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## Our Second Issue

by: Rhonda Ricci and Tom Sadler

Welcome to the second issue of the New Radiant. After such a warm and beloved reception to the first issue, we're back for the next edition. Our Church's newsletter provides important news, upcoming schedule and event information, as well as feature articles from our congregation and of course from our very own Rev. Anne. We need your help in continuing the Radiant. We want your articles and ideas for future stories!

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## From Our Pastor

by: Rev. Anne Benefield

Dear Friends,

Often we say there is nothing certain but taxes and death, but I would add another thing that we can count on: change! There is no way to stop change. Things change and we don't like it. Change pushes us out of our comfort zones. It challenges our expectations, our routines, our understanding of the world and how we live in it. Most of the time, we would like things to remain the same. We even hold on to our problems because living with them is easier than facing change.

Judith Viorst is most famous for writing the children's book, *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, but years ago I read an earlier book by Judith Viorst called *Necessary Losses*. In the book she goes through the losses we experience each time we grow. For example, when we leave home, we leave the comfort and familiarity of the places and the relationships, but leaving home is mostly a good thing, a step toward independence, still the changes are hard.

"Necessary Losses," explains Viorst are "the loves, illusions, dependencies, and impossible expectations that all of us have to give up in order to grow."

Ecclesiastes reminds us, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

We are all facing changes, but there is One who doesn't change - the One who walks with us in all seasons and all places.

Here are some Scriptures that affirm the Lord's loving walk with us, collected by Amy Pacanowski on her Bible Blog:

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### The Lord Doesn't Change

*"For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished." (Malachi 3:6)*

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)*

### The Lord Will Guide You

*"I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you." (Psalm 32:8)*

*"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)*

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:5,6)*

### The Lord Is with You

*"Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.'" (Hebrews 13:5)*

*"It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." (Deuteronomy 31:8)*

*"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)*

When the changes seem too much, I hope these Scriptures will bring you comfort and peace.

In Christ, Reverend Anne



**ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR** ~ there are many summer Sundays still available for signups. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one, please sign up any convenient Sunday, or email Irene in the church office at [irene.genevapresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:irene.genevapresbyterian@gmail.com). Thank You!

## Fellowship Events!

by: Rhonda Ricci

The Fellowship Committee has been busy planning Geneva events for the summer. Please be sure to note these events on your calendar.

**Sunday, May 15** will be a Potluck Sunday. It is also Pentecost so Fellowship asks that because red is the color associated with Pentecost, members try to bring red food to share.

**Sunday, June 5** is the Geneva Church Picnic. This year the picnic will be held at the Church and will begin immediately after worship. Please add your name to the sign-up sheets on the Kiosk in the Narthex. We will need help setting up and cleaning up, so please consider how you can help when sign up to attend! We also need 3 grills. If you have one that you would let us use for the picnic, please contact Rhonda Ricci at 301-762-7022 or at rhondaricci@aol.com. We can arrange to pick it up if needed.

**Saturday, June 18** from 4:00 – 6:00 there will be a social gathering with light refreshments at Doris Williamson's home in Asbury Village in Gaithersburg. There will also

be a kids-friendly (games, etc.) gathering at Renee Moloznik's home **June 25**. Please look for more information as well as a signup sheet later in May. We hope you will plan to attend on one of these dates.

New this summer is **Ice Cream Sunday** which will be on the 1st Sunday of the month. We will enjoy ice cream outside the front doors of the church immediately after worship. This will take the place of our coffee hour. The dates for Ice Cream Sundays are **Sunday, July 3** and **Sunday, August 7**.

**Sunday, July 10** and **Sunday, August 14** will be Second Sunday Potlucks.

Also look in the bulletin for information on these events which have not yet been assigned a date:

**Nationals Game (July)**

**Hershey Park trip (August)**

**Pool party (July–August)**

Fellowship is always looking for new ideas. If you'd like to offer a suggestion, please email Rhonda at rhondaricci@aol.com

## Executive Report

by: Janelle Thibau, Head of Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of Geneva Presbyterian Church gave the following report to Session on Apr. 27, 2016.

Treasurer Rolf Winch presented the March financial statements to the Session for review and approval, with commentary by Treasurer Rolf Winch on the quarterly budget picture. As of March 31, we are through 25% of our fiscal year.

