

# One Vine, Many Branches

Are Your Branches Connected to the True Vine?

John 15:5

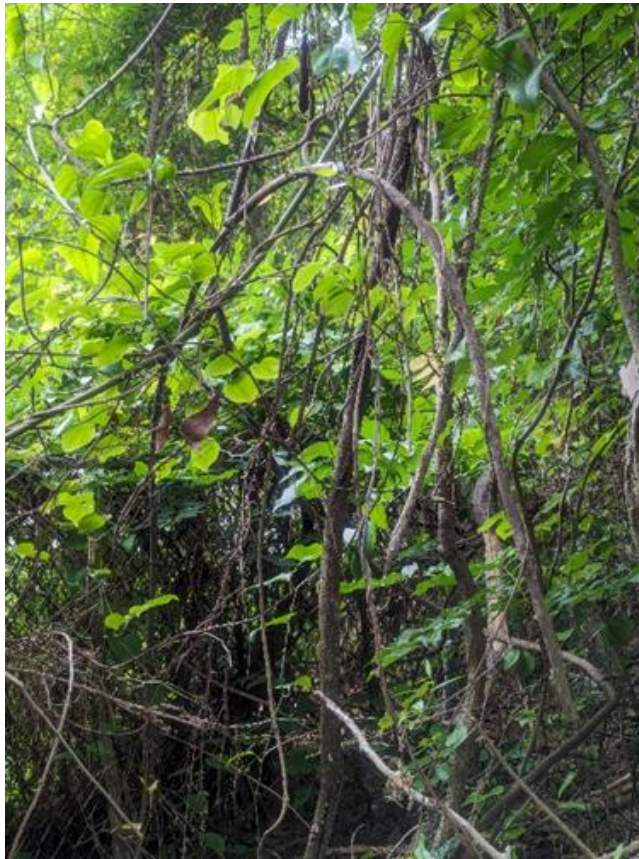


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**August 24, 2024**

**Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church**

**Pre-registration Deadline: August 12**

**Registration Fee: \$25**

<https://capresbytery.org/steps-2024/>



## MESSAGE FROM

### THE S.T.E.P.S. MINISTRY TEAM CO-CHAIRS

Dear Friends,

The Nurture Ministry Team and the S.T.E.P.S. Planning Team of our Charleston Atlantic Presbytery invite you to our annual STEPS event taking place on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. As people of faith, we have good news to share! We develop our faith in many different ways and through many different acts. We hope this event will challenge you to strengthen your faith with the true vine.

Join us and others from the various congregations in our presbytery as we gather for faith forming experiences through learning, worship, and fellowship. See you August 24<sup>th</sup>!

In faith,  
Mary Quinney and Evelyn White  
Co-chairs, 2024 S.T.E.P.S. Planning Team

### **S.T.E.P.S. EVENT SCHEDULE**

<b>8:15-8:45 AM:</b>	Check-In/Walk-In Registration
<b>8:45-8:50 AM:</b>	Welcome and Announcements
<b>9:00-10:10 AM:</b>	Workshop Session A
<b>10:25-11:25 AM:</b>	Worship
<b>11:35 AM - 12:45 PM:</b>	Workshop Session B
<b>12:45 – 1:15 pm:</b>	Lunch and Fellowship (optional*)

\*Participants may bring lunch or order a boxed lunch from *Honey Baked Ham* for \$14 and share a time of fellowship with our Presbyterian sisters and brothers.

## — What To Bring —

- YOURSELF AND A FRIEND (please carpool)
- a water bottle
- a notebook & pen
- an open mind
- an open heart
- a worshipful spirit
- bag lunch (or order a boxed lunch) for fellowship around the tables
- a desire to grow in faith and love

## — CHILDCARE —

Childcare for infants through fifth grade is offered free of charge, but you must pre-register by August 12th. Please complete the "Childcare Needs" section of the registration form. Space is limited so register soon! Please bring a snack/lunch for your child(ren).

**Bethelwoods Camp for a Day** will be coming to STEPS to provide a great experience with Bible lessons, crafts, and games for children in elementary school (5K-5<sup>th</sup> grade) as of August 24, 2024.



