

Gain the  
tools you need  
to do the  
**ministry**  
God's world needs.

#### Tools for Ministry Schedule

Opening Devotions

Mission Connexion  
Panel Discussion

Morning Workshops

Interactive Worship

Lunch (catered by Subway)

Afternoon Workshops

#### Registration Information

Registration fee:  
(includes lunch)

- by April 19: **\$12/person**
- after April 20: **\$15/person**

**Register online** by visiting:  
[epaumc.churchcenteronline.com/  
registrations/events/58324](http://epaumc.churchcenteronline.com/registrations/events/58324)

Northeast District

2336 S 9<sup>th</sup> St., Unit 3  
Allentown PA 18103

# Strengthening the Connection - - through - - Resources and Relationships



Saturday, April 29  
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
(registration begins at 8:30 AM)

Grace UMC Pen Argyl  
404 E Mountain Ave  
Pen Argyl, PA 18072

*sponsored by the  
Northeast District Transformation Team*

## Morning Workshops

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### Going with the Flow: Partnering with Families in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

with Elizabeth Christie

Children's Minister with the UMC

Join us as we discuss ways to equip parents and grandparents to be the primary spiritual leaders in their children's lives. Topics include take-home materials, healthy practices and rhythms for faith formation, different activities for all age levels, and how to reach the adults who are not always present or feel that they have no idea how to start leading the children in their lives. Bring your cameras so you can take pictures of materials!

### Managing Conflict in the Church

with Rev. Amy Enders

Licensed Local Pastor &

Organizational Development Consultant

Conflict and division in the church can damage relationships and thwart the faith journey. Conflict does not need to become destructive; conflict can be productive and even valuable. Join us to learn about a seven-step model for handling conflict.

### Active Bystander Intervention

with Rev. Susan Worrell

Ordained Deacon &

Chair of Commission on Religion & Race

With the reported rise of bullying behaviors and malicious insults in our communities, we wonder: what can we do to de-escalate a painful verbal attack? How can we support someone being targeted? This workshop will help you de-escalate harassment and hate speech and better understand what it means to (safely) stick up for your neighbor with compassion and resolve.

### Radical Hospitality from Street to Seat

with Bob Keiderling

Pastor of Discipleship, Wesley UMC

Radical hospitality is a key element of fruitful congregations. Learn practices to help your church become more welcoming, and gain ideas that will enable you to build strong connections between your local church and your surrounding community.

## Afternoon Workshops

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### The Nitty-Gritty of Children's Ministry

with Elizabeth Christie

Children's Minister with the UMC

Learn about the little building blocks that come together to provide the frame for your children's ministry programs. Topics include: Safe Sanctuaries basics, how to maintain frequent and effective communications with families and communities, choosing curriculum, building and maintaining your database in the 21st century, and basic classroom management. Perfect for new or seasoned children's ministry volunteers – and youth ministry volunteers, too!

### Church Finance

with Rev. Navin Satyavrata

Ordained Elder

Finding yourself on the finance team, and in need of some direction? This workshop will focus on: the theological foundations for financial leadership, the functions and responsibilities of the finance committee and officers, communicating financial matters to the congregation, designated giving, conference apportionments, and the values of stewardship.

### Lay Leadership

with Tom Gibson

Business Administrator, Asbury UMC

Calling all church leaders: It's a time to discuss how lay leaders can make an important contribution to the future of the local church. Come with ideas, and go home with more.

### Trustees

Local church Trustees have the incredible privilege and responsibility of caring for church property – God's property! Find answers to your questions and gain the understanding you'll need to manage and maintain physical property. This is a great workshop for seasoned Trustees as well as those who are new to this role.

### Staff-Parish Relations (SPRC)

with Rev. Dr. Irving Cotto

Northeast District Superintendent

A workshop covering all the basics for those who are new to SPR, and a refresher for anyone who is already serving in this ministry. Learn how to facilitate strong, vital connections among the pastor, staff, and local congregation.

## Contact Us

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