– Regarding YTD Income – although we are slightly below in General Offering (at 23.25%), we are also slightly over on Day School rent, so Total Church Revenues as of March 31 are at 25.27%.

– Regarding YTD Expenses – Total Church Expenses YTD are at 25.60%, which is slightly higher than it should be. This is due mostly to Building Operations (snow removal, Church Maintenance and Manse Maintenance) and Church Operations. Much of these expenses should even out over the course of the year, so no need to be concerned at this point.

Building and Grounds—a number of maintenance items have been addressed, and others are being studied. Building and Reserve funds will be used for all projects approved.

- Front doors—Replacement is underway of the original front doors, which have experienced multiple problems, including failing to lock. ).
- Manse hot water heater—a new hot water heater was installed in the manse.
- Manse air vent cleaning—estimates for a duct cleaning service are being sought.
- Trane unit—The HVAC unit on the roof of the sanctuary was replaced and while the work was being done, the installers worked with Denchfield roofing to study the source of the chronic leak in the ceiling of the choir room.
- Possible mold in CE room. The carpeting in the CE room is being removed to address possible mold development there. The room will be repainted and renovated for CE office usage.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janelle Thibau

## Windows of Geneva

by: Rev. Anne Benefield

Geneva's sanctuary was completed in 1969 with the first worship service on December 28, 1969. The most striking feature was the seven faceted glass windows and ceiling which was called the lantern. Although the overhead lantern was removed for safety reasons, the windows still stand and are as lovely and fascinating as always. As you enter the sanctuary, the "Sword of the Living Word" window is to your left, followed by the "John Calvin" window, the "John Knox" window, and the "Celtic Cross" window. On the far side of the sanctuary are the "Hand of God" window, the "Nativity" window, and the "Holy Spirit" window.

**The Sword of the Living Word** features a sword at the top of the window and an open Bible at the center. According to Rudolph F. Norden in *Symbols & Their Meaning*,

The conversion of Saul the Pharisee was a most significant event. It meant that he who had availed himself of real swords as he breathed 'threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord' – and who, in the words of Ananias to the Lord, had authority 'to bind all who call upon Thy name' – was directly called by Christ to wield the spiritual sword of the Gospel as he carried [Christ's] name 'before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel.'" [Rudolph F. Norden, *Symbols & Their Meaning*, (St. Louise: Concordia Publishing House, 1985), 18]

The book goes on to say: St. Paul himself interprets this symbol for us in his words to the Ephesians (6:17): 'Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.' The Epistle to the Hebrews (4:12) says of both Law and Gospel: 'The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.'" [Ibid.]

**John Calvin** was born on July 10, 1509. He was French by birth but carried out the bulk of his ministry in Geneva, Switzerland, the namesake of our beloved church. Calvin is known as the father of the Presbyterian and Reformed faith. He emphasized theology, worship, education, thrift, ethical behavior and representative government. He believed that

everything we do we should do to the glory of God – work, play, even thoughts. Calvin saw no separation between the secular and the sacred and he set about Geneva applying his beliefs. Sometimes that didn't work so well and at one point the citizens chased Calvin and his fellow pastor, Farel, out of town with swords raised against them, but three years later, the people of Geneva came asking Calvin to return and he did.

The very top John Calvin window features a hand holding the burning heart, which was at the center of Calvin's seal. On the seal around the hand holding the burning heart are the words: "My heart I give the Lord *eagerly and sincerely*."

**John Knox** studied under Calvin and established the Presbyterian Church of Scotland. The John Knox window features a scroll beneath a Bible. The imagery is pure reformed theology and speaks to the belief that all the riches of faith should be accessible to all believers.

Before the Reformation only a few people could read; even fewer could read Latin in which the Bible was translated in the Western world. One of the most important principles of the Reformation was that study of the Bible should go back to the original texts in Hebrew and Greek and then be translated into the vernacular, the local language so that everyone could read and study God's word.

We Presbyterians are indebted to John Knox for not only our church form of government, but for our country's form of government. The United States government is organized along the lines of the Scottish *First Book of Discipline* written by Knox and his associates, a remarkable document, attempting to apply the system worked out by Calvin in Geneva, Switzerland, to a whole kingdom. John Knox took the secular and gave it shape and form by molding in the sacred.

