



A - Morning Workshops (11 a.m. – noon)

A-1 Deeper Dive with Diana Butler Bass

A deeper dive into the power of stories — including some of the themes of *Freeing Jesus*. This will be an opportunity for questions and conversation about the keynote, trends in religion, generational changes regarding faith, and the need to develop congregations as communities of shaping and sharing stories.

Diana Butler Bass, author, speaker and thought leader on issues of spirituality, religion, culture, and politics.

A-2 Becoming Intergenerational Again

The church is one of the last places where multiple generations gather. Research tells us that we need intergenerational relationships to grow our faith. Becoming an intergenerational church is more than a program; it is a way of being together. This workshop will talk about how we programmed ourselves out of intergenerational relationship and how we can come back together as a whole community of faith.

Stephanie Fritz, Mission Coordinator for Christian Formation, Presbyterian Mission Agency

A-3 Elders and Worship Planning

Are you an elder with responsibilities for planning worship in the absence of a pastor? This workshop will look at resources that are available to help you in your planning.

Susan Sharp Campbell, Associate for Educational Ministry, Presbytery of WV; Pastor, Frankford Presbyterian Church

A-4 Financial Reporting

Financial Reporting will focus on the preparation, content and timing of concise but thorough financial reports for church treasurers to present to their sessions and congregations.

Rocky Poole, Financial Administrator and Treasurer, Presbytery of WV

A-5 Fibers of Faith....

Do your friends and family have enough of your handmade hats and scarves? Have you wanted to give a sick friend a gift to remind them of your love and care? Do you sometimes just want to sit and knit (or crochet) with friends? Do you feel closer to God when you create with your hands? In this workshop, we will discuss ideas for forming a ministry around fiber arts — knitting, crocheting and beyond — from prayer shawls to afghans for the homeless to hats for newborns in your congregation. So, grab your yarn and needles (or crochet hook) with a cup of coffee or tea, and come prepared to share your favorite story of “what happened when I gave one of my finished projects away.” Wonderful things can happen when people create together in God’s name. (Note, this workshop will not include instruction in knitting or crocheting, etc.)

Laura Ceperley, Moderator of the Deacons, First Presbyterian Church, Charleston

B - Afternoon Workshops (1:15-2:15 p.m.)

B-1 Clerk of Session in the Small Church: A Unique Role

Gather with Clerks of Session from small churches to explore working with the moderator to build the session agenda, coordinating the work of the church (with or without committees), and functioning as an all-around “play maker.” Specific attention will be given to those churches without pastoral leaders and those whose sessions are moderated by moderators appointed by the Committee on Ministry.

Maureen Wright, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of West Virginia

B-2 Curriculum: What Does the PCUSA 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. We will also look at how to adapt some of the curriculum for online or at-home use.

Susan Sharp Campbell, Associate for Educational Ministry, Presbytery of WV; Pastor, Frankford Presbyterian Church

B-3 Take a Journey with an Authorized Lay Preacher

Authorized Lay Preachers (ALPs) share experiences of preaching around the presbytery. If you are an ALP, join us as we share our stories. If you are interested in becoming an ALP, you are also welcome to participate.

Sue Hollandsworth, Ruling Elder, Oak Grove Presbyterian Church; Authorized Lay Preacher

B-4 Who Do You Say that You Are?

Preserving the story of your life, your family, your organization, or your community can be an act of stewardship and a testament to faithful living. This workshop will provide an overview of the many different types of personal, family, organization, church, and community history book projects people take on, and why they are meaningful. Participants will be briefly introduced to some of the key considerations for such projects, including determining scope, organizing content, selecting sources, and getting books printed.

Rae Jean Sielen, member, First Presbyterian Church, Morgantown; manager of Populore Publishing Company

B-5 Keep That Sense Of Humor; It's Critical!

Laughter can often be the best medicine and a pure gift from God. It is especially important in this time of isolation and stress due to the pandemic. In this workshop, several members of the Presbytery of West Virginia will share some of their favorite church-appropriate jokes and funny stories. Join us as we laugh together for an hour.

Don C. A. Parker, Ruling Elder, Village Chapel Presbyterian Church, Charleston

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

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C-2 Creating Intergenerational Community with Faith Practices

The practices of Hospitality, Prayer, Service, Storytelling, and Retreat in your faith community offer ways to connect the different life stages in life-long formation and cultivate intergenerational community. We will explore these sabbath practices and how to engage with them in your congregation. A toolkit for each participant will be provided.

Stephanie Fritz, Mission Coordinator for Christian Formation, Presbyterian Mission Agency

C-3 Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus - 2021/2022 PW Bible Study

Explore the theme of the 2021-2022 Presbyterian Women Horizon Bible study. This workshop will touch on each chapter of next year's PW Horizon's Bible study, giving ideas and inspiration for teaching the study.

Nellie Howard, Resource Center Director, Presbytery of WV

C-4 Rediscovering the Presbytery

In this course, we'll 1) look back at some of the antecedents of the Presbytery of West Virginia that help explain how we got where we are now, 2) examine some of the demographics of our current congregations that will enable us to have a better understanding of who we are today, and 3) consider some possibilities that can allow us to face the future with hope.

Ed Thompson, General Presbyter, Presbytery of WV

C-5 Playing with Your Congregation

Come, let's play some games together! Playing within your church family brings people together in fun and unique ways, even during a pandemic. We'll explore why play is important, experience games that can be played with people of all ages, and leave with ideas to take back to your church.

Kari Preslar, Director of Christian Education, Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charleston; Commissioned Pastor, Falls View Presbyterian Church

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

D- 1 Beyond the Business: Tending the Spiritual Life of Ruling Elders

According to our Book of Order, ruling elders are called to share in both the discernment of God's Spirit and the governance of God's people. Most elders understand the second responsibility, but what about the first? How can ruling elders become more adept at discerning God's Spirit? How can ruling elders approach their responsibilities in a more spiritually-grounded way? This workshop is designed to help ruling elders better understand how nurturing their own spiritual health can equip them to be more effective in governing their congregations in the faithful discernment of God's Spirit.

Dawn Adamy, Pastor, Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charleston, and John Bolt, Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Morgantown. Both are members of the presbytery's Vocations Committee.

D-2 Church Treasurer's 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, etc. All church treasurers are welcome.

Rocky Poole, Financial Administrator and Treasurer, Presbytery of WV