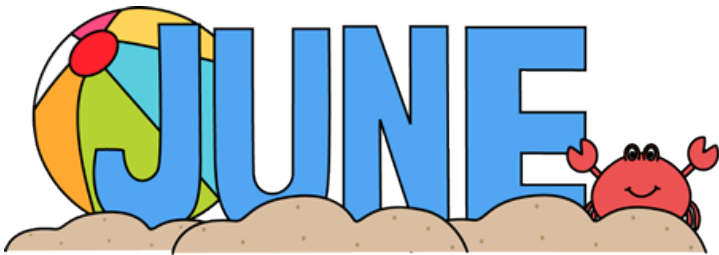


The Geneva Pres



2017

The Presbyterian Church in Geneva

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Linda Cox - Church Organist
Kathleen Breese - Director, Christian Education
Lisa Gage, Lorraine Jones - Children's Choirs
Colleen VanAllan - Secretary
Mark Springmeier - Custodian
Joe Iannopollo - Assistant Custodian
Beth Nicholas - Parish Nurse
Deb Drennen - Nursery care
Paula Breese - Coordinator of Youth Ministries
Alan Schenck - Financial Administrator
Fritz Aude - Treasurer
Bette J. Schubert - Clerk of Session
Fred Schühle - Asst. Clerk of Session
Art Lewis - Web Master
Rev. W. James Gerling - Pastor Emeritus

Faith & Arts



It is said that “A picture is worth a thousand words”. Visual arts range from Michelangelo’s Pieta to Tiffany stained windows to the movies and even clipart. Works of art interpret and reflect our faith story. This summer I’d like to discuss ways that contemporary art reflect and expand our understandings and images of God/Christ/Spirit and the church.

After worship services, I’ll show a few clips of relevant movies mentioned in the sermon: Contact, The Shack and Hidden Figures. Then you will have time to discuss how they define, confine or expand images of God and our role in the faith story. If you would like to see the whole movie, I’ll will gladly find a time to gather for a Movie night. Hopefully, we will have relevant artwork displayed in the fellowship hall or sanctuary. If you have other artistic ideas for this summer please contact me,

Creatively yours, Pastor

Deb

June 4	Pentecost	Sunday School Sunday Ethan Powell Preaching No adult education hour
June 11	Trinity Sunday	Psalm 8, Matt. 28:16-20 Sermon: “Images of God” Movies: Contact / The Shack
June 18	Father’s Day	Matthew 9: 18-19, 35-38 Sermon: “Thank You Dad!” All men are invited to sing in the Men’s Chorus
June 25		Exodus 1:16-18, Sermon: “Hidden Figures” Movie: Hidden Figures



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!



MAY 28 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY IS JUNE 4.

ALL classes will lead worship at 9:30. Practice at 8:45 in Sanctuary. Everyone wear red.

TEACHER APPRECIATION – JUNE 4, 9:00

North Parlor

THINK CAMP WHITMAN – there are still openings for most of the camps so get your applications in ASAP!!

Youth Fellowship
June
Grades 5-12

Cookout & Games



When: Thursday, June 14th

Where: Yacht Club

Time: 4:00-6:00pm

Who: Families are welcome; current 5th graders are welcome to attend to get a head start on youth group

What: Bring a dish to pass and a beverage to drink.

Hamburgers, hotdogs will be provided

Please RSVP to Paula by email (pjfoote25@gmail.com)

by Friday, June 9th so that food can be planned!!!!

Our College Graduates

Bachelor's Degree

CHRISTOPHER JONES – BS in Math, minor in business and music from SUNY Geneseo; working at Lochland School. Will be moving to Brooklyn in the fall to pursue a career in Actuarial Science.

RICKY CIERI – BA in International Relations and Modern Foreign Language from Syracuse University. Has studied abroad. Will be teaching English and Model United Nations on his Fulbright Scholarship in Madrid, Spain for 2017-2018 school year. After that he would like to go to graduate school for his MIR of MPA or maybe study law.

EMILY CAMPBELL – BSW (social work) from Nazareth College. She will be taking online courses toward her MSW. She has accepted a position at Wayne County ARC.

CJ BATES – BS from St John Fisher College in Corporate Finance. Future plans undecided.

BRYNA DAYKIN - BS Magna Cum Laude SUNY Oswego, Major – Zoology; summer job with Nature Conservancy doing field research on invasive species. Will eventually go on for a Master's degree.