**The Celtic Cross** window includes two symbols: the cross and the circle. The cross represents Christ and His sacrifice. The horizontal arms represent the physical world and the vertical arms represent the spiritual world. When they meet in the center, a balance is achieved creating a sense of wholeness. The circle is the symbol of eternity that emphasizes the endless love of God shown in Christ.

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## Mommy and Me Tea and Mother's Day Breakfast

By: Geneva Presbyterian Church

Thank you to the men of Geneva for a wonderful Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast. They made plain, banana, chocolate chip and blueberry pancakes. Made to order! They rounded out the meal with sausage, fresh fruit, orange juice and coffee. It was a treat to be waited on! We hope this will become a Geneva tradition!



## Windows of Geneva

by: Rev. Anne Benefield

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There is a legend that when St. Patrick was preaching to some soon-to-be converted heathens, they showed him a stone that was marked with a circle symbolic of the moon goddess. Patrick made the mark of the Latin cross through the circle and blessed the stone making the first Celtic Cross. (Stephen Walker, webpage entitled Walker Metalsmiths © April 17, 1996.)

The **Nativity** window features two symbols: the Chi Rho and the manger bed of the Christ child. The Chi Rho stands for the Greek letters for the first three letters of Christos and occurs in various forms in the catacombs and on ancient lamps, coins, pottery pieces, and as a grave inscription. The Cho Rho sometimes appears together with the Alpha and Omega to affirm that Christ is the beginning and the end.

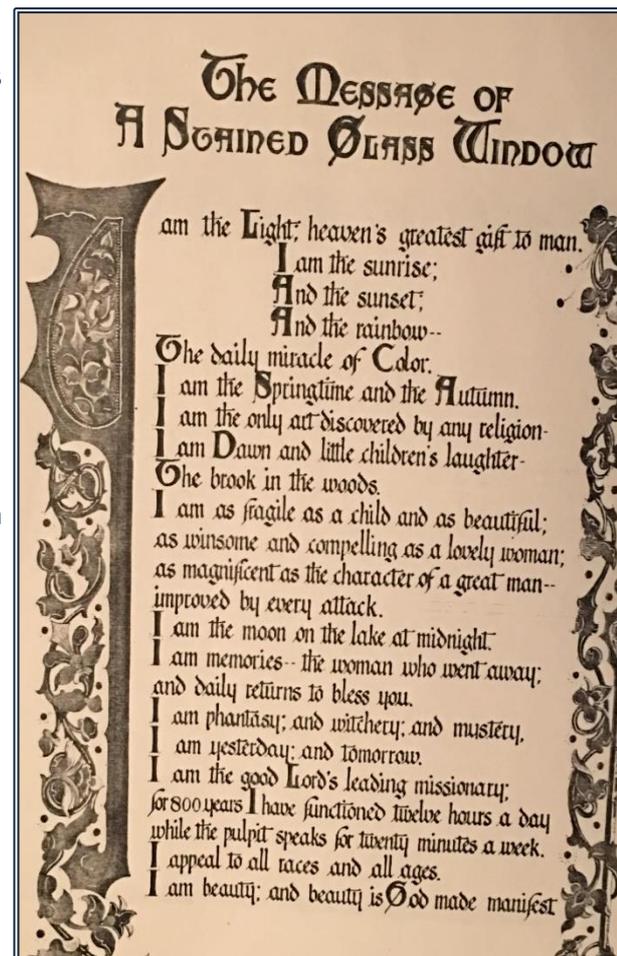
In the window, the Chi Rho stands above the manger because the baby comes fully human and yet He is the Christ, the divine child of God – the beginning and the end. Together the Chi Rho and the manger form a powerful image of the incarnation. As the Apostle John wrote, "The Word became flesh and lived among us."

The **Holy Spirit** window features one hand stretching out to another, which is the universal symbol of brotherly outreach and responsibility as demonstrated in the parable of the Good Samaritan. Above the hand is a dove, symbolic of the Holy Spirit who enables us to respond in love. The descending dove is one of the earliest representations of the Holy Spirit, based on the accounts of Jesus' baptism when the Holy Spirit came upon Him in the form of a dove.

