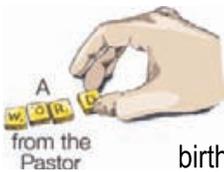


# GENEVA RADIANT

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Dear Friends,

Anniversaries are important. And the countdown to Geneva's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary has already started. We began marking the time with our 49<sup>th</sup> birthday, Pentecost Sunday, May 17, 1964.



In the Bible, the fiftieth year was called the "Jubilee." It was a year of celebration. In Judaism and Christianity, the concept of the Jubilee is a special year of remission of sins and universal pardon. In the Book of Leviticus, a Jubilee year is supposed to occur every fiftieth year, in which slaves and prisoners would be freed, debts would be forgiven and the mercies of God would be particularly manifest.

Leviticus 25:10; 12-13 states, <sup>10</sup>And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family... <sup>12</sup>For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces. <sup>13</sup>In this year of jubilee you shall return, every one of you, to your property.



So this is our Jubilee year – it's time to return to Geneva and celebrate. I want to hear what you think we should do in celebration. Your ideas might include social activities, trips, or projects around our buildings and grounds. Some ideas already suggested include a memory garden and/or labyrinth, sprucing up the kitchen, joint projects with the Day School and field trips to long-term members and friends to gather their memories for a booklet.

In the coming weeks, I will be phoning you to ask for your input. Please be thinking about how you feel we should celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary – our Jubilee year. It's going to be a glorious year at Geneva. Let's make it our best year ever!

In Christ, Reverend Anne

**The Winner!** A father of five won a toy in a raffle. He gathered his young children to ask who should get the present.

"Who's the most obedient?" Dad asked. "Who never talks back to Mom? Who does everything she says?"

Five small voices answered in unison, "Okay, Dad, you get the toy."

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT, Jim Harris, Chair**



Reporting on the Financial Report, Stewardship and Budget. Committee reviewed, discussed and approved the **March 2013** Statement. Year to date offering is at 139.18% of year to date budget. Year to date total income is 119.91% of year to date budget. We received several large one-time gifts from members. Year to date total expense is 107.54% of year to date budget. The balance in account #900, the Building and Reserve Fund, has increased from \$44,562.57 on 12/31/2012 to \$75,004.60 on 3/31/2012. This increase is due to a large gift from the Day School.

**Opening Prayer:** Rev. Anne

**Treasurer's Report:** Amanda White

- **March** Report

**Building Use:** Sheri Sankey

- Emailed Report

**Building and Grounds:**

- Sanctuary ceiling crack – committee approved repairs
- Manse Renovation – Tom Maxwell

**New Business:**

Set up online access to accounting software for Tim Sullivan – Amanda

**Old Business:**

None

**Closing Prayer:** Rev. Anne

**Next Meeting:** **June 10, 2013**

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## **SESSION REPORT, Larry Blim, Clerk of Session**



Session met on May 20 at 6:00 pm in the Founders Room with Director of Christian Education Scott Roby, seven of the eight members of our Confirmation class, and several of their mentors. After a quick dinner of pizza and chicken wings, Scott Roby gave Session a brief overview of "the big picture" of confirmation topics discussed in this year's Confirmation classes. Session then heard each Confirmand who was present (Steven Dunne, Toni Millet, Conor Cetola, Kaitlyn Stiles, Ludivine KomLiapoe, Bri Millet, and Miles Millet) read his or her faith statement. After each faith statement was read, Session members questioned the Confirmand about their faith statement and their beliefs, and also about what they had learned in the Confirmation classes. Session members were impressed with the thought that went into the faith statements and with the seriousness and

studiousness with which the Confirmands approached the subject. The resulting discussions about faith, belief, and the nature of God were enlightening to all who were present.

The Confirmands departed at 7:30 and after a short break, the stated Session meeting convened at 7:40. Reverend Anne opened the meeting with prayer, a call to worship, and the lighting of the Christ candle.

In her Moderator's Report, Rev. Anne noted that great thanks are due to the Sunday school teachers, who have done an excellent job this year. The Mothers Day and Pentecost services went very well thanks to the leadership of our Director of Music, John Widmann, and Carole Jelsema, the Chair of the Worship and Music Committee. For the Executive Committee, Jim Harris reported that year-to-date offerings are at 139.18% of budget while income is at 119.91% of budget. Total

expenses year to date are at 107.54% of budget, and the reserve fund has increased from \$44,562.57 at the end of 2012 to \$75,004.60 thanks to a gift from the Day School. The Committee has approved repairs to fix the crack in the ceiling of the sanctuary. The March Treasurer's report was approved.

