

VITALITY

CHURCH IN POST PANDIMIC LIFE

PRESBYTERY EDUCATION DAY

January 29, 2022

9am - 2pm

At Farmington Presbyterian Church

Registration and Meal: \$25

Scholarships available upon request



Jan Edmiston is the General Presbyter of Charlotte Presbytery in N.C. Previously she served congregations in upstate New York and Northern Virginia for 27 years and served as Associate Executive Presbytery for 7 years in the Presbytery of Chicago. She loves The Church. Along with Rev. Denise Anderson, Jan served as Co-Moderator of the 222nd General Assembly of the PCUSA from 2016 to 2018 during which she traveled to Syria, Lebanon, Germany, and Italy on behalf of the denomination. Jan is originally from Chapel Hill, NC and her family includes her husband Rev. Fred Lyon (also a PCUSA pastor) and their three young adult children. She has written in her blog A Church for Starving Artists since 2005.

<https://achurchforstarvingartists.blog/>

9-9:45 a.m.	Keynote/Worship
10 - 10:45 a.m.	Workshop I
10:55 - 11: 40a.m.	Workshop II
11:45 - 12:30	Lunch
12:30 - 1:15	Workshop III
1:20 - 2:00	Closing Keynote/ Worship

Lunch prepared by FireHutch Catering



BREAK OUT DESCRIPTIONS

10AM - 10:45AM

Worshipping with Our Senses: Part 1

Led by Doug Barr

As we emerge from the pandemic, let us engage the whole self in worship through visuals, sounds, and actions that invite all participants to wonder at God's gift of creativity. In part one, we will explore the why and how of worship beyond the bulletin.

Q & A Follow Up with Jan Edmiston

You will have questions and thoughts to share when you hear Jan speak about transforming the church. After her keynote, you are invited to stay in the sanctuary for a followup Q & A.

Spiritual PTSD: Processing the Pandemic

Led by Jerry Heston

Dr. Jerry Heston is a graduate of Rhodes College and received his medical degree from University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine. He became interested in child psychology during a residency at Le Bonheur and has been practicing child and adolescent psychiatry in Memphis for many decades. Dr. Heston is affiliated with Le Bonheur and St. Jude. As a Memphis Magazine Top Doctor in 2021 he said he has seen emotional and psychological issues take new form during the lengthy isolation period caused by the coronavirus.

10:55AM - 11:40AM

Worshipping with Our Senses: Part 2

Led by Doug Barr

How do we do this? Whether you are live-streaming, prerecording, or worshipping fully in-person, the tools from part 1 are available. Lets take some time to practice creative liturgy through sight, sound, and actions.

Appreciative Inquiry

Led by Rev. James Gale

Transformational work does not always have to be about what is going wrong. In this workshop we will learn about the tool of Appreciative Inquiry. Appreciative Inquiry is a collaborative process that focuses on strengths, values, aspirations and opportunities, building on what is working and then implementing these new insights and innovations.

Spiritual Vitality through Mindfulness

Led by Anne Hagler

This workshop will explore the meaning of mindfulness as Christian spiritual practice. It will include teaching, conversation, and practice. Be prepared to be both challenged and nourished.

12:30PM - 1:15PM

Why Change, When Change is Hard?

Led by Rev. James Gale

The world we live in is constantly changing. Why then do churches find it so hard to embrace meaningful and lasting change? Using the framework New York Times bestselling book Switch, we will learn how to create sustainable models for successful change in our church.

Who is My Neighbor? Ministry to the Neighborhood in Post Pandemic Times.

Led by Rev. Stephanie Patton

Together we will explore what it means to minister to the neighborhoods around our churches in post-pandemic times. A look at scripture, a look at theology, a look at reframing how we see ministry to our neighbors.

Ministry with Youth

Led by Christopher Williams

He is the Director of Memphis Youth Mission and the Youth Director at Shady Grove Presbyterian Church. Chris has spent the last decade working in the fields of secondary education, theological reflection, and community service.

