

## The little church with a BIG heart

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Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor

Dear friends,

The turning of the new year brings with it opportunities for reflection and hope. Reflection on what was in the year previous and hope for what the year ahead will hold. I am hopeful for the ways that God will continue to use the imperfect clay vessels that are the saints at Geneva Presbyterian Church for acts of goodness, glory, and grace. In the coming 12 months we will have ample opportunities for each and I celebrate that God will be with us through it all, empowering us, encouraging us, guiding us to live as a diverse body united in Christ.

The new year also brings with it an appreciated tradition in our church family: the choosing of Star Words. These words are meant to be a spiritual guide (like the Christmas Star for the wise men) and an opportunity to focus our hearts on the ways God is at work in our daily lives.

The Star Word I received this year is “Acceptance,” which of course is an expansive word. They all are really, and that is part of the joy and excitement of the process: so many ways to define each given word and so many perspectives from which to approach each word.

My first interaction with the Star Word “Acceptance” has been around the reality that Covid continues in our midst.

Just when it seemed (to me) that we might be moving toward the “other side” of this experience, another new variant entered the equation and changed the trajectory of how it appeared things were going. My first prayer is for a weary world, a hurting world, that we would continue moving toward the time when Covid will not wreak such harm and havoc as it has been. That such a time would arrive quickly.

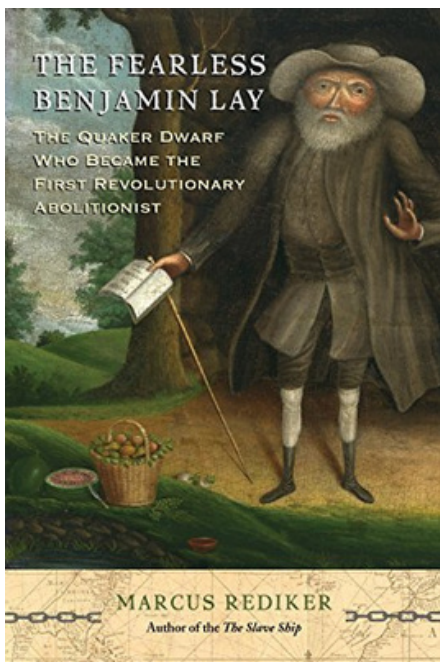
My second prayer is closer to home, for I know we at Geneva are weary of Covid, too. It’s been a long two years. So my second prayer is that we would each continue striving to take care of ourselves and each other. Prioritizing grace and patience. Seeking rest and renewal. It’s easy to forget that the “norm” these past many months is an unsustainable level of stress that fades into the background of living but nonetheless is still present in mind, body, and spirit. Please take care of yourself – you are important and beloved.

Looking ahead, Ash Wednesday will arrive quickly on March 2, and that will usher in the Lent season of preparation for Easter. Please keep an eye out for church communications regarding our Ecumenical Lenten Study Series with our church neighbors along Seven Locks Rd. in Potomac. I am in the planning process

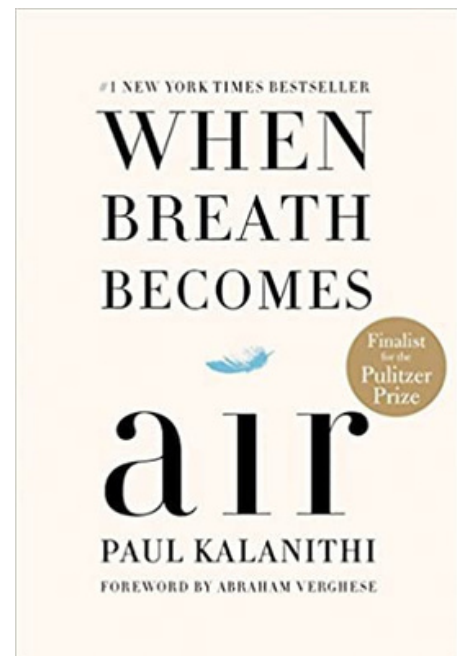
for this series now with the other Pastors and I know it will again be a great, engaging, and life-giving opportunity – I hope you'll be there.

