

## **A Library In One Book (Bib101) | Carrie Bland**

Step into a world of mystery, intrigue, and scandal. Lets explore the lives of some very imperfect ordinary people who became extraordinary heroes all because they were willing to believe the unbelievable, to do what seemed impossible, and to go into the unknown. During this workshop we'll begin to crack the code to understanding one of the greatest books of all time, the Bible. How do we read it, how do we understand it, and how do we relate to it.

## **Arts and Crafts (Art) | Marissa Thompson**

Make something to remember Convo 2015! The main project will be made using crayons so please bring a box or 2 with you! They don't need to be new! Here's a chance to use your old broken crayons!!! If you have extras you are willing to bring that would be awesome just in case someone forgets! Supplies for lanyards and friendship bracelets will also be provided!

## **Be Inspired! (Yoga)**

Tracy Faulkner Carlson

Why yoga? Yoga is different for everyone. It can enhance every part of your life: physically, emotionally and spiritually. Yoga brings balance and awareness to self and those around you. It has many positive benefits and it makes you feel good. We will learn about breath, daily meditation practices, and compassionate communication.

## **Bullying and Despair, Hope in a Hopeless World**

**(Help) | Steve Roberts**

We'll explore reasons young people feel down and desperate. How we, youth, can help and offer hope.

## **Dig Deeper with the Speaker (Speak)**

Rev. Theon Johnson III

Join our CONVO Speaker TJ3 for some free wheelin' discussion time. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about what you are learning and experiencing.

## **Digital photo and video storytelling (Photo)**

Rev. David Valera (HS only)

This hands-on workshop explores the critical balance of artistic and technical knowledge that results in a compelling visual story. And yes, there is a scientific explanation to the rule of thirds! Minimum requirement: Camera Phone.

## **Edible Decorating (Cookie) | Sandra Durbrow**

Who doesn't love a deliciously sweet and beautifully decorated cookie? In this workshop we will walk through decorating steps, demonstrate basic techniques, and then we'll practice on their own cupcakes or cookies.

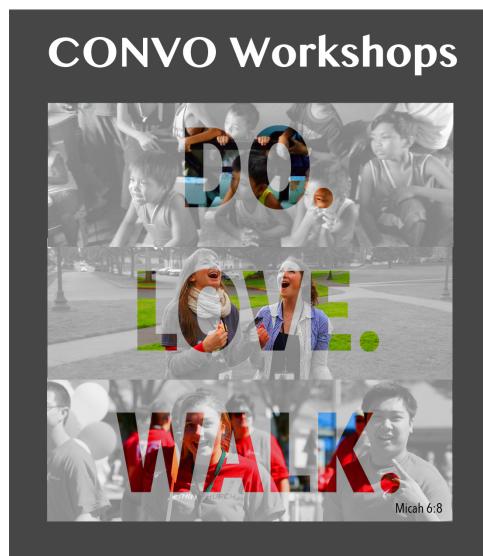
## **Finding Faith in Your Fandom (Fans)**

Kate & Stephen Palermini (HS only)

Do you like to geek out to Doctor Who, Sherlock, Star Trek, Star Wars, Firefly, Lord of the Rings, or any other major fandom? Ever wonder how your favorite fandom might interact with your faith? Join us as we take a look at current, popular fandoms and see how we might find an intersection where fiction meets faith.

## **INKED: Poetry and Pose (Poetry) | Scott Klepach**

Poetry, Prose, and Prayer is a creative writing workshop designed for poets and prose writers who are interested in exploring religious themes in their work. Looking at examples from Psalms to contemporary verse, discover the essential elements of prayer as a genre of poetry and learn to write your own.



## **Joyful Noise (Noise) | TBA**

Bring your guitar or your voice and join us as we jam on some familiar and new worship songs! This is a great opportunity to learn some Christian songs that help liven up a worship service or youth group gathering. If you love music this is the workshop for you.

## **LARPing/Boffing (LARP) | Jake & Jim Mahugh**

Hear ye, hear ye! Ye have been cordially invited to attendeth a melee, in which brave combatants shall partaketh in battle. Of course, this action shall occureth in a safe environment with the finest foam swords available from the smithy.

