

WORKSHOP OPTIONS



A – MORNING WORKSHOPS, 11 a.m. – 12 noon

A-1 Living a Love Ethic

Building on the keynote that discusses the "whys" of embracing a love ethic, this workshop will focus on the "hows" of living a love ethic in everyday life. In light of our divisive and polarized society, we will discuss, practice, and share strategies to engage with others across lines of difference.

Teri McDowell Ott, Editor of The Presbyterian Outlook

A-2 Language Like I Never Thought Before: Ministry With & For Those on the Autism Spectrum

We Presbyterians are known for our love of language, but how do we engage the needs of those whose primary modes of communication may not be verbal language or those for whom language and learning language is different? This is a workshop for anyone who is themselves or anyone who loves someone on the autism spectrum. It will especially include information pertaining to meeting the needs of young children on the spectrum, but will also open into a broader conversation about sensory needs in the context of worship and the importance of caring for caregivers. Part experiential, part learning, and yes there will be room for fun and for us all to learn together!

Elizabeth Campbell-Maleke, Pastor, Williamstown First & Waverly-Bethel Presbyterian Churches, and the mother of a son diagnosed with Level 2 autism. Elizabeth has studied Precision Teaching through Octave's Project Blue, and she also serves as an Advisor for a Facebook Community for Parents of Young Children on the Spectrum.

A-3 Homelessness: How to Get Your Church Involved

This workshop will highlight opportunities for your church to help our unsheltered friends. Rural or city, our Presbyterian churches can make a difference. Come learn how!

Derek Hudson, Outreach Director at Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charleston

A-4 Enhancing Worship with Visual Art

This workshop will explore ideas to add visual elements to worship, including creating visuals. No experience necessary.

Kathy Lynch, Member, First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, has created many of the liturgical elements in the sanctuary. Her work has been displayed at the Cultural Center.

B WORKSHOPS - 1:15-2:15 p.m.

B-1 Beyond Local Ministry

The PCUSA's Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program is an ecumenical, faith-based year of service for young adults ages 19-30 in places in the United States and around the world. Brendan Stump served as a YAV in Chinook, Montana, in 2021-2022. In this workshop, he will share his experience, including the enrollment process, what he learned, and why he would recommend this program to other young adults.

Brendan Stump, Presbytery of WV Youth Council alum, former Young Adult Volunteer with the PCUSA.

B-2 Your Grandma's No Longer Policing the Communion Table

Do you remember your grandma, or one of your parents, telling you that you were too young to take communion? Have you noticed that we now practice an "open table" and wondered what changed? We will examine current PCUSA theology about communion, including a proposed amendment to the PCUSA constitution about the communion table as a context for inviting people to be baptized.

Todd Wright, Pastor, Village Chapel Presbyterian Church, Charleston and Susan Sharp Campbell, Associate for Educational Ministry, Presbytery of WV, and Pastor, Frankford Presbyterian Church

B-3 Empowering Faith Leaders to Help Persons with Substance Use Disorder

This workshop will increase faith leaders' understanding of substance use disorder (SUD) and how to connect faith to prevention, treatment, and recovery. Participants will receive information on preparing their congregants to provide the support needed to assist individuals with substance use disorder.

Jordan Dennison, Community Outreach Coordinator for Charleston's CARE Team (Coordinated Addiction Response Effort)

B-4 The LGBTQ+ Inclusive Church 101

What does it mean to become an LGBTQ+ inclusive church? How do you think through this as a congregation with varying opinions and convictions? Members of First Presbyterian Church, Morgantown will share some of their insights and experiences in becoming an LGBTQ+ inclusive congregation, and why it is important for churches to take a lead on this important topic.

Members of First Presbyterian Church, Morgantown, and Zac Morton, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Morgantown

C WORKSHOPS 2:25-3:25 p.m.

C-1 Inside *The Presbyterian Outlook*

The Presbyterian Outlook is the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s only independent publisher. In this workshop, Editor Teri McDowell Ott will discuss the mission and vision of the Outlook, why its independence is important for the church, and her vision for the 200-year-old publisher's future.

Teri McDowell Ott, Editor, The Presbyterian Outlook

C-2 Beyond Traditional Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School has traditionally been a five-day long program for children and those who lead them. However, for many churches, that format and structure no longer works. But that doesn't mean you have to give up the idea of reaching out to children in your congregation and beyond, and, perhaps even families or the whole church family, in creative ways. This workshop will explore ideas beyond the traditional that have been used in a variety of places.

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

C-3 Faith Communities and HIV/AIDS

This workshop will identify HIV prevention efforts in our community, increase awareness about the spread of HIV in West Virginia, and facilitate discussion about the significant role that faith communities play in both HIV/AIDS prevention and supportive care.

Brooke Parker, Linkage and Retention to Care Coordinator, the Ryan White Program

D WORKSHOPS – 1:15-3:25 p.m.

Note: If you sign up for a workshop D, you will be unable to take a B or C workshop.

D-1 2022 Session Record Review & The Role of Clerk of Session

This is an opportunity for Clerks of Session to bring their 2022 Session records for annual review (Book of Order, G-3.0108a). Clerks of Session from throughout the presbytery are invited to participate. This workshop will also provide Clerks of Session with a look at the responsibilities of clerks and an opportunity to share with and learn from other clerks. Join this time of learning, reflection, sharing, and fellowship.

Please note records must be accompanied by the Clerk of Session, a Ruling Elder member of Session, or a pastoral leader to be reviewed.

Maureen Wright, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of West Virginia