Reporting for the Christian Education Committee, Scott Roby and Dianne Whitaker reminded everyone that the last day of Sunday School for the school year was May 19 and a Teacher Appreciation Lunch will be served after the service on June 2. **Kid's Church will run for 7 weeks from June 16 - July 28. The Youth Mission trip is scheduled for June 16-22 in Smithsburg, Maryland.** Carole Jelsema, Chair of the Worship and Music Committee, reported that her Committee met on April 28 to discuss March and April services and plan for upcoming services in May and June. June 2 is Confirmand Sunday and Music Appreciation Sunday; Geneva Choir and the Bells of Geneva will play. Substitute preachers have

been arranged for June 16 (Larry Blim) and June 23 (Scott Roby) when Reverend Anne will be on vacation. The Committee is seeking new members; if you are interested please see Carole Jelsema.

Dianne Whitaker, Chair of the Fellowship Committee, is seeking grillers for the June 9 picnic in Cabin John Park. Please tell her if you are willing to grill some dogs and hamburgers at the picnic. Session approved a motion to move the June Communion from June 2 to June 9; we will celebrate Communion at the picnic by intinction. Rev. Anne reported that registration for Geneva Day School fall classes remains strong. The Day School is working on a 50th anniversary gift to honor Geneva as it begins its second half century. For the Diaconate, Floyd Cox reported that ice cream socials at the manse are planned for May 31 and June 7.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:55 pm. The next stated Session meeting is scheduled for June 24.

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### **DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, John Widmann**



While I have been at Geneva for well over a year, as of this month last year, I became the regular permanent music director at about this time last year. I look forward to our continued work together on providing a joyful worship experience that will be pleasing to our congregation and to our Lord for the next years to come.

We continue to work toward praising God through music by the expansion of our choirs. There are several things that you can do to help us in this endeavor. If you sing well, or even just enjoy singing, why don't you consider joining the Geneva Choir in Wednesday night rehearsals from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Those rehearsals start on the first Wednesday after Labor Day in September. The Geneva Choir sings all Summer too, although we sing simpler anthems, and our

rehearsal is just Sunday morning, at 9:00 a.m. Those Summer rehearsals start on June 23. Even if Wednesday night has presented a difficulty for you in the past, perhaps you could join us on Sunday mornings before worship this Summer to give us a try? We would welcome you.

Our Geneva Bell choir also rehearses on Wednesdays, from 8:15 - 9:30 p.m. We will train you to play. While you need to read music, it is really more rhythms than pitches, because you really only have 2-4 pitches that you play. We'll teach you to count, and how many beats quarter, half and eighth notes get! It is so much fun! Those rehearsals also will resume on the Wednesday after Labor Day.

Our Childrens' choir usually rehearses on the 2nd and the 4th Sunday after church. Those rehearsals will also resume after Labor Day. If you have children in the Kindergarten through 8th



grade, we would welcome having them join us in this quickly growing group, while you enjoy an extra coffee and cookie after church!

I am looking forward to Confirmation and Music appreciation Sunday on June 2nd, where we will provide a special anthem by our Geneva Choir with some guest singers. That anthem "The Heavens Are Telling", was written by Austrian Franz Joseph Haydn as part of his larger oratorio, "The Creation". On the same Sunday, we will hear our handbell choir play two selections for our offertory and postlude. On June 9, we will have piano music provided at the service in the park that precedes our annual picnic, and I look forward

to eating with you afterward! On June 16, I will be out of town, playing a recital on the carillon at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN, and later in that week, a featured artist recital on Wednesday, June 19 as part of the national annual Congress of the Guild of Carillonners in North America.

Through the Summer, we look forward to continue hearing our Geneva Choir in services, but also special solos and other music. If you are interested in volunteering to help provide that music, I would love to talk to you!



### **A NOTE FROM THE DEACONS, Floyd Cox, Moderator**



Family Group Camaraderie! It's Ice Cream Social Time!