As is our practice, this issue I have a few books to commend for your own reading and spiritual exploration:

**“The Fearless Benjamin Lay” by Marcus Rediker.** Truth be told, I can't recall if I've suggested this before. If I have, well, take this as a sign that I really, really mean it :-). If the name Benjamin Lay sounds familiar, that's because I preached about him this past year in our “Disability Visibility” sermon series. I went to the National Portrait Gallery recently – Benjamin's portrait on the cover of this book is on display in their galleries. It was a further inspiration that has kept this outspoken, strong willed, dedicated believer on my heart.



**“When Breath Becomes Air” by Paul Kalanithi.** The memoir of a promising neurosurgeon's grappling with illness and mortality when he suddenly switches roles to become the patient just as his career is about to “take off.” Poignant. Honest. Searching. An engaging read that asks big questions and doesn't hold back.



Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Patrick*

Pastor Patrick

My loving Geneva family,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Years. So many people make new year's resolutions and I'm always curious what people choose: going to the gym, cutting out fatty food, trying out a diet, saving more money. Now that my hips are feeling better, I'm going to focus on my physical and nutritional health. In fact, this week I'm meeting with a personal trainer! I'm sure this effort will help ensure improvement of my health: physical, physiological, and mental.

As we move from the season of Epiphany into Lent, I'm reminded of the grace and gifts that we receive from God everyday. There's a song that comes to mind on this topic. Kirk Franklin, who is a gospel singer and composer superstar, produced a song called Miracles from his album called *Losing My Religion* and in the bridge of the song, he says:

*Don't forget the miracle you are!*

Followed by the choir singing:

*My life is a miracle  
Can't deny it, I'm a miracle  
Oh the price for my miracle (What did it cost?)  
Nails in his hands and his feet for me  
To be free, that's a miracle  
Can you believe it, I'm a miracle*

Life is a gift from God. Everyday I open my eyes I know that I have been given the opportunity to be with those I cherish and that, to me, is a miracle. I would encourage you to take a listen, I don't think you'll be disappointed.

Due to the rising cases of COVID-19, it was decided that both of our choirs would not meet as a group for rehearsal or services. I hope that they will be able to return before Lent, so I will be monitoring data as it becomes available. In the meantime, I will provide music. I thank you for your patience and understanding.

Recently, we all chose a number and that number correlated with the star word for the year. Mine was number thirteen - sobriety. When many think of sobriety, they think of the dictionary definition: the act of not drinking. I also like to think of sobriety in a different sense. I think of the soberness of my relationship with God and people in my life. I have found these past two years incredibly challenging. It has been difficult fighting a war from inside - trying to find the strength to keep moving forward, to put faith in God, not lose hope for humanity, to find compassion for those with different beliefs. But, God guided me and pulled me through by putting the right people in my life. By leaning on each other for mental, emotional, and spiritual support, we found a way to survive. So when I received sobriety as my star word - I took a moment to realize the blessings in my life and strength that I have been given. Therefore, this year I will remain sober. I will continue to drink in the love of God and refrain from the partaking of negativity, removing temptation from my life. The American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr wrote a prayer that I have been using in my daily devotional prayers. May you find whatever nourishment your spirit may need in the coming months:

*God, grant me the serenity to accept  
the things I can not change,  
The courage to change the things I can,  
And the wisdom to know the difference.*

Your sibling in Christ,

*Ben Shaver*

Ben Shaver



Dear Church Friends:

We hope that you have heard the fabulous news that your school, Geneva Day School and the Geneva Summer Program, were voted #1 by readers of the Bethesda Magazine last fall! The results were officially announced in the January-February issue of the magazine. Thank you for voting! We are all thrilled to have been recognized again with this distinction!

Though December was a very mild month, January and the return to school has been the opposite! With three closures and a delay our first week back, we really did not get going again until the second week, though I think everyone enjoyed the surprise extra days off to play in snow!

Please say hello to Carly Mann Hunt when you are next in the building during the week! She is the new Administrative Assistant at the School Lobby desk! She is not new to Geneva, however, as she, her sister and brother all went through the school (including some in my Kindergarten classes), and also worked in our Summer Program. Carly also graduated from the University of Maryland with a biology degree, and has good experience in education, too.

Geneva is also delighted to have been able to engage an itinerant occupational therapist. She is available for screenings, evaluations, direct therapy, plus consultation on environment and specific students. Some services will be coordinated directly with and paid for by families. She will be consulting with teachers from each class, attending the January All-Staff meeting to present some basic information and resources, and respond to various motor and sensory questions. We are delighted to welcome Cortney Mosel to Geneva!

