

Summer



GENEVA RADIANT

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SUMMER EDITION 2014



Dear Friends,

What a terrific time we have had celebrating our Jubilee Anniversary of Geneva's 50 years. In some ways the most important thing we did happened on June 8th, Pentecost. The date when Geneva was chartered was May 17, but on the church year it was Pentecost. Our beloved church began on the day when we celebrate the birth of the church as described in Acts 2:1-4,

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it

filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

We couldn't let our Pentecost birthday go by without a celebration. It seemed most appropriate to celebrate by rededicating Geneva and ourselves to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We rededicated our sanctuary, baptismal font, communion table and vessels,

Bible, organ and music, and pulpit.



To honor the members, families, and friends who belong to Geneva at our 50th anniversary, a new plaque was dedicated to be hung in the Founders' Room.

This summer and fall we will be taking a strategic look at our core values, mission, and vision. I'm hoping that the summer won't be quite so quiet as it sometimes is because we have work to do! The officers will have the first of three meetings to explore our call to ministry beyond our four walls. I'm hoping you will be praying and searching to find God's will for us for the next 50 years.

In Christ, Reverend Anne



10:30 a.m. ~ Worship Service

11:00 a.m. ~ Summer Church School through end of July (PreK-Grade 5)

EXECUTIVE REPORT from Nick Owens



Offerings are now caught up with overall budget funds. While we still show overall revenues as being lower than budgeted, the reason for this is that we have not transferred funds (\$7,434.76) from

dedicated funds to the Other Income Category.

On the cost side, we are slowly catching up from the unexpected snow removal costs, but are still running a higher deficit than we originally anticipated. We are gradually recouping our per capita payment to the Presbytery through individual contributions, which will help with deficit reduction, but have also had much higher than expected maintenance expenses at the Manse.

As with last month, the key factor that is keeping the budget deficit at even a manageable level is the Christian Education Director vacancy. While the financials show improvement, the improvement is due to one staff vacancy and one

part-time staff. The Executive Committee is therefore recommending that:

1. Future capital expenses be for maintenance activities such as Manse repairs, squirrel problems, etc.
2. No new capital projects be undertaken in the interim until such time as the budget situation is on more solid footing.

Property Survey: We have learned that the Presbytery has previously conducted a property survey and we will be examining those survey documents. In all likelihood these will suffice for determining property boundaries and we will not need to invest church funds in conducting such a survey.

Stewardship: The Executive Committee will be reviewing stewardship activities during the course of the summer to identify new strategies and approaches for enhancing stewardship activities.

DEACONS NEWS from Deacon Renee Moloznik



A Helping Hands website has been created to help support **Lisa Crecelius** in her recovery and healing after her serious foot/ankle injury. Lisa is at home and is unable to move about, so having visitors is a way to keep her connected and happy. If you are able to give 1-2 hours of your time during the day or weekend, Lisa and her family would be quite appreciative. If you have any questions, please contact Renee at Rmoloz@hotmail.com or [301-467-8680](tel:301-467-8680).



You have been added as a Member of our Community web site, Lisa's Helping Hands Visitors, powered by Lotsa Helping Hands. To sign in and join the Community, go to the address below to set your password.

<https://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/717986/login/reset/3c1c6a17002753da5177d8242fe0757a/>

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STEWARDSHIP from Ken Denaburg



For those of us who still watch the calendar by the school year, we know that school is finally out and summer vacation time has arrived. Most of our family spent last week in western Maryland, in the mountains where it was cool and rainy. Our two oldest boys stayed behind to work; their vacation time will come later on.

June 30 also marks the halfway point on the Geneva fiscal calendar. Irene will be preparing our first contribution statements of 2014 in early July. We'll announce when they are available for pick up in the Narthex for your review and second half giving plans.