#### **WHEN:**

**7:00 pm Friday, May 31:** If your Deacon is Renee Moloznik, Sheri Sankey or Jim Williamson.

**7:00 pm Friday, June 7:** If your Deacon is Floyd Cox, Wendy Propst or Janelle Thibau.



#### **WHERE:**

**At the Manse:** (please RSVP to your Deacon for further details)

Family groups for Deacons Stephanie Balian and Mark Allen will be scheduled for later this summer.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, Scott Roby, Director**



For the most up-to-date announcements about youth activities, please read the weekly "Word on Wednesday" email, sent by DCE Scott Roby. Until then, however, here is a sneak preview of events for June:

- **Sunday, June 2: Confirmation Sunday!**
- **Tuesday, June 4, 5:30 p.m.:** Mission Trip Planning Meeting #5. Plus: designing t-shirts!
- **Saturday, June 8:** Confirmation/mentor "pilgrimage" to Mount St. Mary and Chubby's Barbecue!
- **Sunday, June 9: Picnic in the Park.** Also, commissioning of the Mission Trippers!
- **Tuesday, June 11, 4 – 8:30 p.m.:** Youth Mission Trip "dine out" fundraiser night at Rockland's Barbecue!
- **Friday, June 14: Friday Night Light.** Activity TBA.
- **June 16 – 22: Youth Mission Trip!**
- **June 28: Friday Night Light and a service project!**





### **Confirmation Humor: Out of Order**

**A confirmation teacher asked students to list the Ten Commandments in any order. One girl wrote “3, 6, 1, 8, 4, 5, 9, 2, 10, 7.”**

### **Confirmation News!**

The 2013 Confirmation Class will both assist with worship on **Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** and be welcomed to the church community with a special liturgy that day! The Christian Education Ministry team humbly asks for your prayers for the following seven students and their six mentors:

- Conor Cetola (mentor: Carl Perthel)
- Steven Dunne (mentor: Floyd Cox)
- Ludivine KomLiapoe (mentor: Janelle Thibau)
- Bri Millet (mentor: Rosie Perthel)
- Miles Millet (mentor: Scott Roby)
- Toni Millet (mentor: Rosie Perthel)
- Kaitlyn Stiles (mentor: Sara Sankey)



### **Faith Seeking Understanding: Christian Education for the Summer, 2013**

School is out for summer...sort of. Here at Geneva:

- The **Adult Bible Study** will finish up its discussion of *the first half of the Gospel of Luke* on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. The class will not meet again until September 15<sup>th</sup>, when they will continue with Luke, chapter 12!
- Sunday School for youth and children will not meet from May 26 – June 9 (due to other church/worship events). However, **starting on June 16<sup>th</sup>, the summer “Kids’ Church” program begins!** “Kid’s Church” is for children ages 3 – 10 will run from June 16 – July 28 (7 Sundays). Nursery care is provided for children aged 2 and under. Older children and teens will attend worship throughout the summer.



### **Teacher & Student Appreciation Sunday has arrived!**

Technically, our special worship service on June 2<sup>nd</sup> will not just honor **the Confirmands** and the Sunday School teachers, but will also be **“Music Appreciation Sunday”** and a recognition of our students: both the “perfect attendance” Sunday School winner and those students graduating from high school in June.

**If you are a high school graduate and would like to have your name listed in the June 9<sup>th</sup> bulletin, please contact Scott Roby at the church ASAP. To date, we have:**

- Fiona Galliani
- Johnny Hein
- Hugues-Philippe Massala
- Julien Weinstein
- Megan White

If we have omitted someone’s name, or listed your name incorrectly, again, please contact Scott.



**Regarding our Sunday School teachers:** Did you know that the Sunday School teachers have led an amazing 32 classes over the past year (2012 - 13)? Be sure to come to worship as we honor this vital ministry and their service. Reverend Anne, DCE Scott Roby and the Confirmation Class will present a special Teacher Recognition Ceremony as part of the liturgy for that day. And Scott will have the annual (and delicious!) “**Balducci’s Brunch**” for everyone immediately after worship!