As the Presbyterian Book of Order states: God's redeeming and reconciling activity in the world continues through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, who confronts individuals and societies with Christ's Lordship of life and calls them to repentance and to obedience to

the will of God. [G-3.0103]

The Holy Spirit is the presence of our Savior in the world today. The Holy Spirit guides us as we read scriptures, pray in praise, and care for each other and all God's creatures. The Holy Spirit leads us not just on Sunday morning, but also throughout the week in all we do and think.



## Getting to Know New Geneva Member: Betty Brown

**Q: Tell us about your early years, where you were born, and where you grew up.**

I was born into a Presbyterian family in Enid, Oklahoma. When I was five, we moved to Ardmore, Oklahoma, which lies halfway between Oklahoma City and Dallas. We often made short trips to visit relatives in Kansas, where my parents grew up. We got free train passes for those trips, because my father worked for the Railway Express Agency, a rail-based delivery company. I followed in the wake of my brother Jack, who was three years older than me, and I was quite a tomboy, trying to do everything he did. When he died of spinal meningitis at age 11, I was devastated. But life went on for me and my little brothers Jimmy and Billy, and later, my baby sister Jeri, who was born when I was 13.

**Q: Do you have family living nearby?**

My daughter Suzanne lives just two houses down the street with her husband John and their youngest daughter Heather, a 17-year-old senior at Richard Montgomery High School. Their oldest daughter Shannon got married last year and lives in Quantico, Virginia with her husband Derrick, a Marine sergeant, and new baby Elizabeth, born March 6<sup>th</sup>. Elizabeth is my first great grandchild.

**Q: Did something in particular bring you or your family to this area?**

My husband Fred and I, and our three youngest children – Anita, Suzanne, and Scott, moved to this area in 1965 for my husband's job with the Environmental Science Services Administration (ESSA), a precursor of today's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**Q: What brought you to Geneva Presbyterian Church?**

I grew up a Presbyterian. My son Scott brought me to a Lenten service at Geneva in February, and I felt like I fit right in.

**Q: Name three important steps you took that changed your life, and tell us why.**

- 1) Going to college, where I enrolled in the University of Missouri School of Journalism. That experience gave me many new insights into life.
- 2) Getting married and having children, because it gave me a concern for others besides myself.

- 3) Moving to Boulder, Colorado, because that is where I met my second husband Fred, with whom I had two more children.

**Q: What skill(s) or talent(s) are you most proud of?**

My childcare skills and my gift for writing

**Q: What is your favorite color?**

Blue

**Q: What faith or church memories or experiences shaped you?**

Turning to my strong faith helped me endure the loss of my brother, and later, the death of my first husband Charles, who was killed in World War II.

**Q: What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I like to go with my son Scott to social day programs for elderly folks and their caregivers. These programs are run by various local aging-related organizations and agencies. For an hour or two, everyone sits and chats, sharing stories and memories while munching on various treats. Scott and I also like to go on country rides and antiquing.

**Q: What would you like to do this year at Geneva that you enjoyed doing in the past?**

I've always enjoyed church discussion groups.

**Q: What is your favorite food?**

Steak

**Q: What is your favorite form of music?**

Classical piano concertos

**Q: What about our church amazes you?**

The friendliness

**Q: What else would you like the congregation to know about you?**

Family means everything to me.

## Getting to Know New Geneva Member: Scott Brown

**Q: What brought you to Geneva Presbyterian Church?**

I had a wake-up call in December when I suffered a very painful and prolonged back injury. I found it extremely difficult to continue my caregiving duties for my 97-year-old mother Betty, whom I had been caring for full time for 10 years. I prayed fervently to Jesus to show me how to rectify the isolated and vulnerable situation I found myself in. He spoke to my heart and told me I needed to join a church, something I had never done before. He also told me to reach out more to people, especially people in need. So I called a neighbor who was recovering from surgery and asked how he was doing. During that call, I found out that his wife's sister had died. The next day, I went over to their house with a sympathy card. While we were talking, they told me about the Lenten services being held by the Seven Locks Road churches, including their church – Seven Locks Baptist

Church. A few days later, my mother and I went to the first Lenten service, held at Geneva. Reverend Anne greeted us so warmly, and everyone was so friendly, that I felt at home right away. I knew God had led me to this wonderful place and that I had found my church.

