

Registration Information

Please register for this event by **Friday, Oct. 5th** via E-MAIL (preferred) or phone to Rev. Stephen Melton at

email: pastor@churchvillepc.org or 410-734-7344

Please be sure to include the following information with your registration:

- ♦ Name (s) of those attending
- ♦ Church name
- ♦ Position held at the Church
- ♦ Email address (es)

Lunch is included - will you be staying for lunch?

Workshop Selections - please indicate which of the offered workshops you will be attending for each time slot:

All -Day Workshop: Preaching for Elders (9:00 AM - 1:00 PM)

OR

9:00 AM Workshops - **A** or **C**

10:00 AM Workshops - **D** or **E**

11:00 AM Workshops - **F** or **G**

1:00 PM All will come together for our time of **worship**, at which time Rev. Andy Gathman will describe each element as we experience them in worship. Our worship will include elements designed by workshop members based on Psalm 100.



How does Susquehanna Parish manage to put on these programs for its churches?

We're so glad you asked!

The money that each church gives to Shared Ministry at the Presbytery each year provides between \$15,000-\$18,000 for our Ministry Group.

The elders and pastors who attend the Ministry Group meetings (monthly on the First Thursdays) decide how to use the money to best support the churches of our Ministry Group for spiritual leader development, congregational development, mission outreach, and more. So when you decide to contribute to Shared Ministry, you are making sure that this money is available to support our area churches.

Do you want to be part of the decision-making process?
Join us at our next meeting!

Susquehanna Parish Ministry Group

Presents:

The 2018 Fall Discipleship Event



Saturday, October 13, 2018

8:30 AM — 2:30 PM

First Presbyterian Church

Bel Air, MD

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 5, 2018

Schedule for the Day		
8:30	Registration	
9:00	Workshops	A & C & H (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)
10:00	Workshops	D & E
11:00	Workshops	F & G
Noon	Lunch	
1:00	Worship – **	see note below
2:30	Departure	

**Our worship will include elements designed by workshop members. The scripture will be Psalm 100 or Psalm 150. (Andy Gathman)

Susquehanna Parish is delighted to invite its 11 churches, their leaders and members, as well as those from any of the churches in Baltimore Presbytery to join us for our fifth annual event. Susquehanna Parish is committed to both spiritual leader development and congregational development in all areas of our worship and music experience. Everyone is invited - you do not need to be a member of the Parish to attend.

The Convener of Susquehanna Parish is Rev. Kimberly Secrist Ashby, pastor of Fallston Presbyterian Church, 410-879-7729 or email: pastorfallstonpc@gmail.com.

Registration is to be directed to Rev. Stephen Melton, pastor of Churchville Presbyterian Church, email: pastor@churchvillepc.org or 410-734-7344. See Registration information on back page.

All-Day Workshop

H. Preaching for Elders, led by the Rev. Jeanne Gay. Jeanne is the Interim Pastor at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. This four-hour workshop will help prepare church leaders to preach in their own or other churches. It is open to anyone who is occasionally asked to preach or who has felt a call to preach—or who is simply curious about the process of creating and presenting a sermon.

Some of the subjects covered in this workshop will be exegetical vs. testimonial preaching, the purposes of preaching, and structuring and presenting the sermon. There will be individual and group exercises as well as whole-group discussion and a panel of preachers giving their best preaching tips and answering questions. Participants will come out of this workshop with the tools for creating a sermon and, in some cases, the beginnings of an actual sermon.

H. *Pre-Work for Preaching for Elders*

Participants will be expected to purchase and read parts of A Sermon Workbook: Exercises in the Art and Craft of Preaching (Troeger and Tisdale, 2013) in the weeks before the course. They will also be expected to begin the exegetical work on a scripture passage to use as the basis for a sermon.

Workshops

A. Making Worship a Sensory Experience led by Farrell Maddox. Farrell is the music director at Good Shepherd Presbyteri-an Church and a retired art teacher for the Baltimore County Schools. Remember when you were supposed to be seated to quietly listen to the word of God? Research has shown that people learn best when all of the senses are involved, so why not in church? In this session we will discuss ways that we can get all of the senses involved in the worship experience. Church really can be an inspiring interactive place to learn about our Lord and Savior, you just have to be brave and jump out of the box.

B. Elements in Worship led by Rev. Andy Gathman. Andy is pastor at Chestnut Grove Presbyterian Church.

Andy will lead us in this experiential workshop as we worship together at 1:00 PM. This workshop is especially unique because Andy will describe each element as we experience them in worship. This experience is designed to help us engage with the elements of a typical Presbyterian worship service (Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, Passing the Peace, etc.). He will be using the 2018 Book of Common Worship as a guide. The workshop will help us explore the meaning and purpose of these elements and how they can be employed thoughtfully and creatively to assist worshipers in deepening their experience of faith and connection with God.

C. New Worship Paradigms and How to Initiate Them in Congregations led by leadership from the Parish Resource Center in Lancaster, PA. Our presenter will be Jeremy Graeff. Jeremy is a founding leader of one of the PCUSA’s 1,001 New Worshiping Communities (Ember Faith Community).

When thinking about your worship service, you may be asking "How can we be as engaging as possible?" And that's a good place to start. This workshop will begin with an open discussion time guided by questions that both challenge and inspire creativity. By the end of the workshop, you'll gain an understanding of the next steps to take to help your church move forward.

D. Singing Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs: The Vital Role of Music in Christian Worship led by Kathy Zamostny. Kathy is an Elder, a Graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary, and serves as Director of Music at Highland Presbyterian Church.

The people of God sing! But why we sing and what we sing are important issues. Participants will reflect upon the history and theology of music within worship as well as considering effective ways of introducing new genres of music to the congregation. Finally, participants will learn a simple taize song and share this within our afternoon worship service.

E. How to Write Liturgy led by Rev. David Willerup. David is pastor of Havenwood Presbyterian Church.

Writing liturgy can be as simple as copying cool and holy things from online resources and hoping the Spirit makes something happen. Or, writing liturgy can be a spiritual exercise challenging the writer. Through study, prayer and imagination, a space is created in which worship is filled with biblical themes and patterns. The process can also be an idol. Let's wrestle a bit with the goal, the process, and the presentation of liturgical worship.

F. Children and Youth in Worship led by the Rev. Ray Meute. Ray is pastor of Highland Presbyterian Church.

He will share some of the ways that Highland is seeking to include children and youth in worship. Those attending this workshop will also be invited share their various practices, ideas, and visions for designing worship that connects with children and youth as well as adult worshippers.

G. Drama in Worship led by Kathy Welsh Smith. Kathy is the Associate Director of Connections at Central Presbyterian in Towson. In addition to helping guests become involved members, she works with the worship teams to write, direct, act, and film short theater pieces.

This workshop will help you learn ways to do any of these in your worship services - from Scripture storytelling to short sketches. Kathy believes that the point of theater or film in church is to connect our daily lives to the proclaimed Word.

H. Please see **All-Day Workshop** for information.