



Ministry Fair: Arms Wide Open

Workshop Descriptions

SESSION I (11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.)

Come & See: Invitational Evangelism

Evangelism doesn't have to be knocking on the doors of strangers or being a pushy "Jesus marketer;" it is vital though for the sustenance of the Church and a Christ-given imperative for the community of faith. In this workshop we'll explore the fundamental prerequisites for sharing your congregation's story in the wider world and how you can develop an invitational approach to evangelism to grow your congregation.

Led by: Jon White, Rector of St. Luke's Church in Camillus

Digging Deep: Using Data for Ministry Discernment

Who is your neighbor? The Episcopal Church offers a wealth of demographic data for every parish. In this workshop, you will be introduced to this data, what it offers you and what other questions it raises. You will see in-depth what it offers, and how you can use this free information for mission, outreach and evangelism. You will also see the options for accessing more information that your parish would pay for. Learn how to map your congregation, using the "My Maps" function of Google Maps, to see where people live and where there are (and are not) neighboring parishes with whom you can work on a regional strategy for mission, outreach and growth.

Led by: Jackie Schmitt, Interim Rector of St. Matthew's Church in Liverpool

How to Grow Your Youth Group: A Youth Ministry Workshop

With today's smaller congregations and the busy lifestyle of society, this workshop will give you ideas and resources to attract, engage, and educate youth in your parishes. Join us to not only help energize the youth in your church, but also neighboring communities and learn about diocesan youth events that are held throughout the year.

Led by: Tory and Kristen Blum, Youth Ministry Coordinators in the Diocese of Central New York

Mission Ministry: Focusing on Faith Enacted in Community

Building on the experience of St James', Skaneateles as they sought to answer how a capital building campaign could maximize mission in the wider community, this workshop will help guide participants to understand a process for discerning your parish's mission ministry and how capital resources (like buildings) can be leveraged to make Christ known to your neighbors.

Led by: Tom Schneider, Member of St. James' Church in Skaneateles

Mutual Ministry Review: Response of the Faithful

Parish ministry is a group endeavor, and sometimes group work is no fun. Mutual Ministry Reviews are definitely group work, and sometimes they're no fun, either. But on the whole, Mutual Ministry Review is a process available to every congregation that allows for the setting of goals, identification of potential conflicts, and individualized evaluation of parish leaders. This holistic program is meant to provide mutual support and accountability to promote the thriving of ministry and mission as well as remind our people and our leaders why we do this wonderfully challenging work in the Kingdom of God. This workshop will offer an overview of the process as well as practical advice to shape a Mutual Ministry Review that is healthy and indicative of your own parish context.

Led by: Brooks Cato, Rector of St. Thomas' Church in Hamilton

Poetry & Faith

From George Herbert to John Donne, William Wordsworth to T.S. Eliot, poetry has been a vital stream of the Anglican/Episcopal way of faith. In this workshop, priest and poet Elizabeth Ewing will share how poetry has informed her spirituality and ministry as she offers insights and suggestions for incorporating poetry into your spiritual practice.

Led by: Elizabeth Ewing, Rector of Christ Church in Binghamton

SESSION I (continued...)

Spirituality of Leadership

What are effective ways a leader, whether ordained or lay, might find a deeper spiritual connection with God and feel more empowered in ministry? Bishop DeDe will explore what it means to be a spiritual leader within a community of faith, and especially how spiritual renewal can foster a renewed joy and hope in day-to-day ministry.

Led by: Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe

SESSION II (1:00–2:00 p.m.)

Ask me about my ministry...

This workshop will discuss the four orders of ministers in our Church: the laity, deacons, priests, and bishops. Who are these people? What do they do? And which ministry has God called YOU into? Did you know that you have a call from God? We will discuss these questions and hopefully nudge everyone to consider God's call to each of us.

Led by: Kathy Corley, Priest-in-Charge of St. David's Church in DeWitt

Prayer When Words Escape You

Are you a word weary pray-er wishing for another way to connect with God? Praying in Color is a visual and kinesthetic form of prayer for everyone that is easy to do and can open new doors to the locked-up portions of our hearts, mind, and souls.

Led by: Joell Szachara, Rector of St. Stephen's Church in New Hartford

The Beloved Community: Dismantling Racism

The Ministry Fair keynote speaker, Dr. Meeks, will lead a workshop sharing best practices and learnings from the pioneering work of the effort to dismantle racism's effects and power in the Diocese of Atlanta.

Led by: Catherine Meeks, Executive Director of the Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing

The Daring Way™

Come, show up, be seen, live brave. The Rev. Elizabeth Ewing, a certified Daring Way Facilitator, will present on key elements of wholehearted living developed by Episcopal author and researcher, Brené Brown, that can provide a path to living, and loving God and neighbor, wholeheartedly. Come and explore. *You may want to watch Brené Brown's TED talk beforehand: www.ted.com/talks/brene_brown_on_vulnerability.*

Led by: Elizabeth Ewing, Rector of Christ Church in Binghamton

Thriving Without a Priest?