Master's Degree

LAVERNE SESSLER – MBA from Syracuse University as part of the H John Riley Dual Engineering/MBA Program. He attended both the College of Engineering and Computer Science and Whitman School of Management. He will be employed with Hunter Roberts Construction Group in Manhattan.

Doctorate Degree

DREW CIERI – Doctor of Chiropractic from New York Chiropractic College.

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

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.

- i. June 8: Kim Reisch will lead us in a discussion circle focusing on peacemaking through dialogue. In Fellowship Hall, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.
- ii. July: a musical evening, details still to be determined
- iii. August 17: Jennifer Morris and Jim Spates will present slides of their trip to southern Africa, focusing on the wildlife and the natural environment.
- iv. September: We hope to co-host a viewing of the TED talk, “Political Common Ground in a Polarized United States” with the congregation of Mount Olive. The video will be followed by discussion. Details of time and location are still to be determined.

Book Discussion

An(other) Opportunity for Conversation, Reflection, and Learning

Whether you have already read and discussed Debby Irving’s *WAKING UP WHITE: AND FINDING MYSELF IN THE STORY OF RACE* or are still intending to get around to it sometime, you might be interested in this Presbytery event, hosted by the Anti-Racism Work Group. Val Fowler will serve as Process Guide as we

- Share challenges, insights, and learnings from *Waking Up White*
- Discuss selected questions at the end of chapters
- Engage in mutual reflection and discernment on what God is calling us, our congregations, and our presbytery to be and to do, in light of our own journey of “waking up white”

Saturday June 3, 2017 – 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church, 95 Main Street, Big Flats, NY

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 3**

_____ **Thursday, August 10**

_____ **Thursday, August 17**

_____ **Thursday, August 24**

_____ **Thursday, August 31**

I am willing to be:

_____ **Kitchen coordinator** _____ **helper**

Name: _____

email: _____ **phone:** _____



Take Note

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the Lord!*

Summer is rapidly approaching and that means we are looking for people to provide special music for our worship services during the months of July and August. This is your opportunity to offer your talents to our worship services. We are looking for solo vocalists or small or large vocal ensembles, or keyboardist or other instrumentalist who would like to share their talent with the congregation. If you need help in finding others with whom to sing or play, let us know and we will try to match you up with someone. If you need help in finding music, we can help with that too.

Men of the church, we would like to put together a men's chorus to sing for Father's Day, June 18th. Please contact Richard if you can join us for this special occasion.

Help make this a musical summer of praise!

SERRV International Fair Trade Gift Shop

The SERRV Shop is in its busy season of taking our wares on the road. We just returned from a successful three days at Watson Homestead for UCC and the UCC State Conference in Tarrytown. Our next venture will be the Lutheran State Conference in Rochester in the first part of June. However, we will still have the shop open during our regular hours until the Strawberry Festival. Please bring your friends and family and after enjoying dessert, stop in and browse through the shop for gifts for Dads, Grads, Brides and Birthdays. We will be open during the event from 5-8.

Thanks so much for all your support throughout the year!

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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 or 315-759-8225.

THE ECO-TIP FOR JUNE IS...

**Your plants could be in peril...
...collect your rain in a barrel!**



Did you know that tap water contains chlorine, fluoride, and other chemicals that are bad for your plants?

Rainwater is highly oxygenated,
free of the salts,
inorganic ions, and fluoride compounds
that accumulate in the soil over time
and potentially harm plant roots.

What's more, you'll be helping reduce runoff pollution, and be helping with erosion prevention efforts, too!

All that and a reduction in your water bill?

Let's collect some rain!

Please join us Sunday, June 4, 2017

from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Food, Wine
Music with Val Fowler
& Raffle Items
at

Billsboro Winery
4760 W Lake Rd, Geneva, NY

to benefit Presbyterian Women's

Global Exchange to Indonesia

& to support our Synod's representative

Virginia Champlin of Geneva Presbytery

*Call 315-331-2255 for tickets
\$15 individual or \$25 couple*

(checks to PW Geneva Presbytery)

From the Parish Nurse

Dear Church Family,

Have you ever fallen and not been able to get back up? Have you ever had chest pain in the middle of the night and not been sure you could get to the phone to call for help? Have you ever locked yourself out of your car in some remote spot and then realized your cell phone was also locked in the car? Have you ever thought of getting a mobile help unit?

