

# Geneva Connection

JULY  
AUGUST  
2017

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## PASTOR'S ARTICLE

This month we will Commemorate Independence Day. Many of you will celebrate with pool parties and cookouts and fireworks.

I hope you will pause to give thanks to God that we live in a country where we have tremendous freedom.

We are free to worship God, free to choose where we live, free to choose our jobs, free to decide who we marry. What a gift!

Freedom is one of the central themes of the gospel. The Apostle Paul

wrote to the church in Galatia, "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but



through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single

commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

In Christ we are free from the bondage of guilt, free from our past mistakes, free from our failures,

free from legalism, free from having to earn God's love. But Paul tells us, most importantly, we are free to love and to serve other people. A natural expression of our freedom should be love.

May we never forget that we have been blessed by God for a purpose. We have been blessed in order to be a blessing to others!

Grace and Peace,  
*Joe*



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
 July 10-14 (8:45 am - Noon)  
 Register online on the Geneva website [www.genevapresbyterian.org](http://www.genevapresbyterian.org)  
 (Ages 4 years thru just completed 5th grade)  
 Cost: \$25 per child (t-shirt included)  
**Volunteers please register also!**  
 Cost for volunteer t-shirt is \$8.00  
 Contact Sharon Hartsell with any questions.  
**PLEASE JOIN US!**



BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

# Happy Birthday

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Carol Adams
- Katie Harper
- Cliff Smith
- 5 Barbara Enos
- 6 Kathy Flowers
- 9 Susan Letizia
- Scott Wild
- 10 Mike Nash
- 11 Greg Shields
- Evelyn Richardson
- 15 Juliet Johnson
- 21 Kevan Wright
- 22 McKenna Kukar
- 25 Noelle Albright
- Mike Norris
- 28 Patricia Lyon

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Stin Lenkerd
- 3 Kareena Salter
- 4 Nick Ogburn
- 6 Delaney Cantrell
- Michael Clarke
- 10 Nolan Hartsell
- 14 Nancy Pelkonen
- 15 Charlotte Hall
- 18 Kim Williams
- 19 Linda Harper
- 21 Sunny Richardson
- 24 Marti Cheney
- 27 Lee Dagnall
- Arthur Lutman

# Happy Anniversary

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

July 7  
*Tom and Kareena Salter*

July 15  
*Gregg and Patty Rasor*

July 26  
*Lee and Martha Dagnall*

July 29  
*T.J. and Sunny Richardson*

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

August 8  
*Scott and Jill Wild*

August 8  
*Richard and Andrea Robert*

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES, cont.**

August 12  
*Kenny and Vallis Henley*

August 14  
*Pat and Sue Allalemdjian*

August 16  
*Bob and Helen Bickert*

August 24  
*Ralph and Sally Pitzer*

August 25  
*Warren and Michele Cantrell*

August 27  
*Cliff and Carol Calvert*

August 29  
*Dave and Jan Kukar*

**Financial Status - Income and Expenses Summary**

	MAY 2017	YTD through MAY 2017
Actual Expenses	\$28,896.18	\$132,541.26
Offering to Operating Fund	\$21,751.86	\$131,335.94
Over/Under	(\$ 7,144.32)	(\$ 1,205.32)

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Amy Finnigan

**Morning Circle, Westminster Woods and Helping Hands** - Our circles are on break for summer and will not meet for Bible study – Helping Hands will resume in mid August. We do however have several things going on!

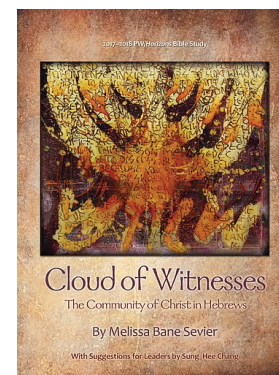
**Summer Book Club** – We are reading; *Waking Up In Heaven*, by Crystal McVea. We will meet **Friday, July 21st at 12:00 pm** at The Blackstone Grille in Bartram Walk and enjoy lunch and discussion of the book. Please join us! Any questions ask Amy or email me at [afinnigan921@gmail.com](mailto:afinnigan921@gmail.com).

**2017 Birthday Offering** - Thank you very much for supporting the Birthday Offering this past month. We appreciate your help with these important ministries.

**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 Famous Footwear 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 and Polyfil®**. We don't stop during the summer. Thank you for your donations!

