

## Parish Resource Center Trainings and Seasonal Events

For more information--and to register--please go to [www.parishresourcecenter.org](http://www.parishresourcecenter.org) or call 717-299-1113.

### **Reading the Qur'an as a Non-Muslim**

An Evening with Pulitzer-Prize winning historian, Garry Wills

Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 6:00 pm

\$29 for anyone attending a PRC Member church      \$35 for non-Members

at Highland Presbyterian Church

WHAT THE QUR'AN MEANT offers Christian and non-Muslim readers the opportunity to expand their understanding of Islam through direct analysis of the text. Wills expertly contextualizes the Qur'an, comparing it with other sacred books that may be more familiar to non-Muslim readers, including the Old Testament and New Testament.

### **Godly Play Core Training**

Friday, October 6, 2017: 1:00 pm – 9:00 pm; Saturday, October 7, 2017: 8:30 am – 6:00 pm; Sunday, October 8, 2017: 12:00 pm – 4:30 pm.

Led by Melissa Wenner Bradley, Godly Play Trainer

\$100 for early bird price for PRC Members      After September 25 \$200 for PRC Members

\$400 for non-Members

At Saint James Episcopal Church, 119 N. Duke St., Lancaster, PA, 17602

This Core Training is the recommended training for every adult leading Godly Play sessions (years 1 – 3 of practice), for administrators, and for clergy. Over the course of three days (18 hours), participants experience all aspects of the Godly Play method and begin to become fluent in the Godly Play core stories and fundamental practices.

### ***Trunk-or-Treat***

Tuesday, October 24 from 6:30-8 pm      Free for all attending.

Trunk-or-Treat is a free and safe event for families! Attendees will go from parked car to parked car and receive candy or a non-food item from each one. Each vehicle opens its trunk that is decorated with a kid-friendly theme. Kids wear their costumes, visit the decorated cars, fill up on treats, and enjoy a night of family fun. We will also have snacks, crafts, music, and more! This event is for children (infant-5th grade) and their families.

### ***Hope Reborn: An Advent Experience***

December 4 through 8, and December 11 through 15 from 9 am-4 pm

at the Parish Resource Center      Free for all attending.

Through this interactive and contemplative experience, consider how hope is being reborn all around you. Visit us after you've dropped the kids off at school, during your lunch break, on your trip home from shopping, or after work. The experience is suitable for children if they are accompanied by an adult who can assist them in the experience.

## Parish Resource Center's Fall Workshops

For more information--and to register--please visit [www.parishresourcecenter.org](http://www.parishresourcecenter.org) or call 717-299-1113.

### ***Mindful Listening & Civility***

Monday, September 18 from 7-8:30 pm

Led by Sarah Colantonio of Work Wisdom at the Parish Resource Center

Free to anyone attending a PRC Member church      \$15 for non-Members

Learning the practice of mindful listening is a key step in civility. Listening takes practice. The listening challenges we explore in this workshop are designed to help you concretely hone the ability to absorb, focus, and strengthen listening skills. When practiced, they will impact your relationships in remarkably civil ways.

### ***Opioids in Lancaster County***

Tuesday, September 19 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Led by Sarah Fritz, Community Outreach Coordinator for the Lancaster County District Attorney's Office at Parish Resource Center

Free to anyone attending a PRC Member church      \$15 for non-Members

What is the current state of the opioid crisis in Lancaster County and what is being done about it? Sarah Fritz, Community Outreach Coordinator for the Lancaster County District Attorney's Office, will discuss the DA's response to the current opioid crisis. CJ Holowach, a person living in long-term recovery from opiates, will share his story.

### ***Faith Development Goals for Your Children's Ministry***

Tuesday, September 26 from 7-8:30 pm

Led by Laura Ligo, Director of Children's Ministry at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Mount Joy at the Parish Resource Center

Free to anyone attending a PRC Member church      \$15 for non-Members

Developing clear, cohesive, and informative faith-development goals can greatly enhance the experience of the children and youth in your ministry. This workshop, which will have small-group, interactive components, will help you create a sequence of faith-learning goals for your church.

### ***What's Next?: An Honest Discussion about Continuing Education for Leaders***

Tuesday, October 10 from 7-8:30 pm

Led by PRC Staff, with a panel of representatives from Capital Seminary, Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Evangelical Seminary, Kairos School of Spiritual Formation, and Oasis Ministries

at Parish Resource Center      Free for all.

What is the future of continuing education for church leaders? As the culture of both church and society shift, join us for a conversation with a panel of regional representatives from seminaries and schools of spiritual formation. Engage in the discussion as we consider how the future of continuing education for church leaders may impact local churches and denominations.

### **Breaking Down Digital Barriers**

Monday, October 16 from 7-8:30 pm

Led by Assistant District Attorney Janie Swinehart, Lancaster County District Attorney's Office

at Parish Resource Center

Free to anyone attending a PRC Member church

\$15 for non-Members

This workshop will feature a brief overview of the laws that cover cyber-related crimes, specifically regarding image sharing and what are commonly known as sexting and sextortion. Participants will leave with a better understanding of several social media platforms and ways that people – both young and old – can safely engage with them.

