

Geneva

TODAY!

Sept/Oct
2014



The Reverend Dr.
Steven M. Marsh

Geneva Pastoral Candidate Announced!

The Pastor Nominating Committee is pleased to introduce their pastoral candidate to the congregation: The Reverend Dr. Steven M. Marsh.

Steve Marsh brings to ministry 32 years of pastoral experience, having served many church families, most recently as Interim Executive Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Steve's passion for ministry is rooted in the person and purpose of Jesus Christ and bridging the gap

between personal faith and social engagement. His life and ministry demonstrate a deep commitment to evangelism. Steve's dedication to discipleship and his love of teaching the Bible are equally important priorities in his ministry.

Steve also brings many gifts and competencies to his ministry settings: Preaching and Worship, Leadership, Spiritual Maturity, Public Communication, Decision Making, Organizational Agility, Strategy and Vision, Funds Development,

Collaboration, Interpersonal Engagement and Personal Resilience.

We invite you to learn more about Pastor Steve and his lovely wife of 35 years, Janet. Turn to pages 6 and 7 to meet his family and read more about his faith journey. You can also meet the Marshes and listen to Pastor Steve preach. See dates and times below. It is an exciting time in the life of our church, and we thank God for the gifts He is bestowing upon us.

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Reflection from the Pastor, 8-13-2014

Well, it's been an amazing three years and 3 months of ministry with Geneva! Thanks to the PNC for their hard work and determination to finally bring a candidate in nomination to the congregation. Thanks to everyone for their patience over the last three years through the long interim season and all the things that we experienced together to prepare Geneva for the coming of the next pastor. As the time gets closer for your Pastor Nominating Committee to present their candidate to the people of Geneva on Sunday September 7th, let me reflect on a few questions I have been asked:

First, "Is September 7th the starting date for the new pastor?" No, that is the Sunday when the PNC will introduce to Geneva the candidate and nominee for the position of Pastor/Head of Staff. This candidate will preach and lead worship in all three worship services. Following the 11am worship service there will be a called congregational meeting for the specific purpose of electing the candidate and approving his compensation package. Opportunity will be given for everyone to ask questions of the nominee before he will be dismissed with family members out of the sanctuary. In addition, before the vote, the compensation package will be presented and questions about it will be answered before the congregation will vote to elect the nominee and the vote on his compensation package. Assuming the election of the candidate is positive, he will return to his current



congregation, finish his ministry there, say goodbye and move to Geneva to start ministry sometime in October.

Second, "Do you (Pastor Mike) have a call to another church?" At the time of this writing, I don't. I am actively searching for my next ministry adventure and have talked with a few Interim Pastor Nominating Committees all across the nation. Nothing is serious yet. I will go where God leads me but I am hoping to serve in a church close to home. Joni and I need your prayers for my next ministry assignment to become clear very soon. In 35 years of ministry God has never let me down and I trust him totally for my next ministry. Although my mind is getting a little anxious, my heart is at peace trusting in the Lord's provision for my future. Please pray for us as we make connections and discern next steps in our future.

Third, as the new pastor comes, it is not time to sit back and expect him to do everything. Now will be the time to get involved. A pastor's

ministry is only as good as the church membership's involvement. It's time to join with others and be the Church God has called Geneva to be: a loving, welcoming, mission station that equips its members to go out into the neighborhoods with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That means it's going to be all hands on deck! Come to Geneva to be filled and inspired to go out into the world for Christ.

That's what you have done for me and Joni. We feel prepared to be sent out by you for our next mission. Join us in prayer for God's guidance over the next few months so that God's will for us will become known just as his will for Geneva is becoming clear. Next month I'll take time to say goodbye, but for now let's celebrate God's provision for Geneva!

Peace, Pastor Mike

Community Bible Study Begins - September 4

Women can enjoy a year-long, comprehensive Bible Study and fellowship through Community Bible Study (CBS). CBS meets every Thursday morning at 9:15 AM, September 4 through May 14 (with breaks for holidays). The annual registration is \$25 per adult, and \$10 for childcare. The study this year will focus on six books of the Bible: Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. For more information, please contact Carlene Williams at 949-454-8752.

Caravelle Mariners Meets - September 10

Mariners will meet on Wednesday, September 10 at 11:30 AM in McLennan Lounge. All are welcome aboard to plan our future potluck lunches and programs. We need your help so the ship doesn't sink! No "Boarding Pass" required, just your favorite dish and your good ideas. For questions or more information, call Jim or Joan Kane at 949-380-4856.



