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@ Geist Christian Church



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February-May 2024



During this Lenten season at Geist Christian Church, you are invited to wander with intention through studies, gatherings, worship, and more. May we notice how God is working in our world and join in the work together!

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LENT OPPORTUNITIES

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner: Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

- Tuesday, February 13, 5-7pm
- Mud Creek Campus

Support the youth's summer mission trips to Tennessee and Guatemala with all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, and tater tots. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 6 and under. You can get your tickets on Sunday mornings at both campuses or at the door.



Ash Wednesday—February 14

- Ashes to Go @ the Promise Road Campus—Wednesday, February 14, 7-9 am

Drive by on your way to work, school, or elsewhere to receive ashes and a blessing from one of our pastors. You don't even need to leave your car.

- Ash Wednesday Service @ the Mud Creek Campus— Wednesday, February 14, 7 pm

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our Lenten Journey. It's an invitation to be marked with ashes, representing our repentance and searching for God's guidance for the next 40 days. You are invited to an Ash Wednesday worship as we seek scriptural direction, looking for life in the midst of death, hope in the midst of despair, joy in the midst of new beginnings.

Lenten and Easter Sermon Series: *Wandering Heart*

- February 18-March 31
- Both Campuses

Like many of us, Peter has a wandering heart. His journey is not polished or linear or perfect, but he is always tethered to the love of God. When you look closely at Peter's story, you find Jesus at each step along the way—offering him abundance, catching him when he begins to sink, challenging him when he stands in the way, washing his feet, predicting his betrayal, and offering him agape love. This Lent, we're joining Peter in figuring out faith. We're not idolizing or vilifying him; instead, we're hoping to wander alongside him, open to what we might learn about Jesus (and ourselves) by stepping in his shoes.



Weekly Worship

Mud Creek Campus Worship

9 and 10:30 am In-Person, 10:30 am Online

Promise Road Campus Worship

10 am and 11:15 am In-Person, 10 am Online

Holy Week Worship Times

Worship Date	Mud Creek Campus	Promise Road Campus
Maundy Thursday, March 28	7:30 pm*	7 pm
Good Friday, March 29	Vigil: 12-3 pm* Service: 7 pm*	
Easter Sunday, March 31	8:45 am, 10 am*, 11:15 am	7:30 am, 9:30 am*, 11 am
Channels for Live Stream * online streaming available	youtube.com/mudcreeklive	youtube.com/promiseroadlive

LENT BIBLE STUDIES

Jubilate

- Sundays, 10:15 am—Starting February 18
- Mud Creek Campus (South Quad)

Dive into the profound journey of Lent with the Jubilate class as we journey toward the cross and, ultimately, to Easter morning. Led by renowned scholar and professor Amy-Jill Levine, we'll delve into *Entering the Passion of Christ: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*. Through insightful exploration of biblical texts, we'll follow Jesus on his path to Jerusalem, uncovering deeper meanings and connections within the Passion story.

Seekers

- Sundays, 10:15 am—Starting February 18
- Mud Creek Campus (North Quad)

Delve into the profound significance of God's redemptive plan as revealed through the feasts of Israel with Dr. Sam Nadler as your guide. In this enlightening six-session study, Dr. Nadler draws from his rich background in traditional Judaism and his faith in Jesus to unlock the timeless relevance of these ancient celebrations.

Sunday's Grace

- Sundays, 9 am—Starting February 18
- Promise Road Campus (Hospitality Room)

Embark on a journey of reflection and renewal with *A Just Passion*, a book curated to hold in tension the immense weight and hope of the Lenten season. Through a collection of short readings, breath prayers, and Scripture passages, readers are guided through a six-week journey of repentance, lament, worship, and healing. Please contact Judy Apple-VanAlstine at japplevanalstine@aol.com to receive a copy of the book prior to Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

Ladies' Bible Study

- Tuesdays, 11:30 am–1 pm
- Promise Road Campus (Hospitality Room)

Join the Tuesday Ladies Bible study group as we delve deeper into the captivating journey of Mary alongside her son, Jesus, in *Wrestling With Wonder*. This study offers a rich and comprehensive exploration of Mary's journey, making it a fitting focus for the Lenten season. Each chapter stands independently, allowing for easy integration into the study. Join us as we continue to uncover the profound insights and timeless truths embedded in Mary's story.

