

A - Morning Workshops (11 am – noon)



A-1 Being the Church for the Sake of the World

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Jill Duffield, Editor, *The Presbyterian Outlook*

A-2 Clerks of Session: How the Role Is Changing

The Clerk of Session is an important part of every Presbyterian church; the responsibilities of clerks include recording the minutes of the Session, maintaining the rolls of the church, and reporting statistical information. However, the role is changing. This workshop will provide Clerks of Session with a fresh look at Presbyterian polity, changes to the Book of Order, how to write a manual of operations, the Clerk as spiritual leader and a discussion of best practices. Join us for a time of learning, reflection, sharing and fellowship.

Maureen Wright, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of West Virginia

A-3 Hosting our Kenyan Siblings

In late summer/early fall 2020, the presbytery will be hosting several visitors from Kenya. This workshop is for those who would like to assist in hosting our visitors or having them attend programs at their church. Please come and join the planning for this exciting series of events!

Rick Accord, Ruling Elder, Fayetteville Presbyterian Church, and other members of the Presbytery's Mission Committee

A-4 Income Tax Reporting

This workshop will provide information to church treasurers (or others involved with personnel) on reporting requirements to both tax departments and employees, with an emphasis on minister tax reporting.

Rocky Poole, Financial Administrator and Treasurer, Presbytery of West Virginia

A-5 Becoming a Matthew 25 Church

What is a Matthew 25 church? The PC(USA) invited churches, presbyteries and synods to join a denomination-wide effort to be faithful to three challenges presented in Matthew 25. Come hear members from First Presbyterian, Dunbar – a small church – discuss their path to becoming a Matthew 25 church and the ministries that relate to the three challenges.

Barbara and Forrest Palmer, Ruling Elders, First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar

A-6 Exploring Mister Rogers

Though "Mister Rogers Neighborhood" was primarily for children, and Fred Rogers died over 15 years ago, his impact continues. This workshop will build off the recent movie, "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," and "The Faith Life of Mister Rogers" video series. We will also look at the new intergenerational curriculum, "Won't You Be My Neighbor," and consider how congregations might use this.

Susan Sharp Campbell, Associate for Educational Ministry, Presbytery of West Virginia, and Pastor, Frankford Presbyterian Church

B - Afternoon Workshops (1:15-2:15 pm)

B-1 Get Out: Rethinking the Role of the Church in Community

Society is changing. Hierarchical institutions are struggling to compete with organic networks in all layers of society. How might the church respond to this emerging reality? How do we develop models of ministry that look more like organic networks that operate out in the community, rather than inside the walls of our church institutions? In this workshop, we will explore these questions and more as we explore practical strategies for church evangelism and revitalization, drawing on wisdom from the 1001 New Worshipping Communities Movement.

Zac Morton, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Morgantown

B-2 The Great Turning: From Consumption to Simplicity & Spiritual Growth

Participants will learn about individual actions they can take to consume less, work for a just society, and understand the connections that unite all creation, including interactive activities.

Kayla Walsh, Environmental Educator and Chair of Property and Spiritual Formation Teams, Glenville Presbyterian Church; and Brenda Wilson, Ruling Elder, Spencer Presbyterian Church

B-3 Communion by Ruling Elders – a Next Step

This workshop is to provide additional information and conversation on celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper for Authorized Lay Preachers, Commissioned Pastors, and those **Ruling Elders who have been previously authorized** to preside at the table in their churches of membership. We'll explore a variety of ways to serve the Lord's Supper and sources for communion liturgy. We'll even try our hands at writing a Great Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Todd Wright, Pastor, Village Chapel Presbyterian Church, and Kevin Geurink, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Logan and Chair of the Vocations Committee

B-4 Talk Back Time: Come, Tell Us What You Think and What You Need

The Nurture Committee would like to hear from members, elders and pastors in the presbytery! The purpose of the committee is "to provide encouragement, guidance and resources to congregations in the area of spiritual formation, discipleship, and leadership development." Throughout the year, the committee offers a variety of events designed to help meet this purpose. In times of shrinking resources and budgets, what is helpful and/or what might be helpful as you seek to grow disciples of Jesus Christ, either through presbytery-wide events or resources for your congregation?

