

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 11th !

**PLEASE MARK SEMINAR CHOICES ON  
THE BACK OF THIS FORM**

**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO  
SHENANGO PRESBYTERY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 the following  
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 a.m.	Seminar Session I <i>Patterson Hall</i>
11:45 a.m.	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, January 11th 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
- *Perspectives*
- Nile Valley Missionaries
- New Wilmington Mission Conference
- Silk Road
- Camps and Conferences
- *We Believe* Sunday School and Confirmation Resources

## 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* and other items from Cokesbury. This year, ONLY cash or checks will be accepted, no credit cards.

## 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 Monica Hamilton at 724-944-6005 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

## 2010

## *Training for Church Officers And Leaders*

Featuring Keynote  
Speaker  
Andrew Purves

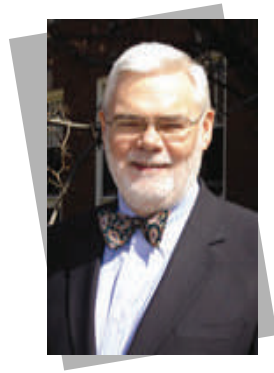
Worship led by Jane Bartholomew  
And Friends

**Saturday, January 16, 2010  
8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Campus of  
Westminster College  
New Wilmington, PA

# Keynote Presentation

## “Who Are You, Lord, and What Are You Up To?”



**Dr. Andrew Purves is Professor of Reformed theology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary**

## Seminar Descriptions

— **“Elder Training: Leading Like Aaron, Without the Golden Calf: A Handful of Tools for New Elders” (continues through both time periods)** Led by Rev. Ralph Hawkins, Pastor of New Wilmington Presbyterian Church. You’ve recently been elected as an Active Elder in your congregation. What now? Come share in this two-hour seminar as we mine Exodus 32 and the shared leadership of Moses and Aaron for insight into elder leadership in the local congregation. The first hour casts a vision for shared leadership between elders and pastors, while the second hour develops a collection of 10 practical tools to help new elders be good stewards of their time in office. Whether you are brand new to the role or you’ve been reelected, come learn how to lead like Aaron...but without the troublesome idols.

— **“Deacons 101 and Beyond”** Led by Deacon Jill Mohr, President of the Board of Deacons at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church. This seminar will include evaluating, assessing, discerning what God is calling us to do in our deacon ministry. We will ask questions, brainstorm, and reflect on what we are doing now and dreaming for our future.

— **“Clerks: All Work and No Polity Makes Church Dull”** Led by Rev. Amy Na, Assistant Clerk of Shenango Presbytery and Pastor at Shenango Presbyterian Church. Although this seminar is designed especially for Clerks of Session, it is open to all who desire basic lessons in Presbyterian polity. Information about filing annual reports will be included.

— **“Questions & Answers about Keynote Address** Led by Dr. Andrew Purves, Professor, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. This seminar will provide time for participants to talk to Dr. Purves about issues he raised in his keynote address.

— **“Pray Without Ceasing: Practices for Personal and Global Prayers”** Led by Rev. Lisa Nichols Hickman, Associate Pastor at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church and author of *The Worshiping Life: Meditations on the Order of Worship*. Ephesians 6:18 encourages us to “pray without ceasing.” This seminar will share practices to further develop a life of prayer. Drawing on documentaries, videos, poems, scripture and stories we will explore new ways of praying to both broaden and deepen your life of prayer for both individuals and groups.

— **“The Blessing of Music”** Led by Elder Jane Bartholomew, Music Director, Unity Presbyterian Church. There is more to music in worship than just standing up and singing a song. This seminar will look at what goes on “behind the scenes,” in planning the music for all kinds of worship and devotionals. We will explore the ways music opens doors to faith and service.

— **“Saving Energy in Church Buildings”** Led by Helen Perrine, Executive Director, Affordable Comfort, Inc. The leader will describe what churches can do to save energy costs with little or no investment. Participants will discover ways to save energy and money in church buildings by looking at actual case studies of congregations that have done it. They will also learn how to evaluate advertised products and services.

