

## **Geneva Presbyterian Church**

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Rev. Mary Pullen, Interim Pastor

### **Dear Friends at Geneva,**

As we approach the season of Lent, it's a good time for reflection and prayer. One of the spiritual disciplines of Lent is to examine ourselves spiritually and if need be, confess our sins and vow to do better.

At our January women's Bible Study, the topic was sin.

The Scripture passage was Psalm 51. The Psalm is attributed to King David, written after the Prophet Nathan confronted him about his adultery with Bathsheba. David also committed the sin of murdering Bathsheba's husband, so that he could marry her. David recognizes his sin and asks for forgiveness. (You can read the story in II Samuel chapters 11 and 12).



### **Prayer for Cleansing and Pardon**

*To the leader. A Psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.*

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup> Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

<sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup> You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

<sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

<sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.

<sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

<sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

<sup>14</sup> Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

<sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

<sup>16</sup> For you have no delight in sacrifice;  
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

<sup>17</sup> The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart,  
O God, you will not despise.

<sup>18</sup> Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

As an introduction to the lesson, I shared with them the article below, which describes the story of the sin-eater. As noted in the article, in earlier times, the sin-eater was a person who upon someone's death, took the sins of the person inside himself.

As Christians out of a reformed tradition, we believe that in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. When we accept Jesus as Lord and we experience great mercy, love and forgiveness. All we have to do is ask for it. None of us are perfect people, we have all sinned. I suspect that most of the time, we know when we have done something wrong. The Good News of the Gospel is this: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

Let's do the spiritual work of Lent, so that on Easter Sunday, we can proclaim with joyous hearts "Alleluia, Christ is Risen!" Because he lives, we live!

**Peace,  
Pastor Mary**

## The Macabre Story of Sin-Eaters

Since at least the early 1600's and all the way to the earliest years of the 20th century, "sin-eating", a rather macabre profession that arose from folklore legends and peculiar supernatural beliefs, was a common line of work across the rural areas of the British Isles.



Grieving family members of the recently deceased would pay the village sin-eaters to rid their departed loved ones from all the sins they had accumulated during their lives, and the sin-eaters would then perform an eerie ritual that supposedly allowed the dead to enter Heaven.



Many people believed that a piece of bread or pastry, which was placed on the chest or the face of the dead person, was able to absorb all of the deceased's sins: family members gathered around the corpse to drink ale and mourn, and a sin-eater would literally eat the sins of the deceased by consuming these funerary snacks.

While eating, the sin-eater would recite a special prayer: "I give easement and rest now to thee, dear man. Come not down the lanes or in our meadows. And for thy peace, I pawn my own soul. Amen."

Such funerary practice may seem strange or even downright frightening, but, in the opinion of many contemporary anthropological and ethnological studies, their origins lie in the beginnings of Christianity.





Jesus Christ, who, according to the Bible, willingly sacrificed his life to cleanse humanity of all of their sins, served as the role model to the original sin-eaters, who offered their souls to purify the souls of the departed.

Although sin-eaters were seen as those who not only enabled the souls of the dead to safely ascend to Heaven but also as those who prevented the sin-plagued dead from returning to Earth in spectral form as ghosts or wraiths, they were usually shunned from their communities and forced to live in isolation.

Namely, people feared those who were willing to “pawn their soul”, to take over the sins of the dead and add them to their own collection of sins. Such an act, although respected, was considered as the work of dark magic, witchcraft, supernatural forces, or even the Devil himself; to look a sin-eater in the eye, even for a mere second, was seen as a sign of bad luck.



Furthermore, the lives of sin-eaters were not only lonely but also quite dangerous. Since the Catholic Church had a monopoly on the absolution of sins and the members of the clergy were the only people allowed to perform

absolution rituals, sin-eating was outlawed and punishable by death.

Not only those who conducted the sin-eating but also those who employed sin-eaters to rid their dead loved ones of sins were seen as heretics, blasphemers, and worshippers of Satan. Therefore, sin-eaters were usually forced to keep their business shrouded in a veil of secrecy.