\*A parent or grandparent must be registered for S.T.E.P.S. to enroll their child in Camp for a Day.\*

**Childcare for infants, toddlers, and preschool children** will be held in Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church's nursery.

### Who should attend S.T.E.P.S.? **Everyone!**

All Church Members, Parents, Teachers, Youth Leaders, Ruling Elders, Deacons, Teaching Elders, Church Educators, Worship Leaders, Musicians, Youth, Administrators, Mission Leaders, ... **YOU!**

## S.T.E.P.S. PREACHER AND WORKSHOP LEADER

# JENNY MCDEVITT



**Jenny McDevitt** came to Shandon Presbyterian Church as Senior Pastor & Head of Staff in Columbia, SC in May 2020. Before Shandon, Jenny was Senior Pastor & Head of Staff at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City. She also served as Pastor of Pastor Care at Village Presbyterian Church outside of Kansas City. She was ordained at First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 2009. She holds degrees from Kenyon College (B.A. in Creative Writing) and Union Presbyterian Seminary (M.Div.).

Jenny is frequently invited to write liturgy and lead worship for national conferences and large gatherings. She has preached across the country and abroad, including at Montreat Conference Center and on Day1.org. She serves on the Boards of Union Presbyterian Seminary and the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, both of which give her hope and enthusiasm for the Church.

Originally from Michigan, Jenny prays for snow every winter. The rest of the year, she reads voraciously, runs slowly, and drinks (way) too much coffee. She lives in Columbia's Earlewood neighborhood with her two rescue dogs, Annie and Rose, who sometimes accompany her to the office.

## OTHER FEATURED LEADERS



**The Rev Dr Jerry Cannon** is a lifelong Presbyterian who has long been active in the national Church, Jerry served more than 30 years as pastor of C.N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church, a thriving congregation in Charlotte, North Carolina, and one of the largest Black congregations in the PC(USA). The congregation nearly tripled in size during his service and engaged in extensive community-based ministry and bridge-building. Jerry has held several high-profile roles within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), including leadership within the African American Intercultural Congregational Support Office. He also served as President of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus and as a Minister of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion with the Presbyterian Foundation. He is a former member of the Board of Pensions Board of Directors, serving on the Assistance and Pension committees, and currently serves as one of two Board representatives to the Diverse Voices Table of the PC(USA). Jerry holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration from Virginia State University, a Master of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center (Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary), and a Doctor of Ministry from the United Theological Seminary. More information is available with his workshop descriptions.

**The Rev Dr Buz Wilcoxon** serves as PC's first Marianne and E.G. Lassiter Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual Life. Buz has a passion for community service and involvement. Wilcoxon has worked with other faith leaders to bridge racial divides in Mobile, including developing a partnership with Yorktown Missionary Baptist Church in historic Africatown and planning the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Community Interfaith Worship Service. Wilcoxon added that he also looks forward to helping the college nurture future leaders for the church and the diverse communities they serve. "Living authentically as people of faith in our world today is nothing short of a grand adventure," he said. "PC is uniquely poised to play a significant part in forming faithful, wise, and servant-minded adventurers that the world needs." More information is available with his workshop descriptions.



**Mr. William McConnell** is Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations for Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina. Prior to joining the PCSC staff, he was Interim National Director of Special Offerings and Appeals and Central Region Mission Engagement Advisor for the Presbyterian Mission Agency. He is a Ruling Elder, member of Shandon Presbyterian Church in Columbia, and cradle Presbyterian. All of his academic degrees are in music, and he was deeply involved in the development of both *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* and the 2018 revision of the *Book of Common Worship*. More information is available with his workshop descriptions.

## WORKSHOP CATEGORY ICON KEY

If you would like assistance in selection your workshops, this icon key may help.



