



Happening

@ Geist Christian Church

March - May 2022

The changing of seasons comes naturally for the earth and for the church. Just as winter gives the earth rest to get ready for the growth of springtime, Lent gives us room to prepare for the newness of life found on Easter morning and beyond. You are invited to engage in these changing seasons in community through prayer, worship, study, mission, and play. Come, let us journey together.

LENT



For more information on any of these opportunities,
contact connect@geistchristian.org.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner: Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

- Tuesday, March 1, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Mud Creek Campus
- Cost \$7, \$5 for children 6 years and under

Support the youth's summer mission trips with a night of all you can eat pancakes, sausage, and tater tots cooked & served by our dedicated youth. Buy your tickets on Sunday mornings at either campus or at the door on March 1.

Ash Wednesday Ashes to Go

- Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 am - 9:00 am
- Promise Road Campus

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 Labyrinth Walk and Prayer Stations

- Promise Road Campus
- 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Ash Wednesday, March 2 marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a time of reflection and preparation for Easter. Step into Lent with a labyrinth walk – recalling the past on your walk inward, centering yourself in God's presence in the middle, looking ahead to the future on the outward path. TWO labyrinths are available to walk – the painted one in the circle by the firepit and a canvas one in the gym. There are also prayer stations in the gym and hot chocolate available in the lobby.



Ash Wednesday Worship

- Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 pm
- Mud Creek Campus

Lent: *Good Enough* Sermon Series

- Sundays March 6 - April 10
- Mud Creek Campus and Promise Road Campus

We live in a culture bent on definitions of a good life as continuous upward mobility– climbing ladders of prosperity with increasingly fabulous experiences that we can post to ever more-likable social media accounts. We may comb the shelves of the self-help section in search of just the right formula to gain success. Perhaps we even gravitate towards spiritual leaders who promise great rewards if we only do “the right thing.” But life happens, right? Most times we are not moving upward but trying to repair the rung we’ve just slipped from. So what if we stopped climbing and started fertilizing, watering, and blooming right where we find ourselves? Welcome to a faith in which we are blessed, regardless, and where we can lean into embracing our “good enough” lives. Synopsis of the sermons can be found geistchristian.org/lent-2022/

Whether you choose a more traditional setting at the Mud Creek Campus or prefer a contemporary worship experience at the Promise Road Campus, all are welcome at Geist Christian Church—a congregation rooted in faith, committed to meaningful relationships with one another, and filled with a passion for service in the community and around the world.



Mud Creek Campus Worship

- 8550 Mud Creek Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46256
- Sundays, in person 9:00 am & 10:30 am
- Live stream online 10:30 am, youtube.com/mudcreeklive

Promise Road Campus Worship

- 12756 Promise Road, Fishers, Indiana 46038
- Sundays, in person 9:00 am & 10:00 am
- Live stream online 10:00 am, youtube.com/promiseroadlive

Holy Week Worship Times

Worship Dates	Mud Creek Campus	Promise Road Campus
Maundy Thursday, April 14	7:30 pm in person 7:30 pm live stream online	7:00 pm in person 7:00 pm live stream online
Good Friday Vigil, April 15	12:00 pm - 3:00 pm in person 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm live stream online Six thirty-minute services	
Good Friday, April 15	7:00 pm in person 7:00 pm live stream online	
Easter, April 17	8:45 am, 10:00 am, 11:15 am in person 10:00 am live stream online	7:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am in person 11:00 am live stream online
Channels for live stream	youtube.com/mudcreeklive	youtube.com/promiseroadlive

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Lenten Bible Studies

For more information on any of these opportunities,
contact connect@geistchristian.org

The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught

- Thursdays, March 10 - April 14 10:30 am
- Mud Creek Campus

Most Christians know the Lord's Prayer by heart. We pray it often, at different times and in different settings. We remember it as the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. But do we really understand and appreciate the meaning and power of its words, what we ask of God each time we pray it? During Lent, we will spend time in reflection on each of its rich lines and how they apply to our time and in our own place. The book is available on [Amazon](https://amazon.com) in Kindle and paperback.