Your offering contributions are more than appreciated. They are what Geneva depends on to run the worship, mission, programs, staff payroll and facility here in Potomac. Please do all you can to support all our work, worship and programs. There are 26 more Sundays the plates will be passed and 14 more payrolls to be processed, repairs to be made and equipment to be replaced. Your help with all of this is truly appreciated – and needed! One of Geneva's prayers waiting to be answered is how will the 2014 Stewardship program of Geneva be met? We hope and sometimes pray that offering and pledge will be stronger than planned for when 2014 closes.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE from Dianne Whitaker



Traditional Sunday school ends on June 8. Summer Sunday school begins on June 15 and will last until July 27. Summer Sunday school will be a relaxed time with a bible story from the DK children's bible, song time and then outdoor play, weather permitting. The format will be Grades preK-5 as one group with two adults, or an adult and teen leading the lessons. We are



looking for volunteers. If anyone is interested in leading a class or two of Summer Sunday School, please contact Dianne Whitaker at dswwhitaker7983@comcast.net or 301.980.8760.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED! Traditional Sunday school will resume on September 14. We will be looking for eight to ten teachers in the upcoming year. If you would like to teach, please contact Dianne Whitaker at dswwhitaker7983@comcast.net or 301.980.8760.

A WORD from John Widmann, Music Director



It was a wonderful season, with guest musicians and our fantastic choirs helping us celebrate Geneva's 50th Jubilee. Over the summer, I would like to continue welcoming our children to sing traditional children's songs just before the children's sermon in church. There is no preparation necessary, and adults in the pews are welcomed and encouraged to sing along. Starting after my return from Europe on Sunday, July 13, we will also "warm-up" for the service by welcoming you to sing

hymns of your choice. Come early, by 10:20, and call out your favorite hymn number to see if you can stump the organist!

"Chord"ially yours,

John Widmann, Director of Music

GENEVA DAY SCHOOL NEWS from Suzanne Funk



GDS May and June 2014

Geneva Day School is ready for summer! Because of make-up snow days, the school concluded its year a little later. The Preschool

was finished on Friday, May 30, while the Kindergarten concluded on June 5. Summer Camp is now in session and will operate until August 1.



The Day School was busy during its final month of May. There were many fun-learning activities for our young scholars. In addition to Parent Conferences, there was a Japanese Children's Day Program with extending art projects, two Field Days outside including Olympic events and the annual Bike-a-thon, the annual Art Show featuring at least two original works by all students, kindergarten and other class graduations, and the "Almost" End-of-the-Year School Picnic with bounce and obstacle rides, a fire truck, face painting, balloons, and lunch.



Geneva was officially notified by Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education that its application for recertification as a Green School was accepted for another four-year cycle. The School was very excited to be

recognized for its environmental curriculum for young children and the reduce/reuse/recycling efforts it has also undertaken. Rosie Perthel has been a great partner and consultant in this regard. On Friday, May 30, three staff and five families attended the Green School Awards Ceremony at the Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis. There were 50+ interactive learning stations for youngsters and a great day for a picnic at the Bay!

At the school's Welcome Back Social in the fall on September 5, the evening will include various environmental and nature agency displays to share information and perhaps animal friends with our school community. Join us that night and be a part of the fun!



The Kindergarten class hatched three ducklings during May, and has now taken them to a local organic farm for special care with other farm friends. The entire school enjoyed watching the eggs and the new ducklings during their brief stay with us.

A number of maintenance projects are planned for the summer in various classes and in the garden areas. A New Family Breakfast took place on Saturday, June 21, from 9:00 – 11:00, on the playground. Everyone had a wonderful time getting to know one another.

Have a wonderful summer!

FELLOWSHIP TIMES from Dianne Whitaker



Geneva celebrated its annual picnic and outdoor worship service on Sunday June 1. A beautiful day was delivered and a potluck feast was enjoyed by all. The fellowship committee has several ideas for summer fun. First an outing to the Johnson IMAX theatre at the Smithsonian Natural History museum is being planned for July. The theatre is showing the film Jerusalem in 3D. Second, a Kayak/Canoe day trip is being planned for July/August. The location will probably be Black



Hills Regional Park. Stay tuned for details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER 2014



FIRESIDE ROOM RENOVATION

Please note the **Fireside Room will be closed for renovation from July 14 to August 11**. This renovation is GDS's gift to Geneva for its 50th Anniversary!

