

GROUP B 10:35-12:00

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

201 Drawing and Watercolor Technique

Artist Woody Amidon will provide basic drawing instruction and guide you in creating drawings that will become paintings. You will explore ways to apply paint and various ways to create texture. Workshop participants will need to bring their own watercolor paints, brushes and paper if possible. Woody will have a limited number of supplies for folks who do not have their own paints and brushes and who want to explore painting. You will also be able to work on your paintings in afternoons.

202 How Does Your Church Family Work?

This class is an introduction to family systems theory as developed by Bowen and Friedman and applied especially in the complex, messy life we live together in church. The Rev. Laura Reason will lead us through basic components of a family emotional system and help us reflect on our own behaviors and practice the application of theory through case studies and role-plays. Since practice is the very best way to incorporate this sort of thinking in our leading, 10 hours of post class coaching will be provided upon request for at home project planned with the instructor during the week of Covenant Gathering.

203 Get Your Game On

Dr. Chip Weisgerber brings new ideas about making disciples of all generations, by exploring various aspects of intergenerational ministry. Anticipated topics including ice breakers and games, ideas for children and youth ministry, outreach, volunteer recruitment and management, teambuilding and interactive activities for all ages. We will also work together to plan and present a community event during the week.

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

And that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. Ephesians 3:17

Rooted and Grounded in Love
Covenant Gathering 2018
www.covenantgathering.com
July 8, 4 pm to July 13, 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 2018 at beautiful Geneva Retreat, Camp and Conference Center in the rolling hills of north central Indiana, as we learn to stand firm in the love of God in Christ and spread that love to all God's people.

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: New Ways to Read, See and Reveal God's Word; Finding Hope in Climate Change; Rooted in Love Bible Study; Drawing and Watercolors; How Does Your Church Family Work? ; Getting Your Game On. **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.



Special Guest
The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson
Stated Clerk, PCUSA



2018 COURSE OPTIONS

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.

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 2018.

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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 Embodying the Text: New Ways to Read, See, and Reveal God's Word

Going outside the box with humor, playfulness, and subverting expectations, Ryan Landino's videos have greatly enriched his study of scripture and preaching ministry. Join Ryan to explore different exegetical methods and study processes to help scripture interpreters envision new possibilities with the text, and harness our imaginative energies to express them creatively. We will look at scripture together, discuss basic filmmaking techniques, and share Sixty Second Sermon models, while trying our hand at making our own creative expressions of the text through video.!

102 Finding Hope in the Midst of Climate Change

Human beings need certain things to thrive--water, energy, food, and community. We depend on the earth to provide what we need. But the rapid changes in the climate threaten all of these basic necessities. Eileen Best will lead a discussion of the risks that we face in agriculture, energy production, safe-guarding our water, and other topics related to climate change. The challenges are almost overwhelming, but the way that you and I live our lives does make a difference.

103 Bible Study: Rooted and Grounded in Love

Scripture overflows with love—love of place, love of people, love of God and especially God's love for us. Love is lived out in connections and covenants, in word and deed. Bryce Wiebe will help us explore Biblical stories and examples of love and how love unites us in faith and service to God.

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! Take **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.

2018 Fee Calculator

Includes lodging, classes, activities and meals

	Early Bird discount until June 10	Postmark After June 10	Quantity	Total
Adult (10 and up) shared room	\$410	\$435		
Adult-single room (if available)	\$520	\$545		
Child age 3-9	\$205	\$230		
Child under 2	\$105	\$130		
Maximum fee per IMMEDIATE family sharing rooms.*				\$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.				

A. 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	\$130		
Child age 3-9	\$105	\$130		
Child under 2	\$55	\$ 80		
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 form A or B above	
Less Scholarship (Indicate source of scholarship (church, etc.))	-\$
Less 15% for FIRST TIME REGISTRANT	-\$
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.