

## Geneva Presbyterian Church

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Rev. Mary Pullen, Interim Pastor

### Dear Friends at Geneva,

Here we are at the beginning of November! Where did the year go? The older I get, the more the time seems to fly.

We celebrate Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 22, 2018. As we enjoy the time with family and friends, let us think of those things in life for which we should be truly thankful. I'm thankful for the love of family, friends and pets. I'm grateful for each day. Each day is a precious gift, not to be wasted.

A great song of thanksgiving is "My Favorite Things" by Richard Rogers. Julie Andrews sang it in the 1965 movie "The Sound of Music:"

*Raindrops on roses,  
And whiskers on kittens,  
Bright copper kettles and warm woolen mittens,  
Brown paper packages tied up with strings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.  
Cream-colored ponies and crisp apple strudels,  
Doorbells and sleigh bells,  
And schnitzel with noodles,  
Wild geese that fly with the moon on their wings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.  
Girls in white dresses with blue satin sashes,  
Snowflakes that stay on my nose and eyelashes,  
Silver-white winters that melt into springs,  
These are a few of my favorite things.  
When the dog bites,  
When the bee stings,  
When I'm feeling sad,  
I simply remember my favorite things,  
And then I don't feel so bad.*



As we move from Thanksgiving into the Advent and Christmas seasons, Christians give thanks for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Advent is the season of spiritual preparation before Christmas Day. It's a time of waiting. Sister Joan Chittister, Benedictine nun and theologian writes:

*"The function of Advent is to remind us what we're waiting for as we go through life too busy with things that do not matter to remember the things that do. When year after year we hear the same scriptures and the same hymns of longing for the life to come, of which this one is only its shadow, it becomes impossible to forget the refrains of the soul."*

*Advent relieves us of our commitment to the frenetic in a fast-paced world. It slows us down. It makes us think. It makes us look beyond today to the "great tomorrow" of life. Without Advent, moved only by the race to nowhere that exhausts the world around us, we could be so frantic with trying to consume and control this life that we fail to develop within ourselves a taste for the spirit that does not develop within ourselves a taste for the spirit that does not die and will not slip through our fingers like melted snow."*

This year, let's celebrate Christmas, not with commercialism, but with the true spirit of the seasons!

Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas to all of our Geneva family!

Peace and Blessings,

Mary

Pastor Mary

## **KEN DENABURG, STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMAN**

Dear Members and Friends of Geneva Presbyterian Church,

It has been an exciting year in the life of Geneva Presbyterian Church. Our Pastor Nominating Committee is hard at work seeking to find the new pastor. Veronica Deriquito, our Office Administrator, will have been with us one year as of Nov. 27. Ben Shaver, our Music Director, continues to direct our Sanctuary Choir and Bell Choir with energy and enthusiasm. Geneva is moving forward!

**"Moving Forward"** is a good theme for our Stewardship Campaign, and one of the ways we do that is by telling stories. Children and grandchildren love to hear stories of when they were babies. Geneva Presbyterian Church tells its story in many different ways; Worship, Christian Education, Fellowship, Mission, Building and Grounds and Personnel. Personnel expenses usually make up the largest part of the budget, and with the calling of a new pastor, that expense will increase.

Let's take a look at some of the Geneva stories:

**Building and Grounds...** under the leadership of Renee Moloznik, the Founders' Room, Narthex and kitchen areas have been updated significantly.

**Worship and Music...** Every Sunday, as we worship together, we tell the story of Jesus in many different ways...through music, the word preached, prayers, children's message, The Lord's Supper and so on. I don't know about you, but if I miss a Sunday, I feel disconnected and out of

touch. The sense of caring and community is one of our most important strengths as a congregation.

**Mission...** this year, unfortunately the Lord's Table soup kitchen that Geneva supported for so many years closed. Don't despair! Let's think of a way to redirect the energy to find new ways to support mission projects. It's a good thing to think outside of our congregation to help others.

**Christian Education...** Mark Allen and Carl Perthel faithfully teach children and adults weekly and monthly. Dr. C continues to teach her class. The monthly Women's Bible Study at Asbury is continuing this year. One of our needs is to be able to call a Christian Educator again at some point.

**Fellowship...** Rhonda Ricci organizes our monthly and special fellowship events. This enables our sense of community to extend beyond the worship service. We can welcome visitors at these events and get a chance to know them.

