**SYMPOSIUM WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS**

**01 – Churches and Copyright violations: Better Safe Than Sued** – Steven Shelton

*With the coronavirus pushing churches to have a growing presence within our digital culture, what resources are safe to use, and which ones might get you or your church in hot water. A look at the relationship between churches and copyright law, what might get you sued, what licenses are available and what they do, and what resources are free and safe to utilize in promoting your ministry. (Thursday 3:15 p.m., Thursday 4:45 p.m., Friday 12:30 p.m., & Friday 2:00 p.m.)*

**02 – Church Social Media** – Dusty Luthy

*In the midst of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, don't forget to share the Good News surrounding your church. This workshop will focus on best practices for getting your church "out there" not necessarily as an evangelization tool, but as a way to be a light and a presence in your local community. Come prepared to learn how to take better photos, write a press release, and take advantage of social media. (Thursday 3:15 p.m. & Thursday 4:45 p.m.)*

**03 – What Can Discipleship Ministry Team Do For You?** – DMT Staff

*This time will be a dialogue about new resources and events inside and outside the denomination, opening a dialogue with DMT staff, safe sanctuary issues, and social media best practices as they relate to the presbytery. (Thursday, 3:15 p.m. & Thursday 4:45 p.m., Friday 12:30 p.m., & Friday 2:00 p.m.)*

**04 - Building a Framework for Your Family’s Faith** – Jodi Rush & Chris Fleming

*Churches and parents struggle with the reality that when their children leave for college, they leave the church and faith practices as well.  Studies indicate that over 65% of children will stop attending church after they graduate from the youth group.  Even more concerning is that over 75% of families do not have spiritual or religious conversations outside of weekly church attendance. The idea of family worship is at once both attractive and intimidating. In this workshop, we will explore how to create a framework for families to worship, to talk about faith, and to develop practices that will stick with children and families as they grow through the seasons of life.  We will also discuss ways the church can aid families in developing this framework without adding to the already overfilled schedules. (Thursday, 3:15 p.m. &Thursday 4:45 p.m.)*

**05 – Global Missions, A Pathway to our Future and CP Renewal** – Lynn Thomas

*The CP Church is a global church with congregations in 18 countries around the world. This workshop will explore what it means to be an international denomination, highlighting the benefits and blessings of being globally connected. We will look at the importance of missions and present ways that global missions can transform our church. (Thursday, 3:15 p.m., Thursday 4:45 p.m., Friday 12:30 p.m., & Friday 2:00 p.m.)*

**06 – ENGAGE: The New Buzz-Word for Your Congregation** – Kristi Lounsbury

*Join us for an honest discussion about what it takes to be spiritually, physically, and emotionally engaged​ as a congregation. Hear about discernment, mission statements, practical applications, possible trainings, and on-going follow-up - all key components of an engaged congregation. (Thursday, 3:15 p.m. & 4:45 p.m.)*

**07 – Worship & Preaching Roundtable** – Symposium Preachers

*Join the Symposium preachers for a roundtable discussion about how they approach the scripture text, their preparation practices, what goes into crafting a sermon and designing a worship service. (Thursday, 3:15 p.m. & 4:45 p.m.)*

**08 – Preserving Our Stories** – ????Historical Foundation????? *(Thursday, 3:15 p.m. & Thursday 4:45 p.m.)*

**09 – Meditative Practices** – Kathy Wood Dobbins

*A taste and see approach to self-care practices such as chair yoga, journaling, meditation, or prayer. (Friday, 8:45 a.m., Friday 10:15 a.m., Saturday 8:45 a.m., & Saturday 10:15 a.m.)*

**10 - What Makes Us Cumberland Presbyterian? A Guide for Being, Teaching, and Discipling CPs** - Cindy Martin & Andy McClung

*What distinguishes our denomination from thousands of others? What distinguishes your congregation from the unaffiliated church down the road? Are all CP congregations alike? What do CPs believe? What is in that “Confession of Faith” thing? Whether you are a lifelong member, new to the denomination, or tasked with teaching others what it means to be Cumberland Presbyterian, this workshop is for you. We will explore answers to these questions and more, examine resources, and look to the past, present, and future to better understand what makes us Cumberland Presbyterian? (Friday, 8:45 a.m., 10:15 a.m., Saturday 8:45 a.m., & Saturday 10:15 a.m.)*

**11 – Missionary Presentation** – Patrick Wilkerson

*A missionary report from the mission field by Patrick Wilkerson. Patrick will share the ministry and challenges of being a missionary in Colombia. He will talk about ways your church can be supportive and involved in the CP mission program. (Friday, 8:45 a.m., Friday 10:15 a.m., Saturday 8:45 a.m., & Saturday 10:15 a.m.)*

**12 - Church Communication: Announcements, Newsletters, Emails, and Other Ways to Talk about God’s Work** – Neal Wilkinson

*It is difficult to keep everyone on the same page in a congregation and communicate to each member everything he or she might need to know. This workshop is a look at how your congregation is connected to leadership through newsletters, emails, social media, websites, and other forms of communication and how you might be able to become more effective communicators. (Friday, 8:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.)*

**13 – Children at Risk/Signs of Abuse** – CPCH Staff *(Friday 8:45 a.m., Friday 10:15 a.m.)*

**14 – Exploring Bible texts with Intercultural Lenses** – Johan Daza

*How does the Gospel of Luke observe Jesus´ interactions and relationships with his disciples, religious leaders, and other people? This question helps us to explore Jesus´ responses to some cultural value systems such as honor/shame, power/fear, and innocence/guilt in the Gospel of Luke from an intercultural perspective. (Friday, 8:45 a.m. & Friday 10:15 a.m.)*

