

The Geneva Pres



2015

The Presbyterian Church in Geneva

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L. Christine Wertman - Director of Music

Linda Hanson Cox, Church Organist

Kathleen Breese - Dir. Christian Education

Kate Komara, Lorraine Jones – Children's Choirs

Richard Cox – Adult Bell Choir Director

Edna May Langan – Secretary

Mark Springmeier – Custodian

Beth Nicholas – Parish Nurse

Deb Drennen – Nursery care

Diana Capron – Coordinator of Adult Ministries

Paula Foote – Coordinator of Youth Ministries

Alan Schenck – Financial Administrator

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Surprised by Hope

For those who have been Christians most of their lives, there seems to be nothing new in the scriptures. However, as there are twists and turns in life events, so there are unexpected moments of hope. Take our congregation for instance. We have several changes that may come as a surprise to you. Chris Wertman has led the choir and this congregation in song for twenty six years. I have enjoyed exploring our new hymnal and planning the music for the past two years. However, it is time for her and Don to enjoy retirement and freedom to travel.

Kate K. will be concluding her job as children's choir director in June. We appreciate her patience and talent that has lifted up our children's voices in song. She is excited about being a Deacon in the church.

There are other changes in the church. The kitchen has been closed for renovation during this month. We give thanks to Lou and John Tarr who have kept the kitchen organized and working for decades. And, we appreciate the Presbyterian Women who projected the vision of a new kitchen. New computers and management software in the office is welcomed by the staff. However, we know that it will take time and energy to learn a new system.

In transitions, we celebrate what has been and hope for future that is new. We let go of the past so we may grab on to the future. I believe that our scriptures and faith affirm God's transforming spirit. "Behold I am doing a new thing".
Be surprised by hope, Prepare to be surprised by God!

Pastor Deb

February 2015 Worship

February 1 Psalm 111, Mark 1:21-28 “With Authority”

February 8 Isaiah 40: 21-31, Mark 1:29-39 “Affirming Faith”

February 15 Mark 9: 2-9, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Transfiguration Sunday “Transforming Love”

February 18- Ash Wednesday

February 22- Lent Genesis 9: 8-17, Mark 1:9-15
“Into the Wild”



The Memorials and History Committee recently received several donations:

In memory of Don Stewart, by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Carle and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hovey.

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 18

SHROVE TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 17

Adults - \$5.00

Children under 12 - \$2.00

(families of 4 - \$12, \$1 for each extra person)

Our annual pancake supper will be held at 6:00 pm. Come for a great dinner and fellowship. We'll have some Mardi Gras mixer activities for fun ... AND don't forget the pancake race.

Please BRING YOUR OWN TABLE

SERVICE - the kitchen is closed so we have NO extra tablewares.



INTERFAITH LENTEN PRAYER

BREAKFASTS

Wednesday mornings, Feb. 18, 25 & March 4, 11, 18, 25

Breakfast at 6:45 followed by a brief worship service led by Geneva area clergy. A donation of \$4.00 is suggested.



ASH WEDNESDAY OBSERVANCE

FEBRUARY 18, 7:00 pm

On Wednesday, Feb. 18, the congregation is invited to share a special Ash Wednesday worship service in Chapel. Traditional Lord's Supper will be offered

Lenten Bible Study

GALATIANS: a “What Were You Thinking” Letter

“Paul writes a ‘what were you thinking’ letter to the churches in Galatia. False teachers have followed Paul, telling the young churches that Paul’s gospel is incomplete. His adversaries want to make Jews of Gentile converts before they can become Christians. Paul...insists that his gospel is straight from Jesus Christ; that it has been affirmed by the Jewish Christian leaders in Jerusalem and that to believe any other gospel is to buy into false doctrine that eliminates Christ from their lives.”

On Friday, February 20 we will begin our Lenten Study as we consider Paul’s perspectives on:

The Heart of the Gospel
Grace
The Law’s Purpose
Friendship
Living the Faith
Living the Gospel

*Starts
February 20*

Class participants will provide a soup dinner with bread and fruit. The dinner starts at 6 pm followed by the study at 7 pm. in the south parlor. Come and enjoy the companionship of fellow congregants and develop a new understanding of Paul’s challenge in starting new church.