The Executive Committee prepares a draft budget every year and submits it to the Session for approval. Fixed expenses are accounted for, but just as with our personal budgets, unexpected expenses come up: a leak in the roof, the need for a new furnace, electrical issues, and backed-up toilets.

Our story at Geneva is rooted in our past experiences. **Moving Forward**, we want to be able to live and grow into a future! To do that takes money. Geneva is a church yes, but the reality is that it takes money to operate.

How can we meet the challenge of **Moving Forward**? Can we **Move Forward** in our pledging? Please prayerfully consider increasing your yearly pledge for 2019. Could we each give a 5% increase?

If you do not do a yearly pledge, but faithfully give to Geneva, I also ask you to prayerfully consider an increase in your giving in 2019.

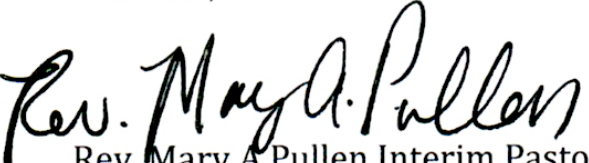
**James 1: 17-18** says:

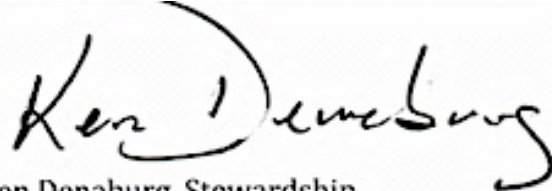
*Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.*

Sunday, November 18, is Pledge Sunday. We will bless the pledges during the worship service.

Let us give generously from our hearts to Geneva Presbyterian Church.

In Christ,

  
Rev. Mary A Pullen Interim Pastor

  
Ken Denaburg, Stewardship

## UPDATE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR!

Dear Geneva,

It's that time of the year again! The weather outside is starting to become frightful, so we should come inside to Geneva and warm ourselves with spreading the good news, cheer, and laughter! Advent is upon us and you know what that means- it's the most wonderful time of the year! We've had some additions in our church choir, as well as our handbell choir. Welcome to Derrick Truby and Yazid Pierce Gray. Derrick will be singing tenor when Yazid is in town, and when he isn't, he will be helping ground our choir by singing bass. Yazid has been accepted and invited to sing with the Santa Barbara (CA) Opera Young Artists Program, which is an exceptional honor! He will return to us late November and be with us through our Advent season!

Speaking of getting close to Advent, this means we will have a few special services in November. To start us off, we have our All Saints Sunday where we honor all of the Saints, known and unknown. The following week, November 11, we honor and celebrate our Veterans. November 18th we will have a service of Thanksgiving, just in time to remind us all that we have to be thankful for and to send you off for good food and family. Our final Sunday in November, as you come back from being stuffed with memories and food, we will maintain our tradition of "Christ the King" Sunday where we explore music and themes throughout the Christian calendar. It's a wonderful way for us to remember where we've come and to look forward to where we are going!

This year, instead of a Christmas cantata, we will be performing the first part of Handel's Messiah. This will also feature a small orchestra that will accompany the choir and soloists. This is going to be an incredible performance "praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest!'" This musical offering will happen on the third Sunday of Advent, December 16, 2018 during our worship service. Start spreading the word; you will not want to miss this. Our bells are back in full swing and ring a ding dinging. They will serenade us in December and prepare our ears and hearts for the coming of Jesus' birth. Another tradition we will uphold is our Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve, but there is a time change. This year we will have our Lessons and Carols service starting at 5 p.m. I hope you are all able to come and hear compelling and awe-inspiring scripture and music.

There's quite a bit to look forward to at Geneva and I hope you will all enjoy sharing some beautiful worship services.



With blessings,

*Ben Shaver*

## PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE!

Your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has the ultimate responsibility for nominating a minister to the congregation for election as the next Pastor. The PNC continues to meet weekly and journey through the pastoral search process, seeking to hear the call of Christ and “to participate in God’s own choice” for your next pastor.

As of this writing, the PNC has interviewed two candidates. While we have more interviews scheduled and we are keeping our candidate funnel open, we remain excited about one of the interviewees in particular. We continue to believe that the Lord, who works in mysterious ways, is doing so even as we speak . . .

