

Registration for LeaderFest is \$15.00 per person which includes materials and lunch.

EARLY BIRDS PAY ONLY \$10.00 per person if registered by Monday, January 12th !

PLEASE MARK SEMINAR CHOICES ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO SHENANGO PRESBYTERY

Name _____

Church _____

Home Address _____

E-Mail Address _____

_____ My registration fee is enclosed

_____ My registration is being sent by my church

_____ I will attend lunch

_____ I need child care for ages _____

**Complete both sides of this form and send it with the fee to:
Margaret Trautman, Presbytery Center, 4197 New Castle Road, Pulaski, PA 16143**

**Or send an e-mail with registration information to
office@shenango.org**

Schedule of Events

8:30 a.m.	Registration <i>Orr Auditorium Lobby</i>
9:00 a.m.	Worship/Keynote <i>Orr Auditorium</i>
10:15 a.m.	Break
10:45	Seminar Session I <i>Patterson Hall</i>
11:45	Break
12:00 Noon	Seminar Session II <i>Patterson Hall</i>
1:00 p.m.	Lunch <i>McKelvey Center</i>

Registration

Cost is \$15 per person, which includes meals. *Early birds who register by Monday, Jan. 12h pay only \$10!* Complete the attached form and mail it to the address indicated.

Refreshments and Lunch

Light breakfast refreshments will be available upon your arrival at LeaderFest. Please plan to stay for a delicious lunch at 1:00 p.m. Both meals are catered by the college. Cost is included in the registration fee.

Displays

- Cokesbury
- We Believe Curriculum
- New Wilmington Mission Conference
- Silk Road
- Camps and Conferences

Materials

All materials required for workshops will be provided. Other resources recommended by workshop leaders may be available for purchase at the Cokesbury Bookstore display, which will be at LeaderFest. You will also be able to purchase *The Book of Order*, *The Book of Confessions*, and other items from Cokesbury. Checks and credit cards will be accepted.

Yes, Child Care!

We will provide experienced child care at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church during LeaderFest. There is no charge for this service, but we ask that you bring a packed lunch for each child.

Any Questions?

A complete description of each seminar is included in this brochure. If you have any questions about LeaderFest, please contact Patrick Ewing at 724-667-9613 or the Presbytery Office at 724-528-1610.

Shenango Presbytery's Christian Education Committee sponsors LeaderFest to help churches meet the responsibility to provide training for their leaders. Please support this program with your attendance and prayers. Thank you for participating.

LEADERFEST

2009

Training for Church Officers And Leaders

Featuring Keynote
Speaker
Russ Crabtree

Worship led by Jane Bartholomew
And Friends

**Saturday, January 17, 2009
8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Campus of
Westminster College
New Wilmington, PA

Keynote Presentation

“Leadership in an Age of Choices”



Russ Crabtree is founder and director of Holy Cow! Ministries Consulting in Columbus Ohio

Seminar Descriptions

— “**Leading Like Aaron, Without the Golden Calf: A Handful of Tools for New Elders**” (both time periods) Led by Rev. Ralph Hawkins, Pastor of New Wilmington Presbyterian Church and Elder Jason Dunn of Center Grove City Presbyterian Church. By examining Aaron’s interactions with Moses in their shared leadership of God’s people, this two hour seminar will present a Biblical perspective on the purpose of elder leadership in your church. We will explore a handful of practical tools and practices with which every new elder should be acquainted. Whether you are a new or experienced officer, being an elder is an essential calling: through this seminar we want to ensure you can “hit the ground running” as the baton of leadership is passed to you.

— “**Deacons: The Shepherds of the Church**” Led by Rev. Phil Chalfant, Pastor of Coolspring Presbyterian Church and Deacons from Coolspring Presbyterian Church.

Deacons
Energetic
Abounding in Love
Care-giving
Offering Assistance
Need-Sensitive
Serving-Christ!

Come, listen, and participate as Coolspring Deacons share the richness and joy of their ministry. This workshop will provide encouragement and practical ideas for meaningful ministry as a deacon.

— “**Hands –on General Assembly Statistics for Clerks**” (both time periods) Led by Rev. Jerry Mahaffey, Pastor of North Liberty Presbyterian Church and Stated Clerk of Shenango Presbytery. Clerks of Session: Bring your workbook and data to LeaderFest and together we will submit your statistical report on the internet, using Westminster’s computer lab.

— **Question & Answers about Keynote Address** Led by Russ Crabtree, Founder and Director of Holy Cow! Ministries Consulting. This seminar will provide an opportunity to discuss the keynote address with Russ Crabtree.

