

2023 Tools for Ministry

Workshops Brochure

(Version 3 - 3/2/2023)

West District

Saturday, March 18th
8:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Church of the Good Shepherd
1500 Quentin Rd,
Lebanon, PA 17042

SESSION A WORKSHOPS

1. Creating the Land Acknowledgement and Why It Matters

Description: In this session participants will explore and begin to think about writing a land acknowledgement for their local Church. Discussion will center around how we are All Living on Unceded Land and as Christians what can we do to acknowledge this?

Presenter: Members of EPA CONAM who are passionate about this issue and have knowledge and resources to share

2. Who is my Neighbor? Using a White Racial Identity Model to Understand Race Relations

Description: An interactive workshop exploring within and between group race relationships at varying levels of racial identity using theory and drama.

Presenters: *Dr. Brenda Ingram-Wallace & Rev. Dr. Quentin Wallace* bring over 20 years of multicultural experience from higher education and ministry.

3. Trustees: How to Prepare for Emergencies

Description: In this workshop you will learn how to develop a plan to prepare for health and safety (intruder, fire, natural disaster) emergencies for your church. Knowing effective risk control measures is the best way to improve safety and to help prevent risk-related losses.

Presenters: *Rev. Dr. John A. Laughlin, Sr.* is past president of the Conference Board of Trustees, and serving at Salem-Manheim UMC. He has led many workshops to help equip local church trustees. *Bob Abram* is a former law enforcement officer and prepared the safety plan for Salem UMC in Manheim.

4. Exploration of Ministry

Description: This workshop is designed to provide information about the candidacy process in the EPA/UMC. This course is required for all candidates for professional ministry in the EPAUMC.

Presenter: *Rev. Mike Remel* received his M.Div. from Palmer Theological Seminary and was ordained an Elder in EPA in 2012. He has a heart and passion for ministry with small churches and connecting the church with the community in which it serves through ministries of care and compassion.

5. Sexual Misconduct in the Church

Description: Come learn what to do in the case of sexual misconduct and how we in the EPAUMC are prepared to respond.

Presenters: *The EPA ICARE Team*, a specially trained team within EPA experienced in dealing with sexual misconduct in the Church.

6. Handling Trauma Grief and Loss: Approaches and Resources for Individual and Congregational Care

Description: The pandemic, politics and disaffiliation discussions have left many people and congregations battered and tired. How



can we help each other heal? Experiences, techniques, and resources will be shared.

Presenters: *Rev. Sally Ott* is a Pastor of Visitation and Outreach at Covenant UMC, Lancaster. *Pastor Bev Andrews* is former Chair of the EPA ICARE Team & a retired Local Pastor.

7. Less Like Hippos: Practical Steps and a Process to Build Your Youth / Young Adult Ministry

Description: This workshop provides 7 elements of an effective youth / young adult ministry while uncovering the one pitfall that negatively impacts most ministry experts.

Presenters: *Rev. Dr. Dave Coryell & Christian Endeavor Staff.* Rev. Coryell is a husband, father, encourager, leader of Christian Endeavor World Network, motivational speaker and advocate for today's youth.

8. Prison Ministry / Prison Transformation

Description: Learn county jail / prison functions, challenges in building a new facility, changes in incarceration thinking, and how congregations and individuals answer God's call to share the Good News in advocacy and direct ministry.

Presenter: *Rev. Kent E. Kroehler.* After 45+ UMC Ministry years, Rev. Kroehler answers the Spirit's call to jail / prison transformation.

9. Trust, Honesty, and Especially Conflict

Description: Solving conflict in our church is about far more than winning an argument or convincing another person change their mind. There are unspoken rules in conflict that we break all the time, and this session will walk you through some of the common pitfalls and how to avoid them.

Presenter: Rev. Paul Miller, Pastor of Hopeland UMC

10. Bridges to Somewhere: Worship Outside the Church Building

Description: In our current religious climate, church attendance may be waning but spiritual hunger is on the rise. Come "dream big" as we explore together "doing church" outside our walls.

Presenter: *Rev. Melissa Madera,* Deacon, New Mexico AC. Creator of Sacred SoulScapes.