Justice and Peace



Build Community















Develop Leaders



Faith/Nurture Formation

# WORKSHOPS BY SESSION

## SESSION A: 9:00 – 10:10

Category	Workshop # & Title	Leader
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	A-2: The Church Choir	William Bennett & Charles McDonald
	A-3: Disaster Emotional and Spiritual Care After a Human Caused Disaster-Part One	Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team
	A-4: Ecological Peace on Earth	Jim Miller
	A-5: Helping Children Connect with Scripture	Pie Mikell
	A-6: Magnetic Men's Ministry: Drawing Men In!	Mike Fitze
	A-7: Ministry <b>WITH</b> Senior Adults	William McConnell
	A-8: A New Commandment with Old Roots	Natasha Akery
	A-9: Q & A about Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly	Becky Albright, Brian Henderson, Jay Jackson, & Spike Coleman
	A-10: Shared Ministry and Sustainable Mission	Jerry Cannon
	A-11: Training for Clerks of Session	David Yandle
	A-12: Young Adults and the Church: A Connectional Faith	Buz Wilcoxon

# WORSHIP: 10:25 – 11:25am

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# WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

## **Session A- 9:00am – 10:10am**

### **A-1 Age of Accountability: Breaking Down Cognitive Dissonance- Dorothy Knight**



Cognitive dissonance occurs when there is a misalignment between one's professed egalitarian values and discriminatory behaviors or when encountering evidence that challenges prejudiced beliefs. Addressing cognitive dissonance in the context of racism involves acknowledging and confronting these inconsistencies, reflecting on the root causes of prejudiced beliefs or behaviors, and actively working to align one's attitudes and actions with anti-racist principles. This process often requires self-awareness, critical reflection, and a willingness to challenge deeply ingrained biases and societal norms. The session aims to provide insights and strategies for navigating cognitive dissonance in today's world. Participants will learn to recognize and embrace discomfort as a catalyst for growth, cultivate empathy, and engage in constructive dialogue with those holding differing perspectives. Throughout the workshop, emphasis will be placed on fostering a culture of openness, critical thinking, and mutual understanding. By the end of the session, participants will be equipped with tools to navigate cognitive dissonance effectively and contribute to building a more just Kingdom of Christ. ***Dorothy Knight**, a Bronx native, currently resides in Moncks Corner, SC, with her family. With a degree in Africana Studies from Binghamton University, she's a dedicated advocate for social justice. She is an Elder at Peace Presbyterian Church in Goose Creek. Dorothy's commitment extends to Compass Collegiate Academy, where she champions decolonized anti-racist practices as an elected board member. She typically spends her weekends traveling the Southeast, lending her voice to the fight for equity and civil rights. At the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, she serves on the Service to Others committee and Race and Reconciliation subcommittee, actively promoting understanding and healing. Dorothy works to create a more just and equitable society for today and future generations.*

### **A-2 The Church Choir- William Bennett & Charles McDonald**



Come and explore church choir music for choir members, choir/music directors, and anyone who loves to sing. ***William Bennett** is the music director at Summerville Presbyterian Church. **Charles McDonald** is the music director at St. James Presbyterian Church on James Island.*

### **A-3 Disaster Emotional and Spiritual Care After a Human Caused Disaster: Part One- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Staff**



Although pastors and faith leaders are experienced in providing emotional and spiritual care, the disaster environment presents distinct challenges for which these leaders may not be prepared. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) will be offering a two-part program for becoming equipped to offer



appropriate and respectful disaster emotional and spiritual care following a human caused disaster. This program is offered during “blue sky” times to prepare groups for offering care, or it can be presented shortly after a disaster in an abbreviated format to those who feel called to serve in this way in response to the disaster. The program includes a discussion of the phases of response to a human caused disaster, common reactions and responses of survivors and ways to respond, and techniques for maintaining resilience in those who provide care. Part Two of this workshop is B-5 and participants should sign up for both sessions.

**Leaders: TBD**

#### **A-4 Ecological Peace on Earth- Jim Miller**

This workshop will review the evidence for climate change and its potential impact. It will identify obstacles (theological, cultural, economic, political) to effectively addressing this change in order to mitigate its consequences. It will report on the action of the PCUSA General Assembly on the Sustainable Peace Overture. It will conclude with a consideration of ways in which the consequences of climate change can be mitigated, if not completely averted.

