

Workshop #1 -

Title: *Discover FX*

Leader: Terri McClain

Description: Fresh Expressions (FX) are about stepping beyond the walls of the church and into the places where life happens. They go beyond the boundaries of ordinary church to build authentic community with people who have often been forgotten, ignored, marginalized, or dismissed. In this workshop, you'll explore how Fresh Expressions can breathe new life into your congregation and help you reach people in your community who are unchurched or dechurched. You'll discover different models of Fresh Expressions and learn practical ways to begin one in your own context.

Workshop #2 -

Title: *The "State of Ministry" with Emerging Generations*

Leaders: Members of the West Ohio Emerging Generations Team

Description: Learn about the realities of ministry with children, youth, and young adults in and across the Ohio Episcopal Area and viable steps to engage emerging generations in today's world. This workshop is for anyone who works with emerging generations or leadership wanting to engage emerging generations. Participants will leave with facts, ministry concepts currently working well, and easy next steps.

Workshop #3 -

Title: *Simplifying Church Leadership for Mission*

Leader: Rev. Beth Ortiz

Description: Discover how a streamlined leadership system can strengthen alignment, reduce administrative burden, and empower ministry. This brief workshop introduces the core components of a simplified structure (often referred to as a one board) and offers practical information and guidance for congregations discerning whether it fits their context.

Workshop #4 -

Title: *Still Growing: Discipleship Small Groups that Connect Us to God and Renew the Church*

Leader: Rev. Beth Ortiz

Description: Faith is never finished—and it grows best in community. This workshop explores how Wesleyan-style small groups—simple, relational, and led by laity—create space for continued spiritual growth for long-time disciples *and* offer a warm, accessible entry point for new people. Discover how gatherings shaped by fellowship, worship, and Scripture can renew seasoned believers while opening doors for others to join the journey, helping the whole church grow in vitality and connection.

Workshop #5 -

Title: *Finance: Essentials of Church Financial Administration*

Leader: Bill Brownson

Description: You'll learn accounting basics, clergy payroll and administration, expected reporting, and controls to keep your funds safe.

Workshop #6 –

Title: *For Trustees: Corporate Duties: Assets, Property and Risk Management*

Leader: Bill Brownson

Description: You'll learn about church real estate matters, insurance, reporting and officially representing your church in contracts and business matters.

Workshop #7 -

Title: *Stewardship - Sharing Your Impact: Telling the Story of Mission Giving, Connectional Giving and Apportionments*

Leader: Susan O'Donnell Black & Rev. Karen Cook

Description: What does it mean to be a Connectional church? Why should we pay apportionments? And where did we go so wrong? Join UMFWO Executive Director Susan Black and Director of Connectional Ministries Rev. Karen Cook as they reveal the critical relationship between mission giving, connectional giving and apportionments and why it matters to every UM church today.

Workshop #8 -

Title: *Leading Where You Are: A Practical Leadership Framework*

Leader: Suzanne Bandy

Description: This workshop helps participants discover how their God-given spiritual gifts and sense of calling can shape their leadership, no matter their role. Rooted in Wesleyan values of grace and connection, it draws on Brené Brown's definition of leadership: *"Anyone who takes responsibility for finding the potential in people and processes and has the courage to develop that potential."*

Workshop #9 -

Title: *Asset Mapping For Mission*

Leader: Rev. Karen Cook and Rev. Mary Sullivan

Description: Join us for an engaging session on Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD), where you'll discover how to harness the strengths and resources already present in your community to drive meaningful change. This session will empower you to shift the focus from community needs and deficiencies to its assets and potential. Participants can expect interactive

sessions, practical tools, and collaborative exercises that will equip them to identify and mobilize the unique gifts, talents, and capacities within their community.

Workshop #10 -

Title: *Creation Care Connections*

Leader: Mariellyn Grace

Description: Learn how individuals and churches can connect with Creation Care resources, within West Ohio and beyond, to better care for God's world at the local level! Resources include the Green Church Movement, EarthKeepers, the United Methodist Creation Justice Movement, Bible studies on climate resilience, and more.

Workshop #11 -

Title: *Create, Connect, Care: Social Media + AI for Impact and Integrity*

Leader: Kay Panovec

Description: In this workshop, discover how to craft engaging social media content that sparks conversation and builds authentic community. Then, go beyond the feed—learn how AI can support your broader work, from drafting newsletters and event materials to summarizing meetings and improving accessibility. We'll pair practical techniques with ethical guardrails: transparency, bias awareness, privacy, and responsible disclosure. You'll leave with actionable strategies, prompt templates, and an ethics checklist to help you create, connect, and care—online and off.

Workshop #12 -

Title: *SPRC Training on Healthy Communication/Discipleship*

Leader: Rev. Amy Haines and Rev. Don Wilson

Description:

Workshop #13 -

Title: *Creating a Leadership Pathway for Your Church*

Leader: Kelly Brown

Description: A discussion about a practical step-by-step approach to creating a leadership pathway for you congregation grounded in scripture and prayer.