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June 2018

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## Annual Golf Scramble - Sunday, June 10



Clean off the clubs, hit the links and enjoy the day at this year's annual Geist Christian Church golf outing. Grilled buffet lunch begins at 12:30 pm on Sunday, June 10 at the River Glen Country Club. Scramble format begins at 2:00 pm. The outing is open to all Geist Christian members, participants and friends (age 13 & up). Registration fee of \$80 per person includes lunch, soft drinks, green fees, cart and contests and prizes. Pick up a

registration form at either campus or on-line. Register by June 3.

## Blood Donation Ministry

Ministering to our community includes providing the resources needed during a time of crisis for hope and healing. A blood donation ministry serves others by putting love into action. Donating blood is a powerful way to show compassion and meet needs.



The Indiana Blood Center works daily to sustain a 3-day blood supply. This requires 500 donations everyday to Indiana Blood Center. Many days that level of donation is not met which results in shortages to hospitals. The need is daily.

Geist Christian Church is hosting a blood drive, **Sunday, June 3, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Mud Creek Campus**. Sign up at the Mud Creek Campus or contact Esther Sickle (esther.sickle@geistchristian.org) for an appointment time to volunteer. While walk-in volunteers are welcome, scheduling an appointment makes it easier to plan staffing for the blood mobile.



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## Randy Reflects



Randy Spleth

One of the most startling encounters I have is when I am accused of doing good because of my vocation. "You did that because you are a minister." It happens more often than you think. It is as if to suggest that my professional identity requires certain activities that aren't necessarily reflective of true Christian character and value. It is simply a role that I'm playing, acting like a minister. "You are just getting your reps in as a priest," someone once said.

I don't know if such an evaluation suggests hypocrisy in the clergy or a lack of understanding of the Christian call. But unless I am missing the point of Jesus' challenge, we are all called to interact with one another with kindness, grace and compassion. "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you" was not offered to a few but to all. The way we treat each other is behind the mandate to love God and love neighbor.

In fact, Jesus says people will know us as his followers if we have love for one another.

This might mean that acting like a minister could actually be a good thing. Peter would agree and suggest that we are all "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a priestly kingdom." (1 Peter 2:9) Paul would say, "That's right!" No one should regard us as anything else than ministers of Christ." (1 Corinthians 4:1)

Each of us are called to a life engaged in our own personal ministry. Our ministry encompasses the way we live our lives—how we handle situations, our values and ideals, our goals and the way we strive to attain them. But most importantly, our ministry revolves around how we treat people.

What would the people you interact with say about the way you treat them? How do you connect with those you encounter each day? Would they say "You did that because you are a minister?" In hindsight, it is a Biblical compliment.

At the end of the day people won't remember what you said or did, they will remember how you treated them. Here's to more playing the role, to getting you reps in as a priest. You might be surprised at how it could change people's perception of us.

Blessings,

## Education for Ministry

Ready to go deeper in your faith? EfM/Education for Ministry is an in-depth study of scripture, history and theology and is gathering new members to meet beginning in September. The study of scripture and theological reflections on the world as it is today help us to navigate and grow into a deeper and more exciting journey of faith. For more information, call or email Barb Heller, 317.578.1099 or barbaraheller@comcast.net to find out more about the best kept secret at Geist Christian Church.



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## CONNECT Adult Ministries

**Mid-Week Educational Opportunity** - Summer is here, and you are invited to join the Kerygma class as they explore the book, *Braving the Wilderness* by Brene Brown. This class has free expression of ideas and opinions and lots of laughter. The class begins on Wednesday, June 6 at 10:30 am at the Mud Creek Campus. The class will be lay led and all are encouraged to read the first chapter of the book prior to attending the June 6 class.

**Page Turners Book Club** - Page Turners will meet for discussion on the following:

- July 25 - *The Traitor's Wife* by Allison Pataki
- September 26 - *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

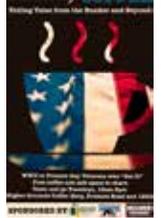
The group meets at 6:30 pm at the Mud Creek Campus. Questions, contact Elena Derbique at 317.823.0173 or [elena.derbique@gmail.com](mailto:elena.derbique@gmail.com).

