

Merrimack Valley Deanery
6th Annual MVD WORKSHOPS FOR
PARISH ACTION

PUTTING LEGS ON MISSION STRATEGY

*Saturday, October 25, 2008
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Christ Church, Andover MA*

These workshops are free, however there is a suggested donation of \$10 per person to help defray some of the expenses.

Schedule for the day

Registration and Fellowship 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Opening Prayer in Nave 8:45 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Session 1: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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Coffee Break 10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Session 2: 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

*Closing prayers in the session 2 Workshops
12:15 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.*

WORKSHOPS

SPRITUALITY

Centering Prayer - Parlor or Moses Chapel

Session 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Presented by Linda Davis Siess

From: St. James Episcopal Church in Amesbury

Take some time for "resting in God"! In this workshop, we'll alternate periods of learning, praying, and sharing. All levels of experience are welcome, and no supplies are needed - just show up! (Visit www.centeringprayer.com for more information, if you have time before or after our workshop.)

Linda Davis Siess, is a member of the Altar Guild and the choir, and, as Clerk of the Vestry, has a special interest in her parish's history and archives.

“Anger in the Bible?”- Parlor or Moses Chapel

Session 2 from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Presented by Rosemarie Buxton

From: Christ Church Andover

“Anger in the Bible: Recreating Our Stories.” Anger is an emotion that can have constructive and destructive application. Is anger always sinful? How can we be “real with God” about our anger? Rosemarie Buxton will lead a workshop exploring how we can reinterpret scripture in relation to our own experiences with anger.

Rosemarie Buxton recently received a Master’s in Theological Studies from Episcopal Divinity School. Her thesis, “Recreating Our Stories: A Theological Journey with Anger” received the James Arthur Miller prize for historical theology. She is also an Education

for Ministry mentor and is currently serving as Vice President of Merrimack Valley Project, a community organizing group.

LITURGICAL LIFE

ABC'S of Altar Flower Arranging – Altar Guild Room/Nave

Session 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Present by Marilyn Livingston and friends

From: All Saints Chelmsford

This workshop will focus on assisting the less experienced Altar Guild member in the basics of traditional floral design. The instructor will create a fresh floral arrangement demonstrating the principals of form, balance, color and texture. Seasonal flower availability, container shapes and conditioning of fresh flowers are subjects that will also be covered.

Marilyn Livingston is a retired retail merchandiser/decorator for a Boston area company.

She is currently a member of the Altar Guild at All Saints Church in Chelmsford, MA and she also serves on the Memorial Garden Committee. Marilyn is an active member of the Country Lane Garden Club of Chelmsford and a past member, of many years, of the Bedford Garden Club in Bedford, MA.

Art in Liturgy – Nave/Moving throughout the building

Session 2 from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Presented by Rev. Gay Cox

St. Anne's North Billerica

This interactive workshop/discussion group is about the variety of creative experiences and applications of art in the liturgy of the church today. We will address ideas, concerns and the creative process. We'll explore community involvement as well as how to use the work of individual artists: How to make this accessible even

within budget strapped churches: the effect on worship and the understanding and enjoyment of the Church Year. Photographs and digital images, from USA and Europe, of banners, temporary installments, longer term installations as well as individual artists' work will be on hand to inspire our discussion and creations. You are invited to bring the 'good, the bad and the ugly' that you may have seen and experienced as "liturgical art", as well as your dreams and hopes.

PRACTICAL PARISH LIFE

The Christian Economics of Food

Session 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Presented by Brent Was

From: All Saints West Newbury

Our relationship with God necessitates that our relationship with the Earth be one of home to homemaker. Economics, literally, regards the management of home. The state of our current industrial agricultural system, with genetically modified crops, sky rocketing food prices and rapidly eroding soils is a sign that our home is in disorder. Together we will explore the Christian moral imperative to be mindful about the food we consume.