**Our 18 teachers include:**

- Nursery/Childcare Providers: Lucy Garcia; Francisco Fuentez
- PreK – Grade 1: Renee Moloznik; Katie Brand; Stephanie Balian; Megan White
- Grades 2 – 4: Floyd Cox; Lisa Millet Crecelius
- Grades 5 – 7: Sara Sankey, Sheri Sankey, Melissa Cetola
- Grades 8 - 10 (aka the Confirmation Class): Scott Roby
- Grades 11 – 12 & College: Carl Perthel; Mark Allen; Nick Owens
- Adult Bible Study: Carl Perthel; Dianne Whitaker; Scott Roby; Elaine Brasted
- Sunday School Coordinator: Katie Harris



**2013 Mission Trip News**

- *To the trip participants:* Our next organizational meeting will be held on **Tuesday night, June 4<sup>th</sup>**, either at the church or someone’s home – watch your emails for further details.
- *To the congregation, two notes:*

(1) Future *fun-raisers* (deliberate spelling) will include:

- **Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>:** our second “dine out” event – the Return to Rockland’s Barbecue!
- **Early July:** a “follow-up” fundraiser at Baskin-Robbins in Cabin John Mall. Stay tuned for further details...

(2) We need your help in other ways! We have a small but dedicated group of Mission Trippers this year: seven youth and three adults (to date) have signed up to help with home repairs for the elderly in **Smithsburg, Maryland from June 16 - 22, 2013**. As we approach the departure date, the group will need your help in three ways: your prayers; your financial support by contributing to one of the fundraisers mentioned above; and your financial support by providing scholarship money to a youth participant. We only need to raise approximately \$400 by June 16<sup>th</sup>. If you can help us out, please contact either Scott Roby or Sara Sankey ASAP!

**And a final note: Thanks to your bids, we took in an amazing \$1130 at the May 19<sup>th</sup> Silent Auction!**

**Christian Education Ministry Meeting on Sunday, June 23rd**

The CE Ministry team now meets on a quarterly basis. Our next gathering will be June 23, 2013, immediately after worship. Topics will include: planning for the summer and fall; youth group review; and delegating projects while Scott attends seminary in September.

Questions? Please contact DCE Scott Roby at the church.

## **STEWARDSHIP, Ken Denaburg, Chair**



Hello everyone, it has been awhile since we've said **Thank You!** for your Stewardship support at Geneva. Please know that your support and gifts are all very much appreciated. Thank you all for your financial gifts and offerings. Your gifts directly support the plans, programs, staff and ministry of Geneva.

If you would like to direct a gift to a specific purpose, simply write that fund, goal or purpose on an offering envelope and place it in the plate. If you are interested in creating a new fund or goal, we are available to discuss setting up that fund with you. Most offerings and pledges are given as "unrestricted" ~ meaning they are used to fund the operating budget that Session approves yearly. Our budget pays for Session Committee programs and work like Mission, Worship, Fellowship, staff salaries, building improvements and maintenance.

If you would like to share any thoughts, concerns, ideas or needs, please get in touch with any of our staff, Session members, Deacons or Elders. We all are open to listen to your thoughts and input.

Thank you again for your support and gifts to Geneva Presbyterian Church.



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## **GENEVA DAY SCHOOL, Suzanne Funk, Director**



As always, Geneva Day School is a busy place with lots of activity! Earlier in the month, successful Field Days were held, with numerous outdoors activities. The weather was perfect, and the School raised \$3,025.00 for St. Jude's, the most ever! Medals and popsicles were especially enjoyed by participants!

Staff members were treated by the Geneva Parents' Association to a fabulous Appreciation Week, with breakfasts, lunches, fruit and chocolate days, manicures, chair massages, and more. They also sponsored the last staff meeting at Normandie Farms, a favorite location, where a former parent is Chef.

As part of the goal to enhance the outdoor grounds for learning and enjoyment, GDS recently submitted and was awarded a grant from BB&T Bank to provide labor and materials to work on projects in the woods. A work crew from the Bank was on site on Tuesday, May 21, to work on several. Completed were an arbor at the entrance to the path into the woods and a bridge over the

swale. The third project, a vine tunnel, was not finished initially, but will be soon. Students were very excited about the building activities, watching and asking all sorts of questions. The Bankers were very friendly, "showing and telling" about many of their tools, including how a leveler worked. They demonstrated that the children were "level-headed!" To the delight and surprise of the workers, Kindergartners baked cookies and make lemonade to share in the afternoon, a wonderful example of their Kindness Curriculum to do something nice for others.

