



Presbytery of West Virginia's

Festival of Faith

Saturday, April 1, 2017

First Presbyterian Church,
Charleston, WV



Keynote Speaker: Jessica Tate,
Director of NEXT Church

Keynote: The Spirit is On the Move-
Signs of New Life

Workshop: Practicing New Life –
Tools for the Church in the 21st Century

Some of the Other Festival of Faith Workshops:

- ❖ All Day Tracks for elementary age children and youth
- ❖ Our Pastor Left. Now What?
- ❖ Coloring
- ❖ St. John's Bible
- ❖ A Fresh Wind: Creative Worship for Pentecost
- ❖ PW 2017-2018 Bible Study, *Cloud of Witnesses*, Overview
- ❖ Adult Education Galore
- ❖ Session Records Review
- ❖ Church Treasurers
- ❖ Kids Active in the Liturgy
- ❖ "After Coal" – The Documentary and Discussion
- ❖ Liturgical Dance
- ❖ Plus, Worship, Fellowship, the Market Place, a "BOOKTIQUE," and Displays by agencies related to the Presbytery of WV and the PC(U.S.A.)

Complete workshop and registration information can be found at www.wvpresbytery.org.



Festival of Faith:

***What's Next:
Looking Forward to New and
Creative Ideas***

**Jessica Tate, Director of NEXT
Church, Keynote Presenter**

April 1, 2017

***Greetings from the Festival of Faith Planning Team
of the Presbytery of West Virginia!***

Enclosed you will find the following information and publicity materials
to promote Festival of Faith 2017 in your congregation.

Please duplicate and distribute freely!

- ❖ **Publicity Poster**
- ❖ **Bulletin Insert** (intended for half letter-sized sheet, front and back)
- ❖ **Event Schedule**
- ❖ **Workshop Descriptions**
- ❖ **Registration Information and Registration Form**

Information is also available on the PWV website: www.wvpresbytery.org. Please feel free to adapt advertising pieces to fit your needs. If you would like WORD versions of any of these materials, please send your request to office@wvpresbytery.org.

***Pre-registration forms should be received
at the Presbytery office by March 20, 2017!***



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WORKSHOPS

All Day Workshops

AD1. Children's Track – (Grades K-5)

Children will be engaged in a full day of fellowship, fun and learning experiences.

Sarah Specht, Christian Educator, Highlawn Presbyterian Church, Huntington, and other Christian Educators in the presbytery

AD2. Youth Track – (Grades 6-12)

Join with youth around the presbytery for a day of fellowship, service, discussion and worship leadership. Part of the day may be spent off-site (see enclosed permission form). Come connect or reconnect with friends from retreats and camps.

Payne Warner, Youth Director, First Presbyterian Church, Charleston and other youth leaders

Workshops A (11-noon)

A1. Practicing New Life — Tools for the Church in the 21st Century

During this workshop, we'll delve into eight patterns and practices that creative and courageous congregations are using to navigate the cultural changes in religious and community life. We will explore ways these patterns and practices can be adopted into the lives and ministries of participants and identify meaningful next steps.

Jessica Tate is the Director of NEXT Church (www.nextchurch.net)

A2. Treasurers' Roundtable

Church Treasurers, here's an opportunity for informal conversation with the presbytery's Financial Administrator and other treasurers about relevant topics and concerns such as annual reviews, employee issues, Board of Pensions matters, and

Rocky Poole, Financial Administrator/Treasurer, Presbytery of West Virginia

A3. Our Pastor Left; What Happens Next?

The time between pastors can produce both anxiety and hopeful expectation. Saying goodbye to the departing pastor, arranging for temporary leadership, assigning new duties to the session and congregation, and connecting with presbytery representatives can leave a congregation somewhat breathless. There is a lot to do. Join Ministry Committee members for a discussion of the call process, from the announcement of a pastor's intentions to leave, through the call of new pastoral

leadership. We will talk about the nature of relationships and the feelings surrounding the in-between time, and we will walk with you through the specific steps involved in the pastoral search process.