11. Ministry with Older Adults

Description: Learn about an effective ministry with Seniors that includes opportunities to meet for lunch, a walking group, special trips and events, guest speakers, a book club, and service opportunities. Come and gather new ideas for ministries that you may begin.

Presenters: *Joanne Pike,* Coordinator of Senior Ministries, Ephrata First UMC, & *Mindy Sheaffer*

SESSION B WORKSHOPS

12. S/PPRC – Connection, Accountability, and Support

Description: Bring your questions and share your wisdom in this facilitated conversation about best practices of the SPRC and how SPRC representatives support the mission of the church through their unique relationship with their pastor, the church, and the District Superintendent.

Presenter: *Rev. Jennifer S. Freymoyer,* West District Superintendent, United Methodists of EPA

13. Prayerful Conversations with God

Description: Do you want to know God better? Do you want to learn new ways to pray? Learn new ways to have a conversation with God rather than just talking at God.

Presenter: *Rev. Jeff Kapp* is pastor at Lebanon-Kochenderfer UMC. He enjoys spending time with his family and pets, and reading.

14. Racial Consciousness Raising for Everyone

Description: Join in a conversation between the Rev. Bruny Martinez and the Rev. Dr. Darryl W. Stephens about race, privilege, and equity. Gather resources to bring to your congregation.

Presenters: *Rev. Dr. Bruny Martínez* is a Local Pastor, co-chair of ICARE, and adjunct at Lancaster Theological Seminary. *Rev. Dr.*



Darryl W. Stephens is Chair of the Order of Deacons and teaches at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

15. Biblical Foundations for Ministry Across Differences

Description: Stories and passages throughout the Bible involve persons who were called across racial and cultural boundaries to participate in God's work of expanding the kin-dom of God. We'll look at some of them.

Presenters: **Pastor Beverly Andrews** is a member of the EPA Cross Racial Cross Cultural Team of Trainees and is a retired pastor. **Rev. Alicia Julia-Stanley** is co-chair of the EPA Commission on Religion and Race and Pastor of First UMC in Shamokin.

16. Building Bridges: Christ Centered Connections with Individuals and Families Affected by Disability.

Description: In this workshop you will learn some development ideas for local church disability ministry. The leader will discuss the joys and challenges, of ministry to adults affected by disability.

Presenter: **Christie Hunt** is married to Byran. They have two children and three grandchildren. Christie is the director of Disability Ministries at Manor Church.

17. Children's and Family Ministry Basics in a Post Pandemic World

Description: Let's vision together how to go forth in faithful, fruitful ministry with and for children and their families. We'll look at the lessons we've learned and innovate together.

Presenter: **Elizabeth Christie** has been involved in children's and family ministries for over two decades.

18. Reaching Beyond the Walls and Making Your Church a Community Hub

Description: We will explore a variety of creative ministries and opportunities for your congregation to go beyond the church walls to impact your neighbors, as well as how to invite people into your church building and the life of your congregation.

Presenter: **Rev. Jason Perkowski** is serving with two small congregations who are doing creative ministry beyond what they thought was possible.

19. Legacy Giving and Endowments

Description: An overview of ways to establish an endowment program in the local church, and connecting it to the congregation.

Presenter: **Jack Brooks**, Director, Mid-Atlantic Foundation

20. Missional Meetings ... or, Can We Really Get Away With Just One Committee?

Description: Bored with your board meetings? There are alternatives to the committee structure in the Book of Discipline! We just need to restructure for the RIGHT reasons.

Presenter: **Rev. Helen Adams** - Pastor, St. Marks UMC in Mount Joy and West Assisting Elder

21. Who's Growing These Days?

Description: The New Testament gives witness to local churches which increased in numbers (Acts 9:31 NRSV) as the Holy Spirit granted them success in making new disciples and expanding the Kingdom. In the Eastern PA Conference today, we pray and strategize around the very same biblical practices as we build effective, growing congregations. Do you know the five (5) markers of congregational vitality? Is your congregation dreaming and planning around each of these? This workshop will introduce you to our five Vitality measures and challenge you to achieve them in your local setting.

Presenter: Rev. Steve Morton, Leadership Development, EPA

- Version 2 - 3/1/23 - Added Descriptions for Workshop #11
- Version 3 - 3/2/23 - Added Description for Workshop #10