The last known sin-eater, a man named Richard Munslow, died in 1906 in Ratlinghope, a village in England's West Midlands county of Shropshire. Unlike the majority of sin-eaters, who usually came from poor families and were often beggars or drunkards, Munslow was born in a reasonably wealthy family and was a respectable farmer.





He, according to the local tales, entered the sin-eating business purely out of kindness and love for his fellow villagers; he offered to absorb the sins of the recently deceased to continue a once prominent tradition that had died out during the mid-19th century.

In 2010, the citizens of Ratlinghope, led by Reverend Norman Morris, collected a thousand pounds to restore Munslow's grave, which had fallen into disrepair. Although the obsolete practice of sin-eating will likely never be revived in Britain, it is certainly worth remembering.

## **PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE!**

The Geneva Pastor Nominating Committee continues the search for the right pastor for our church. As you might imagine, it's quite the process! The Presbyterian system of calling a new pastor contains 21 distinct steps. We have made it through many of these and now are at step 12, which is to receive and review Pastor Information Forms.

Over the past couple of months, we have received many pastor information forms, and we have spoken to a good number of potential candidates. This is the most difficult step, and it's a little like finding a needle in a haystack. Every church has its own culture and we hope to find the pastor who will best fit into our worship culture at Geneva. Of course, we are also looking for someone who is interested in helping us expand our mission and our church. Geneva is small right now, but we want to grow, and we want to find a pastor who will help guide us with that process. We are seeking to hear the call of Christ and "to participate in God's own choice" for our next pastor.

If you have any questions about the progress of the PNC or the procedures, please feel free to contact any of us.

**Jane Campbell – *Co-Chair***

**Elaine Winch – *Co-Chair***

**Bob Ricci**

**Sheri Sankey**

**Renee Moloznik**



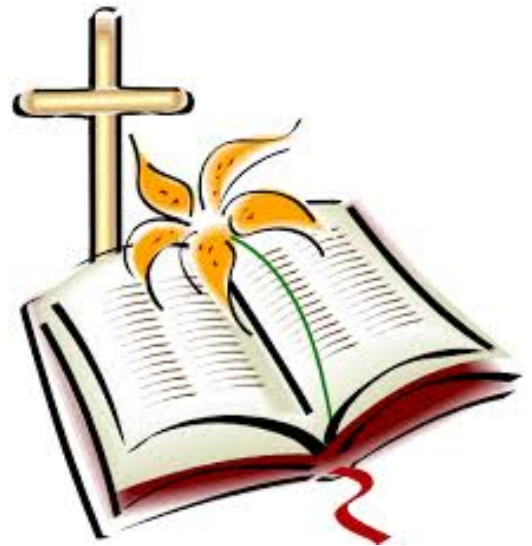
## LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN

It's Baaacck...The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen will be re-opening on Monday, March 18th at Epworth Methodist Church on Route 355 in Gaithersburg. Geneva has been serving at the soup kitchen on the 2nd Saturday of the month for many, many years. Unfortunately the soup kitchen will now only be open Monday through Friday. So under the leadership of Nan Sprinkle, Geneva will now be preparing a meal on the 1st Friday of the month. We will start on Friday,

April 5th. We don't yet have enough volunteers to staff the kitchen, so if you are interested in helping please reach out to Nan. She is looking for volunteers who are available every month or volunteers who cannot commit to every 1st Friday but still want to help occasionally. Nan's email is [mnsprinkle@gmail.com](mailto:mnsprinkle@gmail.com)

## MAUNDY THURSDAY READERS NEEDED!

If you are interested in serving as a reader for Maundy Thursday service on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 7:00PM, Please contact Pastor Mary via email at [map325akp@yahoo.com](mailto:map325akp@yahoo.com) or via text message at (336) 302 - 5361.



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## Geneva Day School

The first two months of 2019 have been busy! Geneva students returned from their Winter Break with many stories about various adventures. They quickly readjusted to being on a school schedule again, while being thrilled to see peer and teacher friends. Parents reported that they were very happy their children were back on Geneva's watch! Ha!

The school always celebrates holidays and special events, especially during February and March. Children learn about friendship and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., various Presidents and the Office of the Presidency, the Lunar New Year (This year is the Year of the Pig!), Valentine's Day, Dr. Seuss' 115<sup>th</sup> Birthday, St. Patrick's Day, and the first days of spring that come with the equinox, among others.