Hearing Loop Initiative

A Hearing Loop was recently installed in our sanctuary. **Sunday, September 14, at 2:00 PM**, come to the sanctuary and "hear" more about this new technology now available at Geneva. An informative presentation on the loop will be given by Warren Willard, partner in the

company Hearing Now USA, provider of our hearing loop, and locally renowned audiologist, Dr. Colucci. Entertainment for the afternoon will be provided by the Prime Time quartet. In order to raise funds for the hearing loop system we will also be having a bake sale sponsored by Dolce-Monacelli Bakery, and silent auction with many exciting items up for grabs to the highest bidder. Everyone is invited to attend. Fliers are available in the church office about the event.

Mother of Multiples Fall Sale - September 27

Attention all young families! The Saddleback Mothers of Multiples Club is sponsoring their annual "Clothes & Equipment" sale Saturday, September 27th in Simpson Hall from 8:00 - 11:00 AM. At the sale you'll find gently used items for babies and children up to around age ten at great prices, and there's tons of stuff to choose from. You won't want to miss this great opportunity to save some big bucks for your family.

Reformation Sunday Celebration - Oct. 26th

Help celebrate our Presbyterian heritage with special music and Kirkin' O' the Tartans at all three service. Bring your coat of arms and wear you tartans (plaids) to honor your heritage and receive a special blessing. A bagpiper will play for all services and in the courtyard. **Save the date for the 3rd Annual Burns Supper which will be January 24, 2015, Clubhouse 7.**

Noteworthy Events

September

- 1 Happy Labor Day! - Office Closed
- 4 Community Bible Study Begins (see article at left)
- 6 Pastor Marsh "Meet and Greet" 3:00 PM
- 7 Pastor Marsh preaches & congregational meeting
- 10 Caravelle Mariners Group meets
- 14 Hearing Loop Initiative (see article at left)
- 17 Presbyterian Luncheon 11:15 AM
- 27 Mother of Multiples Fall Sale (see article at left)

October

- 26 Reformation Sunday (see article at left)

Mark Your Calendar!

November 2 - FREE Flu Shot Clinic!
Call church for details.

Welcome Laura Miller!

Welcome new Children's Choir Director, Laura Miller. Laura graduated from Chapman University with a B.A. in music education and is excited to join the Geneva staff and working with our children. Children's Choir meets Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:15 AM. First meeting is September 14.

Health Ministry Offerings

Let's Get Moving!

Mondays from 3:30 - 4:30 PM, the Health Ministry is offering a fun way to shape up by getting together to move (stretch) to a DVD for some gentle exercise. There are a few different varieties of music and activities. Currently the group is learning a patriotic hula. In September, we plan a simple line dance along with chair exercises. Some DVDs we use are: "Sit and Fit," "Spiritual yoga," "White Tiger Tai Chi," Weight watcher body shaping, etc. We have had an average attendance of 7 for the first quarter. Come join us!

New Scottish Dance Class

Starts Wednesday
October 1, 4:00 PM
McLennan Lounge

This 4-week class will introduce attendees to the social and country dances of Scotland. The dances are done in sets or as couples; however, it is not necessary to attend with a partner. Please wear low-heeled, soft-soled shoes and comfortable clothing. Classes are 1½ hours. Cost is \$3.00 per session per person payable to instructor, Renée Boblette. Appropriate for anyone aged 10 and over, beginners to experienced dancers welcome.

We are proud to have Renée leading this class. Renée is a Fully Certified Scottish Country Dance instructor and has taught in Orange County for 30 years.



Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."



New group offering: Growing in Christ through Grief

Losing someone or something you love is very painful. You may experience all kinds of difficult emotions and it may feel like the pain and sadness you're experiencing will never let up. But you don't have to travel this journey alone.

Beginning **October 16**, member Ruth Niebuhr will be leading a 6-week group session which focuses on helping participants grow personally and spiritually together through the grief process. The group will meet **Thursday afternoons from 3:30 - 4:30 PM in the Annex**, just across from the church office. The meeting dates are: October 16, 23 and 30; November 6, 13 and 20. All members and non-members are welcome. The group size is limited, and the ability to attend all six meeting dates is requested.

If you are interested, please call the church office at 837-2323. Office staff can answer basic questions about the group. If you are ready to commit to the six-week session, please leave your contact information with the receptionist and Ruth will get in touch with you prior to the first meeting date.

School supplies needed for Boys & Girls Club

Welcome back to another school year! The summer has been very busy at the Boys & Girls Club in Iglesia Park. The average attendance for the summer program, which Genevans have helped support, was 70! The ages of children in attendance was age 6 - 18. Thank you to all who volunteered to help.

