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Valley Presbyterian Church
6947 E McDonald Dr.. Paradise Valley



LIST OF WORKSHOPS

The Benefit of Offering Benefits:

Growing Employees and your Church Culture!

Rev. Clayton Cobb, Board of Pensions Regional Representative

The Board of Pensions has expanded their benefits offerings for employers. This workshop will review those benefit options how to make your church a better employer. Help with on-line management, employer agreements and staff /employee retirement planning.

A Clerk's Toolkit: Clerk of Session Training

Stated Clerk Bob Schulz, Jeanette Miller

What is the job of the Clerk of Session? How to keep the pastor happy... How to keep the session happy... Reporting for Presbytery requirements. How to succeed with written minutes reviews by the Presbytery.

Death March or Divine Dance:

Rev. David Joynt, Valley Presbyterian, Paradise Valley

Discovering Your Plan for Church Growth

Every church is either growing or dying, becoming healthier or losing its vitality. If this is true, every church needs its own strategy for spiritual and missional development. Find out how to discern your way forward.

Politics, Polarization and the People of God (Part 1):

Rev. Jennifer Fraser, Allen Hilton

The Roots of Polarization

Our national communal life is filled with tensions that border on violence. Are we in the midst of a societal regression? If so, how did we get to this place and what does it mean? We look at the causes of social anxiety through a double lens of systems theory and the Bible for clues as to what might be going on and what role the church has played.

Politics, Polarization and the People of God (Part 2):

Rev. Jennifer Fraser, Allen Hilton

Calming the Waters

Can a societal regression be slowed or even turned around? What kinds of leadership styles are called upon in the midst of intense conflict? Can people calm down enough to hear each other? These are a few of the questions we will explore as we seek to learn what the church can do and be at such a time as this.

Politics, Polarization and the People of God (Part 3):

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Hope for the Future

How faithful have we in the church been in recognizing that we are all created in the image of God? Do we treat one another with the respect and care due to a child of God? It is the challenge of our times to listen deeply, to respond respectfully, and to speak truthfully. This hour we will engage in the practice of staying connected with one another in the midst of disagreement—learning from our mistakes and celebrating our successes.

The Ruling Elder: Who Am I? How Can I Serve?

Rev. Gale Watkins, Westminster, Phoenix

In this workshop, we will draw on Scripture, our history, and our Constitution, so that we can have a better sense of what it means to be a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church. When we know who we are and what we're called to do, we are more likely to be effective and joyful in our service.

Using Your Social Media, Email, and Website to Reach Your Congregation and Community

Amy Grover, St. Andrew's Tucson

Amy Grover is an experienced ministry professional who is passionate about serving congregations by meeting the digital needs of the church. Amy and her team of digital media specialists will share with you how to either help your church/ministry step into the digital age for the first time or move your church/ministry to the next step. This presentation is for all levels.

Daily Doses: Finding Balance & Renewal Now

Rev. Andy Ross, Northminster, Tucson

We teach about Living Water — but are you drinking from the Fountain? Are you feeling the renewal of the Spirit that we represent? This workshop is a Vitamin B1 shot that will offer over 31 practical ideas (think steroids of the Spirit) that will begin changing you — immediately and into eternity — so that you are a refreshing stream of God's living water for others.

Small Group Leadership

Bob Schulz, Stated Clerk

Explore the fundamental principles (process orientation and Confidentiality), Important Group Leader skills, and four group activities important to all small group gatherings. To assist leaders of small groups, information will also be provided on: Dealing with Strong Feelings, Assertiveness Skills, Evangelism In and Through Small groups, and being a Servant Leader.

Ending the Isolation: A Look at Immigrant Issues

Revs. Elizabeth Smith and Alison Harrington, Tucson

Are you aware of the mandatory detention laws in our country for immigrants? Did you know that up to 1,500 immigrants are detained in our backyard, in Eloy Detention Center, every day? If this is news to you, we welcome you to attend our workshop to learn more about immigrant detention and the Casa Mariposa Detention Visitation Program. We will show the short documentary, "Locked In A Box," and give you the opportunity to send cards to our sisters and brothers in detention. Our goal is to get a card or two to each person we're in contact with at Eloy. Will you help us?

What Can Starbucks Teach Us About the Church and About Worship?

Frank Walmsley, Gilbert

Worship is, for many, the focus of their interaction with God and with God's people. Effective worship is important. Using Starbucks' Five Ways of Being, Five Guiding Principles, and Four Values, we can learn how to worship more effectively and how the church can respond to its responsibilities in better ways.