FEBRUARY 8 – Children’s Choir sings at 10:30

Warm-up 9:00 in Sanctuary

PRETZEL SUNDAY is postponed until our kitchen remodel is done, but we WILL have it sometime in March.



March 9, 2015 - 7:00

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! To our youth who were inducted into National Honor Society at GHS:

**Ben Aliperti Sarah Aliperti Alex Berg-Pappert
Alison Lamb Alaina Miller Stephanie Smart**

**THANKS to all who donated \$1 or more for
SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY.**

**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 FEB. 1
You can make a difference in the lives of hungry
people!!!**

Youth Fellowship February Grades 6-12



Community Lunch



Time: 9:00-1:00

When: Tuesday, February 17th

Where: Geneva Methodist Church

Please RSVP to Paula by email (pjfoote25@gmail.com) by
WEDNESDAY, February 11th!



Time: 1:00-3:00pm

When: Sunday, February 22nd

Where: Geneva Recreation Complex

Cost: \$4 (City Residents), \$6 (Non Residents)

Please RSVP to Paula by email (pjfoote25@gmail.com) by
WEDNESDAY, February 18th!

Adult Forum

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

Completion of Marcus Borg's Adult Faith Study

Feb 1 Embracing an Adult Faith: Community

Freedom of Speech

Feb 8 Michael Cutillo from the Finger Lakes Times
will lead us in a discussion of the importance and meaning
of the concept of Freedom of the Press and Freedom of
Speech in light of recent events in France.

The God We Can Know: Exploring the I Am Sayings of Jesus

As we begin the Lenten season, this study leads us in an
exploration of the "I am" sayings of Jesus found in the
Gospel of John. One by one, Jesus' statements grab our
imagination, reveal more about his identity and purpose,
and connect us to the God of Moses, who spoke the first "I
am."

Feb 15 Introduction to "I am" - Knowing God
Feb 22 I am the Bread of Life - Knowing God's
Satisfaction
Mar 1 I am the Light of the World - Knowing
God's Guidance





Presbyterian Women

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 15, 2015 – PW meeting @ 11:45am – Conference Room

Please mark your calendars – Wed. June 17, 2015 –
61st Strawberry Social & Bake Sale

“Thank You”

Donna Newcomb was truly honored and touched on Sun., Dec. 14th of the recognition that was bestowed as a Life Membership by Presbyterian Women. Thank YOU to everyone that made this possible.

“Thank You”

Donna Newcomb also wishes to express her heartfelt “Thanks” to everyone who helped pack the Kitchen in preparation for the construction of the New Kitchen.



FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY GROUP- No meeting during February

Needles/Craft Group – No meeting during February

Neither group is sure of **March** until they know about weather and sickness

Take Note



COMPOSER'S CORNER

Cary Ratcliff

*Giving hands, will there be giving hands?
Healing hands, when we're hungry or cold, people
sick, people old can all hold onto God's loving hand.
Come be God's loving hands.*

Composer, Cary Ratcliff, lives and works in Rochester, New York, and holds a Doctorate in Composition from the Eastman School of Music. He has taught at Eastman, is keyboardist with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, and is Music Director and Composer-in-Residence at Bethany Presbyterian Church. He recently became Artistic Director of the Rochester-based vocal group – “Madrigalia.” Cary composes in many musical genres. He has composed several church choir anthems, including the beautiful “Loving Hands,” which our Adult Choir will offer on February 22 with Steve Jones on oboe.

At the end of this current program year, I will have served for twenty-six years as Director of Music for our two Geneva Presbyterian Churches. Donald and I are about to begin a new chapter in our lives, so I will be retiring at the end of June.

Kate Komara has also announced her decision to step down as our Children's Choir Director. We thank her for her wonderful service.

It has been an honor and true joy to serve in music ministry for so many years! I have truly loved collaborating with Pastor Deb on worship planning and will miss it. I will also miss leading my Dear Choir!

