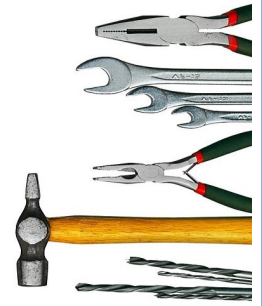


TOOLS FOR MINISTRY

SCHEDULE



- **Registration & Cont'l Breakfast 8:15 - 8:45**

- **Worship & Plenary Session 8:45-9:30**

Worship provided by Easton: Green Pond UMC

- **Session 1 9:45 - 11:00**

- **Effectively Funding Your Ministries:** This workshop will focus on gaining understanding of today's givers, three avenues of giving (annual campaigns, capital campaigns and legacy giving), and effectively communicating giving needs and opportunities with congregants.

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►Great Things He Has Done: Explore the Wonder Stories in the book of II Kings, celebrating the great works of the prophet Elisha - wonders which foreshadow the ministry of Jesus and the Church. Excellent preparation for any leaders of this 2019 study, this workshop will provide background and auxiliary material to bring these texts and this study to life!

Presenter: Rev. Steve Morton - North District Superintendent

►Orientation to Ministry: This course is designed to guide individuals in the process of answering a call to ministry. Those who take this class will gain an understanding of different categories of lay and professional ministry in the UMC, as well as a practical step-by-step understanding of the candidacy process. This course meets the Book of Discipline obligation and is required for all entering as CSM, CLM, Licensing, or Candidacy.

Presenter: Rev. Karyn Fisher, Pastor of Shamokin: St. John's UMC. She is a member of DCOM and a clergy mentor.

►Engaging the Whole Congregation: Imagine a church where disciples abound - where everyone in the pews on Sunday morning is a critical part of the life of the church. Imagine a variety of people serving in the kitchen, talking through hard decisions in committee, or faithfully serving in the background. This workshop will offer some mindset shifts and practical tips to help local church leaders Engage the Whole Congregation in Ministry.

Presenter: Rev. Jennifer Freymoyer serves as the Pastor of Shoemakersville: Salem and North District Assisting Elder.

▸Practicing Spiritual Disciplines: The first step to a better relationship with God is spiritual discipline, which, provides the necessary foundation for a better and a more peaceful life. This workshop will focus on making our prayers more effective to make things happen through.

Presenter: Rev. Navin Satyavrata, Pastor of Allentown: Salem UMC.

▸ Build a Worship Team: Empowering your laity to take worship to the next level. Build a worship team to improve the quality of worship, communication, and spiritual development. See how we did it at Green Pond UMC.

Presenter: Worship Team of Green Pond UMC, Easton Pa.

- **Session 2 11:15 - 12:30**

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▸Effective SPRC Teams: The Staff-Parish Relations team is the agency in the local church which supports and monitors the performance of the pastor and any other compensated staff members, in addition to being the primary liaison between the church and the Bishop regarding annual appointments. Learn some of the Discipline expectations about the work of the SPRC and the "best practices" experienced by our current Superintendent across nearly four decades in the Eastern PA Conference.

Presenter: Steve Morton, North District Superintendent (survivor of thirteen different SPRC chairs and nine DS's)

▸Increasing Diversity by Expanding P.E.A.C.E. Ministries: Ever wondered how to cultivate diversity in your church? Send more kids to camp! This workshop will help you find new ways to get more children and youth to camp, financially support diversity in the camping ministry, and see how camping can be a window I to increase diversity in our churches.

Presenters: Carlen Blackstone & Janelle Mungro, EPA Camping Board members

▸Missionaries . . . Close to Home: Is your church looking to begin mission work but can't afford the expense of a distant mission trip? Do you have a small group that have participated in mission work but want to increase that number? Consider mission work close to home. There are opportunities within a 15-mile radius of your church!

Presenter: Ken Bass, Bethlehem Epworth UMC

▸Spiritual Formation in the Local Church: In this workshop we will be looking at two group spiritual practices that can give spiritual depth to the local church community. The first is Lectio Divina, which is a prayerful reading of the scripture, and the other is the practice of centering prayer, which is learning to notice the presence of God. These practices can be done as individuals but are enhanced when done in a small group setting.

Presenter: Rev. Michael C. Johnson is a clergy member of the Baltimore-Washington Conference appointed as a spiritual director