— “**Improving the Reading of Scripture**” (both time periods) Led by Dr. Kenneth E. Bailey, author and lecture in Middle Eastern New Testament Studies. The Bible is the Word of God. Preaching isn’t! Thus the *public* reading of *Scripture* is more important than preaching. But you would never know it in the Presbyterian Church!! In this seminar we will ask, “What can we do to improve the quality of Scripture Reading in Worship? Those attending should bring a Bible with them.

— “**One Thing I Can Do For Peace**” Led by Rev. Teresa Kendall, Pastor of Slippery Rock Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery Church & Community Committee. You can make a difference! This workshop introduces practical steps and campaigns (local, church-wide, and international) that individuals and churches can do beyond prayer to be a part of bringing God’s peace to our neighborhoods and to the world.

— “**Helping a Church Get Out of Financial Difficulty: Keeping Your Church Above Water in Troubled Times**” Led By Elder Barney Scholl. A discussion about the problems and ways to approach solutions for dealing with the increasing difficult financial problems which our churches are facing. The program will include discussion about the reasons for the dilemma, ways to approach finding solutions and brain storming possible solutions for the hard times churches are seeing. Please bring your thoughts, your ideas and your prayers.

— “**Maximizing Short-Term Mission Trips**” Led by Rev. Donald J. Dawson, Director, World Mission Initiative and New Wilmington Mission Conference. Short-Term mission trips are intended for the benefit of the mission host, but we always receive back more that we give. This workshop will explore ways to maximize the blessing both ways. Particular attention will be given to the role of the sending church before, during and after the trip.

— “**Seasoned Saints: Silent No Longer**” Led by Rev. Ray Brugler and Rev. Angel De La Cruz, Pastor of Word Centered Fellowship. The Seasoned Saints, the 60-something (and older) members of our congregation are the folks who can welcome and give warm support to newer younger members. In this seminar we will share practical ideas for helping these Seasoned Saints share their mature, stabilizing faith with others; and for intentionally keeping them active, involved and creative in every aspect of the congregation’s life and mission.

— “**Recovering Reformed**” Led by Dr. Kang Na, Associate Professor in Religion at Westminster College. What makes Presbyterian worship and theology different from those of other Christian tradition? Are there any “essentials” that Reformed churches have that others don’t? Aren’t we all just Christians? If you’ve wondered about such questions, come see how Reformed people have and can answer such questions.

— “**Centering Prayer: A Taste of Silence**” Led by Mary Kathryn Crom. Centering/Contemplative prayer is an ancient Christian way of prayer which has practical applications for today. This seminar will be a short introduction to these kind of prayer, including a discussion of what it is and is not, guidelines for their practice, and a time of praying in this way.

— “**Sharing the Gospel With Others**” Led by Elder Steve Plyler, Lawrence County Human Services. This seminar will consider some easy ways to do personal evangelism. It will include dealing with common inhibitions and misconceptions. Participants will learn some easy, natural ways to bring up topics such as beliefs, church, and counteracting the pervasive belief that one has to be good to go to heaven. Hopefully, this seminar will motivate participants to share God’s good news with others. (And have fun doing it.)

— “**How Leaders Can Listen for and Recognize the Voice of God**” Led by Rev. Tom Wilcox, Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church. Good leaders will give a great deal of thought to the decisions they make. Good Godly leader also talk to God about those decisions and what they are thinking. This seminar will look at:

- What Scripture says about hearing the voice of God
- Simple steps to hear God in our devotional lives
- Simple steps to hear God in leadership meetings
- Biblical rules for discerning if what we hear is actually God

— “**How does the Presbyterian General Assembly Affect Your Church?**” Led by Dave Dawson, Executive Presbyter of The Shenango Presbytery. This seminar will be a discussion about Churchwide issues that affect your congregation. Your questions will be discussed and options for next steps will be considered.

Please reserve a place for me in the following seminars at LeaderFest:

Check just one seminar per time period.

Note: Please mark your seminar choices inside the brochure, as well, so that you do not forget which workshops you chose.

10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

___ Elder Training-both time periods

___ Deacon Training

___ Hands-on General Assembly Statistics for Clerks—both time periods

___ Question & Answer with Keynote Speaker

___ Improving the Reading of Scripture -both time periods

___ One Thing You Can Do For Peace

___ Helping a Church Get Out of Financial Difficulty

___ Maximizing Short-term Mission Trips

___ Seasoned Saints: Silent No Longer

12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

___ Elders-continued

___ Recovering Reformed

___ Centering Prayer: A Taste of Silence

___ Clerks-continued

___ Improving the Reading of Scripture-continued

___ Sharing the Gospel With Others

___ How Leaders Can Listen for and Recognize the Voice of God

___ How Does the Presbyterian General Assembly Affect Your Church?