

# Geneva Connection



2 Laurie Weaver	19 Shirley Leman
3 Rose Huffman	20 Wayne Flowers
6 Kathie Ettinger	Jean Perry
Betty Swindle	22 Barbara Gasset
8 James Campbell	23 Grayson Loftus
Jay Loftus	25 Wayne Letizia
9 Linda Damle	Jon Tayloe
David Ogburn	26 Lauren Guy
12 Carter Grant	28 Teri Batchelor
17 Helen Bickert	29 Keith Kessler

## Happy Anniversary

May 21  
*Pete and Ginny Peterson*

May 22  
*Blair and Jane Arendt*

May 23  
*Daniel and Carol Adams*

# MAY 2016

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## JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Newsletter deadline for the  
**JUNE** issue is

**Tuesday, May 24**

Email articles to:

[prasor@genevapresbyterian.org](mailto:prasor@genevapresbyterian.org)

**Pastor's Article**

Pastor and author, Tom Long tells about a time while he was at Princeton that he attended a nearby Presbyterian church that prides itself on being an academic, intellectual church. One evening early on, he went to a family night supper and sat down next to a man, introduced himself, told him he was new, and asked, "Have you been here long?"

"Oh yes," the man said. "In fact I was here before this became such a scholarly church. Why I'm probably the only non-intellectual left. I haven't understood a sermon in over 25 years."

"Then why do you keep coming," Tom asked?

"Because every Monday night a group of us get in the church van and drive over to the youth correctional center. Sometimes we play basketball, or play games. Usually we share a Bible story. But mostly we just get to know these kids and listen to them. I started going because Christians are supposed to do those kind of things. But now I could never stop. Sharing the love of God at that youth center has changed my life." And then he made this profound statement. "You cannot prove the promises of God in advance, but if you live them, they're true, every one."

That's beautiful, isn't it? I pray today that in your own life, you would continue to live the promises of God. And, may you find that they are indeed true - every-one.

Grace and Peace,

*Joe*

**MINISTRY LEADERS CONTACT INFO**

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	Sally Pitzer	940-7288
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People, Process and Technology		
	Adrienne Lord	631-7978
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Director of Worship and Arts		
	Fred Kunkel	652-6503
Organist	Esther Kirkham	287-4865
Nursery	Sunny Richardson	287-4865
Secretary	Patty Rasor	287-4865
Youth	Lorrie Watkins	
		(803) 465-1597

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

If you would like to donate flowers on a given Sunday, contact the church office or use sign up calendar in the Narthex.

**Donation is \$16 per arrangement.**

*Let us know if you want one or two arrangements. Please indicate on your check **Sanctuary Flowers**.*

**MEN'S GROUP**

Men of Geneva join us monthly the last Sunday at 6:00 pm at Don Juan's Restaurant on SR 13. This is a time of fellowship, discussion and a meal.

Contact Ken Ettinger with any questions 742-5178.


## Summary of Stated Session Minutes from April 18, 2016

Rick Ulp, *Clerk of Session*

- The Financial Report was submitted for the month of March 2016, with the financial status remaining in a very solid position as we continue to operate in the Black.
- Elder Rita Bryant indicated that the building repairs and renovations to the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall have been completed.
- The Mission Ministry reports that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 2 cents a meal program scheduled to continue through the year in support of the Jamaica Mutual Mission Fund recorded a second month collection of \$200.00.
- The Mission Ministry was approved to partner with Thornwell School for Children as an outreach program for Geneva.
- A Task Force was established to develop a plan for effective utilization of our classroom spaces, to include a toddler room for use during the morning worship service.
- Approved to have Rev. Bob Smith to preach on Pentecost Sunday, May 15.
- Elders Sharon Hartsell and Rick Ulp were elected Commissioners from Geneva to attend the Spring Stated Meeting of our Presbytery to be held on 03 May at MPCC.
- Upgrades/improvements to the sanctuary sound system were approved, in the amount of \$33,413.00. This project is funded by generous donations received from our congregation.
- The Worship Ministry has been approved to begin a program to purchase new Presbyterian hymnals for use during the worship service. An initial invitation will be made to the members of the congregation who wish to purchase these hymnals. The purchase will include a bookplate dedication notation if one is desired.

### Financial Status—Income and Expenses Summary

	March 2016	YTD through MARCH 2016
Actual Expenses	\$24,578.86	\$68,287.68
Offerings to Operating Fund	\$25,613.84	\$77,262.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 1,034.98	\$ 8,974.32