***Jim Miller** is an honorably retired Teaching Elder with an AB in American Studies from the University of Maryland, an MDiv from Union Presbyterian Seminary, and a Ph.D. from Marquette University. He served as an ecumenical campus minister at Michigan Technological University, the University of Pittsburgh, and Carnegie Mellon University. For nearly ten years he served as the Senior Program Associate for the Program of Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). He was a founding member of the Presbyterian Association on Science, Technology and the Christian Faith (1992). Jim currently serves as co-chair of the Broader Social Impacts Committee of the Program on Human Origins of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History. He was elected a Fellow of the AAAS in 2021.*



#### **A-5 Helping Children Connect with Scripture- Pie Mikell**

In this workshop participants will explore ways to engage children in connecting with the Scriptures. **Pie Mikell** is the Associate for Congregational Nurture and Service at the presbytery. She is a Certified Christian Educator with a Master of Arts in Christian Education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education (now Union Presbyterian Seminary).



#### **A-6 Magnetic Men’s Ministry: Drawing Men In!- Mike Fitze**

A discussion of the different formats for men’s groups within the church, focusing on frequency of meetings, timing setting beginning and ending dates for meetings lets participants know they are NOT committing for life!) morning vs evening meetings, once a week or once a month, purpose of an organized men’s group, a look at some of the curriculum available, options for participants to study on the own, involving men in the ministry teams of the church, and suggestions for recruiting men. **Mike Fitze** currently serves as Stated Supply for the New Wappetaw church in McClellanville. Mike received his Mdiv and Dmin from Columbia Seminary where he served as president of his senior class. Before seminary



*Mike and his wife Rosemary were members of Yeamans Park, where he served as an elder. Following seminary in 1991 Mike served the New Wappetaw church. In 1995 he was called as organizing pastor of the Providence church in Greenville. In 2007, Mike was called as organizing pastor of the Palmetto church in Mt Pleasant. Both churches were named outstanding new church developments in the nation and received \$50,000 Walton awards. Mike also served on the staffs of Foothills and Charleston-Atlantic presbyteries. He retired in September of 2022 and was named pastor emeritus at Palmetto.*

### **A-7 Ministry WITH Senior Adults- William McConnell**

Senior adults are not only recipients of the church's ministry, they are vital participants and leaders in it. How can the church engage its senior adults in exercising their energy, intelligence, imagination, and love in ministry within the church? Don't leave this wealth of wisdom and creativity on the table. Let's explore together ways that senior adults can bring new vitality to church ministries in ways that both build the church and invigorate these seasoned ministry leaders.



**William McConnell** is Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations for Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina. Prior to joining the PCSC staff, he was Interim National Director of Special Offerings and Appeals and Central Region Mission Engagement Advisor for the Presbyterian Mission Agency. He is a Ruling Elder, member of Shandon Presbyterian Church in Columbia, and cradle Presbyterian. More information is on the "Other Featured Leaders" page.

### **A-8 A New Commandment with Old Roots- Natasha Akery**

The fruit of remaining in Christ is love. In the Gospels, Jesus introduces a new commandment: to love one another, but the roots of this commandment run much deeper. Join facilitator Natasha Akery as she revisits the parable of the Good Samaritan and takes participants back to the books of Exodus, Leviticus, and Deuteronomy to help us better understand what Jesus asks of his disciples, and what God has been asking of us for thousands of years. **Natasha Akery** is an educator, professional developer, and member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charleston, South Carolina. She serves her church community primarily through Sunday School lessons rooted in literary analysis, restorative practices, and multicultural perspectives. She lives in North Charleston with her husband, Matt, of fifteen years and their daughters, Eleanor and Jane.



### **A-9 Q & A about Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly- Becky Albright, convener along with Brian Henderson, Spike Coleman, and Jay Jackson**



Come hear what is happening in Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, the Synod of South Atlantic, and General Assembly. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions. **Becky Albright** is the General Presbyter/Pastor to Pastors for Charleston Atlantic Presbytery. **Brian Henderson** is the Moderator of the Synod of South Atlantic and the pastor at St. James Presbyterian Church. **Spike Coleman** is a commissioner to the 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and the pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Charleston. **Jay Jackson** is a commissioner to the 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly that took place this summer in Salt Lake City, Utah and is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Moncks Corner.