Ms. Rocio Agreda, a long-time and valued Teaching Assistant in Ms. Miller's class, is expecting a baby in early April! The school is planning a surprise baby shower for her. SHHHH!

Since everyone at the school loves young children, we are delighted and happy to know that we will have the third of her wonderful youngsters at some future time!

The school was closed to observe Martin Luther King's Birthday in January, and Presidents' Day in February. It will have a Professional Day on February 1 with training on "Social Stories All Around Me."

Geneva is continuing PCR testing every two weeks, which has been an effective way to track COVID and catch asymptomatic children. At this time, every youngster seems very comfortable with the procedure and looks forward to their lollipop reward afterwards!

Now that we are in the new year of 2022, it is common to have thoughts about making resolutions and perhaps some changes, too. As I announced to the School Board and Geneva staff in December, I plan to take retirement from our wonderful school at the conclusion of the current school year at the end of May. My long association as a parent, teacher, and administrator has been only the best, and I have enjoyed each day, each student, each staff member, each Church friend, and the many families with whom I have had the pleasure and honor to serve. Yet, I feel that this is also a good time for me to begin another chapter in my life. It is time to address some long-standing projects at home and celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary with my husband. We hope to travel and visit family and good friends as it becomes possible.

The school is currently in very good hands, and a new captain at the helm will enhance its smooth sailing. The mission of the school will certainly continue to encourage a “lifelong love of learning” of our many amazing students.


Thank you for your loyalty to the school over the past 57 years, and to me during the recent 15. You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. One never knows, but I just may substitute now and again to keep contact with the “best” school and summer program for young children!

We wish each of our Church Friends a very Happy and Safe New Year of 2022! We hope that you visit classrooms when you are back in the church building to appreciate the wonderful teaching and learning as evidenced in every class. You can be proud of your school! We are #1!

With much appreciation and love,

Suzanne Funk  
Director



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The Executive Committee has been very busy working on neighbor issues, maintenance issues, space usage, and acting as the personnel committee.

We worked with Pastor Patrick to develop the job description for the Director of Next Generation Ministries, which has been posted on the Presbytery's website. The resumes have started coming in!

The Manse had repairs completed in December to make it mouse proof. The McElwaine family room was being invaded by so many mice that they wore out a path on the rug. We dubbed this the mouse highway, and knew that for everyone's safety and peace of mind, the mice had to be stopped from entering the Manse. We were able to get Fabian, whose crew built the sound booth, to work on this project in between a larger project he already had scheduled. The room looks great, and no mice have been seen inside the house. Thanks to Patrick and Allyson for their patience!

Geneva's property is over four acres in size and we have a dozen or so neighbors with which we share a property boundary. We were able to get our boundary lines surveyed and marked in August 2021; this was no easy feat during the pandemic building craze. We have several neighbors with whom we have had ongoing questions regarding ownership or responsibility for trees, or bamboo, or whatever. The fence was installed on our property boundary with the neighbor adjacent to our Goya Drive entrance, as well as at the back of the property parallel to Greenleaf Avenue. Having a physical boundary marker makes these ownership questions much clearer. We are continuing to work with one of our neighbors to resolve a property use issue.

A special thanks to Jim Harris for his continued help with neighbor issues that have come up this year.

There are several projects that the Executive Committee is working on, including replacing the wooden frame work behind the brick front of the right side of the church.

If you have any questions or ideas for improving our building or grounds, please let me know. I am very pleased to work with such a dedicated group of people.



Elaine Winch  
Executive Committee Chair



I love looking at historic records. I love going to the National Archive and looking at the original documents that our country was based on. I love looking at historical things. This comes from having a Mother who minored in Archaeology in college, and a Father who was an Air Force Officer with overseas assignments. Those two factors led to historical digs into each country where we lived. I love looking and digging into Geneva Presbyterian Church's past via the Register and Roll Book which contains the historical records of Geneva. I love seeing the original writing of prior Clerks of Session as they documented Geneva's history.

Picture this: Potomac Maryland, May 17, 1964, a small group of Christians led by William A. Gibson worshiped as Geneva Unified Presbyterian Church for the first time. What a step in faith those Founders of Geneva took. It is hard to even think about the trials they had to overcome to establish Geneva Presbyterian Church. During the first six months of Geneva (May 1964 through December 1964) these Founding Members were at work. A few statistics – Geneva had 73 Founding Members (or Communicants), six children were baptized, and three marriages were officiated by Rev Gibson. Some of you may know Pamela A. Wilson, who has been part of Geneva's Wednesday Night Bible Study even though she lives in Wisconsin. Pamela was one of the first 73 Members of Geneva. In fact, she has Communicant number 73, as a reality check my Communicant number is 1025. Every member of Geneva is assigned a Communicant number for entry into the Register and Roll Book.