Faithfully, Chris

Soli Deo Gloria - To God Alone be the Glory



Dear Church Family,

February is National Heart Month. (It's also the home of Valentines Day). I have two missions for you this month. The first is to send a Valentine to someone who is sick, shut in, unhappy or forgotten to bolster them up. Or send letters of appreciation to folks who quietly do things for others behind the scenes and never get much recognition for doing so. That mission is easy and I will make it easier by putting some cards in the hallway between the chapel and main sanctuary that you can use.

The second mission requires a little more thought and work. I'd like us all to take a look at how well we care for our hearts and just how much we really know about how to keep our hearts healthy. I'm going to dovetail the information on hearts with STROKE. A STROKE happens in your brain, but is often generated via blood clots created in the heart by a condition called ATRIAL FIBRILLATION. Please memorize the symptoms of a STROKE (numbness or weakness in muscles of the face, arm or leg especially if only on one side, sudden trouble speaking or thinking, sudden loss of balance, sudden severe headache, sudden loss of vision in one or both eyes). Sometimes these symptoms will leave as quickly as they came. Don't be fooled, the probability that it will happen again and leave permanent damage is great. We all know folks who ignored an episode (TIA) and now are dealing with life long deficits because they did not see a doctor. In the case of a major STROKE you have a window of only 3 hours to receive medication that may totally reverse the injury from a STROKE.

As far as heart health is concerned, it's that same old boring diet and exercise that keeps a heart healthy. Dr. Rekha Mankad of Mayo Clinic says you should eat 5 servings of fruit and veggies each day, move in some way to exert moderately intense physical activity at least 10 minutes daily (30 is better) and shoot for about 8 hours of undisturbed sleep each night. That really sounds fairly reasonable to try to keep your heart healthy! Of course there are many other things you need to think about (like resisting the butter and salt soaked popcorn at the theaters, or emptying the saltshaker on a 2 lb. ribeye steak you plan to devour, you get the idea).

Do blood pressure checks monthly, and memorize symptoms that may indicate you're headed toward a heart attack. I'll have information out for you. Happy Studying!

God Bless, Beth (315-759-9039)



Deacons

A Note from a New Deacon

As the new year gets underway, I ask you to take a moment to reflect on the one we've left behind. Undoubtedly it had both good and bad times for everyone - times that challenged us and inspired us, and maybe even times that changed us. For me, 2014 brought the end of my first year of teaching and a new house! I have *so much* to be grateful for.

Last year brought about some changes in our church as well. With the turning of the calendar page, I am reminded of the love of my family and my larger church family. Although I haven't been able to be as involved in the church for the past couple of years, I am excited to take up a new role as a Deacon! Perhaps you, too, would like to get involved in new and different ways this year. Here are some opportunities:

❖ Drivers are needed to transport a couple of people to church each week. Contact Dan Schreher if you are able to help!

❖ The Center of Concern needs everyday materials - especially for young mothers. There will be totes at the entrances to collect donations. Items needed include:

Toilet paper can openers paper towels toothbrushes

Diapers peanut butter cereal toothpaste

Hearty soups microwavable plates tuna fish

❖ It's not too early to start thinking about the One Great Hour of

Sharing Auction. If you've been seeking a way to share your time and talents, maybe this is it! Food, crafts, paintings, lessons, baskets, and unique items are always a hit!

➤ **This year's OGH Auction is on March 29th!**

Thank you for all you do to make this such a loving community!
with smiles, Ryan Kincaid ☺

SERRV International Fair Trade Gift Shop

As a non-profit organization, SERRV depends on friends and volunteers. All these friends and volunteers give tremendous support to many handcrafters who produce authentic and individually made handcrafts each with a story behind them. SERRV's artisan partners strive to promote women's rights by nurturing environments where women can network and support one another. Through employment in handcrafts, women can more easily work out of their home allowing them to care for their families while earning income.

Partners also have a strong focus on education and encourage children to attend school for as long as possible by building community schools, offering scholarships and providing stable housing to orphans.

Every artisan and farmer partner is treated fairly as SERRV tries to pay a living wage and ensure safe and healthy working conditions. When orders are placed, artisans are offered an interest free advance so they can purchase materials without loans.

Many of the partners invest in environmental projects including reforestation, sustainable harvesting and wastewater treatment. Handcrafters use local available and fast-growing resources and recycled and reclaimed materials.