Cinda Harkless, Ministry Committee Chair and Pastor, Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church; and Maureen Wright, Associate for Congregational Support for the Presbytery of WV

A4. The Nearly Childless Church

Having very few children in the church can lead to a loss of traction in Christian education ministry. This workshop will provide strategies to reach the children you have, and opportunities to consider for growth.

Malinda Spencer, PC(USA) Congregational Ministries Publishing Associate for Curricula Training and Promotion

A5. St. John's Bible

The St. John's Bible is the first handwritten illuminated Bible of its scale in over 500 years. It is written in English, using the NRSV translation. The St. John's Bible took an international team of six artists and six calligraphers fifteen years to complete. The mission of the St. John's Bible is clear- "to ignite the spiritual imagination of people around the world of all faith journeys." This workshop will look at the making of the St. John's Bible, and the illuminations such as Matthew's Genealogy and other texts.

Ann Laird Jones, Director of Arts Ministry at Montreat Conference Center

A6. A Precious Formation: The Spiritual Journeys of LGBT Christians

The class will focus on the life journey and faith formation of LGBT Christians, their development, struggles and blessings, as they share their stories. All participants will have opportunity to share their experiences. Discussion topics will include biblical interpretation, condemnation, reconciliation, as well as the shattering and rebuilding of life image.

James Morley, Director of Chaplain Services and Patient Advocate at United Hospital Center in Bridgeport, WV; and Monica Styron, Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Morgantown

A7. Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. Now science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help keep your brain and body healthy as you age.

Carolyn Canini, Program Director, Alzheimer's Association, West Virginia Chapter

A8. Godly Play

Come and discover Godly Play, a Montessori approach to Christian education. Experience a Bible story in a way that promises to engage your spirit in the quiet, sacred space reserved for Godly Play on Sunday mornings at First Presby.

Sallie Daugherty, Ruling Elder and Chair of the Christian Education Division, and Barbara Hopta, former Director of Child/Family Ministry, First Presbyterian Church, Charleston

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

Note: In the afternoon, participants may register for two shorter workshops (B & C) OR one longer workshop (D)

Workshops B (1:00-2:00 pm)

P1. Practicing New Life — Tools for the Church in the 21st Century

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Jessica Tate is the Director of NEXT Church (www.nextchurch.net)

P2. Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study for 2017-2018 – “Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews ” by Melissa Bane Sevier

This PW study explores nine major themes, relates those themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and ties them together with the overarching motif of *community*.

This workshop will provide an overview of the 2017-2018 Horizons Bible Study for Bible study leaders and other interested persons.

Leader to be announced

P3. *After Coal* – The Movie

Participants in this two-part workshop will watch the highly acclaimed documentary *After Coal* for the first hour (Workshop B), and discuss it during the second hour (Workshop C); **please register accordingly for either one or both workshop times.**

The documentary examines the impact of the coal industry on communities in Appalachia and Southern Wales, highlighting the ways in which these communities are dealing with the contraction of the industry. Participants will be asked to consider the role of faith and the church in helping such communities discern their best path forward.

Don Parker, Ruling Elder, Village Chapel Presbyterian Church, Charleston

P4. Coloring for All!

Coloring gathers people together for fellowship and outreach. It has become a fun and effective way for adults to renew friendships and make new connections, while producing something lovely. Intricate designs and a variety of art supplies will be provided. No experience necessary. Come to color, and learn how coloring has been used with groups.

Jackie Taylor, Member, First Presbyterian Church, Charleston

P5. Jesus said, “You give them something to eat”

A small church in a small town can make a big impact on hunger relief. One size doesn't fit all. Come explore some of the many shapes, forms, and possibilities of food pantries.

Barbara Accord, Pastor, Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church, Gassaway, and Manager of United Christian Food Pantry in Gassaway

P6. A Fresh Wind: Creative Worship for Pentecost

Wearing red and having red balloons are a good start, but Pentecost celebrations are the perfect time to really fan the flames of creativity! We've done some creative Pentecost worship at Village Chapel and we're excited to interact with participants about what has worked AND what has NOT worked! We will also introduce some of the creative process and important considerations for planning with your congregation.