**Young Adults** - Each month, Geist Christian Church Young Adults gather somewhere fun for food and fellowship. Check out the Facebook page "Geist Christian Church Young Adults" to find out the latest goings-on and gatherings! All young adults are welcome to join the camaraderie and meaningful connections at any time.

**Soul Sisters** - Soul Sisters Fitness is a small group for women to support each other in both physical and spiritual growth. Come as you are, in any shape, any week, to sweat, be silly, and share prayer. Anyone is welcome! Free childcare is provided. Thursdays at 7:15pm at the Promise Road Campus in room 122.

**The Bridge** - The Bridge is a men's small group designed to create conversation and build community around questions of faith. The Bridge meets every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, at the Promise Road Campus. This vibrant group is dedicated to talking about real questions of spiritual direction within the context of scripture. For more information, contact Mike Peck at [mike@outsidesource.com](mailto:mike@outsidesource.com).

**"Company Coffee: Telling Tales from the Bunker and Beyond"** - Veterans from WWII to present-day G.I.s are invited to Higher Grounds Coffee Shop located at Promise Road and 126th for a free cup o' joe and safe space in which to share with those who "get it." Come and go 10:00 am-2:00 pm each Tuesday.



**Mental Health Support Group** - Meets at the Promise Road Campus on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.



**Mom2Mom Park Play-dates** - This summer, the Geist Christian Church Mom2Mom Group is having weekly play dates at a park. Each week will be at a different park around town. Plan to pack a lunch. Kids of all ages are welcome. Kids can play (and burn off energy!!), and moms can chat and hang out. The first park play date is Thursday, June 7, at Brooks School Park at 11:00 am. Contact Sarah Dietrich ([sarah.dietrich@geistchristian.org](mailto:sarah.dietrich@geistchristian.org)) for more info and for future dates.

## Weekday Ministries News

Weekday Ministries is wrapping up another school year this week! We are so blessed to be able to work with so many wonderful parents and their children. The first weeks of May were spent celebrating the growth and achievements of the students. We also had a wonderful Mother's Day celebration, including a fantastic program with Miss Carolyn and delicious desserts and "teas" in the classrooms. This year's Kindergarten graduates have been busy preparing for their graduation program and ceremony. We have a few remaining openings in the camps this summer, as well as in a few classrooms next fall. Please spread the word to your loved ones!



# CONNECT Children's Ministries

**Vacation Bible School 2018 – AMPED** - Join us June 11-15 as we Live Life Fully Amped! We are excited to celebrate VBS as ONE this year. The Promise Road Campus will host the extreme sport themed Vacation Bible School from 9:00 am-12:00 pm each day. Registration is open for those children aged 4 (by September 1, 2018) through 3rd grade. Children 4th grade on up will be welcomed as Assistant Coaches for our "teams". We will be looking for LOTS of volunteers of ALL ages to help with this extremely awesome adventure! Join us as a "coach" and lead a group or as a volunteer for our game or craft teams. You won't want to miss this!



If you would like to help us out by donating some needed items please visit the display at either campus or on-line at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) and searching for [michelle.latty@geistchristian.org](mailto:michelle.latty@geistchristian.org).

When school is out...save those gently used/new backpacks!!! We will be collecting them during VBS and throughout the summer to fill with school supplies.

**NEW! Amped Up- Family nights- June 25, July 9, July 30 - 6:00 -8:00 pm at the Mud Creek Campus** - We are not going to let the fun end after VBS! Join us for more extreme family fun. We will share a meal together then hit the ground running for games, outreach and community time together continuing the themes of our Amped! VBS.

Donations needed: Sign up in the children's wings or let Holly Blunk ([holly.blunk@geistchristian.org](mailto:holly.blunk@geistchristian.org)) or Michelle Latty ([michelle.latty@geistchristian.org](mailto:michelle.latty@geistchristian.org)) know what you could provide. Servers for dinner are also needed. Come join the community of fun!