**Q: What is your favorite food?**

Anything Italian, but especially lasagna

**Q: What is your favorite form of music?**

I appreciate most forms of music and have favorite pieces from many different genres. Like many people of my generation, I love the Beatles. I also tend to gravitate toward folk-rock, especially Bob Dylan.

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## Getting to Know New Geneva Member: Scott Brown

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### Q: What skill(s) or talent(s) are you most proud of?

In years past, I would have said my musical skills. Currently, I'm proud of my skills as a researcher. I love to ferret out information on topics of interest to me, such as genetics and paleoanthropology.

### Q: What do you like to do in your spare time?

I always make sure my mother gets out of the house every day. We enjoy going on country rides, often stopping at local scenic spots like Great Falls. I also enjoy watching religious programming on TV while I do my exercises in the morning before I wake up my mother. It helps to set a positive frame of mind for the rest of the day.

### Q: What would you like to do this year at Geneva that you enjoyed doing in the past?

Since I've never been an actual member of a church until now, I have few past church experiences to draw on, but I would like to continue getting acquainted with the members of the Geneva congregation, who are such nice and interesting people.

### Q: What about our church amazes you?

Its friendly, warm, and inviting atmosphere. It's like an extended family where everyone works together and gets along. Also, Reverend Anne's sermons are amazing, and the musical talent in the church is truly awesome.

### Q: Name three important steps you took that changed your life, and tell us why.

- 1) Teaching myself to play the guitar when I was 15. I believe music is magical and provides a direct connection to God and the spiritual realm. Becoming a musician allowed me to plug into that joy. I haven't played for many years, but I still love music.
- 2) Making a commitment to care for my elderly mother. It hasn't been easy, but I have a great sense of

satisfaction knowing that I've eased the burdens and traumas of old age for her and have enabled her to live out her years in the comfort of her home with someone she loves.

- 3) Recently accepting Jesus as my savior and allowing Him to guide me. My life has become richer and fuller as a result. I've met more new people and have had more new and fulfilling experiences in the past few months than in all the previous 10 years of caregiving combined.

### Q: What faith or church memories or experiences shaped you?

The Lenten services which brought me and my mother to Geneva (see above). Also, an experience I had at age fifteen, which brought me back to a belief in God: When I was nine, my father died suddenly from a heart attack. I couldn't believe that God would let that happen, so I concluded there must be no God. Then, six years later, while on a family vacation in Ireland, something miraculous happened. At breakfast one morning, we were sharing our travel itinerary with the local priest, a relative of the owner of the bed and breakfast where we were staying. He studied our map and suggested we travel via a beautiful mountain pass by the sea that he said was very special to him. We took his advice, and when we got to that scenic spot, my sister and I climbed up a hill to look out at the sea. Then, quite unexpectedly, while standing there gazing at the sunlight shimmering on the ocean, a feeling of great warmth and joy came over me and I felt God's presence for the first time in six long years. From that moment on, I knew with absolute certainty that God exists. I'm quite certain that God led me to that special place in order to bring me back to Him.

### Q: What else would you like the congregation to know about you?

In my youth I was a competitive archer. I was considering training for the Olympics, but my interest in music led me away from the sport. That turned out to be a good thing, because I would have been training for the 1980 summer games in Moscow, which the U.S. ended up boycotting to protest the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

## Palm Sunday Festival Pictures



### Request from Irene in the church office ~

If you are **NOT** receiving weekly emails from me, please let me know. Geneva has been sending out email via *Constant Contact* since February of this year. In addition to Rev. Anne's weekly, "Sunday at Geneva" emails, Irene has been sending out "announcement-type" emails on a weekly basis ~ announcing all upcoming events, important dates to remember, youth programs, Sign-Up Genius links, etc. If you are not receiving these emails, please notify Irene in the church office at 301-424-4346 or by email to [irene.genevapresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:irene.genevapresbyterian@gmail.com). Thank You!

## The Seventh Pancake Heaven

by: Heinz Nagel, as told by my daughter Anika and by Rose–Eva Dandridge

On a lovely Sunday morning two girls and their father sat at the breakfast table.

Their names were Anna and Grace. The father offered them pancakes, but Anna and Grace said: We don't like pancakes!

The father replied: Don't like pancakes!? Have you ever heard of the seventh pancake heaven?