Brent Was is caretaker of Emery House, the retreat center of the Society of St. John the Evangelist in West Newbury, Massachusetts. He received a Master of Divinity from Harvard and is a Doctor of Ministry candidate at EDS where he is working on Agrarian Theology, a theology of sustainable agriculture. He is an Accredited Organic Land Care Professional with the Northeast Organic Farmers Association (NOFA), a postulant for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Massachusetts, and is interning at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Newburyport.

But Oh! How far have I to go to find You in Whom I have already arrived! - T. Merton

Capital Campaigns/Buildings Mission Roundtable – Youth Room 1

Session 2 from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Presented by Rev. Martha Hubbard and others from St. Paul's Church, Newburyport

Is your parish needing to develop a capital fund campaign for mission or building restoration? How do you get started? What are the time frames involved? How do private donations from members and friends fit with possible grants? What does it take to write a grant application? When do you need a consultant? Members of St. Paul's Newburyport, which is in the midst of a 3 year campaign to restore historic St. Anna's Chapel, will share their experience of developing an in-house campaign and lead a round table discussion with those interested in this topic.

Who's Your Neighbor – Multicultural Food Customs and Traditions. - Kitchen

Session 2 from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Presented by The Rev. Ramon Aymerich, Chitral de Mel, Urban Resident and Josefina Aymerich, Nora Colon and German Garcia all are from St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Lowell.

The Merrimack Valley is definitely a very multicultural part of our diocese. In our parishes there are often people of African, as well as South American and Caribbean backgrounds. This workshop is meant to familiarize you with some of the customs, food and traditions of our multi-cultural brothers and sisters. Many of these customs, in fact, find their roots in Africa. During this presentation you may even taste some Sri Lankan Food and perhaps learn to dance to world music.

MUSIC

Sacred Circle Dance – Session 1 - Parish Hall

Presented by Nancy Morrissey
From: Trinity Church, Haverhill

Nancy has been active with sacred circle dancing for the past ten years. It is just one of many physical art forms she enjoys, having been involved with community theater, community choruses, church choir, and other dance forms for many years. Nancy has two grown sons (each married), a granddaughter and two grandsons. She lives with her brother in Merrimac, where she has built a labyrinth in her back yard. She has been a board member of The New Acting Co., the Exeter Area Arts Association and is currently the senior warden at Trinity Episcopal Church in Haverhill.

Sacred circle dancing is a specific type of folk dance which celebrates community, and is an active form of prayer and meditation. Some of the dances are traditional, others modern. There are several roots to circle dance. Bernard Wosien, who was trained in modern and classical ballet in Europe, loved traditional folklore and dances. He brought these dances to Findhorn Foundation, an international spiritual community in Scotland. The dances come from all over the world Others trace the dance through gnostic and mystic ways, through sufism and teachers like Rumi, back into time.

Each dance is taught prior to dancing, no partners are needed. The steps are simple and repetitive. There are no mistakes, just variations. I've danced in circles that held very young children, and where some of the regular dancers were physically challenged. Anyone can participate in this outpouring of spirit and joy.

Early American Congregational Song – Choir Loft

Presented by Dr. Peter Bell
From: Christ Church Andover

From the early Psalters of the Puritans to the first classes in public school music education, from New England to the Carolinas, what were the earliest practices of congregational song, and what influences have they had on our worship today? Come and explore the political, social and religious factors that influenced the roots of the church music. Listen to historical and modern recordings, and examine

original hymnals from the 1800s. Find your voice through participation in the worship practices of past generations during an evening of fellowship and song.

Peter Bell holds a doctorate in composition from the Hartt School of Music, University of Hartford, and masters in church music from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville Kentucky. Dr. Bell served as Assistant Professor of Music at Gordon College in Wenham, MA from 1996-2006, where he taught courses in music theory, composition and church music at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

LEADERSHIP

Leadership/Spirituality for Vestry members and Clergy -

Session 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Presented by Bishop Bud Cederholm

Bishop Bud Cederholm, suffragan (assisting) bishop, will do a workshop on spiritual leadership for wardens, vestrypersons and clergy.