Kerygma

- Thursdays, 10:30 am
- Mud Creek Campus (Library)

Journey through the Old Testament with Susan Robb as she unveils the richness of God's covenants with his people. In her book *Remember: God's Covenants and the Cross*, Robb explores the covenants with Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David, leading readers to a deeper understanding of God's enduring promises. From these foundational agreements, she traces the trajectory to the new covenant established on Maundy Thursday, illuminating the Lenten narrative and culminating in a poignant examination of the cross as the ultimate expression of God's promise for a new world.

Page Turners

- Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 pm
- Mud Creek Campus (Library)

Calling all literary enthusiasts. In our next meeting, we'll discuss Eva Jurcyk's *The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections*, a compelling novel that delves into a woman's struggle to break free from the shadows of powerful yet unreliable men while trying to solve a mystery and uncovering the dark obsessions of devoted bookworms. We will have special guest Montoya Barker, special collections librarian at the Marion County Library, who will lead our discussion, which promises to be engaging and thought-provoking.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Season of Giving

Geist Christian Church will conclude its 2023-24 Season of Giving campaign by serving almost 120 families, providing a ham or turkey, a food bag, fresh produce, and Easter bags for children 18 and younger. Beginning February 25, pick up a food bag and Easter bag to fill and volunteer to deliver or make a donation to purchase fresh items. Delivery date is Saturday, March 23 at 9 am from each campus. You may also donate through the Geist Christian Church website at www.geistchristian.org. For more information, email serve@geistchristian.org.



LENT EVENTS

Daily Email Sentence Prayers During Lent

- February 14–March 31

The pastors, staff, and elders offer daily prayers via-email during Lent. Sentence prayers allow focus on a single, daily thought on the journey to Easter. Past recipients receive them automatically. Email epray@geistchristian.org to sign up.

Pickleball at Promise Road

- Wednesdays, February 21, 28, & March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 6-8 pm

With three courts, there's room for you to join the fun! No experience or equipment required, but after you play once, you'll be out getting a pickleball paddle of your own!



Youth and Five.6 at Indy Fuel

- Sunday, March 24, 4-7:30 pm
- Leave from Mud Creek Campus

It's time to fuel up on hockey! Join us for a special joint Youth Group & Five.6 night at the Indy Fuel hockey game. Tickets are \$20 per person.



24-Hour Prayer Vigil

- Thursday, March 28, 8:30 pm–Friday, March 29, 8:30 pm
- Mud Creek Campus or wherever you may be

Geist Christian Church invites you to participate in a 24-hour prayer vigil where we pray for ourselves, our community, and the world. During the day, from 8 am–8 pm, the Mud Creek Campus will have a space set aside for prayer. For those who sign up for evening/overnight hours, we ask that you find a quiet place at your home. A prayer booklet will be provided to all those who sign up.

Easter Eggstravaganza

- Saturday, March 30, 10:30 am
- Mud Creek Campus

If you are excited for spring and want an engaging and excellent event for your children and family, then this fun afternoon will leave you filled with joy. There will be snacks, crafts, games, pictures with the Easter Bunny, and of course, an egg hunt at 12 pm! All ages are welcome.



OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE—POST-EASTER EVENT

Five.6 Stay Late

- Saturday, April 20, 5-9 pm
- Mud Creek Campus

The Five.6ers will get together for a fun night of games, fellowship, food, devotion, Romans & Christians, and more! We will have dinner together. Friends are always welcome.

ONGOING STUDIES, SMALL GROUPS, AND PROGRAMS

The Bridge

- Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm, Promise Road Campus

Looking for a chance to connect with others and explore issues of faith? The Bridge is more of a group than a class. No need to prepare anything or feel you need some level of biblical understanding to join. Be sure and reach out before you stop by on Wednesday as the group occasionally has fellowship at other locations.



