



Morning Workshops

We invite you to choose one Missional workshop, labeled (M), and one Leadership workshop, labeled (L), between the morning and afternoon.

Communication is Key (L) with Nancy Tam Davis: Some say that communication is the key to leadership...it's the key to everything! This workshop is about how we listen, interpret, and express. We each have our own communication styles that work sometimes, but not all the time. Learn how to express yourselves in ways that lead to openness, safety, and possibilities.

Creative & Collaborative Youth Ministry (M) with Cody Natland & Lori Flores: Join us for a discussion on some ideas on how to do youth group with smaller numbers. Cody & Lori will share how they began the Skagit Valley UM Youth Group and some of the tips that they received from other youth workers. We'll also take time for other youth leaders to share ideas for activities they've done with their youth groups. This workshop is open to youth leaders, those interested in working with youth, and even youth themselves!

Easy, Meaningful, and Practical Tips for Reading through the Bible (M) with Anita Foster: Have you ever wanted to read through the Bible? Have you felt guilt because you haven't? Perhaps you have started but didn't finish, or you have never started because you think you are not theologically "smart" enough? If you resonate with any of the above, please come and join us for a new look at how to experience the most important book ever written. Learn some easy and practical tips for navigating your way through the Word in a way that can be transformational for you! **Please bring your favorite version of the Bible!!**

Engaging the Greater Community: Initial Steps of Reclaiming Evangelism (M) with Rev. Dr. Bill Gibson: If you are interested in learning the basic rhythms of successful community engagement, then join in this fresh, new approach to the initial steps of reclaiming the activity (and word) of evangelism. In the church, we cringe at the thought of saying the word E-V-A-N-G-E-L-I-S-M out loud. What in the world is going on? In a predominate American consumer culture, the church must recapture and employ new ways of engaging the greater community. Join in a meaningful discussion for some practical tools as we reframe the work essential to making disciples for the transformation of the world.

Lay Leadership 101 (L) with Karen Fisher: As lay leader, how do you help plant seeds, nurture and tend to the spiritual growth of your church? How do you do the same for yourself? Join Karen Fisher, Seven Rivers District Lay Leader, to talk about how to best define your role and serve your pastor and church.

Scarcity is a Myth (L) with Patrick Scriven: When it comes to sharing your church's story, an abundance of free, or nearly free, resources are available for churches to use. Patrick Scriven, Direction of Communications and Young People's Ministries for the PNW Conference, will share some of the best go-to places to find advice, photography/art, and tools to help your church to communicate internally and to the community surrounding it. If God is moving you, there is a way.

Standing With (M) with Kristina Gonzalez: In an era when words increasingly serve as swords and actions convey hate, how should United Methodists respond? Come explore this question.

Staff-Parish/Pastor Relations Committee Basic Training (L) with Rev. Juli Reinholz: SPRC works with the bishop and cabinet for the best possible pastoral appointment for your church and with that pastor to make his or her ministry the most effective it can be. The responsibilities of SPRC seem daunting, but we will share resources and training to make the work manageable and a help to both pastor and parish.

Trustees Basic Training (L): Our time will focus on items important to those in attendance but might include: insurance, building management guidelines, non-profit status, parsonage standards, worker's compensation, and Safe Church responsibilities.

Up from the Ashes (M) with Jim Truitt: The rebuild effort in Okanogan County is alive and well - but there is much work left to do! How can you best impact the effort? Jim comes from the front lines and can tell you that the possibilities range from praying for families and workers to donating resources to volunteering time and talent in a physical way. Come find out how you can help rebuild!



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Finance Leaders Basics (L): We will cover the basics of this critical ministry within the life of the church from Shared Ministry calculations, to salary worksheets, to W-2 forms, to property tax exemptions and everything in between. There will be time to answer specific questions and delve into best practices for the local church finance team.

Forum for Puget Sound Clergy Spouses (M) with Anita Foster: For the first time at Roots and Wings, we are going to offer a session for clergy spouses. During this forum, we will discuss the unique role of clergy spouses - from joys and challenges to how we can be our own person and support our spouses in ministry. Come and share what you have learned as a clergy spouse as well as questions you have, and we will gain some helpful "hints" and wisdom from each other.

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When Conflict is in the Room (L) with Nancy Tam Davis: There are three keys to managing conflict when it arises: 1) ability to recognize the early symptoms, 2) understanding your own conflict style and 3) having the tools to bring people together around the conflict in ways that deepen understanding and resolution. Come to this workshop to learn about your own habits and behaviors and how to recognize and respond to those of others.