

Geneva Connection



2 Kay Foland	16 Lee Huffman
Peggy McCoy	Brad Smith
6 Harrison Watkins	18 Nancy Tanzler
8 Gavin Loftus	22 Ruth Eckstine
10 Sandy Olson	23 Lizzy Watkins
13 Kennedy Cato	28 Howard Beardslee
Andrew Wild	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 3

Don and Peggy McCoy

June 6

Jim and Lorraine Duck
Kevin Grant and Adrienne Lord

June 10

Howard and Ann Beardslee

June 15

Rick and Pat Ulp

June 30

Brett and Marcy James

JUNE 2015

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JULY NEWSLETTER **DEADLINE**

Newsletter deadline for the
JULY issue is

Thursday, June 22

Email articles to:

prasor@genevapresbyterian.org

Pastor’s Article

Joe Albright

You may have seen the report on several candidates being considered for a pastorate at a local church. Let me share just a few with you:

Noah: Former pastorate of 120 years with not even one convert. Prone to unrealistic building projects.

Moses: A modest and meek man, but poor communicator, even stuttering at times. Sometimes blows his stack and acts rashly. Some say he left an earlier church over a murder charge.

David: The most promising leader of all until we discovered the affair he had with his neighbor's wife.

Jonah: Refused God's call until he was forced to obey by getting swallowed up by a great fish. He told us the fish later spit him out on the shore near here. We hung up.

Peter: Too blue collar. Has a bad temper – even had been known to curse. Aggressive, but a loose cannon.

Paul: Powerful CEO type leader and fascinating preacher. However, short on tact and has been known to preach all night.

Timothy: Too young!

Methuselah: Too old... WAY too old!

Jesus: Has had popular times, but once his church grew to 5000 he managed to offend them all, and then his church dwindled down to twelve people. Seldom stays in one place very long. And, of course, he's single!

This just reminds me that there are no perfect people. However, God can work through anyone – even people we'd never expect – even people like you and me!

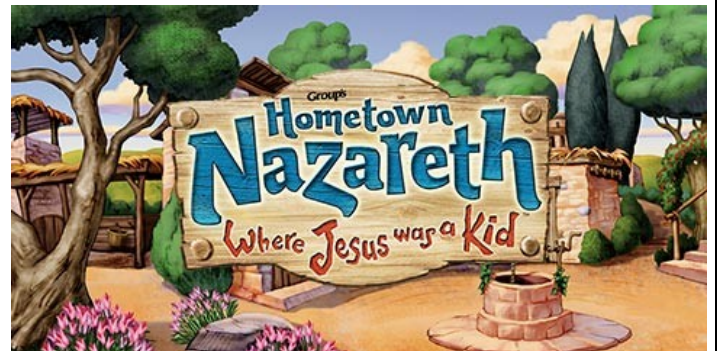
Pastor and scholar Eugene Peterson once wrote, “God, it turns out, does not require good people in order to do good work. As one medieval saying has it,

“God draws straight lines with a crooked stick.” He can and does work with us, whatever the moral and spiritual condition in which he finds us. God, we realize does some of his best work using the most unlikely people.”

As we journey together through this time of transition, I encourage you to continue to allow God to work through you at whatever condition / stage of life you find yourself in at this time. God will do some of his best work, if we simply make ourselves available. I firmly believe that the Lord has great things in store for Geneva - even over the next several months. My prayer is that you would continue to invest your lives fully - and as you do, may you discover blessing upon blessing!

Peace,

Joe



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 13-17—9 am - Noon

All children ages thru 5th grade are invited to attend. This year the participants will be transported back to Nazareth where they'll learn firsthand what it was like when Jesus was a kid. The cost is \$25 per child, which includes a t-shirt. We also need teenage and adult volunteers. Cost for volunteer t-shirt is \$8.

Registration and payment is available on the Geneva website.