Geist Christian Church Youth (students in grades 7-12) Lent Study Night

- Wednesdays beginning March 9, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
- Locations vary

The first 45 minutes is for study time to complete homework assignments, prepare for upcoming tests, or just to chat and hang out if you have nothing on your "to do list". The last 45 minutes is a spiritual practice study to explore different ways of connecting with God, each other, and ourselves through intentional practices.

Adult Sunday Morning Study During Lent

- Sundays, March 6 – April 10, 9:00 am
- Promise Road Campus

This study discusses the book *Surrounded by Grace: A Bible Study for Lent*, written by Bill Thomas. Based on the Gospel of John, the book explores the question of what grace looks like in our 21st century context. Books are provided. Childcare and programming is available. Use the QR code to sign up or [go here](#). Sign-up is helpful but not required.



Opportunities to



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

Mission Trip To Dayton, Ohio

In 2019, tornadoes devastated homes in and around Dayton, Ohio. Through a partnership with Week of Compassion, Geist Christian Church is sending a team of 10 to help rebuild the interior of homes the week of March 20 -25. Interested in participating? Participants must be 14 years of age or older and fully vaccinated. Contact deb.strock-kuss@geistchristian.org for details.

Season of Giving: Easter

Geist Christian Church concludes its Season of Giving campaign by serving almost 120 families, providing a ham or turkey, a food bag, fresh produce and Easter buckets for children 18 and younger. Beginning March 13, pick up a food bag, and Easter buckets to fill and volunteer to deliver or make a donation to purchase fresh items. Delivery date is Saturday, April 9 at 9:00 am from each campus. You may also donate through the Geist Christian Church website at www.geistchristian.org.

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For more information on the latest events,
contact connect@geistchristian.org.

Daily Email Sentence Prayers During Lent

- March 2 - April 17

The pastors and staff offer daily prayers via-email during the season of Lent. Sentence prayers, in addition to a regular time of meditation, allow focus on a single daily thought on the journey to Easter. Past recipients are sent them automatically. If you would like to receive them, send a request to epray@geistchristian.org.

Lent: Children and Family Ministries

- Begins March 6
- Mud Creek Campus and Promise Road Campus

Lenten materials, such as devotions with prayers, coloring sheets and activities, are available in the Mud Creek and Promise Road Campus lobbies. Please email children@geistchristian.org if you would like materials emailed to you.

Lenten Concert Series

- Thursdays, March 3 - April 7, 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm
- Mud Creek Campus in person
- Live stream online youtube.com/mudcreeklive

The Music Ministry offers a 30-minute concerts as a time of reflection during the Lenten season. Each week features a different musician. A complete listing of musicians can be found at geistchristian.org/2022-lenten-concert-series/

Coffee with the Pastors

- Saturday, March 26, 9:00 am
- Mud Creek Campus

Thinking about making Geist Christian Church your church home? This informal time with Lead Pastors Danny Gulden and Ryan Hazen is an opportunity for you to learn more about the mission, ministry, and future of Geist Christian Church. Come and spend time with the lead pastors and others exploring Geist Christian Church.

24 Hour Prayer Vigil

- Thursday, April 14, 9:00 pm - Friday, April 15, 9:00 pm
- Mud Creek Campus or where ever you may be

It has been the tradition of Geist Christian Church to open the church for prayer for a 24 hour period after the Maundy Thursday service at the Mud Creek Campus and continuing through Good Friday. It is an opportunity to have 24 hours of uninterrupted prayer for ourselves, our community and the world. Overnight security is present at the church. Visit geistchristian.org/24-hour-prayer-vigil/ to sign up or use the QR code.



Easter Eggstravaganza

- Saturday, April 16, 10:00 am with Easter egg hunt at 12:00 pm
- Mud Creek Campus

If you are excited for spring and want an engaging and excellent event for your children and family, then this day will leave you filled with joy. The Easter Eggstravaganza is partnering with Amazing Grace Christian Church for a time of fellowship and fun. Enjoy snacks, crafts, games, pictures with the Easter Bunny, and of course, an egg hunt. All ages are welcome!

