



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Sunday, May 23, 11:30am

Session has called this meeting to approve a revision to the church bylaws allowing electronic meetings to be conducted for church business when necessary. You may download a copy of the proposed changes upon registration. To establish a quorum we need a minimum of 10% participation. To make this easier, adult education classes will begin 15 minutes later than usual. Register at [genevapres.churchcenter.com/registrations](https://genevapres.churchcenter.com/registrations) to receive an email with the Zoom meeting ID. Please call the church office at 949-837-2323 during office hours for technical assistance. Thank you in advance for your participation!



## WORSHIP

### New Sunday Worship Schedule

#### 9am - Campus Worship in the Sanctuary

We are excited to now offer an in-person worship service in the Sanctuary adhering to the state and county guidelines as outlined by the California Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Registration is required EACH WEEK (to manage capacity limits) which you may do at [genevapres.org](https://genevapres.org) or by calling the church office at 949-837-2323.

#### 10:30am - Livestream Worship

We will continue to offer a live stream service for those who prefer online worship or are not yet ready to return to campus. Connect via **YouTube**, **Facebook** or at [genevapres.org](https://genevapres.org).

#### 10:30am - Village TV Channel 6

Laguna Woods Village residents may continue to view the previous week's livestream worship service on Laguna Woods Village TV (Channels 6, 6.1 or 406) Sundays at 10:30am.

## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 25, 1-2pm

All women are invited to join this group which meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. In May, the group will be discussing the book *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte. To participate, join the Women's Book Club group at [genevapres.org/zoomactivities](https://www.genevapres.org/zoomactivities) to receive meeting details and a Zoom invitation. Check out books curb-side at most Public libraries or purchase used books at amazon.com. If you have trouble getting a book or connecting with the group, email Daria Clement at [dariajoc@yahoo.com](mailto:dariajoc@yahoo.com). For technical support, contact the church during office hours at 949-837-2323 or email us at [info@genevapres.org](mailto:info@genevapres.org).

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Believing in the power of prayer!

Email us your prayer request at [prayer@genevapres.org](mailto:prayer@genevapres.org) or call the church office at 949-837-2323 and our team of prayer warriors will lift up your concerns. All requests are strictly confidential.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Paul Arndt	Mary Geib
Pat Chapman	Hank Green
Beth Coombs	Char Konyndyk
Norm Coombs	Harriet and Bink Lewis
Mary Enser	Carol Van Kirk
Jonathan Flores	Joyce Walker
Lettie Freeman	Ruth Ward
Jack Garrison	

**Our Church Prayer:** *Reconciling God, You are the bridge builder, showing the way for all humans to reconcile with one another as equal members in Your family. Create in our hearts a burden for "the other" with whom we may harbor resentment and misunderstanding. Bring others to join our church family from whom we can learn, with whom we can worship, thus together, becoming an even more dynamic missional intergenerational presence in our community. Amen.*

## GET THE CHURCH CENTER APP

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



- **Event Registration**
- **Event Check-In** (use it for in-person worship)
- **View current In Community With Bulletin** during in-person worship
- Connect to livestream worship
- Join a group
- Make a donation
- Check the church calendar
- View Pastor Steve's daily devotional video messages
- View the church directory ... and more

Download the Church Center App from either the Apple Store or the Google Play Store at [churchcenter.com/app](https://www.churchcenter.com/app). When you open the app for the first time you can either search for Geneva or allow the app to use your device location and confirm that you are at Geneva. Questions? Call the church office during office hours at 949-837-2323 or email us at [info@genevapres.org](mailto:info@genevapres.org).

## OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONAL

March/April/May 2021 Edition Available  
June/July/August 2021 Edition Available

Begin your day reflecting on God's word as found in the Our Daily Bread devotional booklet. The current and next editions are available for free. Call the church office at 949-837-2323 or email us at [info@genevapres.org](mailto:info@genevapres.org) for a copy to 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](https://www.genevapres.org/learn). You can also view Steve's daily message and past messages on our YouTube Channel or on the Church Center App.

## JOIN THE VIRTUAL MEMBER DIRECTORY

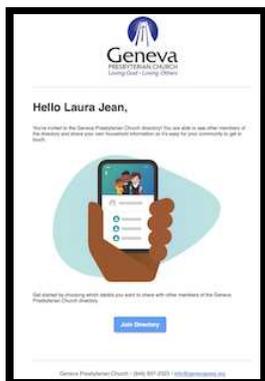
Stay connected to your Geneva family at the touch of a button

Unfortunately, the company who produced our printed Geneva member directory recently went out of business. As a result, we will be transitioning to a virtual directory, the main benefit being instant access to your fellow Genevans' contact information via computer, tablet or smartphone.

***Being listed in the virtual directory is optional. We will not list your information unless you authorize us to do so through the sign up process.*** If you choose to be listed, only Geneva members will have access to the virtual directory, so your information is safe and secure.

