (especially if you are unsure of how long the tick was in you).

The other buggy pest I had wanted to cover are bedbugs. I don't have enough space left to do it justice and with the prime travel and hotel stay season here I wanted to touch on it. I will have information out on the glass tables in Fellowship Hall concerning ticks and bedbugs. I will do my article next month on how to avoid bedbugs, but you can get a head start on it by reading the article. (It's one of those things that makes your skin crawl thinking about it!) So, on that note, have a wonderful, safe and healthy vacation!!! Call me with questions or concerns 315 759 9039. God Bless,  
Beth

# SERRV International Fair Trade Gift Shop

The SERRV Committee would like to thank our members and friends for their ongoing support throughout the year. Not only do your purchases provide you with unique gifts, they also help the artisans and farmers around the world who crafted your product to change their lives for the better. Your support also enables us to make donations to several church missions and community projects.

Over the last two months we have had three away sales which has left our shop a little sparse. However, we are again fully stocked with a large variety of jewelry, scarves, baskets, pottery, kitchen items, chocolate, and much, much more.

With summer upon us the shop will gladly open upon request which will include Sundays after the 9:30 service or during the week. Call the church office or seek out one of our committee members in the service and we will help you: Sandra Ansley, Beverly Burrall, Paula Fox, Jean Harman, Barbara Maw, Carol Morse, Kathy Price, Beth Reiners, Jackie Schmit, Lou Tarr.

We will be opening again after both services and with Saturday hours of 10:00 to 12:30 after Labor Day.



**CHANCEL GUILD REQUEST-** For our summer Sunday services, we would appreciate it if members would donate flowers from their gardens. Donors could either arrange two bouquets in vases we supply or provide the flowers to a Chancel Guild member to arrange. If you have flowers to offer, please contact:

Colleen (315-789-1343, [secretary@pcgny.org](mailto:secretary@pcgny.org)) or

Ti Siebert (315-789-4092, [tisiebert@hotmail.com](mailto:tisiebert@hotmail.com))

Please indicate which Sunday you could provide the flowers.

We are also in need of empty juice cans (tall) or stewed tomato cans (shorter) for taking chancel flowers to our members in the hospital or nursing homes after our Sunday services. Please bring cans to the church office.  
Thank you!!

EOM-2 Campaign (Christian Education wing)

**Do you know?**

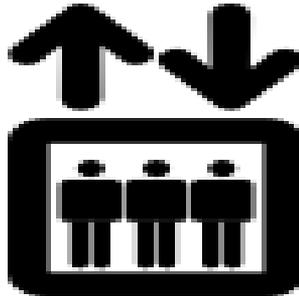
**OUR ENHANCING OUR MISSION CAMPAIGNS ARE  
NEARING COMPLETION.**

Our campaigns have been very successful.

The EOM-2 giving is being matched 1:1 by a generous contributor. Contributions and pledges to EOM-2 from member giving has currently reached

**\$ 96,000**

**Wow,** with another \$30,000 this sum will allow the projects underway can be completed. In the next few weeks the renovations to the upstairs Church School wing will begin. Stop by and see all the good stuff going on!



And if we complete this goal, we can even put in an elevator to the second floor, making the wing accessible to all. The total giving then would be \$250,000 with the matching funds for EOM-2.

Let's all push to get the elevator to the second floor!

The Presbyterian Church in Geneva



GOAL:  
\$125,000

\$96,307  
(June 2017)

# Enhancing Our Mission Phase 2

**Mission:** Stepping up  
for youth

These pledges (up to  
\$125,000) will be matched  
dollar for dollar by an  
anonymous donor in the  
congregation!

A Note from the Treasurers –

The Treasurers remind everyone that bills still need to be paid during the summer.

Please keep your pledge up-to-date either by placing in the offering plate any Sunday or by mailing in to the church office at 24 Park Place.

Have you considered electronic transfers for your pledge? Several folks already do. This can easily be established as a monthly transfer throughout the year to make your life simpler. Contact Alan Schenck for more information – 789-1343 or [finadmin@pcgny.org](mailto:finadmin@pcgny.org)

Other options are also available. Transferring shares of stock provides you a charitable deduction at the current market value and the capital gain is not taxed. If you are at least 70-1/2, you can transfer money directly from your IRA to the church anytime during the year.

Thank you.