Exploration Bible Study

- Selected Fridays, 6:30 pm, Mud Creek Campus and Zoom

Friday nights are for exploring. Join Ryan Hazen, lead pastor, on selected Friday evenings at 6:30 pm. Come join this bi-weekly study and discover what makes these stories come alive.

The KnitWits

- Fridays, 9:30 am, Promise Road Campus

Absolutely no experience is necessary for you to become a vital part of the KnitWits. This group is for anyone who would like to make hats, scarves, baby blankets, and prayer shawls for those who would most benefit from them. Contact Judy Apple-Vanalstine at japplevanalstine@aol.com with questions.



Men's Prayer Group

- Wednesdays, 7 am, Mud Creek Campus

We spend time hearing about the weekly messages campus specific, praying for the concerns of the community, and enjoying fellowship.

Soul Sisters

- Thursdays, 7 pm, Promise Road Campus (Room 122)

Soul Sisters is a small group for women aged 18 and up that meets most Thursdays from 7-8 pm at the Promise Road Campus. The group supports one another in both our physical and spiritual journeys. Each week begins with a devotional, followed by a 30-minute workout, which usually includes both some whining and laughing and closes with sharing prayer requests. Childcare is provided if requested by noon on Thursday.

Women's Prayer Group

- Thursdays, 7:30 am, Mud Creek Campus

A weekly gathering to lift up the concerns of our community through written letters while engaging with church friends and fellowship.

For more information on our latest studies and small groups, please contact us at connect@geistchristian.org.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE—ONGOING MISSION

Food Pantry Support—Ongoing Mission

The Geist Christian Church supports two local food pantries. From the Mud Creek Campus, food is donated to The Sharing Place, located in Lawrence Township in Marion County. From the Promise Road Campus, weekly donations are given to the Come-To-Me Food Pantry at the Fishers United Methodist Church in Fishers. All non-perishable and dry goods are gratefully accepted.



Dayspring Center Service Opportunity

We feed people. On the third Monday of every month, Geist Christian Church provides dinner for those living at the Dayspring Center, which is a community center for homeless families seeking temporary respite until more permanent living arrangements can be made. If you are interested in providing food, serving, or both, please email Kyle Brown at serve@geistchristian.org.

Recovery Cafe of Hamilton County

This organization is relatively new to Fishers and provides support, small groups, activities, and community to anyone and everyone. One of their mottos is, "Everyone is recovering from something." We are providing a meal to them on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. If you are interested in joining the team, please email Michelle Latty at serve@geistchristian.org.

For more information on the latest service opportunities, contact us at serve@geistchristian.org.

PROGRAMS

Children (Infants-4th grade)

Children's ministry is a caring, engaging, and safe environment where children connect with stories from the Bible on Sunday mornings. Children will be immersed in stories, videos, and activities that introduce them to the love of Christ. At Geist Christian Church, we believe that even the youngest child needs to know about the love, compassion, grace, and mercy of Jesus. Contact children@geistchristian.org to get involved.

Five.6 (5th & 6th grade)

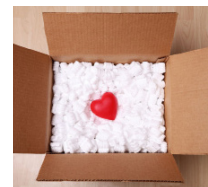
Five.6 is a fun, engaging, and safe environment for students to connect and grow in their faith. At Geist Christian Church, we feel it's critical for 5th- and 6th-grade students to have a ministry designed for them during this "in-between" phase from elementary to junior high. Through study, mission, and play, this preteen ministry will challenge students to think for themselves and encourage them to experience God, love others, and serve the world. Contact children@geistchristian.org to get involved.

Youth (7th-12th grade)

Youth Ministry is a place for students to explore their faith through discussion, service, and play. The Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings from 5-7 pm, rotating between both campuses, for a shared meal, meaningful small group time, and a variety of fun and engaging activities. Contact youth@geistchristian.org to get involved.