**2017-2018 PW/Horizons Bible Study** – *Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ In Hebrews*, by Melissa Bane Seiver. 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*. We hope you will join us in September as our Morning Circle and our Westminster Woods Group begin this new study! Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex and be sure to sign up so we can order our new study books by the end of the month. Hope you will join us!



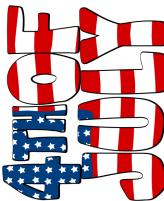
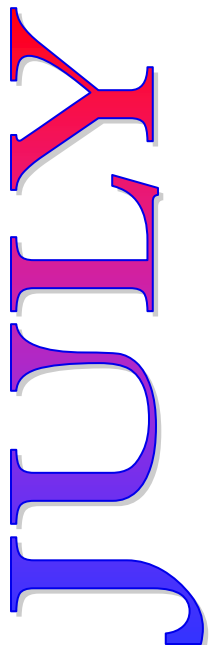
## DEACON CORNER

Penny Knox

## TRUST AND BELIEVE! IT IS HIS PROMISE!!!

A Bible passage I read several years ago stuck with me and became very important to me as I began trusting the Lord more and more to lead me to a place where HE wanted me. It is found in the book of Jeremiah 29:11-12. It reads: "For I know the plans I have for you" says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days, when you pray, I will listen." It has guided my decisions in my personal life, marriage and career. It has hung in my office for many years and I still look to it with awe that the Lord KNOWS HIS plans for me.....to give me a future and hope. And when I pray, He will listen.

Some days I feel like no one is listening because sometimes my human nature of impatience gets in the way because I do not get results in my time frame. But He has never let me down. Prayers were answered in HIS time frame because HE always has my best interest at heart. His love prevails. So when I hear that voice inside me that says "I am with you, just trust and believe." I know that whatever I do, things will work out for the best because my Father in Heaven wants nothing less.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 <b>Communion/ Give and Take Sunday</b> 9:00 Sunday School Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Morning Worship	3 10 am VBS SET-UP	4 Church Office Closed 	5 10:00 Staff Meeting 10 am - 3 pm VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SET-UP	6 9:30 Prayer	7 Church Office Closed	1/8
9 <b>2¢ a Meal</b> 9:00 Sunday School Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Morning Worship 11:45 <b>Worship Committee Meeting</b>	10 9:00 am - 12:00 pm VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	11 9:00 am - 12:00 pm VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	12 1:00 Finance Meeting	13 1:00 Finance Meeting	14 Church Office Closed	15
16 <b>VBS Sunday</b> 9:00 Sunday School Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:45 <b>Adult CE Meeting</b>	17 7 pm Session Meeting	18 10:00 Staff Meeting	19 9:30 Prayer	20 9:30 Prayer	21 Church Office Closed 12 PW Book Club Luncheon	22
23 9:00 Sunday School Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 6:00 Men's Group	23	25 10:00 Staff Meeting	26 9:30 Prayer 6:30 Mission Committee Meeting	27 9:30 Prayer 6:30 Mission Committee Meeting	28 Church Office Closed	29 3:30 Funeral for Martha Hale
30 9:00 Sunday School Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship	31					

**SERVERS FOR JULY**

2017	JULY 2	JULY 9	JULY 16	JULY 23	JULY 30
LECTOR	Fran Meza	Juliet Johnson	Billy Watkins	Wayne Letizia	Kim Voisine
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Joe Albright	Lorrie Watkins	Sharon Hartsell	Kevin Grant	Peggy McCoin
ELDER OF THE DAY	Cliff Calvert	Rita Bryant	Steve Foland	John Booth	Adrienne Lord
GREETERS AND USHERS	Phil and Astrid Parker Cliff Calvert Matt Plum Laurie Weaver	Rick and Sandy Elbracht Jim Duck Lorraine Duck Ken Ettinger	Kay Foland and Lorrie Watkins Amy Finnigan Andrew Wild William Wild	Gerry and Vivian Lee Ken Ettinger Ian Parker Harrison Watkins	Ann Beardslee Jessica Parker John Booth Tony Clarke Ken Ettinger
OFFERING COUNTERS	Cliff Smith Rick Ulp	Cliff Calvert Greg Shields	Vivian Lee Billy Watkins	Rita and Ron Bryant Andrea Robert	Steve Foland Cliff Smith
SOUND SYSTEM	Hunter Hartsell	Fabio Pinho	Fabio Pinho	Hunter Hartsell	Fabio Pinho
SANCTUARY COMPUTER	Bradley Plum	Bonnie McCarty	Bradley Plum	Bonnie McCarty	Linda Harper
WELCOME	Patricia Lyon				Patricia Lyon