During winter's long, dark, dreary, and cold days something magical happens; the children all seem to take big steps forward in their learning and early academic skills! Though it always happens, teachers are excited to observe what new important milestones student acquire.

Geneva is especially involved in admitting and registering students for the fall 2019-2020 school year. Assistant Director Amanda White works closely with all families to be certain to craft the kind of program that meets student and family needs. The school has many possibilities, so it wants to be sure that each placement meets strengths and needs of every student. Thank you for referring your friends and relatives to Geneva for a fabulous pre-school and kindergarten experience. I sincerely believe that we provide the best services of any other program in the area! Remember that Presbyterians can receive a 10% discount on a very affordable tuition; scholarship funding might be available if it is requested at this time. Speak with Amanda for more details and to schedule a private tour.

Our wonderful Geneva Parents' Association (GPA) is planning a fabulous On-Line Auction during March 25 – 31. It is accepting your gracious donation gifts during February. It is also sponsoring a BINGO Family Fun Night on Saturday, March 30, from 4:00 – 6:00, with pizza and movies for children, and adult activities as BINGO, nibbles, and wine for adults. Please feel free to join your school friends for this great community event here with the school!

Your Geneva school friends hope that the new year of 2019 will be one of good health, love, and peace. Please feel free to visit us at any time for a visit of the wonderful things your school is providing! I would love to show you around!

Warm Regards,  
**Suzanne Funk**  
Director - Geneva Day School

# GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## 2019 LENTEN AND EASTER SERVICES

*Ash Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 pm*

*Passion/Palm Sunday, April 14, 10:30 am*

*Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7:00 pm*

*\*Church Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 19, 2019*

*Easter Sunday, April 21, 10:30 am*



## Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study 2019

The Seven Locks Pastors' Group is sponsoring the Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study Series during Lent 2019. This year's theme is "Bridging the Gap: Overcoming Differences Through Christ's Love."

The Bible Studies will be held on Wednesdays during Lent, from Wednesday, March 13 - Wednesday, April, 10.

Dinner is served at 6:30, with devotions at 7:15 and program beginning after the devotions.

The host church schedule is below:

**3/13 - Emmanuel Lutheran**

**3/20 - St. James' Episcopal**

**3/27 - Seven Locks Baptist**

**4/3 - Geneva Presbyterian**

**4/10 - Scotland AME Zion**

Please come, bring a friend, and join us for our Lenten Bible Studies. Contact Pastor Mary for more information.



## AN UPDATE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR!

Greetings Geneva!

Happy New Year! I hope you are having a wonderfully blessed year so far. At the beginning of the year we welcomed Katie Rae Bogdan as our new Alto Section leader and Amber Wood as our new Soprano Section leader. I wanted to thank you all for your attendance in our Christmas services, particularly our concert Part I of Handel's Messiah and our Christmas Eve service where Yazid Gray was our soloist. Yazid returned to Santa Barbara Opera after the holiday season to continue as a Young Artist there and was recently accepted into the Pittsburgh Young Artist Program, both of which are wonderful experiences and opportunities for him! I feel blessed that he was able to share his beautiful voice and talents with us at Geneva.

As we look to the future, I'm excited for the choir to sing the cherished anthem "God So Loved the World" at our Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services. Throughout the lenten season you will hear pieces for our talented choir, but also services with solos and duets by our section leaders. Our Handbells will be joyously ringing on Palm Sunday, when we welcome Jesus with the waving of palm branches. Our choir will sing joyful anthems both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. On Easter we will sing the well-known "Alleluia" by Randall Thompson. Some may recall we did "Frostiana" which are Robert Frost poems set to music by Randall Thompson a few years ago. This piece, "Alleluia" was written for the Berkshire Music Center in Lenox, MA many years ago for Serge Koussevitzky, who founded the institution. Today, it is known as the Tanglewood Music Festival, a prestigious music festival that has been a learning place for musicians such as Aaron Copland, Leonard Bernstein, and many more. It is still sung every year to open the Festival. After the Lenten season and Easter, we will be preparing for a joint concert with our Sanctuary and Handbell Choirs in May. Please stay tuned for a specific date on that, you would not want to miss it!