A native of Brockton, Mass., Bishop Bud, as he is known familiarly, was ordained to the priesthood in 1972 in Massachusetts. Before his consecration in 2001, Bishop Cederholm served for more than 10 years as rector at Christ Church in Needham.

Bud is gifted teacher, preacher and leads by example in actions. He is committed to congregational development, environmental stewardship, and relief and development work in the Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina in 2005. He received national recognition from the Religion Communicators Council with a DeRose-Hinkhouse Award of Merit.

He and his wife, Ruth Ann, have two sons and four grandchildren.

Parishes in Transition Round Table - Parlor

Session 2 from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Presented by TBA

From TBA

A round table discussion of search committee work for those who have served on a search committee, those currently on a search committee or those who might someday be on a search committee.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Roundtable Godly Play and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Youth Room 1

Session 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Presented by Kim Potts, St. James Amesbury

Kathleen Bates, Christ Church Andover

This Roundtable is to help people to learn more about Godly Play and about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. These curriculums are widely used in the Episcopal Church. This will be a time to share with others what Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Godly Play are all about.

Kim Potts was accredited as a Story Teller for Godly Play in November of 2006. Godly Play began at St. James in Amesbury in September of 2007. The first year was very successful. Kim will share with the group what Godly Play is and how it touched her, the other teachers and the children.

Kathleen is currently working with the Christian Education Team as a teacher and catechist for Level 1 Atrium curriculum. Over the past 20 years, she has participated in the church school program as a teacher, program coordinator, Board Member and youth group volunteer at Christ Church. Kathleen volunteered in a Level 1 Atrium for 3 years before attending formal Level 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training several years ago. Christ Church previously had a free standing Atrium program for Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grades. During the upcoming 2008-09 school year, the curriculum and materials will be incorporated in classroom settings and presented through our monthly Children's Chapel gathering.

Province 1 Safe Church Training will be offered

8:30-3:30

For and additional fee of \$40!

**You need to register with the diocese
prior to attending the Safe Church
Training!**

CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED!
Registration is expected. Child care is free!
Childcare will be provided
from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Please register your child/children at
mvdeanery@yahoo.com

**To pre-register for these workshops, please
email mvdeanery@yahoo.com**

***or call Kim Potts at 978-388-9369 to indicate
interest in a workshop; this will facilitate our
plans. Thank you!***

**Directions to the Parish of Christ Church
33 Central Street, Andover, Massachusetts**

Take Interstate 93 to exit 44A (495 North – Lawrence)

Take Interstate 495 north to exit 41A (Route 28 south - Andover)

Follow Route 28 south approximately 1.5 miles through 5 stop lights
and one blinking yellow light.

You will pass a Friendly's Restaurant and a Mobil gas station on the
right. The next stop light is Central Street.

Take a soft right onto Central Street (*not* a hard right around the
Library onto Essex Street).

Go 0.2 miles. The Parish of Christ Church is a brown stone building
on the right.

Pass the church and immediately turn right onto School Street. You
can park on School Street.

The Church Office is located in the Glebe House, up the street from
the church at 25 Central Street.

Or

Take 93 North to the first Andover exit, Dascomb Road/Tewksbury
Exit 42

At the stop sign take a right (toward Andover) onto Dascomb Road.

Follow Dascomb Road through a housing development. (approx. two
miles)

At the stop sign turn left (you will see Wingate Nursing home toward
the right)

Follow this road to the blinking yellow light and turn right under the
stone bridge. Onto Central Street.

Follow Central Street up the hill.

You will pass a large white steepled Congregational Church on the
left.

Christ Church is the stone church on the left just beyond the
Congregational Church.

There is parking on both sides of the street and in the Banknorth
parking lot (Sundays only).