Amy Parker, Pastoral Assistant and Christian Educator, and Todd Wright, Pastor, Village Chapel Presbyterian Church, Charleston

P7. New Pastors Orientation: Finding Joy in the Presbytery of West Virginia

Ministry in West Virginia can be as exhilarating and challenging as a WV whitewater rafting trip! Come explore the unique opportunities awaiting pastoral leaders in this presbytery. Gain information, make connections with your colleagues, and find support for your new call to serve Jesus Christ and his church in WV.

Shelly Barrick Parsons, WVU Presbyterian Campus Minister, and other members of the Presbytery of WV Ministry Committee

Workshops C (2:15-3:15 pm)

P8. Adult Education Galore

This workshop will provide a bird's eye view of adult education, with some specific tips on structuring classes, mentoring facilitators, and choosing curricula.

Malinda Spencer, PC(USA) Congregational Ministries Publishing Associate for Curricula Training and Promotion

P9. Ready, Set, DISASTER!

While one can never really be prepared for a disaster, a congregation can have a plan that will make it easier to cope with the sudden changes that may happen in flood, fire and other crises. Come learn how to ready your congregation and your members to be as safe and prepared as possible for the next surprise event.

Barbara Chalfant, Associate for Missions, Presbytery of West Virginia

P10. *After Coal* – The Discussion

Participants in this two-part workshop will discuss *After Coal*, having watched it earlier in the day (workshop B) or previously. **Please register accordingly for either one or both workshop times.** The documentary examines the impact of the coal industry on communities in Appalachia and Southern Wales, highlighting the ways in which these communities are dealing with the contraction of the industry. Participants will be asked to consider the role of faith and the church in helping such communities discern their best path forward.

Don Parker, Ruling Elder, Village Chapel Presbyterian Church, Charleston

P11. Mission Partnerships

Join Professors Robert McCutcheon and Bryan Wagoner for a review of both the theoretical and the practical aspects of our Latin American and African missions. Both professors have led teams of students from Davis & Elkins College to Kenya and Nicaragua, taking advantage of our Presbyterian connections. We will learn together about the work of CEPAD, a consortium of Protestant churches that formed in response to the 1972 earthquake in Managua, and about the work of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa.

Robert McCutcheon, Professor of English and Coordinator of Study Abroad Opportunities; and Bryan Wagoner, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Philosophy, Davis & Elkins College

P12. *Unbinding the Gospel*

Unbinding the Gospel is based on research done by Martha Grace Reese on churches that are doing effective evangelism. The workshop will look at changes in church membership and the wider culture, different bandwidths of evangelism, barriers and bridges into the church, as well as how and why we can share our faith.

Ed Thompson, General Presbyter, Presbytery of West Virginia

P13. The “Nones” Revisited

The single fastest growing religious group in the United States is religiously unaffiliated, or the “Nones.” Based on Rodger Nishioka’s presentation and materials from November 2016, this workshop will look at who these “Nones,” the religiously unaffiliated, are; why they see little need for the church and what they are seeking in faith, belief and life.

Susan Sharp Campbell, Associate for Educational Ministry, Presbytery of West Virginia

P14. Liturgical Dance

Explore creative movement with a focus on worship leadership/participation. No experience necessary.

Angela Price, Dancer and Instructor with the Charleston Ballet.

Workshops D (1:15 – 3:15 pm)

P15. Enough of the Separation! Kids as Active Participants in the Work of Liturgy

Church of the Pilgrims (PCUSA) in Washington, D.C. incorporates kids into the work of liturgy and “killed off” Sunday school several years ago. This workshop will share the story of Pilgrims and its intentional work of building an intergenerational worship community. We will cover the theology and ethics of why we made these choices, how we’ve set-up our sanctuary to develop the voices of kids in liturgy, and how our liturgy creates space for kids. This workshop will ask participants to reflect critically on liturgical space, power, and how the resurrection - letting some aspects of congregational life die to create new life for all - is the starting point for the integration of kids in liturgy.

Ashley Goff, Minister for Spiritual Formation and Director of *The Pilgrimage*, Church of the Pilgrims, Washington, D.C.

P16. St. John’s Bible

The St. John’s Bible is the first handwritten illuminated Bible of its scale in over 500 years. It is written in English, using the NRSV translation. This workshop will look at the making of the St. John’s Bible, and the importance of writing text and imagining scripture. Participants will then work on an illumination based on the text. (No art experience expected!) This will be similar to the separate workshop offered Friday evening, March 31, although it will focus on a different text.

