



WORKSHOP OPTIONS 2025

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

A-1 Discerning Purpose

Purpose is the SWEET SPOT of ministry, leadership, and Christian living. As leaders, our confidence in our purpose helps us to equip others to serve. There will be four reflection questions for participants that will help to locate their “Sweet Spot” in the work they are being called to do for and with the church. The space for spiritual discernment will help to strengthen the call into this work and surround the participants with people who are on the same journey to serve.

CeCe Armstrong and Tony Larson, Co-Moderators of the 226th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

A-2 Stewardship Navigator

Come, discover easily accessible stewardship resources available through the Presbyterian Foundation to help you tell your story of ministry and mission well. This will be an interactive workshop.

Ellie Johns-Kelley, Ministry Relations Officer, Allegheny and Chesapeake Region, Presbyterian Foundation and member, Presbytery of Lake Erie

A-3 Hiking the Camino – a Spiritual Walk

Maybe you’ve seen the movie “The Way” and wondered what it would be like to hike the Camino de Santiago yourself. Maybe your spirit is willing, but you aren’t sure if your body is up to it. Maybe you are overwhelmed by all the possible routes and don’t know where to start. This workshop is for anyone with those questions or who would like to know more about Todd’s pilgrimage.

Todd Wright, Pastor, Village Chapel Presbyterian Church

A-4 The Justice of the Gospel: Preaching and Teaching Jesus’ Focus on Social Justice and the Common Good

The concept of Social Justice is a modern term but shares a great deal of overlap with the idea of justice that Jesus often appealed to during his ministry. God’s justice is also one of the most deep and abiding themes of the Hebrew Bible from which the Gospels often draw their language and imagination. This discussion-based session

will explore concepts of justice in scripture, how faith communities have engaged with them, and how we can make deep and meaningful connections to modern social issues.

Zac Morton, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Morgantown

A-5 Church Mission Without a Budget!

Imagine the ministry you could do if you had the funds. Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church started with a shower program that has grown to a 100-person-a-day ministry without a budget. Come, hear and learn how they've done this and how your congregation might expand its mission, even when you don't think you have the money and people to do so.

Derek Hudson, ruling elder, Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church, and Director of Bream SHOP (Showers Healthcare Outreach Program)

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

B-1 A New Vision for the Presbytery – What, When & How

Join us as we share the new vision for the Presbytery as approved at the November 2024 Stated Meeting. We will explore the new committee structure and staffing structure, focusing on the ways in which this will direct the Presbytery's work in supporting its churches. Time will be spent delving into the goals approved as part of the new vision. An update on the implementation of the vision will be provided. There will be time for questions and answers.

Maureen Wright, Transitional General Presbyter/Stated Clerk, Presbytery of West Virginia; Dawn Adamy, Moderator of the Presbytery of WV and Pastor, Bream Memorial and Kanawha United Presbyterian Churches; and members of the Presbytery's Leadership Team

B-2 Connecting through Play

As we become adults, it is easy to think that play is a thing of the past, something we've left behind to enter the land of work and responsibility. However, as we play together, we build relationships and develop community with one another, and play provides a time of renewal for our souls. This workshop will be a time to play games, laugh together, build community, and take ideas with us.

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

B-3 Advance Directives: What are They and Why We Need Them

Advanced Directives are important tools which ensure our medical wishes are known when we are unable to speak for ourselves. This will include an explanation of Living Wills, Medical Powers of Attorney, and Code Statuses. There will be time

after the workshop to complete forms and have them notarized; samples and blank forms will be provided.

Kathryn Willoughby Weed, Associate for Ministry to Older Adults, Presbytery of West Virginia

B-4 Insight and Attitudes toward the Changing Campus Ministry Landscape

This workshop will offer a look at how we can meet the needs of college students today while helping them develop their faith and church leadership skills.

Will Myers, Presbyterian Campus Minister, WVUkirk, the Presbyterian Student Fellowship at West Virginia University; and Chris Bailey, Presbyterian Campus Minister, UKirk, Marshall University

B-5 Treasurer and Finance Workshop

This workshop will include a review of the responsibilities of the Church Treasurer. Topics to be covered will be best practices, important duties, and filing reports. Responsibilities to the Presbytery, Board of Pensions, IRS, and more will be addressed. This workshop is designed for Treasurers, Financial Administrators and/or Stewardship/Finance Committee members.

Chris Alfred, Financial Advisor/Treasurer, Presbytery of West Virginia

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

C-1 Discerning Purpose

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C-2 Addressing Disasters in Rural West Virginia: What WVMAW Can Do

West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps (WVMAW) will discuss their place in disaster relief efforts: the how, what, where, and why of this ministry.

Peyton Ballard, Executive Director, WVMAW; and Jake Tyler, Director of Project Management, WVMAW

C-3 Being Ready for a Planned Gift. Right Sized, Planned Giving.

This workshop will explore basic, intermediate, and advanced models to help your session claim the right sized program for your church. Your leaders will learn about the various resources that will enable you to have a real presence and help your members claim a legacy after their lifetime for the sake of sharing the Gospel that others will know the love, grace, and redemption of our Triune God.

Ellie Johns-Kelley, Ministry Relations Officer, Allegheny and Chesapeake Region, Presbyterian Foundation and member, Presbytery of Lake Erie

C-4 Introduction to “Healthy Congregations” Workshops

“Healthy Congregations” is a series of six workshops developed by Peter Steinke based in Systems Theory. Steinke found that congregations are best understood as a whole, as a system, not the conglomeration of their various parts and programs. Health in a congregation has to do with what it does to preserve itself, how it responds to challenges, how it adapts to changes, and the functioning of its leaders. This workshop will provide an overview of the characteristics of healthy congregations and emotional processes in congregations.

Susan Sharp Campbell, Trained Workshop Facilitator of Healthy Congregations; Associate for Educational Ministry, Presbytery of West Virginia; and Pastor, Frankford Presbyterian Church

D WORKSHOPS 1:15-3:25 p.m.

D-1 Capturing Creation with Paint

We will be learning how to paint with acrylic paint on canvas a beautiful scene inspired by Canaan Valley! The canvas is a 14-inch square and will be fun to complete in two hours. The supply cost is an additional \$15 to be paid at the event.

Janet Ripper Chambers, artist and member of First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, with the assistance of Doug Chambers

D-2 Let’s Take a Hike

Enjoy a West Virginia hike on a trail in nearby South Hills as we discover God’s presence in nature. Walking or hiking shoes with covered toes required. The group will depart from First Presbyterian Church immediately following lunch and drive to Holz Elementary School. The hike will be approximately two miles. In case of inclement weather, the group will stay inside for an engaging presentation and discussion.

Beverly Campbell, RNMA and Certified Master Naturalist with the WV Division of Natural Resources and member, First Presbyterian Church, Charleston