- June 25 (spaghetti, fruit, rolls, desserts)
- July 9 (mac & cheese, cut veggies, fruit, desserts)
- July 30 (burgers and hot dogs, buns, fruit, chips, desserts)

Mark your calendars to come to 1, 2 or all 3 evenings (might just be a bonus prize drawing for attending...so come as often as you can)! Bring your family and invite your friends for this free event together.

**G56 (Grades 5/6)** - Attention: Current 4th & 5th graders – the G56 Service "Week" is June 26-28, 9am-1pm at the MUD CREEK CAMPUS. This is THE "week" you don't want to miss....Please plan to join us for three awesome days of service in our local community. WHY??

- Get to know your fellow G56ers
- Help others
- Have loads of fun!

Please register by June 15. Link is on the website or paper forms are available at either campus.

**Volunteer Opportunities Abound for G56ers** - Plan to help out at VBS- June 11-15 or at any of our family nights (June 25, July 9, & July 30)! Email - [children@geistchristian.org](mailto:children@geistchristian.org).

**Sunday School Promotion Weekend** - June 2/3 is promotion weekend. We will be promoting our students to the next grade level on this weekend. Students will begin to attend their grade for the fall 2018. Join us as we celebrate the finish of one year and the excitement of the next!

# CONNECT Youth Ministries

**ALTARed Youth Worship (grades 7-12)** - ALTARed Youth Worship is taking a summer sabbatical beginning May 28 and will resume again in August.

**Dessert Auction** - Thank you to everyone who supported the mission trip fund-raisers. The Mother's Day Dessert Auction raised \$5,300! Youth and adult sponsors will be engaging in three mission trips throughout June and July. These kinds of life changing trips would not be possible without the dedication and support of the entire congregation!



# ENGAGE

## GCC Youth Ministry Engage Summer Schedule 6:30pm - 8pm : Unless Noted

### May

Indian's Game w/ Family - May 30  
Cost: \$10 | Game Time 7:05pm



### June

Kick Ball & Pizza - June 6 (Mud Creek)  
Pool Party - June 13 (8201 Hunters Pl 46236)  
Romans and Christians - June 20 (Mud Creek)  
Water Balloon Mayhem - June 27 (Promise Rd)

### July

No Engage | Happy 4th of July  
Kings Island - July 12 (Cost: \$50 | 8am - 9pm)  
Dinner and a Movie HTC- July 18  
Wearable Art - July 25 (Promise Rd)

### August

Pool Party - August 1 (5542 E. 156th Street 46062)

**Engage is a super fun, wild, zany and engaging ministry of GCC for youth who have recently completed the 6-12 grade.**



# Outreach

**Hamilton Co. Outreach Opportunity: HAND Landscaping Project** - Volunteers need for June 1 landscaping project. HAND serves the Hamilton County community by providing an owner-occupied home rehabilitation program, developing affordable apartment communities for seniors, renovating foreclosed and historic homes, and offering grants to neighborhood groups for small projects. HAND focuses on four key issues: growth, affordability, seniors, and sustainability.



HAND is seeking volunteers to help install foundation plantings at its new Home Place Gardens development (106th Street between College and the Monon Greenway in Carmel) on June 1. (Or June 2 if the weather doesn't cooperate).

Volunteers will work from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm planting greenery around the four duplexes and two single-family homes now under construction. Families with children welcome.

Please contact Kyle ([kyle.brown@geistchristian.org](mailto:kyle.brown@geistchristian.org)) or Sarah ([sarah.renfro@geistchristian.org](mailto:sarah.renfro@geistchristian.org)) if you are interested and sign up to help at <http://www.handincorporated.org/volunteers-needed-for-june-1-landscaping-project/>

**Hamilton Co. Outreach Opportunity: Family Promise** - Did you know there are approximately 45 families experiencing homelessness in Hamilton County? The number of families experiencing homelessness rises in the summer, yet Indianapolis shelters turn away ten families per day. Hamilton County has nothing to support these are families with children who go to school with our kids and yet have no stable place to lay their heads. Family Promise of Hamilton County is seeking to rectify that issue by providing temporary transitional care in local congregations one week at a time, four times a year. Family Promise is a national organization with 210 affiliates that seeks to establish a cooperative among congregations to



Family Promise  
of Hamilton County

give families a safe place to eat a meal and sleep. People of faith are called to care for those among us experiencing homelessness. "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me." (Matthew 25:40) If you are interested in learning more about this ministry and how you can help, please check out <https://fpohc.org> and connect with Sarah Renfro ([sarah.renfro@geistchristian.org](mailto:sarah.renfro@geistchristian.org)).