Engage

May Programs, Events

For more information on the latest events and programming,
please contact connect@geistchristian.org.

Jesus and Christianity

- Sundays, beginning May 1
- Promise Road Campus

There is a lot that the church has gotten wrong over the years. We have often strayed from the vision and teachings of Jesus. In the process, the church has excluded, hurt, or rejected people. The constant call for the church is to look more and more like the body of Christ in the world. In this series, we will talk about some ways the church has gotten it wrong by drifting from the teachings of Jesus, and we will work to move closer to where Jesus calls the church to be.

Footnotes

- Sundays, beginning April 24
- Mud Creek Campus

A new sermon series in which together we look to find some major lessons in scripture from minor characters. Come explore Tychicus, Epaphras, Joanna and Quirinius and the impact they had on the course of our faith.

Faster Pastor

- Easter - May 22

Ladies and Gentlemen start your engines! This spring Geist Christian Church embarks on a race to raise money and awareness for local mission partners in the greater Fishers/Indianapolis area. Learn more about the pastors' mission partners and why they are important to them. The campaign concludes with a race on Sunday, May 22, at K1 Speedway in Fishers, Indiana. After the race meet at the Promise Road Campus for a chili dinner and ceremonial festivities.

Garage Talk

- Third Tuesday of the month beginning April 19, 6:00 pm
- Kyle Brown and Sarah Renfro's Garage

Gather with a diverse group of folks to talk about God, faith, and family. Come as you are! Pizza and drinks are provided. Enjoy fellowship while focusing on the One whose presence is beyond the church building. Email kyle.brown@geistchristian.org for more details and address. If needed, childcare is provided at the Promise Road Campus.

Mother's Day Dessert Auction

- Sunday, May 8
- Mud Creek Campus and Promise Road Campus

Life is short - eat dessert first! The youth sponsor the annual Mother's Day Dessert Auction to support three youth mission trips in summer 2022. The auction is the major fundraiser that ensures every youth is able to attend one of these transformative experiences.

Music Sunday

- Sunday May 22, 9:00 am and 10:30 am
- Mud Creek Campus in person
- Live stream online 10:30 am youtube.com/mudcreeklive

The Music Ministry at the Mud Creek Campus, presents Music Sunday. Much like the music weekend Christmas concerts, the Bell Choirs, Chancel Choir, and Orchestra lead the morning services. Additional prelude music begins each service. Join us as we worship together in song, word, and communion.

Serve



Ongoing Mission

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

Food Pantry Support

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 Fishers United Methodist Church in Fishers. All non-perishable and dry goods are gratefully accepted.

Afghan Evacuee Resettlement

Geist Christian Church is partnered with Exodus Immigration, an organization that assists refugees and evacuees in resettlement in the United States, specifically in Indiana. The Mohabat family is from Afghanistan. A family of 5, they are making their home in Indianapolis. If you would like to be part of the team and lend a hand, contact deb.strock-kuss@geistchristian.org.

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Programs

For more information on the latest programming
contact connect@geistchristian.org.

Children

Children's ministry is a caring, engaging and safe environment where children connect with stories from the Bible on Sunday mornings. Contact children@geistchristian.org to get involved.

Five.6

Five.6 is a fun, engaging and safe environment for students in grades 5 & 6 to connect and grow in their faith. Contact children@geistchristian.org to get involved.

Youth

- Sunday evenings
- Mud Creek Campus or Promise Road Campus

Youth Ministry is a place for students in grades 7 - 12 to explore their faith through discussion, service, and play. Check out the spring calendar geistchristian.org/youthspringcalendar/ Contact youth@geistchristian.org.

Taking Flight

- 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7:00 pm
- Mud Creek Campus or Promise Road Campus

Taking Flight Ministries is a college support ministry for parents, grandparents and other adults with a heart for post-high school young adults. Email Michelle at TakingFlightMinistries@gmail.com for more details.