## A-10 Shared Ministry and Sustainable Mission-

### Jerry Cannon



This workshop will introduce the Shared Ministry Program for 2025. This program supports small congregations and others on a tight budget to covenant to create sustainable pastoral positions. **Jerry L. Cannon** serves as Vice President, Ministry Innovation at the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). His service began as the agency entered a season of rebuilding, and he is responsible for strengthening connections to ministries that represent the growing diversity of the denomination. Jerry leads and directs the Board's dues incentive programs, exploring solutions that will break new ground in the support of small church and nontraditional ministries. He also manages the Board's relationship with churches and caucus groups, including the National Black Presbyterian Caucus, National Caucus of Korean Presbyterian Churches, and Hispanic/Latinx National Presbyterian Caucus.

## A-11 Training Clerks of Session- David Yandle



This program will be hosted by David Yandle, the stated clerk of the presbytery, and will include a discussion of various responsibilities for clerks of session. Topics will include a checklist for preparation of minutes, a checklist of policies which session/congregations are required to have, methods for conducting meetings electronically, and an introduction to educational resources available through the electronic Equip program from the Office of General Assembly. **David Yandle** is a retired attorney educated at Davidson College and Wake Forest University Law School. He is a ruling elder who has served on the sessions of Second Presbyterian and Westminster, both in Charleston, and now the Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island. He previously has served on and moderated both the Commission on Ministry and the Permanent Judicial Commission for Charleston Atlantic Presbytery.

## A-12 Young Adults and the Church: A Connectional Faith-

### Buz Wilcoxon



Patterns and perspectives change from one generation to another; technology offers new challenges and opportunities. Yet, the Christian faith is inherently connective and calls us to look for new ways of engagement. **Buz Wilcoxon** is a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PCUSA. He serves as the Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual Life at Presbyterian College. He is a graduate of Presbyterian College and received his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary. Before coming to PC, Buz served congregations in South Carolina and Alabama.

## HEALTHY BOUNDARIES TRAINING



All Pastors, Christian Educators, Certified Lay Pastors, Candidates and Inquirers are required to participate in Healthy Boundaries Training. There will be a training held on **August 24 at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church in conjunction with STEPS from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.** Lunch will be provided. There is no cost for the training. Registration for this training is separate from the regular STEPS registration. Please click [here](#) or go to (<https://capresbytery.org>), the presbytery website to register for the Healthy Boundaries Training offered on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. You will be unable to register for any of the STEPS workshops.

# Session B- 11:35am – 12:45pm

## **B-1 Adventurous Faith: Being the Church in the World Today- Buz Wilcoxon**



The calling to be faithful Christians today takes us into new and unknown landscapes of discipleship in a post-Christendom world. This might seem a scary task, but what if it is an invitation to a grand adventure? **Buz Wilcoxon's** *biographical information may be found in Workshop A-12 and on the "Other Featured Leaders" page.*

## **B-2 Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt: Basics of Presbyterianism/Reformed Theology- Jeri Parris Perkins**



What does it mean to be "Presbyterian"? What makes Reformed Theology different from other theologies? Whether you have been a Presbyterian all your life or new to this reformed family of faith, you will find this workshop informative. **Jeri Parris Perkins** *currently, the pastor of the Johns Island Presbyterian Church, Jeri has served the church in many capacities. She received her undergraduate degree from Presbyterian College; her Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary; and her Doctorate of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary. Jeri serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for Presbyterian College and as Moderator of the Commission on Ministry for Charleston Atlantic Presbytery. Most recently, she was given the 2024 Distinguished Alumnae Award by Columbia Theological Seminary.*

## **B-3 Building a Choir from the Ground Up: A Guide to Creating a Musical Culture with Your Church- Katherine Clarkson**