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**CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**  
**WILL BE**  
**MONDAY – THURSDAY, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**



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# **SUMMER CALENDAR**

July 1 – Worship service – 9:30



July 4 – Church office closed

July 9 – Communion service – 9:30

July 10 – Annual Calendar meeting – 6:30

July 16 – Worship service – 9:30

July 18 - Ontario/Yates Hospice Bereavement Group – 1:00

July 20 - “Let’s Talk” at Pastor Deb’s home – 7:00

July 23 – Worship service – 9:30

July 30 – Worship service – 9:30

August 1 - Ontario/Yates Hospice Bereavement Group – 1:00

Adult Education Committee meeting – 5:30

August 6 – Communion service – 9:30

August 13 – Worship service – 9:30

August 15 - Ontario/Yates Hospice Bereavement Group – 1:00

August 16 – NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – noon

August 20 – Worship service – 9:30

August 27 – Worship service – 9:30

Sept. 3 – Worship service – 9:30

Sept. 4 – Church office closed

Sept. 5 - Ontario/Yates Hospice Bereavement Group – 1:00

**COMMUNITY LUNCH PROGRAM**  
**The Presbyterian Church is serving on**  
**THURSDAYS IN AUGUST**

**The Community Lunch Program of Geneva provides a nutritious meal to people who are hungry, raises awareness about hunger and empowers the community to respond to this need.**

**The Presbyterian Church has agreed to provide the volunteers for the Thursdays of August. If you want to help with this ministry of compassion please sign up in the space below and put the sheet in the offering plate or return it ASAP to the church office or call the office, 789-1343. Please plan to work from about 9:30 am-1:00 pm.**

**YES!! I want to help with the Community Lunch Program in August.**  
**I will work**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Thursday, August 10**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Thursday, August 17**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Thursday, August 24**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Thursday, August 31**

**I am willing to be:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Kitchen coordinator**    \_\_\_\_\_ **helper**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **phone:** \_\_\_\_\_



# Summer Worship

**Memorial Day Weekend thru Labor Day Weekend**

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

**We look forward to seeing you!**

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## **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

The need for grief support has increased in demand, and Ontario-Yates Hospice is excited to announce its expansion of services to the Finger Lakes Community beginning May 2017. Support groups can play a key role accompanying individuals through their grief process including; self-care and support, coping with feelings, communication, and an opportunity to connect with peers who have similar experiences. Our grief support groups are free, open to the public and offered on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 1:00 to 2:30 PM at The Presbyterian Church, 24 Park Place, Geneva NY.

If interested contact: Jan DiDuro, Bereavement Coordinator at Ontario-Yates Hospice, at [Jdiduro@vnsnet.com](mailto:Jdiduro@vnsnet.com) or 315-759-8225

**Family Promise of Ontario County**  
**FUND RAISER!!!**  
**BED RACE – COME JOIN THE**  
**FUN!**

**BUILD A BED AND RACE WITH US or CHEER ON THE YOUTH GROUP or DONATE TO THE CAUSE!**

**When:** July 29 -> Sign in at 9:00, -> Parade & Race at 10:00

**Where:** Kershaw Park

Lakeshore Drive, Canandaigua

Questions?? Contact Lauren Lamb 315-789-6589 or

[nylamb@gmail.com](mailto:nylamb@gmail.com)



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# DEACONS

Summertime has so many opportunities just waiting for us. For many it is a time to relax and take a break from our many commitments, to catch up with family and friends, to travel, and to spend time in the great outdoors after many months of being kept indoors. As you recharge over the summer, think about how you can share yourself with others in the fall. Even though we are all so busy, making time to help others in the fall will lift your spirits as we head into a long winter. Consider how you can lend a hand within the church or around the community. There are many committees at church that could use your help. Step outside your comfort zone and try something new. Volunteer opportunities abound in our church and community. These opportunities are a wonderful way to let your light shine and share God's love with others.



To the members of the Presbyterian Church in Geneva:

We are remarkably blessed to have so many wonderful people engaged in so many meaningful, church-sponsored activities as we live our idea of Christ's body in this world. We are actually so blessed and so busy that we'd like to take a step back and think about all of this "holy action" in an organized manner.

- Are there ways we might better use our time and talents so many hands can make light work?
- Are there ways we might engage more of our members so every person has a role (but no person has too many)?

To celebrate and maintain the incredible volume of good works and fellowship that have become the hallmark of PCG, we are planning to carry out some reflection and planning in the coming months. To this end, we will be seeking your feedback and your ideas.

- If you lead a committee or group, expect to receive a formal request for background information sometime soon.
- If you have been involved with church activities for weeks or decades, we want to hear from you.
- If you would like to get more involved but have reservations or aren't sure how, we need to hear your suggestions.

We are planning at least one retreat in the fall and there will be plenty of other opportunities to make your voice heard.

Multiple versions of God's grace are visible inside and outside the walls of our church on a daily basis, and we want to be able to tell the story and carry on with our mission. We hope you'll consider lending your creativity and compassion to this cause. Stay tuned to learn how you can contribute...