In the pastoral call process, the PNC’s responsibilities include:

- ❖ Completing the congregation’s MIF and submitting it to session and presbytery for approval;
  - DONE!
- ❖ Entering the approved MIF online with Church Leadership Connection (CLC);
  - DONE!
- ❖ Receiving, reading, and evaluating Personal Information Forms (PIF) in a spirit of prayerful openness to the movement of God’s Spirit;
  - DONE!
- ❖ Regularly providing reports to the congregation on the pastoral search progress;
  - ON GOING
- ❖ Narrowing the field of prospective pastors through listening to sermons, reference checking (by both the PNC and the presbytery), and phone conference interviews—all while sharing, listening, and praying together;
  - ONGOING
- ❖ Interviewing face-to-face the “short list” of prospective pastors, providing for a welcoming and hospitable visit to our church community;
  - Our next step!
- ❖ Arranging with the presbytery for the necessary examinations and approvals of our finalists;
- ❖ Selecting one nominee to present to the congregation and negotiating the terms of call;
- ❖ Obtaining presbytery approval of the call;
- ❖ Presenting the nominee to the congregation for its vote;
- ❖ Following the affirmative vote of the congregation, signing the pastoral terms of call for the new pastor;
- ❖ Notifying Church Leadership Connection (CLC) when a call has been extended and accepted.

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

Jane Campbell – *Co-Chair*

Elaine Winch – *Co-Chair*

Bob Ricci

Sheri Sankey

Renee Moloznik



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 2018 - 5PM

The Christmas Eve Service for 2018 is at 5pm, not our usual 7pm. Session approved the earlier time change for this year's service. Please make note of this. We will have our usual Lessons and Carols service on Christmas Eve, plus our lovely Christmas music.



## GPC DEACONS UPDATE

Being a Deacon is a wonderful call to service. Deacons are the "servants" or "caregivers" of the congregation. People have all kinds of needs - they are recovering from surgery, grieving, lonely, ill, or otherwise in a time where they welcome the ministry of care from our congregation. In a very real way, Deacons are the hands and heart of the Church in our ministry of caring.

In a small church like Geneva Presbyterian, pastoral care falls to the Deacons as does the small jobs that allow the Sunday service to run smoothly.

These small jobs that allow our Sunday service to run smoothly include:

- setting up of the Sanctuary,
- greeting those attending the service,
- ushering,
- serving communion once a month,
- taking down the Sanctuary after the service.

Pastoral care is:

- checking up on our members that we don't see in church on Sunday,
- helping our older members with small jobs around their homes,
- remembering to send a birthday card/anniversary card to members, or
- just calling and talking with a member.

Currently there are only 4 Deacons to tend to these responsibilities and **we need your help!** I challenge you to think about 2 things and step out in faith: first, become a Deacon; or second, **join the Deacons support team by volunteering to help with the weekly service jobs.** You can help with these jobs by **signing up for Sunday service set up on the kiosk in the Narthex.**

*Many hands make light work!*

Contact any Deacon or Rev. Mary for further information or to join our team.

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Geneva Day School has begun its 54<sup>th</sup> year with students feeling comfortable and happy to be back! The school has good enrollment figures for this time of the year, with openings for families new to the area through its rolling admission process. Remember to refer them to “your” school!

Teachers have been busy with many tasks including assessments and getting ready for Parent Conferences in early November. Together with families, they identify strengths and goals for the rest of the school year.

During the Parent conferences on November 8 and 9, the school is having Scholastic and Osborne book sales. Stop by the Open Classroom between 8:30 – 3:00 to purchase gift books for young children, relatives and friends for the holidays or other special occasions. Fall learning themes are underway, as classes learn about class rules, fire safety, letters of the week, and the season and celebrations of fall.

Halloween is a BIG festivity, and classes enjoy thinking, singing, preparing art, and talking about this traditional American holiday. Room parents are creatively preparing healthy and attractive snacks, and everyone enjoys watching up to four Halloween parades to accommodate all part-time students.

The Geneva Parent Association (GPA) conducted an amazing Fall Family Festival on the Geneva grounds on Saturday, October 20. The children enjoyed inflatables, games, face and pumpkin painting, scarecrow stuffing, balloons, the child-friendly Capmac Food Truck and more! Thank you for supporting your school and its parent association!