### How To Sign Up

**May 1st**, an email invitation (see illustration) was sent to all Geneva members. Upon opening, click the "Join Directory" button and follow the prompts. You will have the option to update your information and add photos before final authorization.



If you have the Church Center App, click Directory in the "More" section and follow the prompts for sign up. Using the same instructions, you may also access the directory and sign up on your home computer at [genevapres.churchcenter.com](http://genevapres.churchcenter.com).

If you prefer the printed directory, we have plenty of the 2020 directories on hand. Call the church office at 949-837-2323 or email us at [info@genevapres.org](mailto:info@genevapres.org) for a copy or if you need additional assistance with virtual directory sign up.



## WELCOME NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS

Five Genevans to be commissioned May 23

We feel blessed to welcome the following Genevans who will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers during our May 23rd worship services: ***Don Beckhart, Frank Whitney, John McCallum, Louann Van Riper and Ross Van Riper.***

Stephen Ministers are laypeople trained to walk beside the bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, separated, divorced, unemployed and others facing a crisis or life challenge. These wonderful Genevans feel called to serve in this capacity and have completed extensive training so they can best serve their Geneva family.

Geneva now has a total of fifteen Stephen Ministers. To learn more, visit [genevapres.org/stephenministry](http://genevapres.org/stephenministry). If you are in need, email us at [caring@genevapres.org](mailto:caring@genevapres.org). All requests are confidential.

## VIRTUAL "MEET & GREET" DEBUTS

Next Meet & Greet is Wednesday, May 19, 7-7:30pm

Our new virtual Meet & Greets via Zoom are a more personal approach to introducing people to Geneva. Meet & Greets will be offered the first Sundays and third Wednesdays of the month. Only 20-30 minutes, it's just enough time for two fellow Genevans to welcome guests, answer questions and discover how we may help those new to us connect. If you are new we invite you to attend by registering at [genevapres.org/events](http://genevapres.org/events). For current members, please use this as a tool to welcome others.

## IN MEMORIAM

We are saddened by the death April 24, 2021 of Geneva member **Sarah Kish** who had been a part of the Geneva family since 1995. Memorial plans have yet to be determined. Please join us in extending prayers to her family and friends at this difficult time.

## ON CAMPUS WORSHIP RESUMES

Sundays, 9am in the Sanctuary

We are excited to be worshipping together again, even though the service will look slightly different for a little while. Because of our commitment to adhere to the state and county guidelines as outlined by the California Blueprint for a Safer Economy, here is what you can expect when you attend in-person worship:

- Health screening (fever & COVID-19 symptoms)
- Masks required (even for those fully vaccinated)
- 6' social distancing
- No printed bulletin
- Pre-recorded music
- No Courtyard Café
- **Registration Required EACH WEEK** (to manage capacity limits)

For quick worship registration and check-in the day of the service, we encourage you to download the Church Center App (see article on page 2). You may also access the *In Community With* worship bulletin from the App home screen. You may also register for worship at [genevapres.churchcenter.com/registrations](https://genevapres.churchcenter.com/registrations).

Please note that Sunday morning adult classes, Middle and High school activities are still functioning via Zoom. We will let you know as additional campus activities resume.

If you have any questions or need assistance with registration, please call the church during office hours at 949-837-2323 or email us at [info@genevapres.org](mailto:info@genevapres.org).

## VILLAGE TV REBROADCAST

Sundays, 10:30am

If you live in Laguna Woods Village you may view the previous week's worship service on Laguna Woods Village TV (Channels 6, 6.1 or 406) Sundays at 10:30am. If you would like to view or download an *In Community With* bulletin for this service, go to [genevapres.org](https://genevapres.org). The rebroadcast is listed at the top of the page under "Next Events". Press "Bulletin" directly underneath the listing.



Sermon Series  
**Jesus' Message:  
YOU ARE GOD'S PRESENCE**  
May 23 - June 13

## NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS

Sunday, May 23rd

Pentecost Sunday, Pastor Steve will begin the new sermon series *Jesus' Message: You Are God's Presence*. The Stan Jantz book, *Fire & Wind* is the resource for the series which runs through June 13. Books are available for \$10 through the church while supplies last. For your copy, call us at 949-837-2323, order online at [genevapres.churchcenter.com/registrations](https://genevapres.churchcenter.com/registrations) or send an email request to [info@genevapres.org](mailto:info@genevapres.org).