Ann Laird Jones, Director of Arts Ministry at Montreat Conference Center

P17. You’ve Been Elected Church Treasurer! Now What?

The church treasurer’s job is often one of the least understood, yet one of the most vital in the life of the church. Discussions include responsibilities to church members, the Presbytery, the Board of Pensions and the IRS.

Rocky Poole, Financial Administrator/Treasurer, Presbytery of West Virginia

P18. Session Records Review

Clerks of Session are encouraged to bring their Session records for annual review (Book of Order, G3.0108). This is the primary Records Review event for the Charleston cluster of Presbytery; however, Clerks of Sessions from all clusters are invited to participate. Please note: records must be accompanied by the Clerk of Session, a Ruling Elder member of Session or pastor in order to be reviewed.

Maureen Wright, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of West Virginia



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Registration Information

- WHAT?** Festival of Faith, an annual education event sponsored by the Presbytery of West Virginia's Nurture Committee.
- WHEN?** Saturday, April 1, 2017; 9:00 AM - 3:45 PM
- WHERE?** The First Presbyterian Church, Charleston. All areas used are handicapped accessible.
- WHO?** Presbyterians and non-Presbyterians of all ages!
- WHY?** An opportunity to grow in Christian faith and knowledge, to worship and learn in a variety of ways, to gain insight and skills that could enhance your life and church's ministry, and to network and make new friends!

EVENT SCHEDULE:

Morning

Registration	9:00 - 9:30
Welcome & Worship	9:30 - 9:55
Keynote	10:00 - 10:45
Late registration	10:45
Workshops	11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Afternoon

Marketplace/Displays	11 am- 1 p.m.
Lunch	12:00 - 1:00
Workshops B	1:00 - 2:00
Workshops D	1:15 - 3:15
Workshop C	2:15-3:15
Closing Worship	3:25 - 3:45

FEES:

Early bird registration fee for Individual (any age):	\$12	(Deadline: March 20, 2017)
Early bird registration fee for Family/Household (any size):	\$30	(Deadline: March 20, 2017)
Walk-In Registration Fee:	\$15	(per person, any age)
Lunch (must be pre-registered, in addition to registration)	\$9/ adult; \$4/child up to 5th grade	

LUNCH: We will pre-order Box lunches from Jimmy Johns. These will include a sandwich, chips, cookie and beverage. *Lunch is guaranteed for pre-registered participants only.* **THOSE ORDERING LUNCH NEED TO COMPLETE THE LUNCH ORDER FORM ON THE BACK OF REGISTRATION FORM.**

CHILD CARE: Child care for infants to preschool age is available **only** if children are **pre-registered by March 20.** **No cost.** The Children's Track is limited to those who are in kindergarten and above. Younger children are expected to participate in Child Care.

MARKETPLACE: MISSION DISPLAYS and VENDORS, and a BOOKTIQUE

Registration forms should be received in the Presbytery office by March 20 to qualify for the early bird fees and guarantees for childcare and/or lunch. Sorry, no registrations by phone, email, or fax since payment must accompany registration. Please keep this information for reference before the event.

Workshops may be cancelled due to low or no early bird registrations. Please register early!

Make checks payable and mail to: *The Presbytery of West Virginia*
520 Second Avenue
South Charleston, WV 25303

Registration forms and information are available online at the Presbytery's website: www.wvpresbytery.org

FESTIVAL OF FAITH 2017 REGISTRATION FORM



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

Name _____
 Street Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____
 Name of Church _____

WORKSHOP SELECTION:

Workshop A (11 am – noon): First Choice _____ Second Choice _____
 Workshop B (1 – 2 pm): First Choice _____ Second Choice _____
 Workshop C (2:15 – 3:15 pm): First Choice _____ Second Choice _____
 Workshop D (1:15 – 3:15 pm): First Choice _____ Second Choice _____
 All Day Workshop (check one) : Children’s Track _____ or Youth Track _____

LUNCH (optional, cost is in addition to Registration cost):

