

# Faith Programs

**Peace Lutheran Church** – 455 Clark State Rd. Gahanna  
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**CAMP FRIENDSHIP** is a five day, four night Christian camp for differently-abled adults held the 2nd full week of July. At Camp Friendship, each camper is paired with a volunteer who serves as a camp companion for all camp activities. Each day of camp is filled with fun activities, including Bible learning, arts and crafts, and a wide variety of recreation activities including swimming, hiking, fishing, equestrian activities, team sports and more.

**FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY** - On the first and third Thursdays of each month (fall-spring) join us 6:30-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall, as we engage our adult friends with cognitive disabilities for Bible learning, music, art, prayer and friendship.

**FRIENDSHIP RESPITE MINISTRY** - On the first or second Saturday of each month (October through May), Peace offers a 9am-3pm “day camp” respite ministry for persons age 14 and above with cognitive disabilities. Join us for Bible study, art, recreation, music, worship, food, friendship and plenty of smiles.

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**Catholic Diocese of Columbus** – [www.columbuscatholic.org/special-need](http://www.columbuscatholic.org/special-need)  
National Catholic Partnership on Disability – [www.ncpd.org](http://www.ncpd.org)

**S.P.I.C.E.** – Special People In Catholic Education

SPICE originated at St. Catharine parish in the Diocese of Columbus. It supports children with special learning needs to attend the parish school. St. Andrew, St. Cecilia, St. James the Less, Our Lady of Peace, St. Matthew, St. Bridgid of Kildare, St. Timothy and St. Brendan parishes have all implemented the SPICE program since its inception at St. Catharine. Contact your Parish Pastor, School Principal, or Director of Religious Education for more information. If there is not a SPICE program in your parish, St. Catharine is a good resource to find out how to start one.

**Blessed Margaret’s Children** – St. Patrick Catholic Church

Blessed Margaret’s Children’s ministry supports the participation of children with special needs in the parish CCD program and helps them receive their sacraments. Contact Joan and Dave Magnacca ([jdagnacca@aol.com](mailto:jdagnacca@aol.com)) to learn how you can start a program in your parish.

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**Vineyard Columbus** – 6000 Cooper Rd. Westerville

Contact: Amanda Fesehazion [specialneeds@vineyardcolumbus.org](mailto:specialneeds@vineyardcolumbus.org)

**Special Needs Ministries** - Special Needs is a ministry designed to identify and break down barriers that keep people with disabilities and their families from being able to fully participate in the life of Vineyard Columbus.

It is our desire to include children with disabilities in Children's Ministry classes with their peers whenever possible. For children/teens who have specific needs which cannot be met within the typical VineyardKids classes, we offer some alternatives. For more detailed information, please contact [Special Needs](#), 614.259.5418.

We offer a teen class called **Body Builders** for teens/young adults with specific special needs who are ages 14 and up. This class meets on Sundays, 9-10:30am at Cooper Road Campus only.

We also offer **Buddy Connection** for children with special needs in a typical VineyardKids classroom.

## **Xenos Christian Fellowship** -

**Access Ministry** - The Xenos Access Ministry exists to create and improve accessibility to the gospel for people with disabilities by providing specific support to adults, students and children with disabilities; and their families in several distinctive ways.

Adult Home Group Liasons - Home groups are the heart of Xenos and the Adult Home Group Liaison helps adults with disabilities find accessible Bible study opportunities by contacting home groups and facilitating their inclusion.

Contact: Greg Roth - [accessministry@xenos.org](mailto:accessministry@xenos.org) (614)313-0989

Young Adult Adapted Bible Study - Young Adults with disabilities and varying abilities have a place to learn God's word at Xenos. The Young Adult Home Church is a gathering of high school students and older. They use a variety of ways to study and teach the Bible, and grow in their relationship with Christ and each other. The group meets at Xenos Office Building at 1340 Community Park Drive, on the first and third Saturday each month from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Contact: Shannon Bennett - [accessministry@xenos.org](mailto:accessministry@xenos.org) - (614) 565-6027

American Sign Language (ASL) - The Interpreting Team ministry provides quality ASL services to deaf patrons, who attend various meetings and events held weekly at Xenos Christian Fellowship.

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