

Registration

Name _____

Church _____

Home Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Workshop Choices (please choose one that begins with the letter A and one that begins with the letter B): _____

My registration fee is enclosed.

My registration fee is being sent by the church.

I will attend lunch.

Dietary Restrictions _____

Regular registration is \$25/person (\$5/young leader).
Early bird fee is \$20 per person (\$100 per church) by May 3. Please see the back panel for additional registration information and discounted fees.

Please make all checks payable to:

Shenango Presbytery

Complete this form and send it with your fee to:
Presbytery Center
4197 New Castle Rd.
Pulaski, PA 16143

**Don't forget to make note of your workshop choices!*

You may also register (and pay via PayPal) online at www.shenango.org.

LEADERFEST is sponsored by Shenango Presbytery's Christian Education Committee and is open to all church members.

Additional Information

Registration

Cost is \$25/person, which includes meals. Early birds who register by May 3 pay only \$20! Churches may send as many leaders as they'd like for only \$100 (but all must be registered by May 3; it will be \$25/person after that). Young leaders (ages 14-22) pay \$5/person. To register, complete the attached form and mail it to the address indicated or register (and pay via PayPal) online at www.shenango.org.

Meals

Continental breakfast available upon arrival. Please plan to stay for lunch at 12:30 pm, which will be held at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church.

Young Leaders

Churches are encouraged to send high school students and young adults. The registration fee is \$5/person.

Schedule of Events

New Wilmington Presbyterian Church

8:30 –8:55 Registration/
Breakfast

9:00 –10:00 Worship/
Keynote

Westminster College—Old Main

10:15 –11:15 (A) Workshops

11:15 –11:30 Break

11:30 –12:30 (B) Workshops

New Wilmington Presbyterian Church

12:30 Lunch

LeaderFest 2019

Saturday, May 18th



Keynote Speaker:
Michelle Snyder

The Truth Will Set (Your Church) Free

Helping our churches tell themselves a true story... the right story... in order to effectively move into their right and faithful future.

(A) Workshops

A1. The Stories We Tell: A Deeper Dive

Every church has a story it tells itself about itself. And if we tell ourselves a story too long, we will inevitably believe it. Today's speaker will drill deeper into how our stories can shape the way we think about being the church in the world. In addition, time will be made available for Q&A.

Leader: When Michelle Snyder is not consulting with churches, she directs the Soul Shop Movement, a suicide prevention ministry for church leaders. Michelle is also the co-author of the book, Life, Death and Reinvention: The Gift of the Impossibly Messed-Up Life.

A2. Canoeing the Mountains

"What got us here won't take us there," says author Tod Bolsinger in Canoeing the Mountains. Tod takes the story of explorers Louis & Clark, when on expedition to discover a route to the Pacific by canoe they encountered the Rocky Mountains, and compares it to the church today. What got the church to today won't take us into God's future. This workshop will explore two features of navigating new territory for churches in West PA: congregational identity and adaptation for mission.

Leader: Rev. Ray A. Medina is a doctoral student under Tod Bolsinger at Fuller Theological Seminary and the Pastor of Bell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Ellwood City, PA.

A3. What is Truth?

In a world described as "postmodern" that is full of "fake news," we join Pontius Pilate to ask one of the most enduring questions of human existence: "What is truth?" (John 18.38). In the manner of the TV game show Jeopardy, the answer to that question was given by Jesus before the question was asked: "I am . . . the truth" (John 14.6). Join us to ponder and play with John's words.

Leader: Kang Na is the Associate Professor of Religion at Westminster College.

A4. The HEROES Principle - Establishing Servant Leadership Principles within your members to locally advance your vision and the Kingdom of God

The HEROES principle is comprised of six virtues all but lost in society. They are: Honor, Excellence, Responsibility, Order, Expectation, and Servanthood. This workshop will explain the practical ways you can incorporate these six powerful Kingdom principles within your local church. The results will produce favor, increase, influence and blessing in the lives of your church members.

Leader: Dr. Ed Turose is the President of the Christian Chamber of Commerce in Western, PA and an adjunct Professor at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA.

A5. Looking at Small Church Revitalization

Small churches are struggling financially, to the point that full-time ministry is now often no longer affordable. Many small churches are numerically in decline. Our culture is changing, and it is hard for small churches to change. Come explore some options and strategies that are working to help small churches. What's involved in turning things around? Let's talk!

Leader: Dr. Jim Rimmer is a seasoned pastor with over 40 years of experience in leading small churches. He is also a certified church consultant.

(B) Workshops

B1. Suicide and the Church: Ministry to those Impacted by Desperation

Suicide rates are on the rise in the US across every demographic. This is an epidemic that impacts about 50% of every congregation in one form or another. Michelle Snyder will discuss how the church can take a leading role in ministering to those impacted by suicidal desperation. As people of hope who have a sense of community, the church can be a significant part of the solution in this public health crisis. Come learn how.

Leader: Michelle Snyder (see bio A1)

B2. Creating Relationship Marketing in the Digital Age for the Church

When we consider the time in which we live, as communicators of the Gospel and as congregations in particular communities, too often we see situations and experiences in the same old ways. During our time together in this workshop we will strive to see in new ways with new possibilities and perceptions to reach existing and new audiences with a refreshing message of truth, justice, freedom and hope found through Jesus Christ and the Church.

Leader: Gregg Hartung is the Director of Presbyterian Media Mission. He teaches Radio/Audio/Visual-Digital Communications at Penn State Beaver.

B3. The Focused and Presence Driven Leader - Equipping and Training New Leaders for the 21st Century

Many people are consumed in wasting time on distractions that keep them away from focusing on the true call to be a presence-driven leader. In order to equip and train leaders in the 21st century church, we must help them create a focused lifestyle so they can fulfill their God-Given destiny in life. This workshop will provide the practical ways to get your leaders and members to focus on fulfilling the vision of the local church.

Leader: Dr. Ed Turose (see bio A4)

B4. Cultivating a Biblical Imagination

Too often, imagination is treated as something reserved for childhood. When we're locked within this way of thinking we are cut off from an integral part of our spiritual lives as followers of Jesus. This workshop will take a holistic approach to our spiritual lives by focusing on the cultivation of a biblical imagination, which plays a role in how we navigate life, participate in worship, and engage with scripture.

Leader: Rev. Tom Moore is the Executive Interim Director at Crestfield Camp and Conference Center

B5. Rethinking the Rolls

Membership rolls are often used to measure the size and calculate the per capita of a congregation. Yet, the membership rolls of many churches do not often reflect an accurate record of those who regularly attend and participate within the life of the congregation. This workshop will discuss ways of "rethinking the rolls" and give practical insight on how to more accurately reflect the health of a congregation through methods of membership renewal and attendance tracking.

Leader: Augie Hurst, Pastor, Lebanon Presbyterian Church Mercer, Pa.