— **“To Have Faith or Not to Have Faith—That’s Not the Question!”** Led by Ronee Christy, Director of Children’s Ministries at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church. The real question is: “In WHAT will our children have faith?” What can leaders in the churches do to encourage children and families to develop faith and stay in right relationship with God? This seminar will focus on the spiritual formation of children, describing how they develop through stages of understanding and growth in their faith. We will also note practical areas and activities available for church leadership in this field. (Plus we will have fun!)

— **“Reformed Theology: The Sesquipedalian (extra long) P-Words”** Led by Dr. Kang-Yup Na, Associate Professor of Religion, Westminster College. *Providence, Predestination, Prevenient, Presbyterian*. These are some important words for Reformed thinking and worship. They are also very hard words to understand. Come with your questions and spend some time thinking about these sesquipedalian words that can enrich your faith journey. Come ready to be formed, informed, and reformed by these P-words.

— **“Removing the Chains that Bind: The Church as Abolitionist in the 21st Century”** Led by Elder Jane Smith, Coordinator of Instruction at Bailey Library, SRU. In Isaiah we learn that the “kind of fasting” God wants is to “free those who are

wrongly imprisoned...and remove the chains that bind.” In light of estimates that as many as 27 million people in our world are enslaved, how is the church to respond? We will address the problem of modern-day slavery and provide suggestions for how the church can participate in the three-front war—prevention, protection, prosecution—being waged against this evil.

— **“God & You: Mission Partners in the 21st Century”** Led by Elders Larry Smith, East Main, Miriam Gwin, Mt. Jackson, and Denise Sciuto, from Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship. God does mission, but he has invited us to be his partner, whether it is in your community or overseas. Come join us as we discuss criteria to use in your mission planning to help you discern and remain responsive to God’s particular call for your congregation.

— **“What Our Pastor Needs to be Really Good”** Led by Dr. Dave Dawson, Executive Presbyter of Shenango Presbytery. This is a difficult time for churches. There are financial pressures and people are not as interested in attending church activities. Most pastors do not have the superstar appeal to draw a big personal following. What can we do? This seminar is especially for personnel committees and session members who are looking to help their pastor lead well and relate positively to your congregation.

— **“Training Teachers Without Leaving Home”** Led by Rev. Janice Good, Associate Pastor at Tower Presbyterian Church. Do you find it almost impossible to get teachers to attend training events? This seminar will introduce participants to a new resource that teachers can use at home or with small groups. We will use the Internet to browse through courses on Teaching Skills, Bible Background, and Reformed and Presbyterian Theology, (and it’s FREE!)

— **“Moving Toward Growth: The Small Church in the Postmodern World”** Led by Jim Rimmer, Pastor at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Cranesville, PA, and consultant for the Partnership for the Missional Church. The small church today finds itself on the “mission field” — trying to understand and minister to people in a culture that holds values and ideas radically different than its own. This seminar will help leaders in small churches to understand their context; to focus their ministry; to begin to identify some possible bridges to the culture; and to reflect upon what it means to become “Missional” in their context.

— **“Get in the Game: Transitioning to Ministry Teams”** Led by Shari Costello, Director of Children’s Ministry at Graystone Presbyterian Church in Indiana, PA. Participants will look at Stanley Ott’s book *Transforming Your Church Through Ministry Teams*. The leader will share how God helped her church make the transition from “committees” to “teams.” She will describe how, by using the ideas in Ott’s book, they were able to transform their ministry to children and their families. These principles can be applied to any committee or group responsible for ministry.

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: Leading Like Aaron (Continues through both time periods—Part 1 of 2)

— Deacon 101 and Beyond

— Clerks: All Work and No Polity

— Questions & Answers with Keynote Speaker

— Pray Without Ceasing

— The Blessing of Music

— Saving Energy in Church Buildings

— To Have Faith or Not to Have Faith

### 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

— Elder Training: Leading Like Aaron (Continues through both time periods—Part 2 of 2)

— Reformed Theology: The P-Words

— Removing the Chains that Bind

— God & You—Mission Partners

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