I have heard many arguments from a number of you concerning how you don't need one, don't want to wear the pendant or bracelet, don't want the added cost, etc. Once you've ended up in a bad situation, these units suddenly become invaluable. The cost tends to range from 20-60 dollars a month, (the average seems to be \$35/month). The best part is that many of the units are now mobile, they can travel with you in the car and can locate you via GPS technology. Many people say they can always use their cell phone. If you fall, are in a car accident, or are attacked by someone, chances are your cell phone will not be in easy reach and you still need to be able to dial a number.

The units are different in the way a call for help is responded to. Many units have a technician on the other end to talk directly to you once you have pushed the button. I know that happens with most units set up for only inside the home. Other units have a list of individuals to call first before calling 911. You many want a neighbor or family member to get a call saying you need assistance rather than having an emergency call sent. You have a choice of how to set it up. Also, if you or a family member drive, but have memory issues from time to time (maybe you shouldn't drive alone) the GPS function would be able to locate you should you forget where you are or how to get home.

We have several parishioners who own "life line" units who have fallen, had chest pain and breathing problems, and were very glad to have just a button to push to get help.

Most units come with a pendant that is waterproof and can be worn in the shower. There is usually also a wristband that looks like a watch. Some units also have a fall detection function that can sense when someone has fallen and will place a call for help.

If you or a family member are at risk to fall, faint or have a serious medical event with no one else around, I would strongly encourage you to consider one of these units for added safety. I will have information on these units for you. God Bless, Beth



To all our Presbyterian Church in Geneva friends –
Thank you all for your many prayers and thoughtful gestures for Dan and me during and since my recent hospitalization. I'm doing well – it's just a slow process!

Peace,
Mary Ellen Schreher

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Thank You from Troop 4

Boy Scout Troop 4, sponsored by this congregation since 1917, is now planning a High Adventure trek to the National Sea Base in Florida, for the school vacation break during February 2018. Your generous donations of bottles and cans have helped us raise more than \$400 toward that trip during this program year. Please continue to bring in empty deposit water, beer and soda bottles and cans, and look for details on our centennial celebration this fall.

– Fred Schühle, Assistant Scoutmaster

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Returning Geneva Music Festival Suits Variety of Musical Tastes

When the Geneva Music Festival (GMF) returns this summer, acclaimed artists will present their interpretations of a wide range of musical genres, including chamber, classical, organ masterpieces, bluegrass, and a two-concert celebration of jazz. Founded in 2011 with the mission of entertaining, inspiring and nurturing a lifelong love of music in the community, the festival annually presents artists whose work will appeal to audiences of a variety of ages and musical tastes. The GMF will take place from June 1 through 18, with concerts in Geneva, Auburn, Canandaigua and Skaneateles.

“Artists will present traditional classical and chamber pieces in addition to unique fusions, and creative collaborations,” says Geoffrey Herd, violinist and director of the Geneva Music Festival. “We are thrilled to be able to bring this kind of variety to our Finger Lakes community for the seventh year.”

An organ recital by N Raymond Nagem on Tuesday, June 13, showcases the elegant Casavant organ at the Presbyterian Church in Geneva. Raymond Nagem is associate music director at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. He will perform his own transcription of Prokofiev's witty “Music for Children” (*so be sure to bring the kids*) as well as music by J. S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, Max Reger, and Louis Vierne.

Tickets for adult admission to all concerts and an after-concert reception are \$25 (ages 18 and under are free). Six-concert passes and season tickets only are available until the first concert on June 1, and may be purchased online prior to or in person at that concert. All venues are wheelchair accessible and most are air conditioned.

A full schedule including concert details and locations, artist biographies and tickets are available on the festival’s website, www.genevamusicalfestival.com.

The Geneva Music Festival is made possible, in part, by public funds from NYSCA’s Decentralization Program, administered locally by Finger Lakes Community Arts Grants (FLCAG) and CNY Arts, Rochester Community Foundation, Wyckoff Family Foundation, Geneva Rotary, the City of Geneva, and the Sands Foundation.



