



BACKPACK SUPPLY DRIVE

Now through August 8

We are once again partnering with the Rotary Club of Mission Viejo to provide school supplies for children in low income families. Our goal is to give 100 backpacks each to two local schools, San Joaquin and Linda Vista Elementary. Each backpack will be filled with the school supplies needed as listed by the Saddleback and Capistrano Unified school districts. Download a list of requested items at genevapres.org/events. You may also pick one up in the church office. The supply list will be updated as we collect items.

Please bring your donations to the church during office hours (Mon.-Thurs., 9am-4pm; Fri. 9am-1pm) and place them in the specified bin provided. All donations must be received by **August 8**. Thank you!



2021-22 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

O'Neill/Boyer scholarships demonstrate Geneva's commitment to nurture, care for and direct youth in the ways of Christ as they move forward in their lives. Congratulations to this year's recipients:

Taylor Horne

Texas Christian University

Grant Penderghast

Arizona State University

Karen Lussier

Boise State

Matt Prichard

Cal State Fullerton

Hannah Mosher

Creighton University

Kyle Robertson

Carnegie Mellon University

Ben Pado

Grand Canyon College

Elizabeth Tedrow

Orange Coast College

Chris Pado

Cal State Fullerton

Brenna Tosh

Cornell

Joe Pado

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Bronwyn Tosh

University of Washington

Garrett Penderghast

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VIRTUAL "MEET & GREET"

Wednesday, August 18, 7-7:30pm

Virtual Meet & Greets via Zoom are for Geneva newcomers or current members wanting to reconnect. Only 20-30 minutes, it's just enough time for two fellow Genevans to answer questions, discover how we may help you or just to have a quick chat. To participate, register at genevapres.org/events or call the church office at 949-837-2323. Don't know how to Zoom? Let us know when you call and we're happy to assist you.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, August 24, 1-2pm, McLennan Lounge

In August the group will be discussing *Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert. You may participate in-person or via Zoom. Join the the group at genevapres.churchcenter.com/groups to receive an email with the Zoom meeting ID. For technical support, email us at info@genevapres.org or call the church during office hours at 949-837-2323.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Email your request to prayer@genevapres.org or call the church office at 949-837-2323. All requests are strictly confidential.

Paul Arndt	Lettie Freeman
Bill Barnes	Jack Garrison
Jerra Lynne Beckhart	Hank Green
Pat Chapman	Carol Van Kirk
Beth Coombs	Char Konyndyk
Norm Coombs	Harriet & Bink Lewis
Mary Enser	George Marsh
Jonathan Flores	Joyce Walker

Our Church Prayer: *Dreaming God, You invite us to participate in fulfilling Your dream of a family which is reconciled with You and one another, regardless of ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or physical abilities. Hear our prayer and we pray it expectantly in Jesus' name, Amen.*

LINE DANCING RETURNS SEPT 9th

Mondays & Thursdays, 3-4pm, Saddleback Room

Line dancing is loads of fun and is the perfect low impact exercise to keep you moving which is a key component of a healthy lifestyle. Both the Monday and Thursday class is for beginners, so no experience is necessary. A \$3 donation is requested for each class which meets for one hour with a hydration break.

OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONAL

June/July/Aug 2021 Edition

Sept/Oct/Nov 2021 Edition



Begin your day reflecting on God's word as found in the *Our Daily Bread* devotional booklet. Pick up the current or next edition in the church office. You may also call (949-837-2323) or email us (info@genevapres.org) and a copy will be mailed to you. To read the daily devotional online and view a recording of Pastor Steve's reflection on each passage, visit genevapres.org/learn. You can also view Steve's daily message and past messages on the Geneva YouTube Channel (YouTube.com/genevapresbyterianchurchoc).

GPW UPDATE

After a long pandemic induced hiatus, we're pleased to announce that Geneva Presbyterian Women (GPW) will resume their monthly meetings on campus in October. A few program tweaks are in the works, so stay tuned for more information.

Some GPW "circle" Bible study groups will be returning to campus prior to October. Check with your circle leader for the latest information. If you are not in a circle and would like to join one, we encourage you to do so. Please contact Janie Williams at jw@janieonline.com or call the church office at 949-837-2323 to become involved. Women of all ages are welcome!

JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR!

Rehearsals resume Thursday, August 12, 7:30pm in Simpson Hall

The Geneva Chancel Choir is eagerly looking forward to returning to rehearsing together and at long last bringing beautiful and inspiring anthems to our worship services in person!

Choir rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:30, beginning August 12 in Simpson Hall. If you are interested in singing with the Chancel Choir, we would love to welcome you.