### ***Making Disciples: Every Church Needs a Plan for Adult Discipleship Groups***

Led by Heather Brickner, PRC Staff, Eddie Cameron, Pastor of Discipleship & Administration at First United Methodist Church, Lancaster and Josef Berthold, Pastor at West End Mennonite Fellowship

Monday, October 30 from 7-8:30 pm

at Parish Resource Center

Free to anyone attending a PRC Member church

\$15 for non-Members

This workshop will include stories from local church leaders who work with adult discipleship groups, in addition to providing the biblical basis for intentional adult discipleship efforts. We will dive into methods of adult discipleship that go beyond Sunday school - including small groups, missional communities, and home churches - so you can consider possible next steps for launching, growing, and multiplying adult discipleship groups in your congregation.

### ***Neighboring Well: Living Like Jesus in Your Community***

Monday, November 6 from 7-8:30 pm

Led by Jen Eisenberg, Director of the SENT Gathering at First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, Jeffery McClain, Lead Pastor at East Petersburg Mennonite Church, and Kent Rice, Founder of East Petersburg Area Civic Center

at Parish Resource Center

Free to anyone attending a PRC Member church

\$15 for non-Members

Join us for a panel discussion with leaders who are helping churches think about loving their neighbors, but even more, are committed to doing it themselves on a daily basis. Each person attending will leave with practical examples and reflective questions to help them, and people at their church, think honestly about who their neighbors are and how they can practically extend love.

## Parish Resource Center Fall Roundtables

Roundtables are FREE to all PRC Member and Non-Member Churches! For more information--and to register--please go to [www.parishresourcecenter.org](http://www.parishresourcecenter.org) or call 717-299-1113.

### ***Woo Your Children's Ministry Volunteers***

Led by Heather Brickner, PRC Staff

Monday, September 18 from 10-11:30 am at the Parish Resource Center

Your children's ministry needs volunteers, but how do you recruit, equip, empower, and keep your volunteers? Connect with children's ministry leaders, take a breath, and learn practical tools to support your volunteer team this year.

### ***Woo Your Youth Ministry Volunteers***

Led by Heather Brickner, PRC Staff

Monday, September 25 from 10-11:30 am at the Parish Resource Center

Your youth ministry needs volunteers, but how do you recruit, equip, empower, and keep your volunteers? Connect with youth ministry leaders, take a breath, and learn practical tools to support your volunteer team this year.

### ***A Case of the Wiggles: Helping Children Focus Without Shaming***

Monday, October 16 from 10-11:30 am

Led by Heather Brickner, PRC Staff at Parish Resource Center

Increasingly, children are being diagnosed with ADD, ADHD, autism, or sensory processing disorder. Has your church thought about ways to minister to these children and families? You'll leave the workshop with a few handmade gadgets that will help children focus during Sunday school, mid-week programming, and church services.

### ***Safeguards in Youth Ministry***

Monday, October 23 from 10-11:30 am

Led by Heather Brickner, PRC Staff at Parish Resource Center

In ministry, and especially ministry with adolescents, you need safeguards that protect adolescents, your church, volunteers, and you. Connect with other youth ministry leaders and learn of important boundaries when it comes to the realities of texting, social media, and meetings outside of a ministry gathering.

### ***Social Media Tips & Best Practices for Administrative Assistants***

Wednesday, November 1 from 12-1:30 pm

Led by Erin Hershey, PRC Staff at Parish Resource Center

Administrative assistants often feel isolated in their roles, particularly as they learn to navigate new technologies and social media. Bring your lunch (we'll have hot and cold drinks!), connect with other people in administrative roles, and get some social media tips and best practices from people who work in the communications field.

### ***Christmas: It's the Most Busy Time of the Year***

Monday, November 13 from 10-11:30 am

Led by Heather Brickner, PRC Staff

at Parish Resource Center

Before the holidays, gather with other church staff members for hot chocolate and cookies and learn ways to personally pursue a more sustainable rhythm through the season. Christmas-time may be a time of hustle and bustle, but you can still experience rest and renewal by being intentional before the season begins.

## **Parish Resource Center's Upcoming Events for Pastors**

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### ***Coffee & Donuts for Church Staff***

Tuesday, October 17 from 9-10 am

Led by PRC Staff

at Parish Resource Center

Free for all attending!

All church staff members are invited to enjoy free coffee and donuts at the PRC. Drop in and grab a donut on your way to the office, or drop in for the whole hour and connect with other church staff members from around the region.

### ***Preaching in a Digital World***

Thursday, November 2 from 9:30-11:30 am

Led by Erin Cox-Holmes, Executive Presbyter – Presbytery of Donegal

at Parish Resource Center

Free to anyone attending a PRC Member church

\$15 for non-Members

As we live in a digital world, how does this impact our preaching? Join Erin Cox-Holmes, a gifted and creative preacher, as she speaks with pastors about the philosophy of preaching in a digital world, becoming a narrative preacher, and proper ways to incorporate media into a sermon to help people engage with God, scripture, and the church.