Taking Flight (College Support)

Taking Flight Ministries is a college support ministry for parents, grandparents, and other adults with a heart for our post-high school young adults. The group meets monthly to pray over our students and prepare and sign letters and cards. Twice a year, we pack and mail care packages to our students during these important transitional years. TFM meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Locations alternate between campuses. Please email Michelle Ayers at TakingFlightMinistries@gmail.com for more details.



Weekday Ministries

Geist Christian Church's Weekday Ministries program offers classes for ages 18 months through kindergarten. The school provides a safe, secure, hands-on learning environment where God's love is integrated throughout the day. For more information, explore the website, geistwdm.org. Contact the director at either campus to schedule a tour.

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Chancel Choir (Mud Creek Campus)

- Thursday rehearsals: 7:30-9 pm in the Music Suite
- Sunday rehearsals: 8:30 am in the Music Suite

The Chancel Choir leads worship on Sundays at the 9 am and 10:30 am services from September through May and at other special services throughout the year. During the summer, the choir sings the last Sunday of June, July, and August. The choir is open to all singers, high school age to adults. For more information, contact Schuyler Brinson, minister of music, at schuyler.brinson@geistchristian.org.

LOOKING AHEAD

Promise Road Campus Sermon Series

- *Real: The Power of Vulnerability*
- April 7–28

For years, vulnerability was considered weakness. Now, many think of vulnerability as a strength and the key to unlocking our authentic selves. Authenticity is hard but leads to some of the best experiences in life. We will explore what the Bible says about vulnerability and the power that comes from being real.

Mother's Day Dessert Auction

- Sunday, May 12
- Both campuses

Life is short—eat dessert first! Mark your calendars for this year's Mother's Day Dessert Auction, benefiting youth summer missions. Cakes, pies, cookies, and more will be available to bid on at both campuses along with live auctions at the Mud Creek campus following both services. Everything is sure to taste extra sweet knowing you're helping our youth on their mission trips to Nashville, Tennessee, and Guatemala this summer!



Music Sunday

- Sunday, May 19, 9 am & 10:30 am
- Mud Creek Campus

On this Pentecost Sunday, the Music Ministry at the Mud Creek Campus will lead our annual spring music services. Join us as we worship through song, word, and communion. Music will be presented by the Bell Choirs, Chancel Choir, and Orchestra.

SUMMER PLANNING

Vacation Bible School

Think about the weirdest animals you know. What noise does an armadillo make? Is an axolotl really smiling? Are glass frogs made of real glass? Is a wombat a type of bat? It's wild that God helps each animal grow and thrive... and us, too! Wild Life is a four-day adventure where kids discover how special they are to God and how wild it is that they can share their story, use their gifts, spend time with God, and spend time with others.



- **Promise Road Campus—June 18-21, 9:30 am–12 pm**
Contact katie.kerr@geistchristian.org with questions.
- **Mud Creek Campus—July 16-19, 5:30–8 pm**
Contact crystal.grundy@geistchristian.org with questions.

Youth Mission Trips

- **Middle School Trip:** June 9–14, Nashville, Tennessee. Our middle school youth will spend the week in Nashville with Be The Neighbor, serving and learning about housing injustice and those experiencing homelessness.
- **High School Trip:** June 22–29, Guatemala. This summer the high school youth will travel to Panajachel, Guatemala, to partner with Porch de Salomon in helping local families and communities build homes and community structures.

For more information on youth mission trips, contact Sam Copeland at samantha.copeland@geistchristian.org.

Middle School Church Camp

- July 8-13, 2024

Calling all youth who have completed 6th-8th grade. This summer, Pastor Kyle is heading to camp, and you are invited to join him for a week of fun, faith, and fellowship at Camp Bedford. During the week, campers will have an opportunity to ask serious questions about life and about their relationship with God! We'll read the Bible and talk about things most important to you, while learning more about who God and Jesus are and how all this helps you deal with life. The church van will provide transportation. Cost is \$415.

Contact Kyle Brown at kyle.brown@geistchristian.org.



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