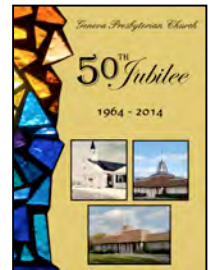
LISA CRECELIUS shattered her ankle a few weeks ago and has had several surgeries to repair it. The family is in need of help with meals. If you are able to help provide a dinner for the family, Renee Moloznik invites you to join the meal train for Lisa, Chris, Toni, Miles, Ashton, Bri & Lia. mealTrain.com is a free meal calendar tool that makes planning meals among a wide group easy and less stressful. If you are able to bring a meal to the Crecelius Family, please choose from the dates in the following link to access the Meal Train for Lisa and Chris Crecelius, Toni, Miles, Ashton, Bri & Lia. For questions, please contact Renee Moloznik at Rmoloz@hotmail.com or 301-424-9120.



<http://www.mealtrain.com?id=mmoc63dgvitt>

THE 50th JUBILEE BOOKLET

We are planning to distribute the Jubilee Booklet to the congregation on Homecoming Sunday, September 7th, as we celebrate the beginning of our next 50 years, honoring teachers, children and youth who participate in Sunday school. We will have our annual potluck picnic that day. The GDS will also be presenting the newly renovated Fireside Room!



FELLOWSHIP HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Summer means a more relaxed Fellowship Hour after service ~ usually some lemonade and yummy cookies! The summer sign-up has been updated. Please take a moment to look at your calendar and sign up for a Sunday or two. Please contact Judy Stiles for details ~ jstiles815@yahoo.com.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f45ACA82EA20-geneva>



MISSING TRANSPORTER WHEELCHAIRS

We seem to be missing 2 transporter wheelchairs. Rev. Anne is requesting anyone who has borrowed an invaluable transporter wheelchair from Geneva's Nina's Closet, and is no longer using it, to please return the wheelchair at your earliest convenience.

RIDES TO WORSHIP SERVICE

Rides needed to bring Maria Lenahan to worship services. Please see signup sheet on kiosk, or call the church office at 301.424.4346.



SUMMER STEWARDSHIP

Geneva doesn't go on vacation in the summer, even though we hope you get to get away. During the summer, when we don't come to church, sometimes we forget to send in our pledge, which puts a strain on the church budget. If you are going away, please take a moment to send your offering or drop it by the church. Thank you for your faithfulness. Remember that Geneva is always faithful to you in Christ.



Reminding everyone that we have an...

AED (Automated External Defibrillator)



An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) has been installed on the wall directly opposite the First Aid Kit in the 1st floor church coat foyer right before you go into the kitchen. Rescue One had a training day for the Day School and a couple members from GPC attended as well. We are hoping to have another training session for GPC members after church at a future time to be determined.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The following Sundays have not yet been booked for altar flowers. If you would like to give altar flowers any of these Sundays, please signup on the Flower Calendar, or let Irene know in the church office.

September 14
November 9

November 16
November 23

ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO CHURCH DIRECTORY

The following are **changes only** that have been made to the directory since it's publication. If you have any changes, please notify Irene at the church office. 301-424-4346



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LEADERSHIP SUMMIT #1 OUTLINE by Robin Kough

What is God calling Geneva to do?

That question was asked by Seminarian Kim Mitchel, the Facilitator at the Leadership Summit Workshop held after service at Geneva on June 22nd. The workshop was designed for Deacons and Elders, and open to anyone else interested in discussing the future of Geneva. Over 20 people, including Reverend Anne, current officers and some members from the general congregation were in attendance. There were many great answers to that question. Some examples were:

- Bring more disciples to Christ
- Using our individual spiritual gifts to bring Christ into our world
- Being a community magnet for religious experience
- Serve our community
- Be mentors to young people
- Be a 7 day a week Church

Several additional questions were also asked of the group.....What are Geneva's Core Values? Where is the church today? and Where are we going?