Arrangements have been made with Good Earth Landscaping to update the front of the school building. A new, child-sized butterfly bench will be added, along with other butterfly motif items. Classes, for example, made butterfly stepping stones; some are arranged around one of the trees and others are in the garden. Milkweed is growing and we are all on a watch for the first Monarchs to arrive in June.

Mini-blinds are now installed on all exterior windows and doors of school classrooms. Kolb Electric has trained administrative staff on how to

use the building microphone, located in the school office, and alarms for the playground.

All planned security measures have now been completed.

Memorial Day means the last day of school For Geneva students for the school year, though camp begins right away. Classes enjoyed in-class or off-grounds parties and picnics, and class graduations.

Geneva Summer Camp for Young Children is nearly here, with lots of plans in place for little people, ages 2 – 6, from 9:00 – 12:30 or 9:00 to 3:00. Recreational activities, both outside and in, are exciting and age appropriate. Geneva would

love to have your child, grandchild, or friend join the fun! Call the Office to make enrollment arrangements for one or more days at 301-340-7704.

A New Family Breakfast is tentatively planned for Saturday, June 22, on the playground. If you are a new family or know someone who is, remind them to look for announcements of this fun family event. Spaces are still available for the school year afternoon classes for 2s, 3s, and 4s.

May has been Marvelous, but we are ready to Jump into June! Come join the fun as you can at Geneva Day School!

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## Special dates

- Flag Day, *June 14, 2013*
- Father's Day, *June 16, 2013*
- First day of summer, *June 21, 2013*

## A father's love

In all that you do, a dad's love plays a part.  
There's always a place for him deep in your heart.  
And each year that passes, you're even more glad,  
More grateful and proud just to call him your dad!

- Author Unknown



Father's Day



**We can now scan older pictures and add them to our photo library! So send in your pictures to irene at irene.genevapresbyterian@gmail.com!**

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## Geneva's Annual Church Picnic



**WHEN:** June 9th



**WHERE:** Cabin John Regional Park

7400 Tuckerman Lane

( just 1/2 mile south from church on Seven Locks Road )

**Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.**, Communion by Intinction  
Please Arrive Early To Help Set Up

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and drinks will be provided.

**Sign-Up Sheet for Salads & Desserts on kiosk.**

Volunteers Needed - Please call Dianne Whitaker.

**Games, Cameraderie & General Fun,**

**Fun!**



**Fun!**



## ! Our Recipe for JUNE is from Geneva's Cookbook !

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### Lemon Squares

#### **Crust:**

1 ½ sticks butter, ½ C powdered sugar, 1 ½ C flour, pinch of salt

Combine ingredients with a pastry cutter or fingers to a crumb mixture. Pat evenly into bottom of 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 350°, 15 minutes (very lightly brown).

#### **Filling:**

3 eggs, 1 ½ C sugar, ¼ C lemon juice, 1 Tbsp. lemon zest (optional), 4 Tbsp. flour

Beat eggs slightly, then stir in flour, juice and zest. Mix until smooth. Pour over crust. Bake at 350°, 25 minutes (until set and slightly brown).

Cool. Cut into squares. Dust with powdered sugar.

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**JUNE BIRTHDAYS!** Please say a prayer for these Geneva members who are celebrating their birthday this month.

6/2 Olivia Denaburg  
6/2 Jim Williamson  
6/5 Betty Halls  
6/6 Carole Jelsema  
6/10 Robyn Alexander  
6/11 Dianne Whitaker  
6/12 Claire Cetola  
6/14 Nancy Morse  
6/17 Molly Neal  
6/20 Russ Morse



6/21 Chris Crecelius  
6/22 Nikki Heimberg  
6/24 Linda Devine  
6/25 Alexander Galliani  
6/26 Floyd Cox  
6/26 Jose Marin  
6/26 Tony Propst  
6/30 Marie Smith

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### **Radiant Deadline**

The deadline for the July Radiant will be June 30th, with publication on July 7th. Please send your **news, pictures, stories and recipes** to Marie Smith, [hamblehants@yahoo.com](mailto:hamblehants@yahoo.com), by **June 30th**. Thank you.

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