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Comunion/ Give and Take Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee/Fellowship 10:30 Morning Worship 6:00 Youth Group	2  <b>7:15 CE Meeting</b>	3 9 Presbytery Meeting  6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	4 10:00 Staff Meeting  6:00 Dinner 7:00 Group Activities	5 9:30 Prayer 10:00 Helping Hands	6 Church Office Closed	7
8 <b>Mother's Day 2¢-a-Meal</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee/Fellowship 10:30 Morning Worship <b>11:45 Worship Committee Meeting</b> NO Youth Group	9	10 10:00 Staff Meeting  6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	11 9:45 Morning Circle 3:00 WW Bible Study  6:00 Dinner 7:00 Group Activities	12 9:30 Prayer 10:00 Helping Hands <b>11:00 Finance Meeting</b> <b>7:00 Stewardship Mtg</b>	13 Church Office Closed	14 
15 <b>Day of Pentecost</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee/Fellowship 10:30 Morning Worship 12:00 Sr High Luncheon 6:00 Youth Group	16  <b>7:00 Session Meeting</b>	17 10:00 Staff Meeting  6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	18   6:00 Dinner 7:00 Group Activities	19 9:30 Prayer 10:00 Helping Hands <b>Directory Pictures</b> <b>6:30 Missions Committee Meeting</b>	20 Church Office Closed	21
22 2016 PW Birthday Offering 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee/Fellowship 10:30 Morning Worship 6:00 Youth Meeting	23	24 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting  6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	25  <b>4:30 Community Connection Meeting</b> 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Group Activities	26 9:30 Prayer 10:00 Helping Hands <b>6:30 Missions Meeting</b>	27 Church Office Closed	28
29 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee/Fellowship 10:30 Morning Worship 6:00 Men's Group	30 <b>Memorial Day</b> Church Office Closed	31 10:00 Staff Meeting VBS Set Up begins through June 25 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir				<b>MAY</b>

## SERVERS FOR MAY

2016	MAY 1	MAY 8	MAY 15	MAY 22	MAY 29
LECTOR	Michael Clarke	Fran Meza	Stin Lenkerd	Wayne Flowers	Jennifer King
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Sharon Hartsell	Lorrie Watkins	Juliet Johnson	Joe Albright	Peggy McCain
ELDER OF THE DAY	John Booth	Kathie Ettinger	Adrienne Lord	Billy Watkins	Kathie Ettinger
GREETERS AND USHERS	Rick & Pat Ulp Ann Beardslee John Booth Ken Ettinger	Preston & Barbara Anderson Rita Bryant Cliff Calvert Amy Finnigan	Kevin Grant and Adrienne Lord Marti Cheney Ken Ettinger Brian Loftus	Cliff & Sallyanne Smith Kay Foland Jacqueline Harper Ralph Pitzer	Ann Beardslee and Jessica Parker John Booth Tony Clarke Grace Weithman
OFFERING COUNTERS	Ron and Rita Bryant Ralph Pitzer	Tony Clarke Cliff Smith	Ralph Pitzer Sallyanne Smith	Pat Allalemdjian Rick Ulp	Ron and Rita Bryant Vivian Lee
SOUND SYSTEM	Patrick Clarke	Christian Davis	Stephen Clarke	Hunter Hartsell	Christian Davis
POWERPOINT	Linda Harper	Bonnie McCarty	Bradley Plum	Sallyanne Smith	Bonnie McCarty
WELCOME TABLE	Julie Wright	Ken Ettinger	Pat Ulp	Julie Wright	Ken Ettinger

**COMMUNION SERVERS MAY 1**

Christian Davis, Don and Peggy McCain, Morgan and Jean Roberts and Jennifer Weithman

**Church Directory**

Have you made your appointment yet? Please do so on the Geneva website.

Dates and times are as follows:

Thursday, May 12      2:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Friday, May 13      2:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, May 14      10:00 am - 5:00 pm

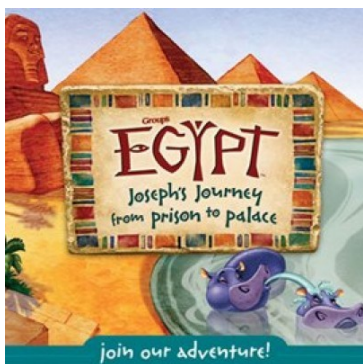
Thursday, May 19      2:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Volunteers are needed to assist with scheduling and on picture days.

Please contact Adrienne Lord, if you'd like to help [adriennelord@comcast.net](mailto:adriennelord@comcast.net).



**WE NEED YOU**  
to make our new family directory complete



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 27—July 1 (8:45 am - Noon)

Register online on the Geneva website [genevapresbyterian.org](http://genevapresbyterian.org)

(Ages 4 years thru just completed 5th grade)

Cost: \$25 per child (t-shirt included)

Volunteers are needed! Volunteers please register online also.

Cost for volunteer t-shirt is \$8.00

Contact Sharon Hartsell with any questions.

*We will start preparation for VBS on Tuesday, May 31.*

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

## Youth News

Lorrie Watkins, Youth Director

### Luncheon for Graduating Seniors:

On May 15th following worship, we will hold a light luncheon to honor our graduating seniors. Everyone is invited! Come to the Fellowship Hall following worship on May 15th to spend some time with and honor our grads! Please RSVP to the church office so we know you are coming!



### Notice to Graduates!

Geneva Church will recognize this year's graduates in worship on Sunday, May 15th!