After some more detailed discussion it was determined that a Strategic Planning Team will be developed by members of the congregation to help and participate with Leadership of Geneva to develop a mission statement, create goals and suggest programs to carry out those goals that lead to what God is calling Geneva to do. This team will work with each other and hold focus groups to strategize and implement programs to strengthen and/or achieve what we believe is Geneva's calling. Our goal is to have a Strategic Planning Team formed by the fall of this year. For more information or interest to join this new and exciting group, please contact Robin Kough (rmk1119@aol.com) or Reverend Anne (revannebenefield@aol.com). There will be more information provided during upcoming services and in the weekly bulletins as this evolves.

Wedding News



Sara Sankey and Tom Sadler were married on June 15, 2014. It was a joyous Geneva occasion to celebrate the wedding of a daughter of the church to a young man who has become an active member of our church family.



The wedding took place in the Sanctuary at 3:00 p.m., with a lovely reception in the Founders' Room for all attending.

There were four bridesmaids and four ushers. Kyla Lupo was the Maid of Honor and Thomas Brock, longtime friend of the groom, was the best man.

Summer Fun!

The Balian's in OBX!



SEND IN YOUR SUMMER VACA PICS!

SUMMER CALENDAR

Sunday, July 6 ~ July 4th Celebration, Communion by Intinction



Pool Party at The Balian's
August 2nd, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
lunch included



Sunday, August 31 ~ Labor Day

Friday, Sept. 5 ~ GDS Welcome Back Social

Sunday, Sept. 7 ~ Homecoming Sunday / Welcome Home Potluck / Communion by Intinction

Sunday, Sept. 28 ~ Geneva Day School Appreciation

Dates TBD:

Johnson IMAX Center (July)

Kayak/Canoe Day Trip (July/August)



End of Summer Ice Cream Social

at the MANSE

DATE TBD

SUMMER GARDENING TIPS from Bobbie Maxwell, Master Gardener



Knockout Roses:

If you have a problem with your knockout roses, look at the leaves. If the leaves have holes and are starting to turn brown, it is probably aphids. A good solution is insecticidal soap. It is a spray that takes care of many bugs. It can be purchased at Lowes or Home Depot.

Hydrangeas:

This past winter has been hard on Hydrangeas. If you have a plant that has brown limbs, but has green stems growing up, here is the best thing to do. Cut down all the brown stems and the green stems will make the plant look much better. There probably will be no blossoms this year, but you know the plant is alive. If there is no sign of green stems, it is probably gone. I did this procedure with all my hydrangeas.



Pruning:

If your annuals are now blooming, cut off the blossoms that have faded. This will bring on more beautiful blossoms.

Butterfly Attractors:

If you are interested in attracting butterflies to your yard, here is a list of some plants:

Butterfly weed
New England Aster
Zinnias,
Lantana

Verbena
Mexican Sunflower
Butterfly Bush
Marigold

Pentas
Stokes Aster



If you have deer problems, here is a homemade deer repellent: 2 eggs, 1 cup milk, 1 tbsp. cooking oil, 1 tbsp. liquid dish soap. Fill gallon jug with water, leaving room for the ingredients. Shake well--Let sit for a few days. Use in spray bottle—it should smell!

! GREAT SUMMER RECIPE !

Chocolate Gelato Recipe



*3 cups whole milk
1/4 cup sugar
3 tablespoons cornstarch
Scant 1/4 teaspoon salt
7 oz fine-quality bittersweet chocolate
(not unsweetened), finely chopped*

Bring 2 1/4 cups milk just to a boil in a 4-quart heavy saucepan over moderate heat. While milk is heating, whisk together sugar, cornstarch, salt, and 1/4 cup (cold) milk in a bowl until smooth, then whisk into boiling milk and bring to a boil over moderate heat, whisking. Boil, whisking frequently, 3 minutes (mixture will be very thick). Remove from heat.