## TREASURER'S COMMENTS

Greetings from your Treasurer! In case you weren't able to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting on March 3rd, I thought it might be useful to give you a slightly modified version of my Treasurer's Report during the meeting. Here it is:

In the beginning of 2018, our Executive Committee proposed, and Session approved a balanced budget. Balanced Budget means that we estimated our annual expenses for 2018 would be equal to our expenses for the year. However, we ended our year with a surplus of \$65,008.11. How did that happen?

Well, this was due to several factors:

- Our total income was higher than estimated, by \$28,965.96. General Offering was slightly higher, as was rental income from the Manse. Also, income from our Geneva Day School was significantly higher than budgeted.
- Overall expenses were also lower, by \$36,042.15. This was due, in part, to the following:
  - Our CE Director position was vacant for most of the year; that salary and other CE expenses were lower than budgeted by \$15,030.00
  - Several other committees were under budget, some by \$2,000 or more.
  - Church Operations were also lower by \$14,010.12, due to lower expenses for accounting fees, child care, and the Pastoral Nominating Committee.
- Full details are available by looking at the Annual Report, our Financial Statements, or simply asking me – I'm always happy to answer any questions you may have.

One of the changes we made for 2017 and 2018 included adding 2 new accounts, to reflect the money spent for capital improvements (like our renovated Narthex, Founder's Room and kitchen). In prior years, these types of capital improvements were funded by taking money out of the Building and Reserve Fund, which is a Dedicated Account (and is listed only in the Statement of Dedicated Accounts). Because the expenses came directly out of a dedicated account, they never appeared on our Statement of Activities.

Session thought that it would be useful to reflect these expenses in our Statement of Activities, which lists our income and expenses, month by month. So, an income account was created to show the money that was transferred from the Building and Reserve Fund to pay for various capital improvements. A corresponding Expense Account was also created, and it shows the money we actually spent during the year for these projects. We will continue to follow this format in 2019.

Speaking of 2019 . . .

Session again presented a Balanced Budget for fiscal year 2019. This will be an unusual year for several reasons. Our budget for Ministerial expenses will be much lower than normal, because we won't have a full-time minister during all 12 months of 2019. That lowers our budget this year by over \$40,000. In addition, we probably will not hire a CE / Youth Director until we have our new minister, the thought being that our new pastor will want to have some say in who we hire for that position. That also lowers the 2019 budget, by another \$20,000 to \$35,000 dollars. However, in future years these 2 areas will significantly increase again, as they have in prior years. Just a heads-up . . .

Again, as always, please feel free to ask me any questions about our Geneva finances!

## GENEVA LADIES' LUNCH!

Ladies, mark your calendar for Saturday, May 18 for another Geneva Ladies Lunch. If you need transportation or would like to suggest a restaurant, please talk to Rhonda Ricci



## LETTER FROM BETTY HALLS

To The Geneva Congregation:

I would like to thank Mary, Ben, the Session, the Deacons and all the Geneva congregation for your help with the Memorial Service for my son, Andrew Halls. It was a difficult time for my whole family and your loving support was greatly appreciated. I could not have gotten through it without you.

In Christ,  
**Betty Halls**

## A LETTER FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION

Among the best known and most loved of classic Hollywood movies is “The Wizard of Oz”. Those of us of a certain age (growing up before movies could be conjured up on demand via streaming or DVD etc.) remember it very fondly for its annual showing. Perhaps the rarity of the event helped to make its broadcast “special”. A pivotal moment late in the film occurs as the “Wizard” is revealed to be no wizard at all—as Toto the pooch tugs on a bit of fabric, the panicky Wizard vainly decrees: “Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain!”

At Geneva, however, we encourage anyone/everyone who is interested to have a look behind the curtain. The trope being that of the Session Meeting being open to all . . .Not sure if you will see strong evidence of heart, brains or courage (on some months you will, I believe), but you always should feel “at home” to come and join us at Session (the fourth Monday of the month in the William A. Gibson Memorial Founders room starting at 7:00 PM).