## GENEVA KIDS SUNDAY PROGRAMMING RESUMES MAY 16

We're excited to welcome children nursery-aged through 5th grade back to campus Sunday, May 16! Masks (children age 2+) and social distancing will be required in order to adhere to state and county COVID-19 protocol. Here's the new morning schedule:

- All families check in on the courtyard
- Nursery-aged children may go directly to the nursery in the education building
- Children PreK - 5th grade will begin the morning in the Sanctuary, then **PreK and kindergarteners** will move to Room 2 in the education building and **Children 1st-5th grade** will go to the Chapel

After worship at 10am, nursery-aged children may be picked up in the nursery and kids PreK-5th grade will be waiting for parents in the Chapel courtyard. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ryan at [rromberg@genevapres.org](mailto:rromberg@genevapres.org).

## REGISTER NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 28-July 2, 9am-12:30pm

For kids Kindergarten through 5th grade

We hope your kids will join us for free Vacation Bible School as together we *Press Play* for amazing worship, fun activities and games to help kids learn incredible truths from the Bible. We are planning an in-person program adhering to COVID-19 protocols. If conditions change, we will transition to a virtual VBS. Register at [genevapres.org/events](https://genevapres.org/events).

### Volunteer Sign Ups

Volunteering for VBS is just as much fun as participating in VBS! Make a difference in the life of a child and make a few friends along the way by signing up to help out. There are many different positions from which to choose. Please note that as a volunteer you will be required to attend *VBS Leader and Youth Protection Training* Sunday, June 13 from 1-2pm. Sign up at [genevapres.churchcenter.com/registrations](https://genevapres.churchcenter.com/registrations).

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

Saturday, June 19, 10-11:30am

McLennan Lounge

This class is for those who are ready for membership or want to discover what it means to become a Geneva member. We'll answer questions such as:

- What does it mean to be a Presbyterian?
- Why join the church?
- What are the benefits of belonging?
- How do I find my fit?

The class will meet in person at the church in McLennan Lounge in the education building from 10-11:30am or shortly thereafter. Register at [genevapres.org/events](https://genevapres.org/events) or call the church during office hours at 949-837-2323.



## REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP

For youth 6th-12th grade, June 18-21

Get stoked for a Totally Rad Summer on Catalina Island. With amazing live worship, an inspirational message, island activities including swimming, snorkeling, kayaking, paddle-boarding, and fishing, and a special day in the city of Avalon, this camp is going to be epic!

We'll have a COVID-safe camp experience with a 50% camp capacity, outdoor meetings and dining, masks, distancing, etc... Students will be put in a cabin only with students from our church and their grade level (Middle School and High School are not in the same cabins). Counselors are background checked and fully vetted adults who are members of or closely tied to Geneva Presbyterian Church.

The cost is \$400 per student. Full and partial scholarships are available. Register today at [genevapres.churchcenter.com/registrations](https://genevapres.churchcenter.com/registrations). For more information and/or to inquire about scholarships, contact Pastor Ryan Romberg @ [rromberg@genevapres.org](mailto:rromberg@genevapres.org). Check out the Campus By The Sea website ([campusbythesea.org](https://campusbythesea.org)) to see pictures and learn more about the camp.



## LOVE PROJECT REVAMP

### Homeless Shelter Lunch Program

Love Project-Laguna, the ministry whereby Genevans made and delivered sack lunches to the homeless in Laguna Beach, became a casualty of the COVID-19 stay at home order. Yet, in the past year more people have been forced to live on the streets than ever before. So, instead of dropping the project altogether, ministry leaders have decided to pivot!

With your help, the Love Project team has begun providing 30 sack lunches **the first Saturday of every month** to the city's Alternative Sleeping Location (ASL) on Laguna Canyon Road. We will miss the face-to-face interaction with our homeless friends, but this is a safer way to provide support for those who are suffering.

To lend a hand in making sandwiches, cutting up apples, providing baked goods and inspirational notes for the sack lunches, please sign up at [genevapres.churchcenter.com/registrations](https://genevapres.churchcenter.com/registrations) or call the church during office hours at 949-837-2323.

## PC(USA) SPECIAL OFFERING

Pentecost, now through May 23rd

The Presbyterian Church (USA) Pentecost special offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and addresses the needs of at-risk children. We can retain 40% of our offerings to impact young people within our own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Give online at [genevapres.org/give](https://genevapres.org/give) and choose "PCUSA Pentecost" in the dropdown menu or use the special envelope found with your offering envelopes.

## DEACON OFFERING

A donation to the Geneva Deacon's Fund provides discretionary money used by the Deacons to help Geneva members and friends with emergency financial needs. To donate, visit [genevapres.org/give](https://genevapres.org/give) and choose "Deacon Fund" in the dropdown menu. To learn more about this ministry or if you need additional support, visit [genevapres.org/deaconministry](https://genevapres.org/deaconministry).

## SIGN OF A HEALTHY CHURCH

Did you know that the #1 thing in common with financially healthy churches is their emphasis on Recurring Digital Gifts? On average, a recurring donor gives 42% more annually and is much more likely to be involved in the church's mission and vision. To set up your own online recurring donation, visit [genevapres.org/give](https://genevapres.org/give).