

Geneva Connection

SEPTEMBER
2017

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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Newsletter deadline for the
OCTOBER issue is
Wednesday, Sept. 21
Email articles to:
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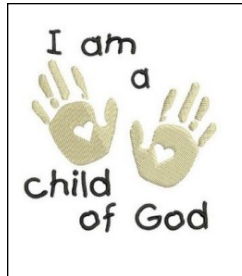


PASTOR'S ARTICLE

You Are a Child of God

Several years ago, when I was serving a church up in Jacksonville, almost every Sunday, our children's ministry director led the children's moment. And, almost every Sunday she would ask the children, "Who are you?" The children would answer in unison, "I am a child of God!" This happened almost every Sunday.

"Who are you?" I am a child of God!



One of our families ended up moving to Indiana when the father had a job transfer. About two weeks after their move, the mother called me. She said, "I have to tell you a funny story. Last week we went to visit Abby's new school to get her registered. (Abby was their

2nd grader.) When we met the principal, she leaned down, looked Abby in the eyes and asked, "And, who are you, young lady?" And Abby replied full voice - "I am child of God!"

Isn't that just great! I hope Abby never forgets that. And I hope you never forget that either.

In Isaiah, chapter 43, we read, "*But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine...*"

Grace and Peace,
Joe

DEACON CORNER

Sally Pitzer

Fall is just around the corner. Your Deacons have been busy preparing for our fall celebrations. There are two dates we would like you to mark on your calendar:

- The first is **Sunday, September 17**, when we will have our **Anniversary Celebration** for couples who have been married for 50 or 60 years.
- The second date is **Sunday, October 29**. The **Kirkin' o' the Tartans** will be celebrated during the church service. Following the church service the Deacons, along with Fellowship and Youth, will serve a luncheon for the entire congregation.

We look forward to having you share in these celebrations with us!



BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

Happy Birthday

- | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 David Weithman | 9 Andy Campbell | 21 Gerry Lee |
| 2 Christian Davis | 10 Vallis Henley | 22 T.J. Richardson |
| 4 Blair Arendt | 11 Julie Wright | 24 Bill Harper |
| Patrick Clarke | 12 Gus Perry | 27 Becky Thacker |
| Stephen Clarke | 14 Dave Shelton | 28 Janet Lahti |
| Sara Umbarger | 19 Vince Damle | 29 Sarah Smith |
| 5 Patty Razor | Jill Wild | 30 Lucy Caudel |
| 7 JoAnn Ramsey | 21 Amy Finnigan | Jarrett Grant |

Happy Anniversary

September 3
Ted and Amy Finnigan

September 21
Mike and Sabrina Hartsell

September 5
Jerry and Susan Guthmiller

September 22
Bill and Joan Sheaffer

September 9
Steve and Kay Foland

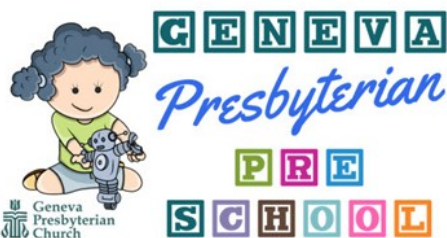
September 23
Mark and Marti Cheney

September 10
Ron and Rita Bryant

September 26
Tony and Sue Clarke

September 12
Tom and Carol St. Clair

September 28
Keith and Charlotte Hall

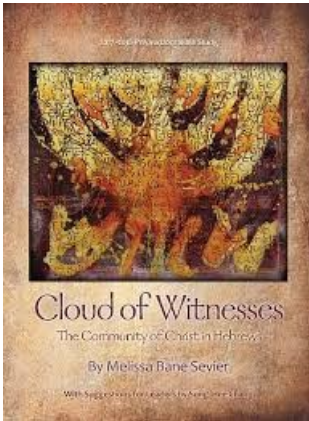


First Day of School - Sept. 5, 2017
 For information call [904-287-4865](tel:904-287-4865) or
 Email: vallis@genevapresbyterian.org
 Serving children ages 2-4
 9:00 am-12:05 pm

OPEN HOUSE - Friday, Sept. 1
 10-11:00 am

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Amy Finnigan



2017-2018 PW/Horizons Bible Study – *Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ In Hebrews*, by Melissa Bane Sevier. This Bible study will approach the Letter to the Hebrews thematically. In our nine lessons we will look at nine major themes and relate those themes to other parts of our faith traditions and bring them together with the main motif of *community*. Hope you will join us!