Now that the school year is about to begin, so will the Homework Club. Opening day will be **Monday, September 15. The hours of operation are 2:40 PM to 3:40 PM.** Volunteers to help students with

their homework will be needed. If interested in volunteering, please contact Katie Paules, Branch Director at 949-699-2552. The Homework Club is also in need of the following supplies: **lined paper, graph paper, pencils, blue/black pens, jump ropes, markers/crayons, calculators and assorted balls.** School supplies can be left in the Boys & Girls Club box in the church office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Vision Challenges: Low Vision

Due to an increase in the number of aging baby boomers and the growing prevalence of such diseases as diabetes and age-related macular degeneration (AMD), some 61 million Americans are at a high risk of serious vision loss.

Partial vision loss that cannot be corrected causes a vision impairment known as low vision. A person with low vision has severely reduced visual acuity, contrast sensitivity, or a significantly obstructed field of vision—or all three.

Signs of Low Vision:

- Difficulty recognizing a familiar face
- Difficulty reading—print appears broken, distorted or incomplete
- Difficulty seeing objects and potential hazards such as steps, curbs, walls, uneven surfaces and furniture

Low Vision = Useful Vision

People with low vision usually retain some usable vision.

An ophthalmologist or optometrist specializing in low vision can evaluate how you see and prescribe optical devices to maximize your remaining vision. This functional vision assessment is an important step in helping improve your quality of life.

Improving Your Functional Vision with the Help of Devices:

Even with regular eyeglasses or contact lenses, a visual image—whether a sentence from a book or a crosswalk at a busy intersection—may appear distorted, blurred or

incomplete if you have low vision.

A low vision doctor may recommend devices such as magnifiers and tinted lenses to help you take full advantage of the sight you have. Non-optical devices such as large print checks, playing cards, clocks, remote controls, as well as signature and writing guides are also popular. **Braille Institute** and **Lighthouse International** are excellent resources for more information on low vision products.

Vision Rehabilitation – The Key to Safety and Independence

If your vision loss can't be corrected by medical or surgical interventions, vision rehabilitation can help. Vision rehabilitation services equip you with skills and strategies to help you remain safe, independent and active at any stage of life.



These services are provided by a multidisciplinary team of professionals who can introduce you to new methods of using remaining vision to help you maximize daily functioning and

adjust to vision loss. This team includes specially trained ophthalmologists, optometrists, social workers, nurses, occupational therapists, vision rehabilitation therapists, career counselors, orientation and mobility specialists, and others.

You can help others at Geneva!

If you have any low vision devices that are no longer in use and would like to donate them to Geneva, please contact **Robin Joyce** at (949)455-2554.



September Tour 2015 SWITZERLAND

Come follow in the footsteps of John Calvin and the Reformation in Switzerland! In honor of Geneva's 50th anniversary in 2015, the Rev. Doctor Linda Flatley (Pastor Linda to us, but can't resist using the new title!) is leading a tour to Geneva, Switzerland! The tour will begin in Zurich, home to Huldreich Zwingli, a contemporary of Luther and Calvin who led the call for Reformation, and will end in the South visiting the seaside village of Chillon. The castle at Chillon overlooks Lake Lemman and dates back to the 12th century. For those who would like to take a 10-day tour of Switzerland, which includes one day in Geneva, contact Pastor Linda at 949-837-2323, x215. You may also pick up a tour itinerary which is now available in the church office.

Rummage Sale brings in \$11,000!

Once again, staffer Gloria Newell led a whole slew of volunteers who "worked themselves silly" to make this sale a success. We also want to thank everyone who de-cluttered their closets, reorganized their jewelry and scoured their garages for sellable items. We couldn't do it without you!

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BLESSINGS & OUTREACH

"...AND IN YOU
ALL THE
FAMILIES OF
THE EARTH
SHALL BE
BLESSED."

GENESIS 12:3



Pastor Steve, his wife, Janet, and family.

Learn more about our Pastoral candidate, his life and faith

We would like for all of you to get to know the candidate the Pastor Nominating Committee has put before you. Please read on to learn about Pastor Marsh, his family, and the experiences which led him to us.

Education

Steve responded to God's grace in Jesus Christ in Junior High. His senior pastor recognized his gifts for ministry and through an intense period of discipleship led him to hear the call to the pastorate. After earning a bachelor's degree from California State University, Fresno, Steve began his theological studies at Fuller Theological Seminary where he received his Master of Divinity degree. His quest for knowledge continued at San Francisco Theological Seminary culminating in a Doctor of Ministry degree. Most

recently, Steve completed a Master of Philosophy degree at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. His academic pursuits have all focused on the notion of conversion and the implications of such for transformational living in a broken world.