Over the next fifteen years from 1964 through 1979 Geneva grew, building the Sanctuary we all love so much and renovating the original house that stood on the property.

Now some interesting facts and numbers from that fifteen year period:

- Geneva Presbyterian Church had three installed Pastors: William A. Gibson was installed on June 28, 1964; Robert A. Shires was installed on July 16, 1973; James P. Simmons was installed on October 4, 1976.
- Geneva Presbyterian Church had received 877 Communicants (Church Members) into membership.
- Geneva Presbyterian Church lost 565 Communicants (Church members). These Church Members either left church membership due transfers to other churches, moves out of the area, inactivity, or death.
- Geneva baptized 76 children.
- Geneva Pastors officiated at 55 marriages.

This year Geneva Presbyterian Church will celebrate 58 years of faithful stewardship to our faith community and to the community. In a short two years, Geneva Presbyterian Church will be 60 years old. In the 58 years since Geneva's first service, the congregation has changed, the DC area has changed, and our world has changed. I believe that looking at Geneva's roots allows us to move forward, to continue to serve our community, and to meet all challenges presented to Geneva. We are not the church of 1964. We are the church ever changing to meet the changing times. Let us rejoice in who we are as we continue forward to our 60th birthday.

*Sheri Sankey*

Sheri Sankey  
Clerk of Session



**Deacons and Fellowship Activities**

The Lent Season begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2, so here are 40 suggestions on how to observe Lent with your family.

The three pillars of Lent are:

- Prayer
- Fasting, and
- Giving to others

**40 Lent Activities For Families****GIVING:**

1. do someone else's chore
2. give someone a hug
3. help someone
4. make a card for someone
5. make a craft for someone
6. do something nice for a friend or family member
7. do something kind for the earth
8. read a book to a sibling
9. say something kind to a family member
10. say something kind to a friend
11. play with someone different at recess
12. tell your teacher or a friend one thing you like about her
13. smile at as many people as you can
14. write a letter/draw a picture for your grandparent
15. bring some baking to a neighbor
16. give something of yours to a family member
17. give something of yours to a friend
18. wash someone's feet
19. do someone else's laundry
20. clean a bathroom
21. make someone else's bed
22. set aside some of your own money for giving to church
23. use your own money to buy food for the food bank

**FASTING**

24. fast from TV
25. fast from dessert
26. fast from candy
27. fast from a bad habit
28. fast from sweet drinks
29. fast from meat
30. fast from reading anything but the Bible

**PRAYING**

31. praise God for who He is
32. confess something to God that you feel bad about
33. thank God for your favorite people
34. pray for someone who is sick
35. sing a song of praise to God
36. kneel before God and pray
37. pray for a refugee
38. pray for someone who needs to know Jesus
39. pray for your pastor
40. read a Bible story together

**Deacons Fund**

Deacon Funds are used to support individual or families in financial crisis in terms of monetary donations, purchasing food, helping pay medical or household bills. The funds are also used for the items in the goody bags that have been delivered to our members, blessing bags for our homeless neighbors, gift cards to students during final exams, hosting memorial services, hosting Lenten dinners, sending cards and gift baskets to members needing support, and also the supplies needed for our seasonal craft activities.

Our Deacon Fund has been used a great deal during this pandemic and is getting extremely low. Therefore, I am asking for your generosity to make a tax-deductible donation to the Geneva Deacons Fund, so our Deacons can continue to support our Geneva family. Your gift in any amount will be greatly appreciated to help our church make a brighter future for our members.

If you are able to help this mission, please go to Online Giving with the GivePlus app to donate, or mail your check to Geneva Presbyterian Church, 11931 Seven Locks Rd. Potomac, MD 20854 (designate your check for Deacon Fund).

Thank you in advance for your help and support



Every Geneva member and friend are included on a Deacon Family Group. Your Family Deacon works with Pastor Patrick to celebrate your joys and support you in times of concern or need.