This session will dive into the creation of children's choirs from Kindermusik to upper level choral ensembles. Building upon the pillars that already exist within your church community, we will discuss recruitment, retention, staffing, successful models, and how to feature these ensembles through the liturgical year. **Katherine Clarkson**, *is Music Director at Sangaree Intermediate School and also serves as the Director of the Kirk Choristers at First Scots Presbyterian Church, where she has been the staff soprano since 2015. Mrs. Clarkson previously served as the Kindermusik teacher and Assistant Children's Choir Director at St Philips Church. She attended Louisiana State University pursuing a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance. Upon graduating, Mrs. Clarkson then attended Indiana University to pursue a Master's in Vocal Performance. She and her husband, Dr. Justin Clarkson, currently reside in Moncks Corner, SC with their son Henry and their sweet couch potato, Winston.*

## **B-4 CAJM: Charleston Area Justice Ministry- Charles Heyward, Danny Massie, Andy White-Bogan**



Come learn about this impactful community ministry in the Charleston Area. Three of the original founders of this ministry will share the history, the actions the organization has undertaken, and ways your community can build a presence of justice and peace. **Charles Heyward** *is honorably retired Minister of Word and Sacrament and currently serving as the Stated Supply for the Edisto Presbyterian Church. Danny Massie is Pastor Emeritus at First (Scots) Presbyterian Church in Charleston. Andy White-Bogan is a member of the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church.*

## **B-5 Disaster Emotional and Spiritual Care After a Human Caused Disaster: Part Two- PDA**



This is Part Two of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance workshop that began in A-3. Participants need to sign up for both parts.

## **B-6 Every Step an Arrival- Achim Daffin**



Are you a pastor, elder, deacon, serve on a committee and would like some guidance along the way, from God? You are invited. **"To the Mountain – Join the Journey"**. Are you a member of a congregation seeking that something in your life, in your serving God, in your relationships? You are invited. **"Come-Passion"**. Are you a pastor, commissioned pastor, Christian Educator engaged in your ministry in need of a sabbatical as you work? You are invited. **"Sabbath – Study – Service"**. This is an introduction to three opportunities for all of the above named, to learn again to listen, to rest, to study and to serve God. The first two will end or begin with a retreat, the last will be a year-long time, a part of which includes the writing of your memoir. **Achim Daffin** *is an honorably retired Minister of Word and Sacrament. He most recently served as the Chaplain at The Village of Summerville. Achim is very involved in the life of the presbytery, especially in moderating the Stewardship of Financial Resources Ministry Team.*

## **B-7 The Legacy of Lynching and the Redemptive Power of Memory- Sandy Hull**



"History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again," wrote Maya Angelou. The lynching era in America is often glossed over and usually misunderstood. This workshop will explore that difficult history so that we may experience the redemptive power of memory and grow as peacemakers (Matthew 5:9). **Sandy Hull** *is serving as Interim Pastor of Palmetto Presbyterian. One of the themes of his ministry at his three previous churches has been racial justice and reconciliation, including forming deep interracial church partnerships. As part of this calling, he has made America's lynching era a focus of study over many years.* This workshop is sponsored by the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery Racial Reconciliation Sub-Committee.

## **B-8 Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation- PW Horizon Bible Study- Pie Mikell**



God calls each of us to speak out urging our society to act for justice. This study invites us to explore through scripture, theology, and life God's call to care for neighbor and creation. This workshop will provide an overview of the study, additional resources, and options for using the study. **Pie Mikell's** *biographical information is in Workshop A-5.*

## **B-9 The Presbyterian Deacon: From Call to Practice- Audrey Deas**



"In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. In the same way, the women

are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. A deacon must be faithful to his wife and must manage his children and his household well. Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 3: 8-10). Come explore what this looks like in practice! **Audrey Deas**, is a native of Johns Island, SC. with close ties with the Gullah Geechee culture of the Low Country. Rev. Deas attended the schools on Johns Island. She completed her undergraduate studies at Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio. The school is named after 18th century abolitionist William Wilberforce, it was the first private, historically Black University in the United States. After graduation in 1974, she attended South Carolina State School of Graduate Studies and received a Master's Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling. In 1981, Rev. Deas obtained a Master's of Divinity Degree with a concentration in Christian from Johnson C. Smith Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center, in Atlanta, Georgia, has since gone on to serve several churches in the Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery.