Morning Circle –Come and join us on the 2nd Wednesday in September at 9:45 in the Knox room. We are excited to begin our new Horizons Bible Study - ***Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*** by Melissa Bane Sevier. Lesson One will focus on *Jesus, the Christ, who is the basis of all our faith and action*. Leader Amy Finnigan 287-4303 afinnigan921@gmail.com.

Westminster Woods Bible Study – We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 3:00 pm in the Eastwood Clubhouse at Westminster Woods. We are also starting the new Horizons Bible study – Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews. Leader Fran Meza 287-7139 franmeza@comcast.net.

Helping Hands – Please join us as we meet each Thursday in the Knox room in FH at 10:00 am. We are working on Welcome Bags for the Betty Griffin House, Prayer Quilts for our Geneva family and several other projects. Everyone is welcome and lunch is served at noon! Leaders are Barbara Enos 762-4600 Benos2@aol.com and Sally Pitzer 940-7288 salpitzer@comcast.net.

BEGINNERS HANDBELL CHOIR

Carol Calvert



Do you like the sound of the handbells? Have you thought they might be fun to play? Here is your chance. I will be starting a new handbell choir for “beginners” in September. Ability to read music is a “plus”, but not required, but counting to four is. We will meet on Wednesday at 8:00 pm starting September 13.

For more information, see Carol or call her at 287-9439.



Calling all men.... Join us Sunday, September 24 for our monthly group meetings. We will meet at 6 pm at Vito’s Italian Restaurant in Bartram Oaks Walk, St. Johns. This is a time of fellowship around the table enjoying a meal together.

All men of Geneva are welcome!

Any questions, please contact Ken Ettinger (742-5178).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>SEPTEMBER</h1>						
<p>3 Communion/ Give and Take Sunday</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:45 Christmas Concert Rehearsal</p>	<p>4  7 CE Meeting</p>	<p>5 9 Preschool 10 Staff Meeting</p> <p>6 Bells 7 Choir</p>	<p>6 9 Preschool 9:30 Community Bells 2:45 Treble w/Music</p>	<p>7 9 Preschool 9:30 Prayer 10 Helping Hands</p>	<p>8 Church Office Closed 9 Preschool</p>	<p>9 Rock the Universe Youth activity Depart 1:30 pm and return Sunday at 11:30 am</p>
<p>10 2¢ a Meal</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:45 Christmas Concert Rehearsal 11:45 Adult CE Meeting</p>	<p>11 9 Preschool</p>	<p>12 9 Preschool 10 Staff Meeting</p> <p>6 Bells 7 Choir</p>	<p>13 9 Preschool 9:30 Community Bells 9:45 PW 2:45 Treble w/Music 3 WW Bible Study 6 Dinner 7 Activities 8 Beginner Bells</p>	<p>14 9 Preschool 9:30 Prayer 10 Helping Hands 11 Finance Meeting 7 Deacon Meeting</p>	<p>15 Church Office Closed 9 Preschool</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 Wedding Anniversary Celebration</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:45 Christmas Concert Rehearsal 6 Youth Group</p>	<p>18 9 Preschool 7 Session Meeting</p>	<p>19 9 Preschool 10 Staff Meeting</p> <p>6 Bells 7 Choir</p>	<p>20 9 Preschool 9:30 Community Bells 2:45 Treble w/Music 6 Dinner 7 Activities 8 Beginner Bells</p>	<p>21 9 Preschool 9:30 Prayer 10 Helping Hands 12 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 Mission Committee Meeting</p>	<p>22 Church Office Closed 9 Preschool</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:45 Christmas Concert Rehearsal</p> <p>6:00 Men's Group Youth Group</p>	<p>25 9 Preschool</p>	<p>26 9 Preschool 10 Staff Meeting</p> <p>6 Bells 7 Choir</p>	<p>27 9 Preschool 9:30 Community Bells 2:45 Treble w/Music 6 Dinner 7 Activities 8 Beginner Bells</p>	<p>28 9 Preschool 9:30 Prayer 10 Helping Hands</p>	<p>29 Church Office Closed 9 Preschool</p>	<p>30</p>