In recent months, we have combined with the Executive Committee as there has been much work that requires a combined focus between the members of the two committees (Executive and Session). Specifically the annual budget was wrestled into submission for 2019—although at times the members may have had a better appreciation for how Jacob must have felt about halfway through his match with the angel (“What have we gotten ourselves into here?!”). Obviously too, the work of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has received much attention, input and support from the Session and from Executive. Just as obviously, we do not expect the PNC and its painstaking work to be an annual event along the lines of the budget—one PNC every few decades would seem to be the normal adult-sized dose!

Beyond those two major considerations (annual budget and the PNC) the Session also addresses each month business and considerations from each of the standing committees. Here is a listing of the Standing Committees of Session and their current Chairs:

Communications and Outreach Committee—Sheri Sankey

Mission Committee—Jane Campbell

Fellowship –Rolf Winch

Worship and Music – Ken Sprinkle

Christian Education and Youth Ministry– Carl Perthel

Nominating Committee—Janelle Thibau

Diaconate – Renee Molochnik

Along with the Committee reports, there is a monthly Pastor's report, a Treasurer's report, Executive Committee report and a Devotion or Study of the Word led by one of the Elders (in rotation, so that all elders have the opportunity during the year to share in this edifying and enlightening experience). Along with prayers, there is good fellowship, friendship and Christian service that flow freely each month.

So, the general business of Geneva is conducted in Session. Numerous decisions are carefully crafted each month. All members of Geneva are welcome (and encouraged) to come and have a look behind the curtain. . . but please, no flying monkeys (unless you bring certification of the flying primate being your official therapy animal).

## CONGRATULATIONS TO HELENE AND CURTIS!



On February 13, I had the honor of attending Helene Chimba's US citizenship naturalization ceremony. What an honor to share this inspiring event with Helene! The US Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) staff treats the ceremony with all the respect it deserves. Each person's name was called out as they walked across the front of the room to receive their citizenship certificate. The announcer was

very skilled in the pronunciation of names of the sixty-seven candidates from about 50 countries.

When the candidates were citizens we all stood and sang our national anthem and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The naturalized citizens are provided a voter registration form as a reminder that they have full citizenship rights and responsibilities.

Helene's son, Curtis Chimba, automatically became a citizen. Her daughter, Stella, was born in the United States and is a citizen.

Congratulations to Helene and Curtis! We are so proud and happy for you.