What Established Churches

Revs. Kristen and Brandon Willett, Anthem New Worshipping Community

Can Learn From the 1001 New Worshipping Communities Movement

The PC(USA)'s 1001 New Worshipping Communities movement is taking the Church to new and exciting places. The movement challenges leaders to think critically about who/what the church is and how it is known and perceived by the surrounding culture. Come learn more about nwc and how this movement can help you know your community better, identify God's calling for your congregation, focus on what is most important as a congregation, and with God's help reach people who may not have stepped into a church building before.

Why Should Elders Know about the Confessions?

Frank Walmsley, Gilbert

The Presbyterian Book of Confessions contains 11 creeds, confessions and catechisms that emerged from a particular time and place in response to a particular situation. Are they simply historical documents or do they bring relevance to our world today? Why is it important that church officers be familiar with them? Join the discussion!

Desert Spirituality

Rev. Rachel Srubas, Mountain Shadows, Tucson

Many centuries ago, desert-dwelling Christians developed a reflective, prayerful way of being that opened their lives to God and their neighbors. This contemplative learning session, taught by the author of the book *City of Prayer: Forty Days with Desert Christians*, will introduce you to the wisdom, practices, and present-day relevance of these ancient spiritual teachers.

Covenantal Restoration

Phebe Packer and members of the Peace and Justice Network

Racism and oppression have a long and painful past and present. They are an open, aching human wound that reflects a fracture in our relationship with God. Understanding how this wound was promoted and is still alive and acting out in the construct of our beliefs and systems and structures is the beginning of restoration. This workshop feature one of the 12 films in a series developed by *The Work of the People* (www.theworkofthepeople.com)- a great resource for congregations to use as they strive toward greater understanding and how to move toward God's dream for humanity. Materials will be provided describing the full series and how it can be obtained.

How to build (or improve) your church's website

Jeffery Lawrence, PC(USA) Office of Communications

This workshop will take you through the steps of planning, building and running a successful website for your church that meets your communication needs and best serves your congregation and community. If you're creating your first website, you'll learn the basics to get you started. If you're looking to improve or redo an existing site, you'll come away with a variety of tips and suggestions to organize and streamline the process. Registrants will be asked to submit questions ahead of time.

Advocating for Immigrant Children in Federal Custody

Gladis Molina, Young Center for Immigrant Children

Children entering the U.S. are subject to questioning, detention, and deportation proceedings in the immigration system. Some who come with parents are separated from their parents and are detained in separate facilities. Children who have a viable sponsor may be released from Federal custody and be allowed to complete their immigration case outside the system of detention. This workshop will discuss the immigration process that children undergo and the various organizations that serve them along the way.

Stewardship as a Year-Round, Fun-Filled, Joyous Adventure

Rev. Brad Munroe, Presbytery Pastor

Stewardship – the word creates dread for some and denial for others, but what if we could reframe stewardship to mean discipleship? Can stewardship become fun? Can stewardship be more than "fund-raising" and become a year-round, fun-filled, joyous adventure? This workshop answers these questions with an emphatic yes! (And, as a bonus, I promise to provide attendees with practical, congregation-tested resources to take home.)

Active Shooter Response Workshops

Marc Gerardis, Insurance Board and Bob Kraft (ALICE)

For places of worship, safety is assumed upon entering. Worrying about an active shooter is not among most people's thoughts as they enter their religious community. Sadly, recent events are changing and church security and emergency preparedness has to be something that religious leaders take into consideration as the day to day operations of their churches are carried out. A variety of factors may have an impact on your religious institution's safety. As the leadership, you must ask, "How would our institution react, survive and cope, if we came under attack from a violent intruder?"

Cracking the Nut on Youth Ministry

Drew Hulse, Ministry Architects

Whether your church has a congregation of 100 or 1,000, you know the need to build a ministry to reach the young people within your congregation. All too often that ministry suffers from starts and stops, never seeming to be sustainable. Together we will explore some of the practical tools and structures needed to help build a ministry that will last for the long haul.

SCHEDULE	
8:00 a.m. Check In Record Review	1:30 p.m. Workshops Session 2
9:00 a.m. Opening Plenary and Worship	2:45 p.m. Workshops Session 3
11:15 a.m. Workshops Session 1	4:00 p.m. Grand Canyon Stated meeting
Noon- Lunch	

At check-in, you will receive your workshop assignments with your nametag. Please give us your top three different choices plus an alternate as some classes will not get enough registrants and times may conflict. Thanks!