Sincerely,

Faith Benedict, Virginia Champlin, Ellyn Colquhoun, Lisa Gage, Walt Gage, Chris Gerling, Gary Harman, Donna Newcomb, Beth Newell, Beth Reiners and Pastor Deb

## STATISTICS FOR THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GENEVA



### Deaths:

M. Frances Radford, former member #608, died March 17, 2016  
David A. Newcomb, non-member, died May 24, 2016  
Ruth M. Nielsen, member #1408, died May 25, 2016  
George Brower Hall, member #296, died June 19, 2016  
Winifred J. Schenck, member #647, died June 28, 2016  
Ronald Cox – former member #1282, died August 18, 2016  
Carol E. Warren – member #768 – died August 26, 2016  
William R. Sherring – former member #672, died August 30, 2016  
Richard Knowlton – member #423 –died September 12, 2016  
Arlene Balliett DeBolt, member #209, died September 29, 2016  
Catherine Grace Sloniger, non-member, died October 17, 2016,  
Violet Grapensteter, member #1002, died October 23, 2016  
Jeffrey Newcomb, member #543, died November 11, 2016  
Irma Jean Rollins, Member #634, died December 6, 2016  
Helen Hilfiger, Former Member #343, died December 19, 2016  
Shirley Brind, Member #105, died January 9, 2017  
Dorothy M. Lisi, non-member, died January 16, 2017  
Suzanne S. Young, former member, #1245, died January 22, 2017  
Nancy Cox, former member, #1283, died January 25, 2017  
Dr. Lois Fonda Nellis, member, #534, died February 24, 2017  
Jeffrey M. Braun, non-member, died February 28, 2017

## *Celebration of the Baptism*

Tyrone Lamar Collins, III, Baptized November 27, 2016,  
son of Ellen (Weinberg) Collins and Tyrone Collins, Jr.

Riley Kathryn Breese, Baptized November 27, 2016,  
daughter of Paula (Foote) Breese and Lindsey Breese

Spencer Ryan Breese, Baptized November 27, 2016,  
daughter of Paula (Foote) Breese and Lindsey Breese

Emmet Paul Tourtellotte Powell, Baptized January 29, 2017,  
son of Ethan Powell and Amanda Tourtellotte

**The ECO Tip for this summer is:  
Don't leave our environment in a lurch...  
...carpool, walk, or ride a bike to church!**



**Or anywhere, really.**

**That's because our personal vehicles  
are a major cause of global warming.**

**Cars and trucks account for nearly  
one-fifth of all U.S. emissions:  
around 24 pounds of carbon dioxide  
and other global warming gases for  
every gallon of gas.**

**Drive a few less miles  
and go the extra mile for our environment.**

**We, together, can make a difference.**



July 01	Elfredia Frick	July 14	Alexander Hornbeck
	Kerry Gorla	July 15	Sophie Heieck
July 02	Lorraine Millis		Barbara Jones
July 03	Joan Braun	July 20	Meghan Kincaid
	Edita Carle		Stuart Messur
	Preston Garretson	July 22	Jean Marshall
July 04	Kimberly Aliperti	July 23	Alexander Komara
July 05	David Van Gorden	July 25	Beth Newell
July 07	Helen Lovley		Anna Scribner
July 08	Paula Fox	July 26	Sara McClure
July 10	Amber Drennen		Wendell L. Roelofs
	Karen Fouracre	July 27	C. Donald Addona
July 11	Taylor Champlin	July 29	Kimberly Oswald
July 12	Pamela Berta	July 31	Mary-Kate Barnes
	Robert Eberle		



Aug 03	Kristen MacEachran	Aug 14	David VanAllan
	Teri Ramos		Luke Weber
Aug 04	Sharon P. Best	Aug 15	Stephen Reiners
	Laverne Sessler	Aug 16	Mark Equinozzi
Aug 05	Greg Loeb		Richard Morse
	Katherine Reiners	Aug 17	Ellyn Colquhoun
Aug 08	Emily Jones	Aug 18	Linda Sharp
Aug 09	Lisa Gage	Aug 21	Stella Carlyon
	Nehemiah Williams		Ellie Dobbin
Aug 10	Jason Havelin	Aug 23	Noah Lahr
Aug 11	Emmet Crawley	Aug 25	Hannah Burrall
	Sandra Ditch		Heather DeMoras
	H. Daniel Schreher	Aug 26	Kristina Curtis
Aug 12	Shane Cieri		Debbi Oswald
Aug 13	Vincent Aliperti	Aug 30	Donna Loeb
Aug 31	Amy Gorla		