Certain protocols will be observed to keep everyone as safe as possible. If you wish to learn more about singing in the choir, please contact Eileen O'Hern at eoherne@genevapres.org, or call the church office at 949-837-2323 to leave a message.

REVISED ICW RETURNS

The *In Community With* worship bulletin is once again being distributed at the 9am worship service. In order to keep printing costs down, the ICW is now four pages (down from 8-12 pages) and is printed in the church office. In order to do this, only event and program highlights are mentioned each week.

For a more comprehensive look at what's happening in the church please refer to the *Communication Update* article on page 5.

NEW SERMON SERIES

Pastor Steve's sermon series **Jesus' Message: You Are The Change** begins August 29 and runs through October 17. The resource book for the series is Bobby Schuller's book *Change Your Thoughts Change Your World: How Life-Giving Thoughts Can Unlock Your Destiny*. You may purchase a book through the church for \$10 while supplies last. Call us at 949-837-2323, send an email request to info@genevapres.org or buy online at genevapres.churchcenter.com/registrations.

CURRENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9am - On Campus in the Sanctuary

Masks are now required for unvaccinated *and* recommended for vaccinated worshippers.

10:30am - Live Stream

Connect at genevapres.org, YouTube or Facebook.

10:30am - Village TV Rebroadcast

Laguna Woods Village residents may view the previous week's worship service on Laguna Woods Village TV (Channels 6, 6.1 or 406). Download the ICW bulletin from the genevapres.org homepage.

JAZZ VESPERS RETURNS

Sunday, September 12, 4pm in the Sanctuary

Our Jazz Vespers service will be offered the second Sunday of every month beginning September 12. This is a departure from the previous offering which was the first Sunday of the month.

Jazz Vespers features the same pastoral message as our Sunday morning services enhanced by the smooth sounds of the Norm Freeman Quartet. To learn more about the Norman Freeman Quartet visit jazzministry.org.

Geneva offers Jazz Vespers as a free gift to the communities we serve. It is the generosity of sponsors who make this service possible. Learn more and/or sign up for sponsorship online at genevapres.org/worship. You may also contact Geneva Business Manager Gary Pado at gpado@genevapres.org or call the church office at 949-837-2323. Sponsorships must be received two weeks prior to the service in order to be included in the Order of Worship distributed at each service.

COMMUNION DATES

Remaining communion dates for 2021: September 5, October 3, November 21, December 19 and 24.





KNOTT'S BERRY FARM

Friday, August 13, 9am-5pm

Register by Friday, August 6

Geneva youth and their friends are headed to Knott's Berry Farm Friday, August 13 and **the whole church is invited to get in on the fun!** The following group discounts apply and lunch is included: \$40 (5th-12th grade), \$50 (4th grade and under, and adults).

Register at genevapres.org/events. If you are over 25 and you can drive 4 or more students to and from Knott's your admission is free! If you drive, simply enter the code "DRIVER" at checkout to get your admission free. We will meet at 9am in the Geneva parking lot and return by 5pm.

Note: Volunteer adult drivers do not need to be a chaperone at Knott's and can enjoy the day at the park at their own leisure! Children 4th grade and under must be accompanied by their parent/guardian.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MEETUP

Thursdays, 7pm

Pastor Ryan invites 6th-8th graders and their friends for this secure weekly virtual connect (soon to be meeting in person!). To participate, join the group here to receive an email with more info and the Zoom meeting ID. Questions? Contact Pastor Ryan at rromberg@genevapres.org or DM him on instagram @ryanromberg.

HIGH SCHOOL HANG

Sundays, 7pm

This weekly group provides a non-judgmental refuge for 9th-12th graders to be authentically themselves. The group meets in homes of Geneva members on a rotating basis. To participate or just to learn more and get in the communication loop, contact Pastor Ryan at rromberg@genevapres.org or DM him on instagram @ryanromberg.



DRIVE & DROP FOOD DRIVE RECAP

Last month's food drive brought in **1,776 pounds** of non-perishable items to help replenish the shelves of the South County Outreach Food Pantry.

Kudos to our Vacation Bible School and Geneva Children's Center families for contributing 517 pounds of food alone! Seeing as 43% of the Food Pantry clients are children, the food drive was a "hands on" way to teach kids how they can help the less fortunate in their own backyard.

Thank you to all Genevans and friends who contributed food donations and/or time toward another successful event.

MONDAY RECEPTIONISTS NEEDED

We're still looking for a few volunteer receptionists! Our greatest need is for Monday (morning or afternoon) and Friday morning. Thank you to these wonderful ladies for already answering the call (so to speak!): **Donna Barry, Ann Bullard, Rosemary Davidson, Kathleen Hagan, Margaret Murray, Gloria Newell** and **Jeanette Peck**. Call Laura McCallum at 949-837-2323 if interested.



