

Geneva

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Special
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2011



The Rev. Michael Wallman

Interim Pastor, Michael Wallman, Comes to Geneva June 1st

Perhaps you've already heard the good news, but in case you haven't, God has answered our prayers and sent us the Reverend Michael Wallman who will join us as Interim Pastor June 1st.

Pastor Mike comes to us from Journey Evangelical Church, a Presbyterian congregation in Westminster, where he has served as an Interim Pastor since June 2008. Many on the Search Committee visited Journey to hear Pastor Mike preach and were very impressed with the warmth and friendliness of the congregation, which we all agreed was an extension of Pastor Mike.

After getting to know Mike and praying about the needs of our congregation, we invited him to serve

at Geneva and we are blessed that he felt called to accept.

Mike was raised the oldest of five adopted children, primarily in Malibu, California. In 1968, while attending a high school summer retreat on Catalina Island, Pastor Wallman received Christ as his Lord and Savior.

Pastor Mike graduated from Santa Monica High School in 1970 and earned a BA in Speech and Communication in 1975 from California State University Northridge. He went on to attend Fuller Seminary in Pasadena and received his Master of Divinity degree in 1979. Pastor Mike was called by the First Presbyterian Church in Boulder, Colorado after graduation, and has been serving

congregations ever since, as well serving in leadership roles as he did when elected Moderator of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara in 2007.

Pastor Mike is married to Joni Wallman who also has extensive ministry experience especially in women's and caring ministries. Between them they have four adult children and two grandchildren.

"Meet & Greet"

Help us give Pastor Mike a warm Geneva welcome on the courtyard between services **June 5th**, his first official Sunday as Interim Pastor.

Message from Pastor Mike...

Pastor Mike with wife, Joni.



Hello Geneva!

“We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints—the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you.” (Colossians 1:3-5)

Like Paul wrote to the Colossians, my wife, Joni (pronounced “Joanie”), and I have already heard such wonderful news about your steadfast faith, hope and love in Christ. We delight in how you have put your faith into action through your many amazing ministries. It is an honor to partner with you in this new chapter of what God is doing at Geneva.

We look forward to getting to know each of you, growing in our mutual love of Christ and serving together to reach our community and the world with His good news! In this interim season, we rejoice in the privilege to explore God’s will with you as He prepares the way for your next permanent pastor.

My job as interim pastor is to “HILPP” Geneva to:

- Come to terms with your HISTORY
- Discover your new IDENTITY
- Train and develop LEADERSHIP
- PLAN and PREPARE together for your next permanent pastor

As your current pastor, I am here for you. So please pick up the phone and call me, send an e-mail, or let’s meet for coffee! I am eager to listen to what is on your heart and to pray with you. And please join Joni and me in prayer as Paul prayed:

“...that your [our] love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you [we] may be able to discern what is best...filled with the fruit of righteousness...to the glory and praise of God.” (Philippians 1:9-11)

In humble gratitude for Christ’s sacrificial love for you and me!

Pastor Mike Wallman



Pastor Mike is an active guy who enjoys skiing, surfing, biking, playing the guitar and most importantly, his family.



Vacation Bible School - Begins June 23rd

Kids age four through 6th grade will explore a bamboo forest filled with crazy pandas the week of June 27th during PandaMania at Geneva!

Memorable Bible-learning activities, catchy songs and teamwork-building games are all part of the fun. Kids will also dig into yummy treats, experience electrifying Bible adventures, and create Bible Point crafts they'll take home and play with all summer long.

PandaMania will run from 9:15 AM to 12:15 PM each day. **The deadline for registration is June 12th.** Forms are available at the Information Booth in the education building and the Welcome Center on Sundays and in the church office during the week. Volunteers are needed. Please talk to Pastor Leanne if you can help out: 837-4765 x215 or lstrommen@genevapres.org.

Rummage Sale July 23rd!

Last year's rummage sale was so successful (we made over \$12,000!) we decided to do it again! Mark your calendars for Saturday, **July 23rd** to shop 'til you drop in Simpson Hall.

But, before that time we need to be collecting items for the sale. All

donations will be accepted no earlier than **July 10th**. Please don't bring in items before this time because storage is an issue.

The only exception to the above deadline is **JEWELRY!** Jewelry is a big money maker for us, but we need time to sort and price it. Please bring in any jewelry you have to donate as soon as possible. Please don't wait until a day or two before the sale.

Thank you all in advance for your service and contributions! If you are interested in volunteering the day of the sale or to sort items, please call the church office at 837-2323.

College Scholarship Opportunities

All college-bound Geneva members are invited to apply for the Kevin O'Neil and Larry Boyer Scholarships. Kevin O'Neil was a member of Geneva's youth group who was killed tragically in a car accident in the late 1980's and Larry Boyer was a long-time Geneva attendee who had a heart for youth. We are blessed to be able to continue to help college-bound students in their honor.

Application forms for both scholarships are available in the church office and should be submitted by **June 12th**. Please call Glen Tedrow at 855-4347 with questions.



Nancy Sommers helps out at last year's sale.

Upcoming FREE Music Concerts at Geneva

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"With a Voice of Singing"
 June 5th - 4:00 PM

The Music Ministry of Geneva presents a celebration of the gift of music in worship, featuring:

- The Chancel Choir
- Julie Stephenson, soprano
Holly Harvey, mezzo-soprano
Tony Gonzales, tenor
Patrick Unrein, baritone
- The Geneva Carillon Quartet
- Charlotte Hsieh, guest organist

Admission is free. A freewill offering will be taken.

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"Liberty, A Celebration of Freedom"
 July 4th 9:30 AM

Be inspired on the 4th of July as the 100 member Laguna Woods Village Chorale sings all of your patriotic favorites. The morning will also feature a Boy Scout flag salute and pay homage to all of the armed services.

Join us in the sanctuary for this free event and begin your 4th of July with a Bang!



Pastors & Staff

Have information to share in
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