And the girls said: No... What is the seventh pancake heaven?

Then he told them this story...

Once upon a time, when he was a young boy, he walked by a pancake store. He too never liked pancakes when he was little, so when he saw the store he said: Eww! A store for pancakes?! Oh, that's disgusting. I will never eat a pancake in my life.

Just then, the shopkeeper came to the door and said: Have you ever heard of the seventh pancake heaven?

No, the father said.

The shopkeeper said: Hmm... You should try one so that you can see. Once you eat seven, you will be allowed to go to the seventh pancake heaven.

And the father asked: "Why seven?"

"Because seven is the magic number to get there! You've got to try it", said the man.

"Well, I take it", said the father. "Seven pancakes, please", and he gave the shopkeeper seven dollars.

"Seven pancakes coming right up"

He tried one.

"Oh, this is really good."

Then the father ate a second, and a third and a fourth and a fifth and a sixth and a seventh. And then it came. He blasted off into the air and into pancake heaven.

There he saw that everything was made out of pancakes. He saw pancake trees, pancake houses, pancake flowers with strawberries in them... there was every kind of pancake you could think of! And he said:

"I want to try everything." So he did. He ate some trees. He tasted

the windows of the houses. He even tried the pancake furniture.

"Boy, my tummy is feeling good. I could eat some more". And he continued to try each different pancake he could find until his tummy could hold no more. "I'm full."

With those words he blasted back to earth and said to the shopkeeper: "That was the most wonderful time of my life. Thank you sir, thank you! I love you."

Hmah hmah hmah (*he hugs and kisses the shopkeeper*)

Then the father said to Anna and Grace: "That's how I heard of the Seventh Pancake Heaven."

"Wow, maybe we should try it too", said Anna and Grace.

And they each ate one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, and blast, they went up into the sky.

Anna looked around and said "Look Grace! Father was right, Pancake Heaven is the best. Look, there are pancake trees, pancake houses, and pancake flowers. This is awesome!"

After they filled their tummies and said "I'm full", they were blast back down to earth where their father was waiting for them.

He said: "I told you... The Seventh Pancake Heaven does exist"

The End

*On a Sunday morning when my daughter Anika was 8 years old and Sahsa was 6 years old I made them pancakes. And they screamed "We don't like pancakes!" I said to them: "These are not ordinary pancakes. If you eat them you will be taken up into the Seventh Pancake Heaven." (I got the idea from the Apostle Pauls taken up into a mysterious third heaven). Anika looked at me with wide open eyes: "What is the seventh pancake heaven?" I said to her: "You tell me! And she started making up a story. I ran to my office, got a dictaphone and recorded it. Later I typed it up and sent it to my co-writer Rose–eva Dandridge, who made it into a children's book.*

*That's the story behind the story.*

## All That Snail Mail

By Jane A. Campbell, Certified Professional Organizer®

Are you one of those folks who hide mail in a bag, until the time “when you can get to it?”

Speaking as a professional organizer who has decluttered an 11-room house whose floor was pretty much carpeted with papers, I must warn you that that can be a slippery slope.

The “paperless society” never got here. Paper—much of which still comes to us through snail mail—seems to be a law unto itself. Some Catch-22’s from that law:

1) The more you ignore what comes in the mail, the faster it can come.

For example, if you try to ignore the bills that come to you in the mail, more and more bills will only get sent.

2) The longer you wait to deal with the mail, the more useless some of that paper will become.

For example, if someone mails you a check, and you don’t cash it by the “cash by” date on the check, you may never get your money. Also, if your bank has made an error and you don’t correct it within 60 days, they don’t have to let you correct it.

3) That time “when you can get to it” is either now, or never.

The mail has a lot in common with bananas. Would you put bananas in a bag and let them sit for a month? Not if you value your sense of smell.

I have a client named John. The other day I said this to John: “Old John used to put things in a pile without a specific plan to go back through it, at a specific time. New John has better habits than that.” John agreed.

Some habits I’ve suggested to John:

“Wash and iron” the mail. Open each envelope and throw the envelope in recycling. Straighten out the pages. If there is more than one page, and you can’t put it all in recycling right away, staple all the pages together. E pluribus unum. Move on to the next envelope and repeat this process until all the mail is out of the envelopes and all the envelopes are in recycling. Put the mail into a neat stack.