The Family Deacon Groups are listed below. If you do not see your name and want to be a part of a Deacon Family group, please contact Renee Moloznik at Rmoloz@hotmail.com

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Renee Moloznik

I am honored to write as “deacon of the blessing bags”, a heartfelt thank you, for all of your support throughout the holiday season. Geneva Presbyterian was able to bless more than 60 men and women at local shelters with care package blessing bags because of the generosity you offered by way of your time, talent, and treasure.

Nancy Tillman in her children’s book entitled “You’re Here For A Reason” writes,

“A kindness, for instance, may triple for days... or set things in motion in different ways. It travels much further than you'll ever know.. under the tree tops... over the snow... til it's wandered... and fluttered... and floated... and twirled — making things happen all over the world”.

And that’s what you do when you contribute to blessing bags for Geneva!! Thank you so much.

For the month of February, we are focusing our efforts towards helping the Stepping Stones Shelter in Rockville, Maryland. From the Stepping Stones mission statement, “Stepping Stones Shelter Inc. provides a continuum of services (emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, and post-shelter support) to homeless families with children in order to move them from crisis to a stable home environment. By offering food, shelter and supportive services in an atmosphere of dignity and respect, Stepping Stones provides hope for the future, strengthens families, and promotes self-sufficiency.”

Urgent needs right now include:  
Paper Plates  
Paper Bowls  
Utensil Sets  
White Kitchen Bags with draw strings  
Green Garbage Bags  
Keurig Coffee Pods  
New or Lightly Used Microwaves  
New Toaster Ovens  
New Glassware Sets  
New Wash Rags  
Bath Rugs & Mats  
Brooms and Dustpans

If you have any questions please contact Allyson at [asmcelwaine@gmail.com](mailto:asmcelwaine@gmail.com) - we are accepting donations of time, talent, and the above mentioned treasures through February 25th. Thank you so much again!!



Allyson McElwaine



2020 was a year of seeking a new, coherent theme for our church's mission. 2021 began with a meeting the Holy Spirit truly seemed to be smiling upon. The meeting began with puzzled looks and head scratching, but over the course of it and the following week, Allyson McElwaine emerged as the leader of the newborn Disability Ministry Team. Here is her latest report:

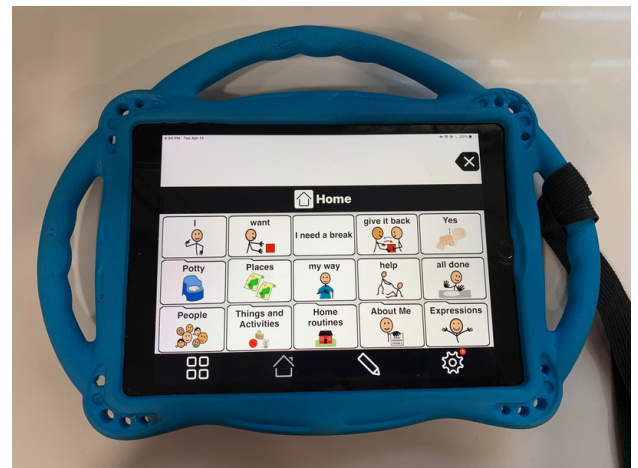
Happy New Year! It was so wonderful to celebrate the Christmas season both virtually and in person and I am excited for what the coming year will bring. The Geneva Disability Ministry Team is happy to update everyone on a few pieces of news!

Our playground play date was put on hold in December due to the cold. However, we were able to gather on January 8th at We Rock The Spectrum, a sensory safe and inclusive play space located in Gaithersburg. We had the privilege of meeting three new families and look forward to including them in our disability ministry events in the future. Stay tuned for information and details regarding upcoming play dates! If you know anyone who may want to have fun and meet new friends at a future play date, please extend the invitation and put them in touch with Allyson through email at [asmcelwaine@gmail.com](mailto:asmcelwaine@gmail.com).

Mr. Anson has joined the childcare team and our childcare space at church is now available again on Sunday mornings! The McElwaine kiddos continue to enjoy the rice sensory table, playing dress up with baby dolls, and taking turns playing make believe with all of the wonderful toys. If you know any children that would like to join in the fun, please invite them on Sunday mornings!

The members of the Disability Ministry Team are always thinking of new ideas and ways to expand our impact! On the horizon, we are planning to complete an accessibility study/audit of the worship space to make sure that we are doing our part to make Geneva the most accessible place possible. We are also ramping up for our first awareness symposium/panel discussion. Details are still emerging about what the symposium will include. We hope this will be an opportunity for us to learn from each other and increase our understanding of the disability community.