The famous Kindergarten Holiday Program is scheduled for Thursday, December 13, at 12:30 p.m. If you haven’t yet watched one of their programs, you will be amazed at how 5-year olds can sing and perform! Please join the school for this wonderful show to put you in the winter and holiday spirit!

Geneva staff and students wish all church friends the very best in the new year of 2019! We hope it is one of peace, good health, and wonderful memories for each of you!

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

## UPDATE FROM MISSION

We learned in August that the Lord's Table would not be reopening in the fall. The Mission Committee is accepting suggestions for other activities to take on as missions of Geneva Presbyterian Church.

The nod has been given to Rhonda's suggestion for work at the Villages at Rockville. Finding other new missions is a work in progress, though. What's more, soon we will be installing a new pastor, and we would like to leave some room for him or her to have input into directions we go in.

There is work in progress to see that Mary Canapary receives some much-deserved recognition for her many, many years of work on the Lord's Table.

Sincerely,  
**Elder Jane Campbell**  
Mission Chair

## COMMENTS FROM YOUR TREASURER - ROLF WINCH

In the past couple of issues of the Radiant, I've talked about the process that our Executive Committee goes through when reviewing the 3 monthly Financial Statements. These draft statements are then presented at our Session meeting, reviewed again and then approved by Session.

In the September-October issue, I included a copy of the September 30 Statement of Activities and also information from the Statement of Financial Position. The Statement of Activities shows how much our church has spent during the month, and in what areas.

The Statement of Financial Position lists all our assets and liabilities, and compares those figures with where we were at this point last year. I am including a Statement of Financial Position ending September 30, 2018 in this issue. It shows that current assets in all our accounts are \$175,907.66. This compares favorably with what we had last year – September 30, 2017 - \$146,204.45, an increase of just over \$29,700.

There is a 3<sup>rd</sup> financial statement, called the Statement of Dedicated Accounts, and I often get questions about this statement, and what it shows. Let me use an analogy to explain:

I once heard of a family that used an interesting method to make sure they could pay their monthly bills. Each bill had its own envelope – rent, gas, electric, insurance, etc. When the weekly paychecks were cashed, money would go into each envelope until there was enough in the envelope to pay that bill. When the bill became due, the corresponding envelope would be used to pay that bill. Any “extra” money could then be spent without having to worry about not having enough to pay the bills.

In our accounting system, the Statement of Dedicated Accounts is equivalent to the envelopes. It's a way to separate different accounts – bills in the above example – so they can be used for a specific purpose. For example, one of our dedicated accounts is the Building and Reserve Fund. We use that account to pay for renovations to our church, like the new kitchen and floors just



installed, or when the air conditioning or furnace needs to be replaced. Continuing with the analogy, the Statement of Financial Position would be like listing all the money in the envelopes, and our Statement of Activities would be equivalent to showing how and when each bill is paid.

Speaking of the Building and Reserve Fund . . .

At the beginning of this year, we had \$69,608.28 in that fund. As of September 30, that balance was \$40,028.69 – a decrease of over \$29,500. In the beginning of 2017, the fund was at \$77,010.25, and in the beginning of 2016 the fund balance was \$100,312.90.

Do you notice a trend?

With our Stewardship campaign just starting, I (and the Executive Committee) would like you to consider making an additional pledge to rebuild our Building and Reserve Fund. Contributing to the Building and Reserve Fund will help us to not only maintain our church if and when something breaks or needs to be replaced, but it will also help to keep our church the beautiful house of God we all enjoy. Please prayerfully consider helping to build our reserve fund back to its prior amount.

We are in a very exciting point in the life of our church! Our Pastoral Nominating Committee is getting closer to finding our next permanent minister. With that comes a renewed excitement about our future – bigger dreams coupled with more energy and work. Our future is coming at us quickly, and we need to be ready with all our resources – time, talents and treasure. 2019, here we come!



### **THANK YOU GENEVA LADIES!**

We had a lovely time with everyone who joined us for the Ladies' Luncheon! We look forward to spending time with everyone at the next luncheon!