Weekday Ministries

- Mud Creek Campus and Promise Road Campus

Geist Christian Church's Weekday Ministries program offers classes for ages 1½ thru Kindergarten. The school provides a safe, secure hands-on learning environment where God's love is integrated throughout the day. For more information, explore geistwdm.org . Contact wdm@geistchristian.org for more details.

Chancel Choir (Mud Creek Campus)

- Rehearsal – Thursdays, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
- Mud Creek Campus, Sundays 8:30 am rehearsal prior to services

The Chancel Choir leads worship each Sunday at the 9:00 am & 10:30 am services from September through May and at other special services throughout the year. Contact Schuyler Brinson, Minister of Music at schuyler.brinson@geistchristian.org.

Ladies Bible Study

- Tuesdays, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- Mud Creek Campus

Men's Prayer Breakfast

- Wednesdays, 7:00 am
- Mud Creek Campus

The Bridge (small group for men)

- Wednesdays, 6:00 pm -7:30 pm
- Promise Road and/or Off-site

Page Turners (book club)

- Wednesdays, 6:30 pm (every other month - the 4th Wednesday beginning in September)
- Mud Creek Campus

Women's Prayer Breakfast

- Thursdays, 7:30 am
- Mud Creek Campus

Soul Sisters (fitness small group)

- Thursdays, 7:00 pm
- Promise Road Campus

Exploration Bible Study

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

Wonder Years (Bible study for women)

- Sundays, 9:15 - 10:00 am
- Mud Creek Campus

Jubilate (adult Sunday School class)

- Sundays, 10:15 am
- Mud Creek Campus

Seekers (adult Sunday School class)

- Sundays, 10:15 am
- Mud Creek Campus

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A VBS Experience "Compassion Camp" Changing the World with Lovingkindness

- June 14-17, 9:30 am - 11:30 am
- Promise Road Campus June 14-17 9:30 am-11:30 am
- Registration opens April 18

Music, movement, stories, art, games and FUN! A four day VBS will check all the boxes! What more could you ask for? How about a fun-filled Friday night with a hot dog cook-out, music, games and balloon animals! For kids ages 4 years to 4th grade and volunteers 5th grade and up. Come change the world with lovingkindness this summer.

On The Case: A 4-Day VBS Series from the New Testament about Spiritual Habits.

- July 12-15, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Mud Creek Campus

Growing spiritually doesn't have to be an unsolved mystery! Take a four-day journey with kid detectives as they dig into a few of Jesus' parables to solve the mysteries of how to grow their faith, and how to care for, serve, and love others. They'll discover that the answers have been there all along. Spend time with God, spend time with others, use your gifts, and share your story. Register with Crystal Grundy at crystal.grundy@geistchristian.org beginning May 15.

Give the Gift of Blood

- Sunday, June 5
- Promise Road Campus

Did you know that in our country we are currently at a 10-year low in the storage supply of needed blood reserves? Take the opportunity to donate blood and help save a life. Reservations for time slots begins the first of May. Versiti Blood Center will be at the Mud Creek Campus later this year.

Youth Mission Trips

- High School Trip #1: Fort Worth, TX, June 19 -25
- High School Trip #2: Disciples Summer Camp, July 3 -9
- Middle School Trip: Nashville, TN, July 17 -23

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What We Believe

Geist Christian Church is a part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. This statement is more than words or simply a profession of faith. It is the only question we ask when one wishes to affiliate with Geist Christian Church and our faith is expressed out of this simple profession. There are no other creeds or confessions that act as a test of faith.

- We believe that the Lord's Table is open and inclusive. Communion, which we celebrate weekly, is open to all who confess Jesus as the Christ. Gathering around the communion table is a constant reminder that Christ gave his life for us.
- We believe in the ministry of all believers. While there are ministers on the staff, each member and participant of the church is gifted in many ways; each is a minister of the church. We seek to use our gifts together, as the body of Christ.
- We believe in the love of unity. Recognized or not, we are in relation to one another. We believe that we are to work together as denominations to be the witnesses of Christ. In short, we believe that we are Christians only and not the only Christians.
- We believe in the justice of God. We are called to love and serve all of God's people. We serve the marginalized and distressed in our community and around the world.

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