ADMINISTRATION

FINANCIAL RECAP

January through June 2021

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Pledges	\$383,241	\$321,193	\$62,048
Total Revenue	\$606,028	\$520,959	\$139,069
Total Expenses	\$521,168	\$532,998	\$ (11,830)
Net Income	\$138,860	\$ (12,039)	\$150,899

Pledge revenue started out strong in the beginning of the year and has been close to budget for the last several months. Other positive revenue additions have come from the Presbytery in the form of grants supporting our Channel 6 outreach effort and on campus Covid related efforts. We also benefitted from a federal employee retention tax credit. Expense savings are related to efficiencies in staff hours, lower electricity usage and communication cost efficiencies.

GET THE CHURCH CENTER APP

A faster connection to Geneva is at your fingertips. Here are a few of the functions the App allows you to perform from your smartphone:



- Connect to livestream worship, the Geneva website, YouTube Channel or Facebook
- Join a group
- Make a donation
- **Check the church calendar**
- View Pastor Steve's daily devotional video messages
- View current *In Community With* Bulletin
- View the church directory
- Register and check in for events

Download the Church Center App from either the Apple Store or the Google Play Store at

churchcenter.com/app. Questions? Call the church office during office hours at 949-837-2323 or email us at **info@genevapres.org**.

COMMUNICATION UPDATE

Let's continue to embrace technology!

We are thrilled with the many Genevans who prior to the pandemic were reluctant to embrace technology, but now have become proficient with Zoom, visit the Geneva website regularly and have even downloaded the Geneva App. We celebrate you! Let's keep this going.

As the church continues to reopen, our pandemic hiatus has allowed ministries a unique opportunity to view things with fresh eyes. As a result, past programs may now look slightly different. New offerings may emerge. Previous activities may no longer make sense while others will remain the same. There's much to talk about!

In order for everyone to stay updated and connected in the most cost efficient way possible, here are the four most important communication vehicles for Geneva members going forward, and you guessed it, they involve technology!

- 1. The Geneva Website** (genevapres.org): Current events, registrations, newsletters, a current calendar with activity descriptions – you name it, it's all here.
- 2. The Church Center App:** Everything listed above and more available from your smartphone. Learn more in the article at left.
- 3. eNews:** Make sure to read our weekly and monthly emails which include links to additional documents and registrations when applicable.
- 4. Monthly Newsletter:** The only printed communication which is delivered to each Geneva member household. Past copies are available on the website, at the Welcome Center on Sundays and in the church office.

If there is every anything you wish to know and cannot find in any of these publications, or if you have ideas or comments, please contact Edie Robertson, Geneva Communications Director, at 949-837-2323 or email her at **erobertson@genevapres.org**.

A GREAT SUMMER FOR KIDS & YOUTH

Contributed by Pastor Ryan Romberg

Our Kids and Youth programs have seen a resurgence this summer and it has been a pure joy. Over 40 kids K-6th grade rocked in our Chapel during Vacation Bible School last month. Our Youth were refreshed at Summer Camp on Catalina Island and now can't wait to spend practically every waking hour with students and adults who care about them in our church.

As a result of all of this enthusiasm from kids, parents and leaders, we are planning many upcoming events to continue to build on the relationships established this summer. At this point we are only limited by the number of faithful adults who step up to serve. We'd love for you to encounter this joy with us. Contact me today, Pastor Ryan (rromberg@genevapres.org or 949-837-2323), for easy ways you can do that.

In the meantime, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously gave their time and opened their hearts to the children and youth of Geneva this summer. You truly were the best Jesus these kids encountered!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Tyler Cabral	Sherry Hoselton	Ben Pado
Daria Clement	Jane Kingston	Chris Pado
Makenna Dwelley	Rod Kingston	Joe Pado
River Dwelley	Barb Lorenzen	Ben Romberg
Linda Erickson	Ethan Moorehouse	Peter Sedlewicz
Diane Felton	Rebecca Moorehouse	Nancy Stapleton
Pat Garrison	Kinheng Ng	Elizabeth Tedrow
Aiden Gerris	Yeeheng Ng	Penny Prol
Landon Gough	Elizabeth Njoroge	Betty Whitney
Lauren Horne	Rebecca Njorge	Madisyn Wood

SUMMER CAMP

Dave Horne
Taylor Horne
Elizabeth Tedrow

PHOTO GALLERY



Above: VBS families and Geneva volunteers enjoy a fun day at the park the week following VBS. **Left:** Ethan Moorehouse and Ben Romberg clown around. **Bottom:** Pastor Steve leads the congregation in prayer for our scholarship recipients.



Above & Left: Geneva youth had a blast at this year's summer camp on Catalina Island.



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