# Statement of Financial Position

September 2018

	Year to Date Balance	This Month Change	Balance Last Month	Year to Date Change	Year to Date Last Year
<b>Assets</b>					
<b>Current Assets</b>					
100 Sun Trust Checking	94,720.60	3,582.08	91,138.52	6,017.93	70,418.20
103 H Beck Inc	11.49	0.90	10.59	(6,156.17)	2,333.40
106 Petty Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
110 Due from GDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
111 First Internet Bank of Indiana	81,175.57	76.66	81,098.91	7,543.67	73,452.85
Current Assets Totals:	175,907.66	3,659.64	172,248.02	7,405.43	146,204.45
<b>Total Assets:</b>	175,907.66	3,659.64	172,248.02	7,405.43	146,204.45
<b>Liabilities</b>					
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
200 SunTrust - VISA	(497.27)	0.00	(497.27)	(82.37)	(387.64)
201 Accrued Comp. & Benefits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
202 Accrued Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Current Liabilities Totals:	(497.27)	0.00	(497.27)	(82.37)	(387.64)
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>	(497.27)	0.00	(497.27)	(82.37)	(387.64)
<b>Net Assets</b>					
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
300 Available Funds at Dec. 31	46,498.60	0.00	46,498.60	0.00	25,166.09
<b>Dedicated Accounts</b>					
Without Donor Restrictions	81,608.92	(7,669.89)	89,278.81	(29,862.29)	113,114.16
With Donor Restrictions	5,679.30	(576.66)	6,255.96	(5,268.02)	6,827.35
Dedicated Accounts Totals:	87,288.22	(8,246.55)	95,534.77	(35,130.31)	119,941.51
Current Period Changes to Net Assets	42,618.11	11,906.19	30,711.92	42,618.11	1,484.49
<b>Total Net Assets:</b>	176,404.93	3,659.64	172,745.29	7,487.80	146,592.09
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets:</b>	175,907.66	3,659.64	172,248.02	7,405.43	146,204.45

## CLERK OF SESSION UPDATE!

In providing the members of Geneva Presbyterian Church an update from the Clerk of Session, there are two principle foci. The first is to offer an update of the church rolls with changes in membership (by transfer, by confirmation, by withdrawal, etc.). The second is to share a synopsis of business transacted during the Stated Session Meetings.

Regarding the first of these responsibilities (changes in church membership), I have an easy task this quarter. There have been no official changes in church membership—obviously it is akin to the glass being half full or glass being half empty (or as alluded to during services on Oct 07 . . .viewing the glass as “bone dry”). No additions or subtractions from the Geneva church rolls.

As to the second challenge (sharing a synopsis of the Session’s decisions and attention to the business of the church and its diverse areas of functioning), a difficulty arises. Having had a brief hiatus during the end of summer, the Session has thus far only met in September (next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>) and during that meeting no “new” business was conducted other than responding to committee reports. Additionally that September meeting was combined with the Executive Committee Meeting, which has a bearing on what is relevant to include in an accounting to the gentle and attentive readers of the Radiant. This reporting on the Session meeting of September (being combined with the Executive Committee meeting) wherein only committee reports were reviewed and approved means that there is significant risk of redundancy—presumably in this edition of the Radiant other committees have included the very same details as were presented to Session.

Geneva Presbyterian Church, being a faith-based organization, and me being an officer of the church will take that leap of faith and attempt to avoid the dreaded redundancy (believing that the committee chairs will post information to this edition). Similarly, I will take the leap of faith that by listing simple nuggets of information and like a scavenger hunt, readers can look for more information elsewhere in The Radiant. Those Radiant readers interested in more detail can contact the appropriate officers involved in that aspect of church functioning (the committee chairs).

Executive Committee (Janelle Thibau, Chair) Nuggets—An “outside audit” of church books is strongly recommended prior to installation of a new pastor (the degree of depth of this audit will have to be determined—full audit vs. review of books) . . .The Budget for 2019 needs to be addressed in a timely fashion although there are variables (such as the cost of the pastor search and hire) which will complicate matters. Treasurer (Rolf Winch reporting) has income only a little below 2018 budget projections while expenses are more under budget (yielding a positive balance which is expected to be sustained through the rest of the year) . . .Founders room and kitchen renovations have been undertaken with considerable success and positive acclamation (Renee Moloznik being a principle party in directing this undertaking) . . .Building and Reserve funds have been utilized and are experiencing some depletions—a plan for promoting replenishing these important coffers will be needed. Security concerns (in conjunction with the day school) have been brought to Executive and to Session with recommendations for increasing a commitment to electronic surveillance being investigated.