Summary of Stated Session Minutes from May 11, 2015

- A period of continuing education was presented by Elder Sharon Hartsell on Roberts Rules of Order.
- The Financial Report was submitted for the month of April 2015. The bequest from the Elizabeth Smith estate was received in the amount of \$35,268.39. A letter of gratitude has been delivered and the money will temporarily remain in a reserve fund to backstop mortgage loan payments if necessary.
- A **motion** from the Worship Ministry to create a budget change to cover expenses was **defeated**/postponed indefinitely. Worship will prepare a more detailed accounting of projected expenses and submit at the next Stated meeting.
- Elder Sharon Hartsell provided an update report on the work of Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Geneva is on-line with the Mission Information Form (MIF) with about 64 responses from persons seeking the pastor position being received. These will be reviewed for possible candidates.
- A **motion** was made and **approved** to purchase assisted hearing devices for use in the sanctuary.
- There will be a Called meeting of Session on May 24 at 9:55 am to receive John Booth into Geneva membership.
- A **motion** was made and **approved** to have the following guest preachers: Rev. Amy Camp on 07/26; Fran Meza on 08/02; and Robert McCary on 08/09.



for being a Good Steward of the gifts
God has given you.

Summer is a time when many of us will
be traveling. This time of year can be
difficult on church finances as expenses
remain fairly stable throughout the year.

Please remember to try and
keep you pledge current
even when you are not here.

FOOD4KIDS

Sally Pitzer

Thanks to your generosity, we are well underway with meeting our 2015 commitment to support 5 children through the Food4Kids program. This is the fourth year our church has supported Memorial Presbyterian Church through financial contributions and volunteering. Food4Kids is now building to serve up to 250 children, remembering that more than 80% of the children at South Woods Elementary School come from low-income households and qualify for free or reduced-price breakfast and lunch at school. The backpacks we pack provide enough food to feed the family over the weekend. This makes a huge difference in their lives. The program even continues through the summer on a smaller scale.


If you wish to sponsor a child or make a contribution, please make checks payable to:
Geneva Presbyterian Church
Marked: Food 4 Kids

100% of the contributions are used to purchase food. If you would like to volunteer your time to help pack, please contact a Mission Committee member.

Brochures providing further details are available in the narthex at the Welcome Center.



**BECAUSE THE MOST ESSENTIAL
SCHOOL SUPPLY IS FOOD.**

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SERVERS FOR JUNE

2015	JUNE 7	JUNE 14	JUNE 21	JUNE 28
LECTOR	Fran Meza	Sharon Hartsell	Tom St. Clair	Michael Clarke
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Lorrie Watkins	Joe Albright	Sharon Hartsell	Ellen Ramsey
DEACON OF THE DAY	Bonnie McCarty	Julie Wright	Pat Ulp	Bonnie McCarty
GREETERS AND USHERS	Lorrie & Harrison Watkins Kevin Grant Stephen Clarke Brian Loftus	Gerry & Vivian Lee Rick Ulp Penny Knox Hunter Hartsell	Rick and Pat Ulp Cliff Smith Lorraine Duck Jim Duck	Scott & Jill Wild Rick Ulp Christian Davis Barbara Enos
OFFERING COUNTERS	Tony Clarke Vivian Lee	Cliff Smith Rita & Ron Bryant	Pat Allalemdjian Rick Ulp	Jerry Lee Ralph Pitzer
SOUND SYSTEM	Patrick Clarke	Christian Davis	Stephen Clarke	Hunter Hartsell
POWER POINT	Sallyanne Smith	Bonnie McCarty	Bonnie McCarty	Sallyanne Smith

COMMUNION SERVERS—June 7

Rita Bryant, Linda Damle, Bonnie McCarty, Pat and Rick Ulp



Call the church office if you would like to volunteer this summer. There are many positions available and we could use your help at Geneva Church.

Financial Status—Income and Expenses Summary

	APRIL 2015	YTD through APRIL 2015
Actual Expenses	\$17,560.01	\$79,746.96
Offerings to Operating Fund	\$17,525.63	\$92,793.76
Over/(Under)	(\$ 34.38)	\$13,646.80

Youth News

Lorrie Watkins
Youth Director

It's Summertime!

June 14-20, twelve Geneva Youth will trek to Montreat Conference Center in beautiful Montreat, NC. There will be two programs running simultaneously for our youth:

Completed Grades 6-7: Montreat Clubs

The Club's program is a recreation and fellowship experience! A typical week in Clubs consists of swimming, paddle-boating, music, water games, devotions, arts and crafts, wilderness education, and evening worship. There will be lots of active outdoor games (such as scavenger hunts, tag, and other high-energy creative games) and indoor games (such as pool and table tennis), as well as participating in music, dancing, tennis (bring non-marking tennis shoes), hikes, and rock-hopping (bring old closed-toe shoes).