## Creation Care Tip

"Creation is not a property, which we can rule over at will; or, even less, is the property of only a few: Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude." - Pope Francis

Check out <https://www.mindbodygreen.com/0-13592/30-simple-ways-to-make-your-life-a-little-greener.html> for 30 ways to make life greener. This summer, turn off the lights and electronics and head outside. Make the most of the gift of creation we've been given.



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# News Around Geist Christian Church

## Memorial Gifts

**In Memory of Tom Derbique**  
Kevin & Rose Ann Robbins

**In Memory of Dea Troxel**  
W.G. & Diana Kirby

**In Memory of Pat Butsch**  
Phyllis Brown

**In Memory of Larry Holdorf**  
Marsha Fecht

**In Memory of Vicki Burhenn**  
David & Kristina Box  
Joseph Box  
Don & Carolyn Hetzler  
Patricia Hochstetler  
David & Janice Galloway  
Deanna Bryant  
Eugene & Altaretta Rossell  
Harland & Connie Schroeder  
Shelly Gabel  
Stacy Allgeier  
John & Catherine Sweeney  
Jeff & Mei Ling Yu

## In Sympathy

John Shaw, father John "Jack" Shaw, 5/1  
Megan Phillippe, father Jay Phillippe, 5/13

## New Members

Doug & Deb Reeser  
Bill & Carole Engelmann  
Ryan Smith

## 2018 Pastors Class

Max Barnett	Jackson Rhoad
Shelby Bryan	Eric Rumble
Isabelle Crague	Mia Schiesser
Quinn Distler	Emily Seifferlein
Abigail Dixon	Ella Sinn
Kathrine Dixon	Caroline Smith
Jackson Giles	Cameron Smith
Max Hill	Maison Thomas
Tyler Irwin	Ashlyn Vogler
Zachery Lamp	
Cayleigh Lewis	
Corinne McClanahan	
Conor McNeff	

### April/May 2018 Attendance

Service	Apr 28/29	May 5/6	May 12/13	May 19/20
5:30 pm PR	97	77	75	84
9:00 am MC	164	150	251	163
10:00 am PR	163	200	255	159
ALTARed PR	n/a	@MC	n/a	11
10:30 am MC	215	227	290	206
ALTARed MC	n/a	18	n/a	12
Baptisms			249	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>1142</b>	<b>635</b>

## Garden Volunteers Needed

Interested in maintaining and harvesting community gardens at the Promise Road Campus? Produce is given to the Come to Me Food Pantry. Contact Michelle Latty, (michelle.latty@geistchristian.org) for more information.



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## Special Events

**Keenagers Field Trips for Adults** - After taking the month of July off, Keenagers will hit the road again on August 3. Are you interested in seeing how a car is made start to finish? This trip is for you. The group will visit the Subaru of Indiana facility in Lafayette, Indiana for a tour. Subaru of Indiana is a state of the art, zero landfill manufacturing facility producing the Outback, Legacy and Impreza models. NOTE: this trip requires that participants walk approximately one mile on an elevated catwalk and have the ability to go up or down 250 steps over the course of the two hour tour. Other details of the day are still being determined. Contact Ryan Hazen [ryan.hazen@geistchristian.org](mailto:ryan.hazen@geistchristian.org) to register.

### **#GEISTFEST 3.0 - Save the Date**

Saturday, September 8 – Back in its third year, Geistfest will return in 2018. Kick off the fall with a day focused on fun, family, and worship.

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