Building and grounds has ongoing projects such as repair of external pillars in front of the church, air conditioning evaluations, chronic choir room leak and covering of the speakers in the sanctuary. . .the music program (under Ben Shaver's direction) has been allotted an additional \$5,000 to facilitate and enhance its operation through the year.

Other Session Nuggets (Mark Allen, Clerk of Session) –Marsha Craft was given a card of thanks for her role in helping to administer the Greenbaum Foundation's gift of \$500 to Geneva families in need. . Mission Committee (Jane Campbell, Chair) is saddened to report that GPC's long standing relationship with the Lord's Table has come to an end as that organization appears to have ceased operation—the Mission committee is open to suggestions for other charitable service organizations or projects with which GPC can become involved . . .the Pastor Nominating Committee (Jane Campbell reporting) has had a very favorable response to their call for Pastor Information Forms (a preliminary screening of candidates for the Pastor position). . .Christian Education (Carl Perthel, Chair) is in the process of restarting both youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Study.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Elder Mark Allen**  
Clerk of Session

### **BOY SCOUTS FOOD COLLECTION FOR MANNA FOOD CENTER**

Each fall the Boy Scouts of the Montgomery Service Area, which includes the Potomac District, conducts a food drive to collect non-perishable food items for the Manna Food Center in Gaithersburg.

This event is the largest single contribution of food for Manna. We typically collect 55,000-65,000 pounds of food or enough to support 1,000 families in our area.

This year Manna has made up some collection boxes to be placed in community and office buildings. There will be a collection box placed in the narthex on Sunday, October 28, and Sunday, November 4. There is a collection box in Geneva Day School as well.

The collection drive ends on November 7, 2018.  
I will make arrangements to have the food picked up by the Boy Scouts at that time.

Thank you,  
**Elder Ken Sprinkle**  
Worship and Music





## DATES TO NOTE

Mark your calendars for the following events:

Sunday, November 11 – Veterans Day Potluck	11:30am
Sunday, November 25 – Donut Sunday	11:30am
Saturday, December 1 – Hanging of the greens and lunch!	10:00am
Sunday, December 9 – Chili Cook Off and Carols Sing Along	11:30am
Sunday, December 16 – Handel’s Messiah with reception to follow	10:30am
Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Service – Lessons and Carols	5:00pm
Sunday, December 30 – Donut Sunday	11:30am



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Don't forget to turn your clocks back as Daylight Savings Time ends on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 o'clock AM.





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November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 10:30am Worship - Reformation Sunday 11:45am Sanctuary Choir Practice 2:00pm Iglesia 7:00pm AA	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:00pm Iglesia	<b>31</b> 7:30pm Handbell Practice	<b>1</b> 9:00am GDS Parenting Class	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00pm My Faithful Pastor Ministries 7:00pm Iglesia
<b>4</b> 10:30am Worship (Communion/Intinction) 11:45am Sanctuary Choir Practice 2:00pm Iglesia 7:00pm AA	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Iglesia	<b>7</b> 7:30pm Handbell Practice	<b>8</b> 9:00am GDS Parenting Class	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00pm My Faithful Pastor Ministries 7:00pm Iglesia
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December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> 10:30am Worship 11:30am Donut Sunday 11:45am Sanctuary Choir Practice 2:00pm Iglesia 7:00pm AA	<b>26</b> 7:00pm Session Meeting	<b>27</b> 7:00pm Iglesia	<b>28</b> 7:30pm Handbell Practice	<b>29</b> 9:00am GDS Parenting Class	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> 11:00am Hanging of the Greens and lunch 7:00pm My Faithful Pastor Ministries 7:00pm Iglesia
<b>2</b> 10:30am Chili Cook-off and Christmas Carol Sing Along 10:30am Worship (Communion/Intinction) 11:45am Sanctuary Choir Practice ...	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00pm Iglesia	<b>5</b> 7:30pm Handbell Practice	<b>6</b> 9:00am GDS Parenting Class	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00pm My Faithful Pastor Ministries 7:00pm Iglesia
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<b>16</b> 10:30am Handel's Messiah and reception 10:30am Worship 11:45am Sanctuary Choir Practice 2:00pm Iglesia 7:00pm AA	<b>17</b> 7:00pm Executive Committee	<b>18</b> 7:00pm Iglesia	<b>19</b> 7:30pm Handbell Practice	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</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. If the schools close early, the church office will close early.



**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, Dec. 9, the decision would be made on Saturday, December 8 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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