At this point, you might get interrupted. If you can possibly leave the mail in a neat stack before you attend to the interruption, please do so.

Go through the stack of mail as soon as you can get back to it. One thing may leap out at you as being the most important thing to deal with right now. Deal with that thing. You may feel you can put off dealing with the whole stack right now. Maybe you can. But, 1) try to go through the whole stack before you make this judgment, and 2) come back to the stack as soon as you can, within 24 hours at the most. Keep coming back to the stack, and keep dealing with the most urgent thing. When something has been dealt with, put it somewhere else. File it, if you must. Only now that you have dealt with it can you safely put it in a bag, if you must. Put it in recycling, if you possibly can.

Follow these simple procedures, and you’ll start to feel better about things in bags.

## Newborn Baby News

by: Proud Parents: Paul and Emma Wheatley

Geneva has a new addition in the small but perfectly formed shape of Laura Rosamund Wheatley.

Laura was born on the 2nd of April weighing 7lb and 12 oz.

Laura and family are back home and are enjoying settling into their new routine (slightly erratic routine admittedly) and have been very grateful for the support of Emma’s mother who was very excited at the birth of her first grandchild.

Laura is currently weighing over 9lb (one of the few times it is considered acceptable to discuss a lady’s weight) and is growing well.

Now if someone could just tell us how to get her to sleep for four hours straight we would be very grateful...



## In Memorial: William "Bill" Herman Hinze

Last remaining Patriarch of the Ida and Herman Hinze clan: William Herman Hinze (Bill), age 91, passed away on April 29th 2016 at his beloved home in Ocean Village on Hutchinson Island, Fort Pierce, Florida. Bill was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin on August 10th, 1924 to Ida (Leudke) and Herman Hinze. Bill was always ready to enjoy the fellowship and companionship of family and friends. During his college years at Lawrence College in Appleton, Wisconsin he was known as a loud and boisterous character, full of life and willing to help any and all friends and acquaintances. As a pillar of Bill's character, his willingness to mentor and help others, became the foundation upon which he built his life.

Bill graduated from Sheboygan High School in 1942 after which he enlisted in the Army Air Corps attending gunnery school in Yuka, Arizona. While on base, Bill transitioned to become a water safety/physical fitness instructor. He was discharged in 1944 returning to Sheboygan, Wisconsin ultimately enrolling in Lawrence College. Sports motivated Bill to succeed during his years at Lawrence. He enjoyed being part of the swimming and diving team as well as working as an assistant coach for the football team.

Bill met Barbara (Bobbie) Albright at Lawrence marrying his college sweetheart in June of 1949 after graduation. They began their careers in education as teachers, coaches and counselors together in Gladstone on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. In 1954 with oldest son William (Bill), 1951, and daughter Betty, 1953, he moved the family to Hartland, Wisconsin. Bill headed up the counseling department at the new Arrow Head High School. He enjoyed sharing his love of football with the high school students as assistant coach. Bill's younger daughter Candace (Candy), 1957, and younger son Steven (Steve), 1959 joined the family during the 10 years they lived in Hartland Wisconsin.

In the pursuit of his passion to help others, Bill continued his education at the University of Wisconsin in Madison receiving his Masters Degree in Counseling in 1963. Bill worked for the State Department of Public Instruction for one year ultimately leaving Hartland to work as an assistant professor at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois. 9 months later he took the family to Bloomington, Indiana to Indiana University where he completed the course work for his doctoral degree as an educational psychologist specializing in reading instruction for elementary school children. The development of the Federal Department of Education was the magnet that drew Bill and Bobbie to Potomac, Maryland, 1966. Once in

Washington DC, Bill began a 20-year career as a Federal employee. He worked for Title 3 enabling elementary school teachers and school systems to realize their dreams through administering and supervising the utilization of Federal funds by educators around the country.

Purchasing their first condo at Ocean Village in Fort Pierce, Florida in 1976, Bill and Bobbie realized their dream of living their life near the ocean at Ocean Village. It was a fore gone conclusion, following retirement in 1986, Bobbie and Bill would become permanent Florida resident at Ocean Village. In retirement Bill enjoyed the beauty of the ocean, years of golf, 12 years as a Docent at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute were he enjoyed teaching others about the wonders of the ocean. And more recently Bill became a bocce ball ace! 30 years living in Paradise should be everyone's retirement goal.