Completed Grades 8-12: Montreat Youth Conference

Montreat Youth Conference clears space for encountering God, discovering and deepening a vibrant and durable faith in Jesus Christ, and hearing an invitation to make a personal commitment to embody the love, justice and righteousness of Christ.

The mission of the 2015 Montreat Youth Conference is to provide a safe environment where youth will be challenged and empowered to hear their own voice, share their perspective, and to ask their questions. Together, we will hear and live the holy promise of God's love in a real and supportive community of acceptance!

The Montreat Youth Conference is designed for high school students, entering freshmen through graduated seniors, and their adult leaders. It is a unique gathering of young people from all over the country for a week of study, worship, and recreation. Activities include morning energizers, music, keynote, small group meetings, afternoon recreation activities, and evening worship.

We want to say a **LOUD** and **BOISTEROUS THANK YOU** to our Geneva family! Each of you has worked to make this trip a reality through your prayers, your work, and your generous donations! Geneva youth are blessed that you have grabbed on to them and won't let go! Thank you!

Throughout the summer months our youth schedule will be a little different from the school year. We have many things in store for you! Please watch the bulletin and your emails for announcements of coming events.

If you would like to be added to the Youth Group email distribution list, please email Lorrie Watkins: lwatkins@genevapresbyterian.org

It's going to be an amazing summer!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Amy Finnigan

Morning Circle, Westminster Woods and Helping Hands - Our circles will be on break for summer for three months and will not meet for Bible study – However we still have several things going on!

Summer Book Club – We are reading; *In The Time Of The Butterflies* By Julia Alvarez. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you would like to join us. We will meet on July 29th for lunch and a discussion of the book. Please join us. I would like to order the books as soon as possible, so please see the sign up sheet. Cost of book: \$11.35 Any questions ask Amy or e-mail me at afinnigan@txninc.com.

Back to School Backpacks – As part of our mission with the Family Integrity Program we will be stuffing 50 backpacks with school supplies in July. During the week of VBS our children bring in their offerings of school supplies to help with this project We also provide each child with a Payless Shoe Store gift card to buy a new pair of shoes to start the school year off.

Betty Griffin House – Please continue to bring us your travel size soaps and shampoos and toiletry items. When you head off for vacation bring us back all these goodies so we can continue to fill the Welcome Bags. Also needed are coloring books, crayons, towels and washcloths. We don't stop during the summer. Thank you for your donations!

PW Birthday Offering and Missions Sunday – Thank you so much for your gifts to our Birthday Offering. To date we have received over \$1,000. We are so grateful for your gifts and your support.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

In the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), there are four special offerings recognized as extremely important to the mission of the church, which have significance beyond regular mission giving. They are: One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, Pentecost Offering, Peacemaking Offering, and Christmas Joy Offering. They are “authorized” special offerings, but our session decides which offerings to receive.

This month we will provide information about **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**. It is an ecumenical offering that begun in 1949 by nine denominations to offer an opportunity to share God’s love with a world in need. Its roots were in the radio-broadcasts introduced immediately after World War II to secure funds to assist in the rebuilding of Europe. “Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our love for one another, we respond with gifts that help our brothers and sisters around the world find hope for a better future” (The Four Churchwide Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A))



The gifts of Presbyterians across the country enable Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Committee on Self-Development of People, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program to respond to people’s immediate and long-term needs. These monies are used for response to disasters, to help in refugee resettlement, and to aid in community development across the United States and around the world.

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance receives 36% of the undesignated portion of One Great Hour of Sharing, and Self-Development of People and the Presbyterian Hunger Program each receive 32%.

Most congregations receive this offering on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Some congregations have chosen to receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering throughout the Lenten season.

We will share information about the other three offerings throughout the year. Stewardship and Mission will work together to recommend which program/programs we will support.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION AT GENEVA

<i>Sundays</i>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Morning Worship
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
<i>Tuesdays</i>	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<i>Wednesdays</i>	7:00 pm	Bible Study Group
<i>Thursdays</i>	9:30 am	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 pm	Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting (PNC)
<i>Fridays</i>		Church Office Closed
June 1	7:15 pm	Christian Ed Meeting
June 7	11:30 am	Finance Meeting
June 8	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
June 11	7:00 pm	Deacon Meeting
June 14	9:00 am	Blood Mobile
June 14-20		Youth Trip to Montreat Conference Center
June 22		Newsletter Deadline
June 28	6:00 pm	Men's Group



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