

GROUP B 10:35-12:00

Choose one course from this group AND one course from Group A above.

201 What if you looked deeper? Art Journaling for Any Season

Art journaling is a creative outlet for visualizing our lives, our feelings, our journeys. Everyone is an artist, but you don't need any formal art training to enjoy and flourish as you create your art journal, and the Rev. Jennifer Burns Lewis will guide you on the way to new discoveries. Art journaling has no rules -- only the promise that it will be fun and it will be beautiful

202 What if your church journey is Presbyterian?

Who has gone before us, and what trails have they blazed? What supplies and tools do we have to guide us and sustain us? What responsibilities do we have while on this journey? Commissioned Ruling Elder Ginny Shanda will lead curious conversations exploring these questions and others to replenish us and to embolden us to continue our Presbyterian adventure together.

203 What if Jesus crosses boundaries?

Again and again we hear that Americans are increasingly polarized. And, again and again, we wake up to violence being the response to difference that grabs the headlines. Jesus calls us not only to resist that kind of hate but to actively move towards people who are marginalized by society as he did. The Rev. Abby King-Kaiser will help us look at our own social locations and identities, consider pluralism in American culture, build skills for dialogue, but ultimately engage Scripture and our experience of God to develop a theology for building interfaith relationships. Dialogue will not be optional, as we will learn through actively engaging with each other.

Go to www.covenantgathering.com for some expanded course descriptions and faculty bios.



What If...?

Covenant Gathering 2019

www.covenantgathering.com

July 7, 4 pm to July 12, 11 am

**Geneva Center
Rochester, IN**

www.genevacenter.org



A week of learning, laughter and worship presented by members and churches of the PCUSA Synod of the Covenant and Synod of Lincoln Trails

What?

Join other Christians for Covenant Gathering 2019 at beautiful Geneva Retreat, Camp and Conference Center in the rolling hills of north central Indiana as we share amazing "What If" possibilities of faith in God's Kingdom.

Covenant Gathering is a little bit conference, a little bit vacation with facilities for all abilities!



Why?

*To learn, to worship, to recreate. **Adult classes** include options: what God calls us to be and do, church revitalization, sharing our abundance, the Presbyterian journey, art journaling, Jesus across boundaries. **Children and Youth** have age appropriate educational and fun activities. **The whole community** worships together, and enjoys delicious meals, evening programs, and afternoon options on many topics.*



Keynote Speaker

The Rev. Abby King Kaiser
Associate Director
Center for Faith and Justice
Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH



Who?

You, your family, your old and new friends in Christ of all ages!

Where?

Geneva Retreat, Camp and Conference Center
5282 N Old US Hwy 31, Rochester, IN 46975
www.genevacenter.org

For more information:

www.covenantgathering.com
Phone: 269.429.1916

Your day at Covenant Gathering will be rich in worship, study, mission and time to enjoy the community of Christians. Covenant Gathering will give you about six hours of class time per course, depending on what classes you choose. Our schedule makes it easy to take two classes if you'd like. Classes will meet in the morning.

"Afternoon Options" will offer short classes in a different mode. Attendees asked us to make time for them to take advantage of all the talented, diverse people and interests gathered together. These one- or two-time "drop in" classes may include short Bible studies, Q & A with some of our teachers, nature study, photography, bird-watching, crafts or other ideas as they pop up. Or you can take a walk or a nap or walk the labyrinth. Our youngest family members will have fun things to do as well! (Did we mention there's an Olympic-size pool?!!)

Group worship will begin each morning and crown each evening, affirming and celebrating our praise and love for our Creator and Redeemer and joining us together in our faith community. Other times offer opportunities for community activities — or just enjoying the wonderful grounds, trails and swimming pool at Geneva! Evenings bring time for intergenerational projects and programs such as campfires, a talent show, Bible gatherings, games, movie night and nature study.



Arrival and Departure

Covenant Gathering will begin Sunday with Check-In at 4:00 pm, followed by dinner. It concludes Friday after breakfast with a short worship service.

2019 COURSE OPTIONS

CHILDREN AND YOUTH COURSES

Children and Youth have age – appropriate educational and fun activities taught by experienced teachers and leader. Choose your child's class based on grade completed in the spring of 2019.

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| 001 Birth through age 1 | 004 Grades 2-4 |
| 002 Ages 2 and 3 | 005 Grades 5-7 |
| 003 Pre-K through Grade 1 | 006 Grades 8-12 |

Children and Youth MUST have parent or adult sponsor also attending.

ADULT COURSE OPTIONS

Adults may choose two courses, one each from Group A and Group B

GROUP A 9:00-10:25

(Choose one course from this group AND one course from Group B.)

101 – Bible Study --What is God calling us to be ... and do?

Join the Rev, Carol McDonald to explore some familiar passages of scripture: the Magnificat, the Feeding of the 5,000; the Sermon on the Mount; and the Mission of the 70. Using several different Bible study approaches, we will ponder what our sacred texts call us both to be and to do.

102 What if the church can go beyond?

Jesus sent his disciples into the world beyond their group carrying little but their faith and devotion, and determination. Where and how are they sent today? Beyond our churches? Beyond our communities? Beyond our comfort zones? Using scripture, church experiences, and our own stories, The Rev. Adam Malak will help us explore how to revitalize our churches and congregations by rethinking what is possible and showing us how to follow Jesus in going beyond ourselves?

103 What if there's more than enough?

Scripture tells us of abundant life, yet we act as if we can never have enough. Join Bryce Wiebe to explore how people with abundance continue to live in fear of scarcity; how those fears produce division, racism and inequality; and how Christians are called to respond.