Bring remaining 1/2 cup (cold) milk just to a boil in a 1-quart heavy saucepan over moderate heat. Pour hot milk over chocolate in a bowl and let stand until chocolate is melted, about 1 minute, then whisk until smooth. Stir into cornstarch-milk mixture and force through a fine-mesh sieve into a bowl. Cool slightly, stirring frequently to prevent a skin from forming, then cover surface with wax paper and chill until cold, at least 1 1/2 hours.

Freeze mixture in ice cream maker, then transfer to an airtight container and freeze until hardened, about 3 hours. Makes 1 quart.

JUBILEE BANQUET CELEBRATION



For many the Jubilee Anniversary Banquet at Lakewood Country Club was the highlight of our 50th celebration. Four of our founding members were there: Lucille Kough, Toshiko Ota, and Roger and Margot Lusby joined the party, bringing many wonderful memories and well wishes. We honored them with personal plaques commemorating their roles in founding Geneva. Over 80 members and friends enjoyed a delicious meal in a lovely setting bathed with sunlight streaming through the windows and gorgeous centerpieces.

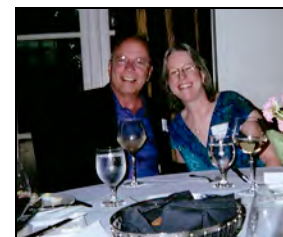


Two slide shows were shared, one was from the early days of the ground-breaking to enlarge the original home and the other was a collection of photographs of members, families, and friends from the past and members, families, and friends today. We chuckled and sometimes laughed right out loud. Janelle Thibau was the Master of Ceremonies; John Widmann provided music; Carl Perthel and many others told stories about Geneva, most were funny, but quite a few brought a tear to the eye. Renee Moloznik read two moving letters from anniversaries past. One by Jean Diepenbrock was a brief history on the 20th anniversary; the other was from Mrs. William Gibson at the 40th anniversary.

The greatest joy was all the smiling faces. It was wonderful to share the evening with old and new friends.

Credit for the success of the evening goes to Renee Moloznik and her helpers, Bobbie and Tom Maxwell, Robin Kough, and Irene Trypupenko. What a joyful celebration Renee and her helpers put on. Hopefully, we won't wait another 50 years to have such a party!

Top Right: Roger & Margot Lusby, Lucille Kough & Suzanne Funk





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FRIENDS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS
THIS SUMMER!

June	July	August
6/2 – Olivia Denaburg	7/1 – Molly Winchenbach	8/8 – Beverly Davis
6/4 – Ashton Jordan	7/5 – Tim Sullivan	8/8 – Huguette Moussodou
6/5 – Betty Halls	7/10 – Elaine Brasted	8/8 – Ken Sprinkle
6/6 – Carole Jelsema	7/10 – Juliet Heimberg	8/9 – Jeremy Balian
6/10 – Robyn Alexander	7/10 – Garrett Koch	8/9 – Melissa Cetola
6/11 – Dianne Whitaker	7/13 – Olya Hein	8/9 – Caroline Ricci
6/12 – Claire Cetola	7/14 – Liz-Maëlle Kom Liapoe	8/14 – Renee Moloznik
6/14 – Nancy Morse	7/14 – Bri Millet	8/15 – Thomas Maxwell
6/20 – Russ Morse	7/14 – Judy Royston	8/15 – Judy Stiles
6/21 – Chris Crecelius	7/16 – Eleanor Liu	8/15 – Margaret Teng
6/22 – Nikki Heimberg	7/20 – David Royston	8/19 – Owen Allen
6/24 – Linda Devine	7/24 – Paul Prosswimmer	8/21 – Birna Lenahan
6/25 – Alexander Galliani	7/25 – Katie Brand	8/24 – Matthew Ledoux
6/26 – Floyd Cox	7/25 – Victoria Winch	8/24 – Jennifer Young
6/26 – Jose Marin	7/26 – Vi Behrhorst	8/25 – Jeanette Perthel
6/30 – Marie Smith	7/30 – Rolf Winch	

The Radiant is on hiatus until September. Have a wonderful summer!

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