**Rosie Perthel**

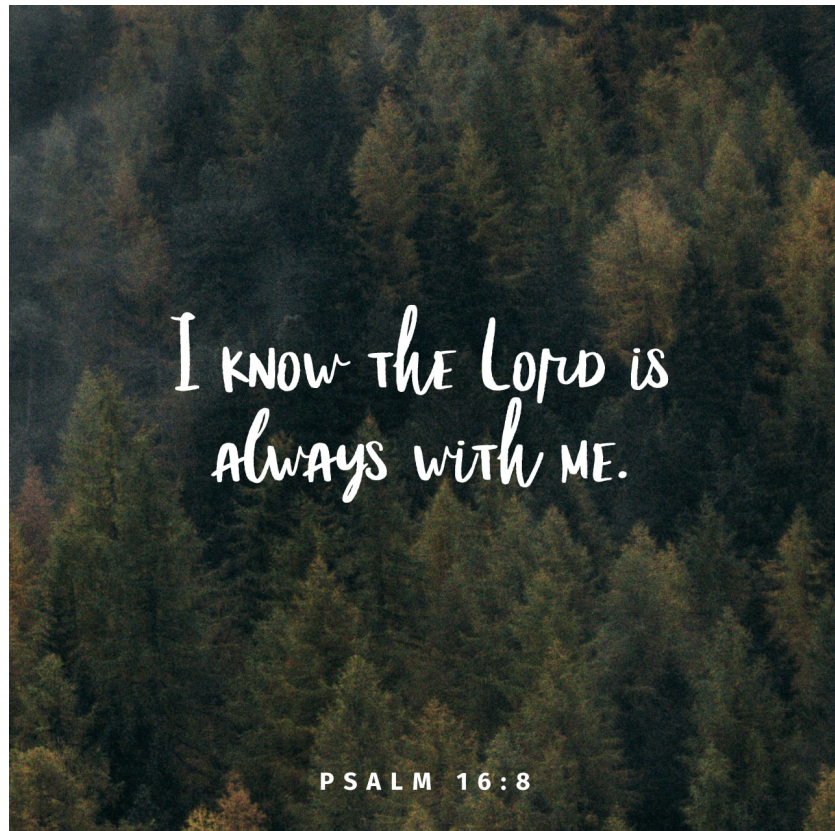
## WORSHIP AT GENEVA - SPRING 2019

Mary Pullen retired from her position of full time Interim Pastor at Geneva on January 31, 2019 but she's agreed to return for the months of March, April and May. She'll be working part time – about 20 hours per week. She will be in the office one day during the week, will preach two Sundays every month, lead the monthly Session meeting and provide Pastoral Care to our congregation as needed.

Mary will also lead our Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services.

We'll continue to supply the pulpit with pastors and lay leaders who are favorites at Geneva when Mary's away.

Hopefully, the PNC will have a candidate in due course and we can finish this transition period. If you have any ideas and suggestions for guest pastors, please speak to Ken Sprinkle.



# Family Fun Night! - March 30, 2019

**We are looking for sponsors for our FIRST Family Fun Night at Geneva Day School featuring Bingo, a movie, and snacks!**

- BINGO in the sanctuary
- TOY STORY movie played in the Open Classroom *for little ones that are not competitive bingo players.*
- **Bake Sale Items available all evening. Volunteer Sign up [HERE](#)**
- **Silent Auction items will be available in the Founders room in between Bingo rounds.**
- **Vendor and sponsorship spaces are available [HERE](#)**
- **Volunteer Sign up [HERE](#) SSL hours Available**

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**Please consider helping support the Family Fun Night. Various Sponsorship levels available are:**

\$400 Bingo or Movie Sponsor

\$200 Movie Sponsor

\$100 Grand Prize Sponsor

\$100 Prize or Bake Sale Sponsor

\$50 Event Sponsor (or donation for prizes for Bingo!) - Vendor table allowed

Email [gpa@genevadayschool.org](mailto:gpa@genevadayschool.org) or call the Church Office to get a sponsorship form!

## **BINGO Card Presale**

**Bingo Card Presale will start THIS WEEK!**

- \$10 - 1 Reusable BINGO Card
- \$20 - 3 Reusable BINGO Cards

You can pay by cash/check and drop it off in the Geneva Day School office. Additionally, you can pay via Venmo (@GPA-Geneva) - specify 2019 BINGO in Notes section or via PayPal ([gpageneva@gmail.com](mailto:gpageneva@gmail.com)) - Select "friends and family" for PayPal & specify BINGO.

# Geneva Presbyterian Church

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>24</b> 10:30am Worship 11:45am Sanctuary Choir Practice 2:00pm Iglesia 7:00pm AA	<b>25</b> 7:00pm Session Meeting	<b>26</b> 7:00pm Iglesia	<b>27</b> 7:30pm Handbell Practice	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00pm My Faithful Pastor Ministries 7:00pm Iglesia
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<b>17</b> 9:30am Potluck Breakfast 10:30am Annual Congregational Meeting 11:30am Worship 2:00pm Iglesia 7:00pm AA	<b>18</b> 7:00pm Executive Committee	<b>19</b> 7:00pm Iglesia	<b>20</b> 7:30pm Handbell Practice	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:00pm My Faithful Pastor Ministries 7:00pm Iglesia
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## **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

The inclement weather policy for Geneva is as follows:

If the Montgomery County Schools are closed, the church office is closed. If the Montgomery County Schools close early, the office will close early. If the Montgomery County Schools open late, the office will open at the regular time of 10:00 am.



**Sundays:** If inclement weather is predicted for a Sunday, a decision will be made by Pastor Mary and the Elders on the Saturday immediately before the Sunday Service in question.

For example, if a snow/ice storm is forecast for Sunday, Jan 20, the decision would be made on Saturday, Jan 19, and an all-church email will be sent out. Phone calls will be made to those who do not have email.

Please use your own judgment about coming to services if the weather is "iffy." We don't want anyone to get in an accident coming to church, or fall on ice/snow in the parking lot. If in doubt, err on the side of caution and stay home.





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