Registration Form Covenant Gathering 2018

(Note: Faculty also must register in order to reserve housing!)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Telephone: _____

Email _____

Church Name & City _____

Presbytery or (denomination) _____

Special physical consideration requested:

Adults:

Name: _____ Course Selection(s) _____

Age: •18-25 •26-35 •36-50 •51-65 •66-75 •76+ •Male/•Female

Name: _____ Course Selection(s) _____

Age: •18-25 •26-35 •36-50 •51-65 •66-75 •76+ •Male/•Female

All Persons under 18 (Course choices on next page)

Name	Age	Birth Date	Male/ Female	Grade in Spring 2018	Course

Scholarships may be available from your church or Presbytery; please check! Some scholarship assistance is also available through Covenant Gathering. Contact the registrar at ashanda210@gmail.com or 614-563-0830 for an application, or go to www.covenantgathering.com/Scholarship.html. **Scholarship applications must be received by June 1.**

Families may be housed together with other families, depending on space available. With whom would you like to share space?

Is it OK to use photos of you and/or your family for PR purposes? **Yes No**

Gifts or skills you could offer the community?

We are first-time attenders recruited by _____

All fees must be paid by June 24. One Fee Calculator is needed per family unit. A 50% Deposit is required with registration. Cost includes tuition, room, board, registration unless otherwise noted. **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT UNTIL JUNE 10.** There is a **\$25** per person registration **increase** for registrations **POSTMARKED or SUBMITTED on-line after June 10.** (See Fee Calculator.)

Please pay online or make checks payable to "Covenant Gathering."

Mail completed Fee Calculator and Registration Forms with your deposit to:

Ann Shanda, 804 S East Street, Bucyrus, OH 44820.

Registration forms can also be printed at www.covenantgathering.com. On-line registration is an option at the same website. You can also pay for all or part of your tuition by using **PayPal** online! A 3% convenience fee will be charged for using **PayPal**. Visit www.covenantgathering.com, click on 'Registration'.

Bonus for First Time Registrants! 15% off registration fee for your first-ever Covenant Gathering registration. (See Fee Calculator.)

Recruiting Bonus! \$50.00 credit if you recruit a new family. (One \$50 credit for any individual or family who recruits a new household that registers and attends -- not \$100 for a couple or \$50 per person--just \$50 for any new household registration regardless of size.) Attendees should note who recruited them on registration. Contact registrar with details to claim your credit.

2019 Fee Calculator

(Includes lodging, classes, activities and meals)

	Early Bird discount until June 10	Postmark After June 10	Quantity	Total
Adult (10+) shared room	\$410.00 returner \$348.50 first timer	\$435 returner \$369.75 first timer		
Adult (10+) Single room (if available)	\$520.00 each	\$545 each		
Child age 3-9	\$205.00 returner \$174.25 first timer	\$230 returner \$195.50 first timer		
Child age Birth-2	\$105.00 returner \$89.25 first timer	\$130 returner \$110.50 first timer		
	Maximum fee per IMMEDIATE* family			\$1300
	Donation to help with expenses			
	Subtotal A \$			
At least 50% is due at registration and the rest by June 24.				
*Immediate family is parents/guardians and their own children.				

Commuters (Does not include meals. See below for meal costs.)*

	Early Bird discount until June 10	Postmark After June 10	Quantity	Total
Adult (10 and up)	105.00	130.00		
Child age 3-9	105.00	130.00		
Child under 2	55.00	80.00		
	Subtotal B \$			

***Meal service is available at registration. Per meal: Adults (10 and up) B--\$8, L--\$10, D--\$11.50; Ages 4-9, B--\$4, L--\$5, D--\$5.75; 3 and under, Free.**

Subtotal from either A or B \$		
Less Scholarship (Indicate source of scholarship (i.e., your church)		-\$
GRAND TOTAL		\$

50% payment REQUIRED with registration. PAYMENT IN FULL REQUIRED BY JUNE 24. FULL PAYMENT required with registration after June 24.

Geneva Retreat, Camp and Conference Center

Geneva Center is an inter-denominational faith-based retreat, camp & conference center offering Christian programming open to all. Our mission is to provide a place that serves all God's people by providing a ministry of Christian hospitality and nurture. It is open to all, but the Geneva Center staff and organizational attitude will always be unapologetically Christian. Geneva Center was built by the Synod of Indiana PC (USA) in the 1960s as a retreat and camping center. It became part of the Presbytery of Wabash Valley and for many years housed the presbytery offices. Geneva Center, Inc. (GCI) was created January 1, 2016, as a non-profit Indiana corporation with its own separate board of directors.

Geneva Center's mission of open hospitality to all is consistent with our own and supports Covenant Gathering's mission to model the Kingdom of God in our life together. Its adult-friendly housing, multiple meeting spaces, fairly central location, opportunity to enjoy the beauty of God's Creation, all at a reasonable cost, makes it a wonderful place to join together for learning and laughter, prayer and worship.

Set in the gently rolling hills of north-central Indiana, Geneva's beautiful 235-acre property includes forest and fields, miles of hiking trails, cabins and conference center accommodations, a pond for canoeing, an Olympic-size pool for swimming, a labyrinth for prayer and a challenge course for team-building, as well as comfortable places to sit and watch.

Housing

Most housing will be in the fully accessible, air-conditioned conference center. The center features comfortable rooms and internet access. Large families or groups may be housed in other lodges/cabins if desired. Please contact Carla Mavis 740-420-0201 for more information or special requests. Go to www.genevacenter.org to see facilities and accommodations and the lovely grounds.

*******Faculty/staff MUST register to have a room.*******

Accessibility

Meeting facilities are handicapped accessible. A handicap room is available on request. Rooms, dining and classes are all in one accessible building.