Come to the

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Wednesday

JUNE 21

5:30-8:00

Cake

Ice cream

Strawberries

BAKE SALE

SERRV International Handcrafts

LIVE entertainment

Activities for children

\$6.00 – age 13 and up

\$3.00 up to 12

.50 additional beverage

\$1.00 cones

The Presbyterian Church in Geneva

24 Park Place

*This festival is sponsored by the Presbyterian Women
to benefit both local and worldwide mission projects.*



Presbyterian Women

Wednesday, June 21st –

63rd Strawberry Festival and Bake Sale

5:30 – 8:00 PM – Sign up sheets will be out soon – please be thinking what you can do to make this community event another success this year.

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DEACONS' ZITI DINNER AND TALENT SHOW APRIL 30, 2017

The Fellowship Hall of The Presbyterian Church in Geneva was the location of this wonderful inter-generational event, which extended beyond our church family. A busy team of Deacons shopped, cooked, set up, and cleaned up so that our annual ziti dinner would be a success. Tom McClure organized a great talent show involving generations of talented individuals. There were singers, pianists, instrumentalists, actors, and a stand-up comedian to entertain. We ended the evening with a group sing-a-long.

A profit of \$350.00 was added to Pastor Deb's discretionary fund as a result of this fun-filled annual event. Over 80 people attended.

We thank all who helped with the dinner and all who shared their talents that evening!

The Board of Deacons provides so many ways to serve the God who has given us our very lives and sustains us each and every day.

BIRTHDAYS

June 2	Jordan Newcomb	June 18	Mark Champlin
June 3	Nick Sessler		Kellan McLaughlin
June 4	Betsy Bihn		Stephanie Smart
	Michele Downing	June 20	Daniel Lahr
June 5	Nancy Backus	June 21	Sandy Merwarth
	Hazel McLaughlin	June 23	Gary Breese
	Beth Reiners		Jason Carle
June 8	Willard C. Best		Bill Fox
	Kate Equinozzi		Julie Hadyk
June 9	Jean Dickson		Sarah Jones
	Angela McKinney		Nolan Robertson
June 11	Karen Campbell		Courtney Weber
	Jan Phillips	June 24	Henry Augustine
	Muriel Stobie	June 26	Ricky Cieri
June 12	Diana Capron		Eli Saracino
June 13	Olivia Howard	June 28	Linda Equinozzi
June 15	Ehren Jennings		David Phillips
	John Tarr	June 30	Valerie Sewell
June 16	Carol Davids		Kendall Snook

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In memory of **Lois Nellis** by Joan Witte of Rockport, MA.

In memory of **Charles Ellison** by Robert and Mary Lou Campbell of Geneva.

Summer Sunday worship service: 9:30 in Sanctuary

June 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 NO Choir rehearsal	2 Lifetouch Photography Sessions 2:00 – 9:00	3 Lifetouch Photography Sessions 9:00 – 4:00 SERRV SHOP OPEN 10:00 – 12:30
4 Day of Pentecost (wear red) Sunday School Sunday Two-cents-a-meal offering P.W. Meeting 10:30 SERRV Shop open 10:30 Adult Ed. Book Study 12:00	5 Interpretation & Stewardship Committee meeting 7:30	6 Bereavment Support Group 1:00 Property Comm. mtg 7:00	7 Alzheimer's Support Group 1:30 DEACONS meeting 7:00	8 Choir rehearsal 7:00	9	10 SERRV SHOP OPEN 10:00 – 12:30
11 Communion Service New members join Faith in the Arts 10:30 SERRV Shop open 10:30	12	13 History & Columbarium Committee mtg. noon Adult Ed. Comm. mtg. 5:30 Finance Comm. mtg. 7:30 Geneva Music Festival Organ Recital 7:30	14 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Lifetouch Photography Sessions 2:00 – 9:00 Worship Comm. mtg. 7:00	15 Choir rehearsal 7:00	16	17 SERRV SHOP OPEN 10:00 – 12:30
18 SERRV Shop open 10:30	19 Membership & Evangelism Committee meeting 7:00	20 Hulling & slicing of Strawberries 5:00 Communications Committee mtg. 7:00	21 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 5:30 – 8:00 	22 Parish Health Ministry Meeting 7:00 Choir rehearsal 7:00	23	24
25	26 Mission & Social Concerns Committee meeting 7:30	27 SERRV Comm. mtg. 7:00	28 SESSION meeting 7:00	29 NO Choir rehearsal	30	Fly your flag on June 14th!! 