

SMALL CHURCH

MORNING SESSION



F. No More Stewardship Programs: How Stewardship Can Be a Way of Life for Your Congregation

Dr. Ed Brenegar, Circle of Impact Consultation & Coaching

The joy of stewardship is found in gratitude. In our workshop, we'll learn how developing the attitudes and behaviors of gratitude can create a stewardship culture in your congregation. By being a grateful congregation, we open ourselves up to seeing how all God's assets can be utilized to strengthen the mission of the church. Come give thanks, find joy in stewardship, and bring new vitality to your congregation's life together.

G. Worship that Helps Grow a Church

Rev. Carol Clark, Pastor at Unity Presbyterian Church, Denver, NC

Forget the categories of traditional, contemporary, or blended and think about worship as a vehicle of the gospel's theme of grace and love. Using all means of communicating the astonishing gospel of Jesus Christ, we will think about the Word conveyed through music, media, drama, dance, poetry, color, pictures, and art. A consequence of such varied, lively, intentional and God-centered worship is growth in numbers, in discipleship and in service. Join Carol Clark, pastor of Unity Presbyterian Church in Denver, NC, for a chance to reflect on worship in today's world and to share ideas that bring energy and passion to worship.



H. Christian Education in the Small Church

Mary Lou Nash, Christian Education Consultant

Even with just a few folks to work with, educational ministry can be an exciting adventure for your congregation! There are a variety of ways to approach this ministry and we will look at suggestions that you bring to share and build on ideas that have been tried in other places. Come with an open mind and heart, and a willingness to do new things!

AFTERNOON SESSION



P. Worship-Centered Congregational Life

Jane Rogers Vann, an elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and a Certified Associate in Christian Education.

Worship-centered congregational life places the worship of God at the heart of the congregation's shared life, with other aspects of congregational life (spiritual disciplines, Christian education, fellowship, ministry, and mission) flowing from worship and leading back to worship. The first half of this workshop will explore characteristics of worship-centered congregations and explore strategies for strengthening the congregation's identity. One central strategy for developing worship-centered identity is the practice of talking together about worship. The second half of the workshop will explore the difficulties of such conversations and offer strategies to get conversations going.



U. Calling All Small Churches

Rev. Terry Hanna, Pastor, Bryson City Presbyterian Church and Chair of Smaller Membership Churches

You are invited to join the members of the Small Church Committee for a "Round Table" discussion and a time of healing prayer and worship together. The Small Church Committee will open our discussion with a drama and "Three Questions":

1. How do we find the joy again?
2. Why do people leave when a pastor leaves and what can we do about it?
3. How do we grow?

The committee will offer scripture help and resources, but will come to the table with only an open heart to hear what the Holy Spirit has to say through all of us and to search for the Spirit's direction. Our time will end with healing prayer and worship. Come join us as we seek together to know God's will through our small churches.