## **B-10 Storytelling as a Congregational and Individual Spiritual Practice- Jenny McDevitt**



Stories are important. Our faith is hitched to the holiest Story of all time. Jesus taught with stories. We're instructed to tell the story. We even sing about how much we love to tell that story! Moreover, we all have our own stories that have carried us this far and remind us of God's ongoing presence in our lives. Together, we'll look at examples of stories from scripture and then use them as inspiration to practice telling our own stories. This workshop will include practicing the art of storytelling. Participants will be encouraged, but not required, to share a story or two aloud with one another. Join us even if you think you aren't a storyteller (you are), or if you think you don't have any stories to tell (you do).

**Jenny McDevitt** is the preacher for STEPS 2024. See her biographical information on her featured page.

## **B-11 The Who, What, When, Where, How, and Why of Youth Ministry- Janie Bruce**



Youth ministry has evolved over the years and we need to make sure that we are evolving along with it! We'll discuss all of the prepositional questions (who, what, when, where, how, and why) to get a better understanding of ministering to the youth of today. **Janie Bruce** lives in Charleston with her husband and daughter. She has worked in youth ministry for over 13 years and currently serves as both the Director of Youth Ministry for the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery and the Director of Charleston Youth Mission.

## **B-12 You Can Grow- Jerry Cannon**



Because of the crisis that the Corona Virus caused in 2020; People around the world faced fear, isolation, and loss of their regular routine of life. Many dealt with significant financial and health issues that brought spiritual issues to the forefront. The tragic loss of life was devastating and the isolating suffering that many experienced was heartbreaking. With all of those things being said, people tend to be open to Christ during trouble and transition. Post church during the coronavirus crisis is an opportunity for Evangelism. This workshop and planning time will examine

some strategies and analysis tools to review healthy evangelism practices for the Post Quarantine Church. Six challenges Thom Rainer establishes in his book, *The Post-Quarantine Church* are: 1) Gather Differently and Better; 2) Seize Your Opportunity to Reach the Digital World; 3) Reconnect with the Community Near Your Church; 4) Take Prayer to a New and Powerful Level; 5) Rethink Your Facilities for Emerging Opportunities; and 6) Make Lasting Changes that Will Make a Differences

**Jerry Cannon's** *biographical information is be found in Workshop A-10 and in "Other Featured Leaders"*.

## S.T.E.P.S. NEWS...

You will receive an evaluation form by email soon after the S.T.E.P.S. event. Please take a few minutes to respond as the planning team uses your responses to plan future events.

If you are staying for lunch don't forget to place your order and include the cost when you pay your registration fee. This time of fellowship is an opportunity to visit and share with other STEPS participants.

## — PAYMENT OPTIONS —

- All payments must be received at the Presbytery office by **August 12th**.
- Payment for pre-registrations can be made by check, cash, or PayPal.
- Payment for Walk-In registration is by Check or Cash only.

Please make checks payable to **Charleston Atlantic Presbytery**.

Please register by **August 12<sup>th</sup>**. Workshops may be canceled if less than 6 people are registered by that date.

### REGISTRATION OPTIONS

ON-LINE REGISTRATION: [HTTPS://CAPRESBYTERY.ORG/STEPS-2024/](https://CAPRESBYTERY.ORG/STEPS-2024/)

OR

RETURN THE REGISTRATION FORM IN THIS BROCHURE

EARLY PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE | JULY 22 | \$20

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE | AUGUST 12 | \$25

WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS | AUGUST 24 | \$35 (NO LUNCH OPTION)

# REGISTRATION FORM

We encourage you to pre-register. Workshops may be canceled if less than 6 people are pre-registered by August 12th.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I would like to order a boxed lunch or salad for an additional \$14

\_\_\_\_ Ham Sandwich

\_\_\_\_ Turkey Sandwich

\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Salad

PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Registration fee **plus** boxed lunch if you ordered one.)

WORKSHOP CHOICES: Please record the workshop number and title here:

**Session A** \_\_\_\_\_

**Session B** \_\_\_\_\_

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**CHILDCARE:** *We encourage congregations to provide childcare for their participants. Limited childcare will be available, but **you must register for it by August 12th.***  
**NO WALK-IN CHILDCARE.**

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