Work history

- Associate Pastor at Community Presbyterian Church in San Juan Capistrano
- Associate Pastor at Bel Air Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles
- Senior Pastor at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church in La Crescenta, California
- Assistant Professor of Religion and Philosophy, Dean of Chapel and Vice President for Spiritual Formation at Sterling College in Sterling, Kansas
- Senior Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Erie, Pennsylvania
- Senior Pastor at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Wichita, Kansas
- Executive Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Edmond, Oklahoma

- Currently, Interim Executive Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Serving PCUSA

As an ordained Presbyterian minister, Steve has served as a member and chairperson of various committees for the presbyteries where he has pastored. He has aggressively pursued issues of process and how process informs the way presbytery does business. Steve currently serves on the Committee of Ministry in the Presbytery of Indian Nations.

Serving the Community

Ministering and serving outside the denomination, Steve has been active in the past with Cook College and Theological School in Tempe, Ariz., Habitat for Humanity, Africa Village Outreach, and the YWCA (Oklahoma City). He also invested in leading what Fuller Theological Seminary calls a "Teaching Church" and was certified as a supervisor in Princeton Seminary's Field Education program. Pursuing and mentoring students for careers in ordained ministry have been priorities for Steve. Currently, Steve is a mentor in the Presbyterian Church (USA) Company of New Pastors program.

Getting to know Steve Marsh

Steve is joined by his wife, Janet, who has been a source of strength and blessing. They have journeyed together through 35 years of a married life full of joys and challenges. Janet has



Pastor Steve and his wife, Janet.

always found her own place in ministry, participating in church activities and classes, handbell choir and entertaining in their home. She enjoys golf, water aerobics, sewing, and painting. Steve's hobbies include golf, baseball card collecting, exercising and reading.

Steve and Janet have three children (five if you count spouses!) who have filled their lives with joy. Colin, 31, (married to Becca) lives in Wichita, Kan., and works for Murfin, Inc. Karis, 27, (married to Brian Gensch) lives in Wichita, Kan., and works as a graphic designer. Robert, 23, an engineer, is in the management training program at GE. Janet and Steve are blessed that all "five" love the Lord Jesus Christ. They are also the proud grandparents of Breckyn Marsh, Carson Marsh and Tevy Gensch.



A unicycling Pastor!

I bet you're wondering what happens next?

- Get to know Pastor Steve and wife Janet at the candidate reception on Sept. 6.
- Hear Pastor Steve preach on Sept. 7
- Attend congregational meeting on Sept. 7 at 12:00 PM
 - Steve Marsh will address questions from the congregation at the start of the meeting, prior to the vote.
 - Congregational vote is taken by written ballot.
- Candidate returns to his church to complete his commitment there.
- If the congregation votes to extend a call to him, Pastor Marsh begins as Pastor, Head of Staff on Oct. 1, 2014, and his first Sunday in the pulpit is Oct. 5, 2014.

Thank You!

Countless hours of meeting time, reading, phone calls, discussion and mostly, prayer, have been given freely by the following Pastor Nominating Committee members during this pastoral search. Please join us in recognizing their commitment and leadership. Thank you to: Jim Burge, Gabe Burt, Cynthia Conners, Jane Kingston, Molly Levegood, Doriene Niedenfuer, Greg Rankin, Steve Stark and Janie Williams.

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Pastors & Staff

Michael Wallman Interim Pastor	Charlotte Hsieh Organist
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Eileen O'Hern Director of Music & Worship	

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Geneva Children's Center Update

It is exciting to see how in less than a year, the GCC has grown from 4 children to an enrollment of 40 students! We are about to begin our second year of operation with the beginning of our **fall session September 3**. We are continuing to add new students so make sure you tell all of your family and friends about the great school we have. God continues to bless this program by sending us families and wonderful staff.

We also are grateful for the generosity of all of our family, friends and members of Geneva who donated to help us pay for a fence for the covered patio area by the outdoor kitchen. This gives shade and space for additional outdoor activities and events. If you have any questions about the school or want to refer a family, please contact Director Sherry Hoselton at 949-581-2200.



Volunteer Receptionists Needed

Our volunteer receptionists are the face of Geneva during the week. Shifts are 3 1/2 hours long, and duties include answering the phone and light office work. We have need of someone on Thursdays and for substitutes who can work an occasional shift. Call Laura McCallum at 837-2323, x206 if interested. Thank you!

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