If you will be graduating this year, please notify the church office by May 7th. In addition, please send 5 pictures to Lorrie Watkins. We are excited to share in this milestone with you!

### Also,

Here is the May youth schedule to be included in the newsletter:

### May 1st - An afternoon with the Geckos!

Keep the afternoon free! Geneva Youth and Wednesday Night Geckos are teaming up for some family fun! Stay tuned for more information!

### May 8th - Mother's Day, No Evening Meeting

### May 15th - Luncheon for Graduating Seniors

The Youth Group is sponsoring this luncheon! Lorrie and Sharon will be reaching out for your support. It's going to be a fun way for us to spend time with our seniors, find out more about what's in store for next year, and share memories!

Set-up at 8:30 am Sunday Morning

Luncheon after Worship (we need youth servers, and cleaners!)

### May 22nd - End of Year Bash

Stay tuned for details!

### May 29th - Memorial Weekend, No Evening Meeting

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Amy Finnigan

**Morning Circle** - Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in May on the 11th at 9:45 am in the Knox Room in our Fellowship Hall. We will be on the last lesson of our Horizons Bible Study. – River of Life, Hope. Scripture: Revelation 21-22. Study Leader – Amy Finnigan [afinnigan@txninc.com](mailto:afinnigan@txninc.com) or 287-4303.

**Westminster Woods Bible Study** – We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month also on May 11th at 3:00 pm in the Eastwood Clubhouse at Westminster Woods. We also are using the Horizons Study and are on Lesson 9. Study Leader – Fran Meza Contact [franmeza@comcast.net](mailto:franmeza@comcast.net) or 287-7139.

**PW Evening Circle:** We are **not** meeting in May and will regroup in the fall. Contact Adrienne Lord ([adriennelord@comcast.net](mailto:adriennelord@comcast.net)) or Susan Guthmiller ([susan@jsgsolar.com](mailto:susan@jsgsolar.com))

**Helping Hands** – Join us on Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Knox Room in our Fellowship Hall. We are busy working on Welcome Bags for The Betty Griffin House, WIC, Prayer quilts for our Geneva family and more. **We need donations of Polyfil<sup>®</sup> for the pillows we make for the Betty Griffin House as well as coloring/activity books and crayons.** Leaders: Barbara Enos 762-4600 [Benos2@aol.com](mailto:Benos2@aol.com) and Sally Pitzer 940-7288 [salpitzer@comcast.net](mailto:salpitzer@comcast.net).

**2016 Birthday Offering** – We will be celebrating this long tradition of Presbyterian Women on **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The Birthday Offering began in 1922 and continues today funding mission projects that improve the lives of women and children around the world. In 2016 the offering will go to 4 projects that support the need for education and a healthy environment; a school for girls in the South Sudan, a life skills program for at risk youth in Overland Park, Kansas, Habitat for Humanity's repair of manufactured homes in the East Bay and Silicone Valley of California and the Direct Action and Research Training Center (DART) a program which trains clergy and lay leader in more than 20 communities in Miami, Florida on how to stop the flow of children into the "school to prison" pipeline. We hope you are in worship on the 22<sup>nd</sup> as we will share more information and enjoy birthday cake as well.

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Billy Watkins

### Financial Peace Baby Steps

In Financial Peace University, there are 7 baby steps to living like no one else so you can live and give like no one else and have financial peace.

1. Put \$1,000 in a beginner emergency fund. (\$500 if your annual income is less than \$20,000 per year)
2. Pay off all revolving debt using the debt snowball. Not the house yet.
3. Save three to six months of expenses as a full emergency fund.
4. Invest 15% of your household income into a Roth IRA and pretax retirement plans.
5. Begin college funding for your kids.
6. Pay off your home early.
7. Build wealth and give like never before.

### Priority #1: Save Money!

The first baby step is to save \$1,000 as beginner emergency fund. Do this as quickly as you are able. If you sit down and think about it and how you are spending your money, most people can accomplish this in a short period of time. Are you willing to sacrifice to find financial peace? How can you get there?

1. You have to be committed to change.
2. Sell something you don't use any longer in a garage sale, yard sale, or on EBay.
3. If you are fortunate enough to have family meals, scale the menu back. Add more rice and beans to the line.
4. When you get your \$1,000 starter emergency fund saved, don't touch it! If something happens, such as the washer dies, the alternator stops working in your car, you hit a nail and get a flat tire you have money set aside to take care of it. Many people say that is why I have a credit card, but remember, step #2 is to get out of debt.
5. Move on to baby step #2.

The Stewardship Committee of Geneva Presbyterian Church will be bringing the Financial Peace University back in the fall. Please be on the lookout for more info and make plans to attend.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION AT GENEVA

<i>Sunday</i>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Morning Worship
	6:00 pm	Youth Group Meeting
<i>Tuesday</i>	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<i>Wednesdays</i>	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner
	7:00 pm	Adult Bible Studies and GECKOS
<i>Thursdays</i>	9:30 am	Prayer Meeting
	10:00 am	Helping Hands
<i>Fridays</i>		<b>Church Office Closed</b>



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