If you have thoughts and ideas on projects (big and small) that we can undertake in order to make Geneva Presbyterian the most welcoming and accessible place possible - please contact us. We would love to know your ideas and visions for the future. We welcome you to reach out to Jane Campbell or Allyson McElwaine any time!



*Jane Campbell*

Jane Campbell,  
Mission Elder and Co-Chair of the Disability  
Ministry Team

*Allyson McElwaine*

Allyson McElwaine,  
Co-Chair of the Disability Ministry Team

Happy New Year! Out with the old, and in with the new . . . But before we do that, let's take a look at how we did last year.

At our January Executive Committee meeting, I presented our draft December (and year-end) financial statements. Although not yet official – Session needs to review and approve the statements at their January meeting – I can report to you that we ended up the year better than projected.

Last year at our annual Congregational Meeting, I presented a deficit budget. That means we expected to have higher expenses than the income we brought in, by a little over \$241,430. And at year-end, we did end up with a deficit, although a much smaller deficit than expected. Instead of \$241,430, our deficit was only \$12,341, thanks to a very generous gift from the Geneva Day School.

Now the Executive Committee is developing our 2022 budget. In order to grow while also supporting our existing church family, we will need to provide a welcoming environment and programs. And that costs money and effort. For example, we are starting to review resumes for a Director of Next Generations, and we will build in resources for that new Geneva staff position. We continue to renovate and repair our church property. And just like at your home, there are always bills to pay – water, gas & electric, our 3 employees, etc.

Fortunately, even though we may need to continue running a deficit budget, we do have other resources we can use to keep us financially strong and healthy. Ultimately the goal is to attract new families to become members.

I'm looking forward to seeing what 2022 will bring us, and I'm excited to be part of it all!



Rolf Winch, Treasurer



Greetings Genevans!

As we wind down and reflect on a successful and beautiful Advent season, we give a warm thanks to our worship tech team members and lectors, to our choir members, Music Director Ben, and of course Pastor Patrick for the beautiful services and music we have shared together. Joy to The World indeed.

We celebrate our first full year with the audio video equipment and the amazing capabilities it provides us to worship together whether you're in person or with us online. We wouldn't be here without the generosity and forward thinking of Owen Allen whose gifts and dedication to Geneva will be commemorated in a dedication of our Tech Booth this Spring. Invaluable to say the least.

As we are hunkering down from the cold Winter temperatures and winds, our attention turns ahead to the coming of Spring, and the season of Lent, soon to follow Easter. In just a few week's time we will share in our traditional participation in the Ecumenical Lenten Study Series with our church neighbors along Seven Locks Road. It's always exciting to come together as a community and we always have a strong showing from our congregation representing at the events, I hope to see you there.

May the Lord continue to bless all of us and our Church



Tom Sadler  
Worship and Music Chair

Our 2022 Stewardship Pledge drive was called to a close by Pastor Patrick during Sunday services on January 9th. This has been an encouraging drive, thanks go out to the entire Congregation for giving and considering what makes one comfortable in their personal style of Stewardship. Non pledge giving in 2021 was also generous in our new worship environment where there is a choice to participate "virtually" or "in person". All contributions come within an environment where a plate was never passed in 2021, a first for Geneva. This continues to be our new reality in the New Year. Thank you to all who contributed within this environment.

Sixteen families, members, or participants chose to pledge their 2022 contribution goal, two of which are new to pledge. This pledge of \$ 58,150 is within \$ 758. of the actual funds given by 2021 pledgers. Some contributors who pledged in prior years chose to not pledge during this drive. This is encouraging, as active giving by families and individuals who do not pledge may provide similar or additional funds for operations in 2022. No matter what anyone chooses to or is able to give financially, Geneva is positioned well as 2022 begins. There are stable programs, member participation and leadership in place for our spiritual worship and the personal support of the Geneva community in 2022 and beyond.

Health and Happiness to all in 2022!



Ken Denaburg  
Stewardship Chair

2022



2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 11:00 Neurodiverse Playground Playdate 11:00 Geneva Choir
2 10:30 Worship 3:00 GS Troop - playground	3	4	5 7:00 Bible Study	6	7	8 11:00 Geneva Choir 1:00 Handbell
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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