Sue Hollandsworth, Ruling Elder, Oak Grove Presbyterian Church and Chair of the Nurture Committee, and Derek Hudson, Ruling Elder, Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church, member of the Nurture Committee and Chair of the Festival of Faith Planning Team.

B-5 Parish Ministry: What Might It Look Like

As churches look at the future, many find that having a full-time installed pastor seems beyond their grasp. Some have found that joining together with other churches to share a pastor and/or ministry and mission has enabled and empowered them to continue to respond to God's call to ministry. This workshop will explore how congregations have joined to form a larger parish, the ins and outs, positives and concerns.

Rich Cardot, Pastor, Valley Parish (Belington, Beverly, Mill Creek, Tygarts Valley Presbyterian Churches)

B-6 Curriculum: What Does the PC(U.S.A.) Have to Offer?

Our denomination continues to produce well-written, thoughtful materials for engaging children, youth, and adults in opportunities for faith formation and Christian education. In this workshop, you'll receive an overview of PCUSA curriculum, including what's new. **Susan Sharp Campbell, Associate for Educational Ministry, Presbytery of West Virginia and Pastor, Frankford Presbyterian Church**

C - Afternoon Workshops (2:25-3:25 pm)

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C-2 Healthy Congregations

A congregation's health does not depend on its size or its location. This workshop will consider some of the factors that contribute to a congregation's health and suggest some practices that any church could use to be healthier.

Ed Thompson, General Presbyter, Presbytery of West Virginia

C-3 Adverse Childhood Experiences(ACEs)

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) have a tremendous impact on future violence victimization and perpetration, and lifelong health and opportunity. Working together, we can help create neighborhoods, communities, and a world in which every child can thrive. This presentation will include specifics about the Adverse Childhood Experience Study, as well as data connecting high ACEs scores with children in foster care, adults experiencing homelessness and substance use disorder. In addition, there will be conversation about how we cope with our own ACEs, as well as those we work with in our communities.

Margaret Ann O'Neal, President of United Way of Central West Virginia and Trainer with the ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Coalition of West Virginia

C-4 2020-2021 Presbyterian Women's *Horizons* Bible Study

The fall 2020 *Horizons* Bible Study is *Reclaiming Lament* by P. Lynn Miller. This workshop is for those who will be teaching the PW Bible Study next fall and anyone else who might be interested. It will introduce the scripture, themes and special features of the study.

Cherrie Sizemore, Commissioned Pastor, Elk Hills Presbyterian Church

C-5 Beyond the Food Pantry

Look beyond food pantries in this hands-on workshop. We will make items for the Humane Society, missions and local shelters. We will also share ideas of what your congregation is doing in your community. **Please bring two yards of fleece material and a good pair of scissors with you.**

Robin Ray, Pastor, Bridgeport Presbyterian Church

C-6 Episode 10 - Exploring Christian themes in "Star Wars"

Run, Luke, to this workshop! We will spend our hour together exploring the Christian themes that permeate the "Star Wars" movies, as well as discussing where the movies veered off course, theologically speaking. We will talk about all three trilogies, as well as the "in-betweens": Solo, Rogue One, and The Mandalorian. Come join us as we discuss such burning questions as: Do Droids have souls? Are the two sides of The Force analogous to the Holy Spirit (the Light Side) and The Tempter (The Dark Side)? Did Han shoot Greedo first, and if so, how do we feel about that? If you don't like "Star Wars," this is not the workshop you are looking for (subtle hand wave).

Don Parker, Ruling Elder, Village Chapel Presbyterian Church

D Afternoon Workshops (1:15-3:25 pm)

D-1 Disaster Planning for Congregations

Come start writing a disaster preparation plan for your church. We will learn how to assess credible danger, write and implement a plan for a church so that your congregation is ready to act in case of disaster.

Barbara Chalfant, Associate for Mission, Presbytery of West Virginia

D-2 Church Treasurers' Workshop

In this workshop, we discuss the role of the church treasurer, including duties, interactions, and responsibilities with the congregation, session, minister, Board of Pensions, presbytery, IRS, and more. All church treasurers are welcome.

Rocky Poole, Financial Administrator and Treasurer, Presbytery of West Virginia