**COMMUNION SERVERS - JULY 2**

Ken Ettinger, Kay Foland, Bonnie McCarty, Jean and Morgan Roberts and Billy Watkins

Thank you to all our worship servers. If you are interested in serving on Sunday, please sign up on the following link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0548ada92eaafb6-geneva>

*"Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!" Psalm 90:17*



**GENEVA**  
*Presbyterian*  
**PRE**  
**SCHOOL**

Geneva Presbyterian Church

**Opening Fall 2017**

For information call 904-287-4865 or  
Email: [vallis@genevapresbyterian.org](mailto:vallis@genevapresbyterian.org)

Serving children ages 2-5  
9:00 am-12:05 pm

FREE VPK \*For eligible students  
registered with Early Learning Coalition



**Calling all men....** Join us Sundays, July 23 and August 27 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
		1 10:00 Staff Meeting	2  <b>4:30 Community Connection Meeting</b>	3 9:30 Prayer	4 Church Office Closed	5
6 <b>Communion/ Give and Take Sunday</b> 9:00 Sunday School Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Morning Worship	7  <b>7 pm Christian Ed Meeting</b>	8 10:00 Staff Meeting	9	10 9:30 Prayer	11 Church Office Closed	12 <b>Choir Christmas Retreat</b>
13 2¢ a Meal 9:00 Sunday School Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:45 Worship Committee Meeting <b>Adult CE Meeting</b>	14	15 10:00 Staff Meeting	16	17 9:30 Prayer 10:00 Helping Hands <b>11:00 Finance Meeting</b> <b>1 pm Deacon Meeting</b>	18 Church Office Closed	19
20 9:00 Sunday School Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship	21  <b>7 pm Session Meeting</b>	22 10:00 Staff Meeting	23	24 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 9:30 Prayer 10:00 Helping Hands <b>6:30 Mission Committee Meeting</b>	25 Church Office Closed	26
27 9:00 Sunday School Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 6:00 Men's Group	28	29 10:00 Staff Meeting	30	31 9:30 Prayer 10:00 Helping Hands	<b>AUGUST</b>	



**SERVERS FOR AUGUST**

2017	AUGUST 6	AUGUST 13	AUGUST 20	AUGUST 27
LECTOR	Lorrie Watkins	Kathie Ettinger	Penny Knox	Sharon Hartsell
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Juliet Johnson	Lorrie Watkins	Sharon Hartsell	Kevin Grant
ELDER OF THE DAY	Rick Ulp	Becky Thacker	Cliff Smith	Billy Watkins
GREETERS AND USHERS	Pat and Rick Ulp Cliff Calvert Ken Ettinger Kay Foland	Matt Plum and Laurie Weaver Ken Ettinger Ian Parker Bradley Plum	Mark and Marti Cheney Ann Beardslee Ralph Pitzer Andrew Wild	Lorrie and Harrison Watkins Rita Bryant Ken Ettinger Amy Finnigan
OFFERING COUNTERS	Greg Shields Rick Ulp	Cliff Calvert Ralph Pitzer	Tony Clarke Cliff Smith	Ron & Rita Bryant Billy Watkins
SOUND SYSTEM	Fabio Pinho	Fabio Pinho	Fabio Pinho	Fabio Pinho
SANCTUARY COMPUTER	Bradley Plum	Linda Harper	Bonnie McCarty	Bradley Plum
WELCOME TABLE	Greg Shields		Patricia Lyon	

**COMMUNION SERVERS - AUGUST 6**

Ann Beardslee, Ken Ettinger, Gerry Lee, Bonnie McCarty, Fran Meza, Rick Ulp

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Do you have any pictures of Geneva activities throughout the years. If so, please share them with us. If you would please bring them into the church office, we will scan them and return them to you promptly. **Please make sure your name is on the pictures.** Thank you very much.

**BEGINNERS HANDBELL CHOIR**

Carol Calvert



Do you like the sound of the handbells? Have you though 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 Sundays following worship service.

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

July



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION AT GENEVA

<i>Sunday</i>	9:00 am	Sunday School Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Worship Service
<i>Tuesday</i>	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
<i>Thursday</i>	9:30 am	Prayer Meeting
	10:00 am	Helping Hands (resumes August 17)
<i>Fridays</i>		Church Office Closed