Is your parish in between priests? Do you worship in a congregation served by supply priests? Are the wardens and vestry in charge of running the show? Let's chat! Our time together will include vibrant ideas for parishes that don't depend on regular clergy leadership. We'll talk about worship, outreach, organization, pastoral care, and making sure things don't fall through the cracks.

Led by: Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, Canon for Transition & Church Development in the Diocese of Central New York

Unleashing the Spirit: Team Total Ministry

Team Total Ministry is a different way of doing church than what you might be used to. With practices grounded in the ancient Church and belief in the ministry of all the baptized, Team Total Ministry focuses on discerning and developing the spiritual gifts of the whole congregation for collective ministry and leadership. In this workshop, members of St. Matthew's, Moravia will share their experience of adopting this approach and give practical advice to others desiring a robust lay-centered congregational ministry, while keeping the Episcopal tradition of Sunday Eucharist.

Led by: Members of St. Matthew's Church in Moravia

Website Building

Your website is your church's front door. Could it use a sweep and a fresh coat of paint? These days, you don't need to be a programmer to get a new church website up and running. In this workshop you'll see a church website built and launched right before your eyes using Squarespace, a low-cost, easy-to-learn web-based site builder. You'll leave with everything you need to reboot your church website, including basic instructions and a checklist of essential content.

Led by: Meredith Kadet Sanderson, Director of Communications in the Diocese of Central New York

SESSION III (2:15–3:15 p.m.)

All Things Come of Thee, O Lord: Stewardship as a Spiritual Practice

Stewardship is the spiritual practice of giving back to God from what God has given us; it's how we spend our resources: our time, talents, energy, and money. Intentional practices around stewardship are important parts of our faith and how we follow Jesus. In our time together we'll explore different resources available for our parishes, such as those from the Episcopal Network for Stewardship, the Episcopal Church Building Fund, and the Episcopal Church Foundation.

Led by: Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, Canon for Transition & Church Development in the Diocese of Central New York

Centering Prayer and Healing

This spiritual practice is not just the stuff of monks and nuns but is accessible to all. Father Thomas Keating, teacher of Centering Prayer, notes that as one's heart-space expands and trust for God grows, so does the ability to hold one's brokenness allowing us to experience inner transformation and healing for the journey. This workshop will give a brief overview of the established practice of Centering Prayer Meditation, its relationship to God's healing, and fifteen minutes of actual meditation practice.

Led by: John Crosswaite, Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Central New York

Disaster Preparedness for Individuals, Families, and Parishes

Our time together will focus on practical steps to take to minimize the impact of disruptive natural and man-made events. There will also be a brief overview of Red Cross actions and disaster response.

Led by: Tom Margrave, Member of Episcopal Relief & Development's Diocesan Disaster Coordinator Team

Photos from the Heart (and your smartphone!)*

Great photos on your parish website and social media invite and welcome newcomers and inspire longtime members. You don't need an expensive camera or a lengthy course of study—with a smartphone, taking photos for your church is a ministry and a spiritual practice open to anyone. In this workshop you'll learn basic photography skills, practice with hands-on activities, and see examples of types of photos and how you can use them in your church communications.

**Please bring your smartphone or camera of your choice.*

Led by: Sue Cenci, Member of Trinity Church in Fayetteville

Opening Hearts, Expanding Horizons: Youth Mission Trips

Join this workshop to hear from youth who have been involved with mission trips or work camps. Youth from our diocese will share their stories of the impact these journeys had on their lives, how they got involved, and how to create more opportunities for additional mission trips.

Led by: Diocesan Youth

Pray Without Ceasing*

Anglican prayer beads are a modern take on an ancient tradition. Tactile prayer offers the opportunity to break out of patterns that may have become stale and can be done almost anywhere. In this workshop you will have the opportunity to craft your own Anglican "rosary" and we will practice using them in guided prayer.

**There will be an \$8.00 supply fee for the beads which is payable by cash or check at the workshop.*

Led by: Jon White, Rector of St. Luke's Church in Camillus

What is the Unique Purpose of your Parish?

What is the unique purpose of your child's elementary school? What is the unique purpose of the local volunteer fire department? How about the community hospital? The Rotary Club? *What is the unique purpose of your church?* This workshop will explore that question through the lens of a congregational development model called Gather – Transform – Send. You'll come to understand God's unique purpose for your congregation in a new way, learn some tools for assessing its strengths and growing edges, and be primed to fully develop your God-given potential.

Led by: Paul Frolick, Rector of St. Matthew's Church in Liverpool