Indian River Presbyterian Church in Fort Pierce, provided another opportunity for Bill to use his leadership, counseling and mentoring skills. He trained others to become Steven Ministers for their congregation, initiating the outreach program at Indian River Presbytery. Subsequently, Bill and Bobbie trained several groups of Steven Ministers to carry on the fellowship of their church and share the word of our Lord with fellow Presbyterians.

Bill is survived by sons; William Paul Hinze, Steven Bennett Hinze, daughters; Betty Jeanne Hinze Howard, Candace Hinze Buczinsky, Son-in-law Paul David Howard, Daughters-in-law; Michele Hinze, Debra Baranyai, grandsons; William Hinze Buczinsky, David James Howard, Evan Paul Howard, James Michel Hinze and Matthew Bardett Hinze.

Bill is preceded in death by beloved wife Bobbie, his parents; Ida Luedke Hinze and Herman Hinze, brothers; Reuben, Harvey and sister; Norma, brothers-in-law Robert DeMuth and William Schermerhorn, sisters-in-law Jeanne (Albright) Schermerhorn, Ruth Hinze, Vernetta Hinze, and grandson; Steven Bennett Hinze II.

A service was held Monday, May 9, 2016 at 11:00am at the Indian River Presbyterian Church in Fort Pierce, Florida.

## Proudly Representing Geneva Whilst Attending Upcoming Events!

by: **Tom Sadler**

Geneva Presbyterian Church has arranged for printing of new church t-shirts for the entire congregation! Just in time to be proudly sported at our upcoming events this summer. We expect to receive them in time for our annual picnic **June 5<sup>th</sup>**. Suggestion donation is \$15.00 per t-shirt. By wearing our Geneva shirts at upcoming high-visibility events, we spread our name, our church, the word of God. We hope and encourage for these great shirts to be proudly worn at the Picnic (6/5), Doris Williamson's Social Gathering (6/18) and Renee Moloznik's Social Gathering (6/25), The Compassion Walk (6/25), Nationals baseball game (TBD July), and Hershey Park (TBD August), and Pool Party (TBD) and throughout the year wherever you may be in our community.

**Sign-ups for the baseball game and Hershey Park trip will be sent via email and posted in the Narthex very soon to best determine the date and details. Keep an eye out and please sign up, it'll be a lot of fun!**

# Calendar



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 12:00 Trombone Recital - Angela 5:00 Iglesia De Dios 5:00 Iglesia De Dios 7:00 My Faithful Pastor Ministries
5 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Worship & Communion 11:00 Sunday School <b>ALL-CHURCH PICNIC</b> 2:00 Iglesia De Dios 7:00 AA	6 7:00 Deacons	7	8	9	10 5:00 Iglesia De Dios 6:30 Friday Night Lights	11 10:00 Session <b>1:00 The Lord's Table</b> 5:00 Iglesia De Dios 7:00 My Faithful Pastor Ministries
12 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Worship 2:00 Iglesia De Dios 7:00 AA	13	14  FLAG DAY	15	16	17 5:00 Iglesia De Dios	18 4:00-6:00 Social Gathering at Doris Williamson's home 5:00 Iglesia De Dios 7:00 My Faithful Pastor Ministries
19 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day 10:30 Worship 2:00 Iglesia De Dios 7:00 AA 	20 <b>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER</b>  7:30 Executive	21	22 6:00 GDS Board Meeting	23	24 5:00 Iglesia De Dios	25 9:00-Noon GPA-New Family Picnic 4:00-6:00 Social Gathering at Renee Moloznik's home 5:00 Iglesia De Dios 7:00 My Faithful Pastor Ministries
26 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Worship 2:00 Iglesia De Dios 7:00 AA	27 7:15 Session	28	29	30		

## Volunteer Opportunities

The last day of The Lord's Table, is on Friday, June 10th, before summer break. While there is no meal preparation on Saturday, June 11th, they would appreciate if a few people from Geneva could come help clean up and set up pieces in storage. If you can spare a couple of hours on Sat., June 11th, please signup using the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4cabab2ea7fe3-thelords1>

Next date back to full volunteer would be October 8th.

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