Summary of Stated Session Minutes from 17 July, 2017

Rick Ulp, *Clerk*

- The Financial Report was submitted for the months of May and June 2017. We ended May with a shortfall of approximately \$7,000.00 with expected receipts behind expectations and expenses following the budgeted amount. This brought our year-to-date financials to a deficit of approximately \$1,200.00. The month of June rebounded slightly and expenses were held in check, resulting in a monthly deficit of approximately \$3,000.00. This moves our year-to-date financial report to an overall deficit of approximately \$4,000.00. It is anticipated the summer months will follow a similar trend, with an expected return to balance occurring in the Fall. The Session was reminded to closely monitor expenditures for the next couple of months.
- The Mission Ministry continues to receive thanks from Thornwell School for Children recognizing Geneva's continued support of their valued ministry. Contact Elder Cliff Smith if you are interested in other Mission projects currently being served by Geneva.
- The lighting in the Fellowship Hall will soon be completely upgraded through a generous gift from our Boy Scout Troop 225.
- The approved Deacon minutes for May 2017 were received to record.
- Having received timely notice, Sunny Richardson is unable to continue as our nursery attendant. The Session has approved the hiring of Lauren Shields to fill this position.
- The Session joyously approved the addition of 11 new members on 02 July, bringing our current active membership to 207.
- Adult Christian Education Elder, John Booth, provided an update of programs scheduled through the Fall of 2017.
- A motion to extend the use of the Fellowship Hall to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team was approved. This will provide a work station/command center for them should the need arise.
- A motion to extend the user of the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary to the Masterworks Chorale group has been approved. A dinner/program is scheduled for Friday, March 16, 2018.
- Research and discussions continued in the preparations for a Geneva pre-school program. The fire alarm system is once again meeting county standards and a Life and Safety Plan is being prepared for the county. Two new exit doors are being added to the Fellowship Hall classrooms to comply with current fire and building code. The current schedule calls for the facilities to be ready for the pre-school program following Labor Day. The new website for the pre-school is also up and operating.
- The Elder for Properties Ministry offered a proposal for the Geneva Men's Group to supervise the upkeep and continued monitoring of a program to maintain the Columbarium area. This was approved.
- Pastor Albright provided an informational brochure and Endowment Fund Ministry bylaws to be adopted by Geneva. This program was approved.

Financial Status – Income and Expenses Summary		
	JULY, 2017	YTD through JULY, 2017
Actual Expenses	\$23,817.33	\$185,885.46
Offerings to Operating Fund	\$27,363.86	\$181,113.31
Over/(Under)	\$ 3,546.53	(\$ 4,772.15)

Church Directory Additions and Changes

Additions

ALONGE, Matthew* & Heather*

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Church Directory Additions and Changes

Additions, cont.

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Please notify the church office if you have an update in your status. Address change, emails, phones, etc. If you would like to be added to the church email address, please let us know also.

SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER				
2017	SEPTEMBER 3	SEPTEMBER 10	SEPTEMBER 17	SEPTEMBER 24
LECTOR	Susan Letizia	Sharon Hartsell	Kim Voisine	Jennifer King
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Sharon Hartsell	Lorrie Watkins	Kevin Grant
ELDER OF THE DAY	Steve Foland	Cliff Calvert	William Wild	Rita Bryant
GREETERS AND USHERS	Gerry and Vivian Lee Ken Ettinger Kay Foland Ralph Pitzer	Matt Plum and Laurie Weaver Ann Beardslee Cliff Calvert Bradley Plum	Lorrie and Harrison Watkins Jill, Scott and William Wild	Rick and Pat Ulp Mark and Marti Cheney Greg Shields
OFFERING COUNTERS	Rick Ulp Billy Watkins	Cliff Calvert Ralph Pitzer	Tony Clarke Steve Foland	Kevin Grant Greg Shields
SOUND SYSTEM	Fabio Pinho	Fabio Pinho	Fabio Pinho	Fabio Pinho
SANCTUARY COMPUTER	Linda Harper	Bonnie McCarty	Bonnie McCarty	Bradley Plum
WELCOME TABLE	Patricia Lyon	Ken Ettinger	Penny Knox	Greg Shields
COMMUNION SERVERS - SEPTEMBER 3				
Kathie Ettinger, Kevin Grant, Sharon Hartsell, John Kirkham, Don McCain, and Laurie Weaver				

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION AT GENEVA



<i>Sunday</i>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:45 am	Christmas Choir Rehearsal
<i>Tuesday</i>	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
		Bell Choir Rehearsal
		Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<i>Wednesdays</i>	6:00 pm	Dinner
	7:00 pm	Activities
	8:00 pm	Beginner Bell Choir Rehearsal
<i>Thursday</i>	9:30 am	Prayer Meeting
	10:00 am	Helping Hands
<i>Fridays</i>		Church Office Closed