Come to the SERRV Shop and see many examples of handcrafts fashioned from recycled materials, fair trade goods made in nurturing environments by artisans trying to adequately support their families and communities where they live.

SERRV SHOP IS OPEN SATURDAYS 10:00 AM – 12:30PM and SUNDAYS AFTER BOTH SERVICES. You may also call the church office and arrange to shop with one of our volunteers during the day Monday through Friday.



THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA celebrate annually in the month of February, the Anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scout program by Lord Baden Powell in England. The Scout law says that a “*Scout is Reverent*” and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their “*Duty to God.*” These values strengthen youth character in their family, community, and faith. To ALL scouts, young and old, WE SALUTE YOU!!!

RECORDED SERVICES

Sunday services are recorded and available on CD to borrow from the church office.



PASTOR DEB – deblindschmitz@pcgny.org

EDNA MAY – eml22@rochester.rr.com

Website: <http://www.presbyterianchurchingenevanewyork.org>

Living
Word of
thanks to: **THANK YOU!!!!!!**

Thank you everyone for the many cards, notes, phone calls, and prayers while my father was ill and again after he passed on December 14. You helped fill a great void in my heart. You truly are a giving church family. Love, Kathy Poole

THANK YOU from the teen moms for all the WalMart gift cards that they were given for the holidays. They were able to get the things they really needed for themselves and their babies.



Kitchen Renovation Schedule

**Plans have been approved and construction is about to begin!
The kitchen will not be available for use by anyone for
approximately 4 weeks.**

**There will be a “coffee hour station” set up in the fellowship
hall. Thanks to everyone for your patience and
cooperation!**

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Session Members

Deacons

Class of 2016

Ruth Benedict
Donald Damick
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Colleen VanAllan
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Barbara Zeller-Maw

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Elfredia Frick
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Sandy McDonald
Marjorie McIntosh
Dan Schreher

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Eileen Broyles
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Lisa Gage
Richard Henderson
Ryan Kincaid
Kate Komara
Debbi Oswald

Youth Elders- 2013 - 2014

Alison Lamb
Alexander
Stephanie Smart

Michael

Sarah Aliperti

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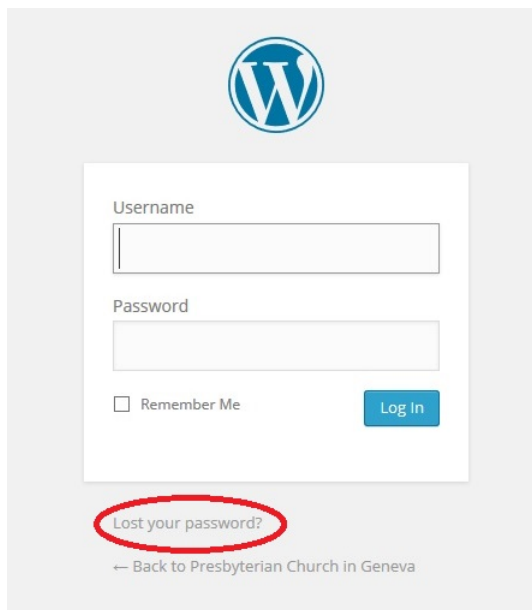
Financial Administrator

Alan Schenck

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE

FEBRUARY 20 - NOON



The image shows a screenshot of a WordPress login page. At the top center is the WordPress logo, a blue circle with a white 'W'. Below the logo is a white login form with a light gray background. The form contains two input fields: 'Username' and 'Password'. Below the 'Password' field is a checkbox labeled 'Remember Me' and a blue 'Log In' button. At the bottom of the form, the text 'Lost your password?' is circled in red. Below this link is a smaller link that says '← Back to Presbyterian Church in Geneva'.

Have you forgotten your password for the new Members website? If so, resetting your password is just a "click a away." Click on the "Lost your password" link, shown circled in red, to display the Lost Password Screen. Enter your username or email address to receive a link to create a new password via email.

**Need a phone number or email address?
Need a phone number or email address of a currently serving
Deacon or Elder? The information that you seek is only a click
away on the online church members directory. Once you are
registered, it is easy to access the church members directory
from the church's website. To access the directory, look for
the Church Member Directory heading in the 2nd column and
follow the directions below.**