

CLASS LIST

CLASS NAME/ TEACHER	DESCRIPTION	TIME
<i>Navigating Difficult Conversations with the Help of Sir Wesley</i> David Spain Senior Minister	The Wesleyan Quadrilateral is a way that individuals and churches can have difficult conversations around challenging topics. The four components of the quadrilateral include scripture, tradition, reason, and experience and to “work the process” is to listen to each of the four components inform our decision making processes. This workshop will introduce participants to the quadrilateral, and then will provide a few examples of how the quadrilateral can be engaged.	10:15am 11:30am
<i>Involving Youth and Young Adults in Leadership</i> Sondra Ladd Associate Minister	Our youth aren’t our future they are our NOW! How do you provide opportunities for youth and young adults to develop and practice leadership skills? Providing leadership opportunities for the younger generation equips them with the confidence and skills to lead now. Listen to a few of our ideas and testimonies and be inspired to incorporate them into your programing with your youth!	10:15am 11:30am
<i>How to Transform Your Pews Into Light Fixtures: Doing Church in New Ways</i> Rev. Laurie Feille Senior Minister	Mission Possible – The SpringHouse Story. Is it possible for declining churches to find new life, mission, and ministry? What happens when the biggest obstacle to transformation is the beloved church building? Selling the building or moving to an existing building or using the money from the sale of one building to build a smaller building are options. What if the building were sold and the vision of what it could lead to doing ministry in a whole new way! This workshop will examine the story of three Minneapolis congregations, from three denominations (ELCA, UCC, DOC) partnering together to own a building with no intention of merging into one congregation. Come and learn about the life, mission, and ministry developing at SpringHouse Ministry Center.	10:15am 11:30am
<i>So You’re Going to Counsel Summer Camp</i> Rev. Daniel U’Ren Senior Minister	Adults that volunteer as a counselor at our summer camps are the strength of our Region’s Outdoor Ministry program. This session is an introduction to be a camp counselor for persons wishing to volunteer this summer or in the future. This session is also a refresher course for veteran counselors that qualifies as the training session for all counselors this summer.	10:15am

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<i>Reconciliation as Mission</i> Jesse Jackson Senior Minister	How to have difficult conversations within the church and keep covenant. Searching for oneness.	10:15am 11:30am
<i>How R U Connecting or Not? LOL: Congregational Communication</i> Rev. Michael Davison Associate Regional Minister	What makes your congregation unique in your community? How does your congregation communicate that unique witness of the good news of God to the public and to members? Does your communication create connections for a first time visitor, long time member, spirituality seeker, and de-churched person to your unique witness of the good news? This session will offer ideas about telling your congregation's story and the variety of tools that can be used.	10:15am 11:30am
<i>Re-evaluating (or simply updating) your Constitution and By-Laws</i> Rev. Dr. Debi Powell-Maxwell	Every church needs to have a document guiding its operation. This document protects the church's tax-exempt status and lays the groundwork for the church leadership to lead. Scripture suggests a design to our congregational identity and undergirds the process by which we live into that identity. This class will explore the governing documents under which most of our congregations are functioning. Do they speak to our identity? Are they undergirded scripturally? Are we even following them? Attendees, please bring a copy of your vision and mission statements (if you have them) as well as a copy of your Constitution and By-Laws.	10:15am
<i>"Spiritual but not Religious" (SBNR)</i> Lisa Wynn	"Spiritual but not Religious" (SBNR) is a fairly recent initialism, and, some say, a movement. One fifth of the US public and a third of adults under the age of 30 are reportedly unaffiliated with any religion, however they identify as SBNR. What is this spirituality all about, anyway, and what does it have to do with mainstream Christianity? In this session we will discuss some current theories for this trend, how churches are responding, how spirituality has evolved over centuries and various ways spirituality is being expressed today, both individually and corporately. Multiple resources for further study will be shared.	10:15am 11:30am

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<i>Are Words Important? What We Sing as We Worship</i> Rev. John Malget Senior Minister	Are the words we sign in worship important? We will look at how to find hymns and praise songs to go with scriptures and worship themes. We will also look at “old favorites” and see what they are saying theologically. Additionally, what happens when you find great words, but don’t know the tune? Come, let’s explore together.	10:15am
<i>Children’s Ministry Panel</i> Rev. Julia Jordan-Gillett Associate Minister Rev. Darlene Martinez Children’s Pastor Molly Updegraff, Children’s Corner Director FCC, MWC	This workshop will discuss many ideas about how to do Children’s Ministry in new exciting ways. The panel of speakers will lead a discussion about selecting curriculum for children’s ministry, fresh ideas for youth fellowships, and provide ideas for Vacation Bible School. Come join us in learning new ways to make children’s ministry exciting and fun for the children in your church.	10:15am 11:30am
<i>Reach Beyond Mission</i> Rev. Mary Lu Johnson Executive Director Reach Beyond Mission	Interested in offering your youth a justice-focused mission trip? Would you like to do less planning and more participating alongside your youth? Are you looking for a mission trip program that is related to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)? Come learn about an alternative mission trip program that not only includes justice education but also walks your group through a process of planning how you might serve in your own community. We’ll also talk about how to effectively organize and plan a safe trip that puts parents at ease and encourages full congregational support.	10:15am
<i>Community Organizing for Ministry</i> Rev. Shannon Speidel Associate Minister	As the church continues to journey into the 21 st Century, the way we function must be flexible with a changing culture. The way churches reach out to the world around them is vital to maintain relevance in a changing world. This course is designed to discover, develop and implement ways to broaden the church’s presence in our local communities which will increase visibility, improve relationships and place the active and moving ministry of Jesus Christ at the forefront of our mission to change lives. Come and join the conversation of what this looks like and why it is something to begin to think about now, rather than later.	10:15am 11:30am

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<i>Kindred Community: Ministry with Widows</i> Debbie Savage Kindred Community Coordinator	Debbie will be speaking on behalf of the kindred community for widows program which is an affiliate of the beautiful day foundation	10:15am 11:30am
<i>Growing Your Church's Endowment: Developing Planned Giving</i> Bobby Hawley VP Christian Church Foundation	This workshop will address the importance of establishing and growing your congregations' endowment funds. Emphasis will be placed on developing a useful permanent fund policy, as well as creating a successful planned giving campaign. Finally, the workshop will focus on ways in which members can make effective use of estate planning and planned gifts.	10:15am
<i>Being an Elder: A Gift to Disciples with New Possibilities</i> Rev. Bryan Feille	Disciples elders are a gift to the church. However, for decades there has been a shift in understanding the elders' identity. We find a variety of ways in which elders serve from congregation to congregation. This workshop will share ways that various congregations have developed new approaches to traditional functions: spiritual guiding, oversight, teaching, disciplining and pastoral caring. Special focus will be the prayers at the table.	10:15am 11:30am
<i>Creative Worship Planning</i> Chuck and Gina Jackson	Those who have the responsibility of planning worship for the people of God can at times find the task somewhat daunting. Whether you serve on a Worship Committee or are a part of a church staff, those who are involved in planning special services and/or weekly worship can always use fresh ideas for making worship creative and meaningful. In this class Chuck and Gina Jackson will share ideas they have implemented in their worship planning for Phillip's Theological Seminary and in their leadership roles as Pastor and Associate Pastors of South Grand Lake Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Come prepared to take home some new ideas for your worship planning toolbox!	10:15am 11:30am