## **Legends of the Justice League (Legend)**

Rev. Bruce Smith

Holy superheroes, Batman! Who is faster than a speeding bullet and stronger than a locomotive? The United Methodist Church, of course! Come and learn about our United Methodist history as we explore the superheroes of our faith. Who in our UMC history recognized the threats to the basic needs, dignity, spirituality and freedom of mankind and how with God's help did they respond? Masks and capes are optional.

### **Life as a Call (Call) | Rev. Christy Fisher**

Theologian Frederick Buechner has written that 'Vocation is where our greatest passion meets the world's greatest need'. So what does that mean for us? What if I can't be the President of the United States or get a job as a professional athlete or professor at a college? Let's reframe the conversation about "Call" and "Vocation". Come and explore Life as a Call with pseudo comedian/magician and REAL chef and minister, Christy Fisher.

### **Lifting Hands in Praise and Service to the Lord: Planning and Leading Worship as a Teen (Worship)**

*Rev. Shirley Delarme*

Identify several ways that you can be a leader in worship, from lighting candles to shaping worship culture at your home church. Discover your potential as scripture reader, message writer, or worship experience designer. Strategize your next steps toward encountering God in worship and taking others along with you. Take home ideas to get you started.

### **No More Malaria: Our Church Is Helping to**

### **Transform the World (INM) | Julia Frisbie**

Come and learn about how Imagine No Malaria can transform lives! Get an in-depth look at the reality of malaria and our strategy to end preventable deaths. Field coordinator Julia Frisbie will also share how churches across the conference are engaging with this campaign. She will provide tools to help your church get involved!

### **Relationships: We were made for this. (Made)**

*Darin Gemmer (Adult only)*

In rapidly changing world of ministry to youth and families, it can be hard to cut through the busyness and hustle and build strong discipleship ties. Jesus raised disciples through relationship. We'll explore practical ways to follow His lead.

### **Service as a Lifestyle (Service) | Rev. Jeff Lowery**

Join Rev. Jeff Lowery an ordained deacon and director of the Portland-based youth mission program L.A.S.T. (Learning and Serving Together) in a workshop that will help answer many questions about how youth can deepen their faith and make a difference in their communities and the world through mission and service.

### **Social Media for Youth Ministry (Media)**

*Patrick Scriven (Adult only)*

While safe church policies deal directly with physical interactions, these online interactions require our careful attention as well. In this workshop, we'll discuss how we can apply safe church guidelines to our work online before moving toward a broader conversation about different opportunities to engage with young people online. This workshop can count as recertification (as Safety Advocate) for previously certified Designated Safety Officers.

### **Speaking Truth To Power: Using Your Voice to Make an Impact (Just) | Rev. John Helimer (HS only)**

In this workshop we will look at the role of faith in giving people-- from Esther and Jesus to Sojourner and King-- the courage to stand up against injustice even when the odds were against them. How can your spirituality give you strength in confronting those who have great power?

### **Stump the Bible Wiz (Stump) | Rev. Ruth Marston**

Join Pastor Ruth and a panel of adults to play a game of Stump the Bible Wiz. The object of the game is to ask a question related to the Bible that leave them scratching their heads. This isn't about trivia (for example, how many books in the Bible), but about asking the what/who/God questions about our scripture.

### **Teaching Youth to become Leaders (Leader)**

*Erik Davies (HS only)*

Exploring together what makes youth excellent leaders and how to overcome what holds us back.

### **Ultimate Frisbee (FrisB) | Ted Brosius & Kristen Moon**

Build team work and have a lot of fun playing Ultimate Frisbee with friends!

### **Whose Line is it Anyways? (Drama)**

*Paul Bland & Katelyn Peer*

Have you ever watched the television show, "Whose Line is it Anyway" and wished that it was you up there performing? Here is your chance! You will learn through various improvisational games how to think on your feet, take direction and work well with others in a creative setting. All are welcome, beginner to experienced.