**15 – Healthy Boundaries –** Shelia O’Mara

*This workshop is designed for ministers and church leaders to raise awareness of the need for healthy boundaries in the pastoral care role, to provide guidelines for appropriate boundaries and self-care strategies, and to illustrate the impact of appropriate vs. inappropriate boundaries in promoting effective ministry. (Friday, 8:45 a.m. & Friday 10:15 a.m.)*

**16 – Clergy Compensation and Resources**

This workshop will help pastors and church leaders understand how to create a salary package that will benefit the pastor. Resources and information will be shared which can help pastors and church leaders be better stewards of things that God has entrusted to them. *(Friday, 8:45 a.m. & Friday 10:15 a.m.)*

**17 – Becoming and Belonging** – Kip Rush

*This workshop will look at ways the church can educate youth as to what it means to profess faith in Christ and serve as a member of the church. We will look at the concept often referred to as "confirmation" and ways to incorporate adult members of the congregation in the process by serving as mentors. Curriculum options will be shared that can be modified to meet your congregations needs. (Friday, 12:30 p.m. & Friday 2:00 p.m.)*

**18 – Retreat and Discern** – Elinor Brown

*In this workshop you will be given a design to use for a 2-day retreat for an entire church, a session, or a small group of those who are wanting to hear what God is calling their church to do. The retreat begins with worship and scripture and gives a road map to lead the group in discerning God’s priorities for your church. By the end of the retreat, a church will have developed a plan of action for making their discernment a reality. This retreat is for any size church and can be modified easily to an intergenerational event. (Friday, 12:30 p.m. & Friday 2:00 p.m.)*

**19 – OptIN: Why loving Jesus means schedules, habits, budgets, and rituals** – Brian/Micaiah Tank

*This workshop will introduce the OptIN program, answer your questions, and explain how to implement it in your church.  OptIN is a 10-month program that helps families and individuals develop stories, habits, skills, and schedules that equip them to find greater depth and life in their walk with God. It concludes with a commissioning into service and writing a discipleship blueprint for the individual and their pastor to follow, adapting those habits, skills, and schedules to wherever God continues to lead. (Friday, 12:30 p.m. & Friday 2:00 p.m.)*

**20 – New Ways Towards Cumberland Presbyterian Church Renewal** – TJ Malinoski

*Hear from Cumberland Presbyterians who are blending the practices of witnessing and pastoral ministries in our worshiping communities that can help you start a new group and strengthen your current ministry. (Friday, 12:30 p.m. & Friday 2:00 p.m.)*

**21 – PDMT Nuts & Bolts –** PDMT Elected Members

*This workshop is for all who serve on a presbyterial committee on the ministry/preparation and/or clergy care committee. Join ministry colleagues for a time of sharing resources, ideas, and best practices. (Friday, 12:30 p.m. & Friday 2:00 p.m.)*

**22 – A Life Giving-Way: Holy Habits for Developing Spirituality in an Unspiritual World** – Chris Fleming

*Christ tells us to be in the world, but not of the world.  Many of us have been formed by culture without even knowing it.  Our days are patterned by worldly concerns and we do our very best to fit in prayer, church service, and worship.  But what if there was a different way to live?  What if we patterned our lives on the ancient Christian practices that have been around for 2,000 years? This workshop asks and answers. (Saturday 8:45 a.m. & Saturday 10:15 a.m.)*

**23 – Discipleship & Extraordinary Times** – DMT Staff

*With the recent Covid-19 pandemic and social distancing that “stay at home” orders, we have had to hold virtual worship services and participate in fb live lock-ins, attend a multitude of zoom mtgs and create countless projects for kids to keep them occupied—both in our personal and church lives. What have we learned from this experience, natural disasters, and other extraordinary time? What ministries can we take forward into the future because of them? Will the world want to continue learning online or be ready to kick the computer to the curb? Can we communicate in times of crises digitally when no other communication is possible? Come share in a discussion of discovery as we decide how we disciple in this extraordinary world of ours. (Saturday 8:45 a.m. & Saturday 10:15 a.m.)*

**24 – Starting or Rebuilding Your Women's Ministry** – Cardelia Howell-Diamond

*You feel the need for an organized women's ministry in your church but are unsure where to start. You have a women's ministry group, but it needs revitalization. This workshop is for Pastors, Elders, and Laypersons looking to help equip women to ministry to one another in effective and meaningful ways. (Saturday 8:45 & Saturday 10:15)*

**25 – Channeling Your Inner Board Member** – MMT Staff

*You agreed to serve on your presbytery’s board of missions but what does that entail?  Learn from the pros on how to maintain contact with congregations, develop evangelism and church growth programs, write recommendations for board reports, develop new groups, aid search committees, and find moderators for vacant churches. (Saturday 8:45 a.m. & Saturday 10:15 a.m.)*

**26 - Bi-vocational Ministry –** Lisa Anderson and Brent Wills

*What is bi-vocational ministry? Why would a pastor want to be a bi-vocational pastor? What are the joys and challenges of being a bi-vocational pastor? What are some best practices for congregations that call a bi-vocational pastor? Join two bi-vocational pastors and learn from their experiences and insights. (Saturday 8:45 a.m. & Saturday 10:15 a.m.)*