Adult Lunch (\$9.00): PLEASE COMPLETE ORDER FORM ON BACK OF PAGE

Child Lunch (up to 5th grade) (\$4.00): PLEASE COMPLETE ORDER FORM ON BACK OF THIS PAGE

CHILD CARE: (NO CHARGE)

For infants through preschool only: Please provide name and age of each child, and indicate time(s) needed: (Families will be expected to pick up children for lunch)

Name: _____ Age: _____ Morning: _____ Afternoon: _____

Do you have any accessibility needs? Please specify: _____

FAMILY REGISTRATION:

Are you registering as a family/household? If yes, please list here names of other family members attending event (a separate registration form should be submitted for each family/household member being registered):

Make checks payable and mail to: **Presbytery of West Virginia, 520 Second Avenue,
 South Charleston, WV 25303**

Registration information available online at the Presbytery’s website: www.wvpresbytery.org

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:			
Registration	Individual	\$12.00	paid? _____
	Part of family	\$30.00	
Lunch	-- adult	\$9.00	paid? _____
	child	\$4.00	
			Balance Due? _____

Festival of Faith LUNCH ORDER FORM

First and Last Name _____

If registering as a family, please add additional family members below.

CHOOSE ONE FROM EACH COLUMN (note: child sandwiches are only available for those up to 5th grade)

Sandwich (circle one)	Cookie (circle one)	Chips (circle one)	Drink (circle one)
Ham & cheese	Chocolate chunk	regular	Coke
Roast beef	Raisin oatmeal	bbq	Diet Coke
Tuna salad		jalapeno	Sprite
Turkey breast		Salt& vinegar	Diet Sprite
Salami, capicola, cheese		Thinny chips	Bottled Water
Cheese			
Child Ham and Cheese			
Child Turkey and Cheese			
Child Cheese			

Person 2 name _____

Person 2 choices _____

Person 3 _____

Person 3 choices _____

Person 4 _____

Person 4 choices _____

Person 5 _____

Person 5 choices _____

Add others in blank space below.



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Event Schedule

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9:30-10:00	Welcome and Opening Worship
10 – 10:45	Keynote by Jessica Tate
10:45	Late Registration
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11-1 pm	Marketplace/Displays Open
noon	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00	Workshops B
1:15 – 3:15	Workshops D
2:15 – 3:15	Workshops C
3:25-3:45	Closing Gathering

Pre-Registration Deadline is March 20, 2017!

Complete descriptions of workshops and registration information are available online at www.wvpresbytery.org.

Festival of Faith 2017 Workshops

All-Day Workshops

AD1-- Children's Track (for those in grades K-5)

AD2 --Youth Track (for those in grades 6-12)

Morning Workshops A

A1 – PRACTICING NEW LIFE – TOOLS FOR THE CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY

A2 – TREASURERS' ROUNDTABLE

A3 – OUR PASTOR LEFT. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

A4 – THE NEARLY CHILDLESS CHURCH

A5 – ST. JOHN'S BIBLE

A6 – A PRECIOUS FORMATION: THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF LGBT CHRISTIANS

A7 – HEALTHY LIVING FOR YOUR BRAIN AND BODY

A8 - GODLY PLAY

Afternoon Workshops B

P1 – PRACTICING NEW LIFE – TOOLS FOR THE CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY

P2 – PW HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY

P3 – AFTER COAL – THE DOCUMENTARY

P4 – COLORING FOR ALL!

P5 – JESUS SAID, "YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT"

P6 – A FRESH WIND: CREATIVE WORSHIP FOR PENTECOST

P7 - NEW PASTORS ORIENTATION

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS C

P8 – ADULT EDUCATION GALORE

P9– READY, SET, DISASTER!

P10 – AFTER COAL – THE DISCUSSION

P11 – OUR MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

P12 – UNBINDING THE GOSPEL

P13 – THE "NONES" REVISITED

P14 – LITURGICAL DANCE

ALL AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS D

P15 – ENOUGH OF THE SEPARATION! KIDS IN THE WORK OF LITURGY

P16 – ST. JOHN'S BIBLE

P17 – YOU'VE BEEN ELECTED CHURCH TREASURER! NOW WHAT?

P18 – SESSION RECORDS REVIEW