

DeKalb District Leadership Training Event

January 27, 2018

@ First UMC—202 S. Peoria Avenue, Dixon—8:30 am—2:30 pm

"Blessed to Be a Blessing"

"District Resource Exchange Table"

Are you struggling with the Vacation Bible School plan and resources?
Are you looking for another small group material?

Why don't we share our resources with other churches in our district?
Simply bring your VBS starter kit or small group kit!

If you are interested in participating in a resource exchange table,
please contact us.

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8:30 am Registration
9:00 am Opening Worship
10:00 am Break
10:30 am Workshop 1
11:45 am Lunch
12:45 pm Workshop 2
2:00 pm Closing Communion
2:30 pm Sending Forth

***Offering will be taken for
Global Migration***

Workshops being offered with descriptions (1—5 of 10)

1. Advance Directives as an Act of Faith — Mary Lou Eubanks

Deciding what medical care you want if you become unable to speak for yourself and communicating those decisions with your loved ones is a gift, grounded in faith and rooted in trust, that family members can share with each other. Advance Care Planning, done well, is an intergenerational conversation that changes with time. **Chaplain MaryLou Eubanks** will explain how she can assist your congregation in exploring their personal wishes surrounding life-sustaining treatment options and life-limiting illness and sharing those wishes across generations as an act of faith and witness.

2. Church Property & Casualty Program and Claims (PM only) — Dwayne Jackson

The NICUMC Risk Management Department will be hosting a workshop which provides a high-level overview of the NICUMC' 2018 Property & Casualty Insurance Program inclusive of an Active-Shooter Preparedness Training. Please be advised, the Active Shooter training contains audio/visual content that may be "sensitive" to some individuals. Please refrain from attending and/or feel free to be excused should the content become overwhelming. Note, the NICUMC is not aware of any situation and or threat associated with an "active shooter" situation. The workshop is being conducted in response to communicated interest received by the NICUMC from interested member churches.

3. Communications for the Church — Melissa Meyers

It's been in the newsletter; it's been in the bulletin; so, why doesn't anyone know about it?! Sometimes it seems as if everything we do in the church is "the Best Kept Secret!"
Learn effective tools and methods for getting the word out inside the church as well as to the community through the use of social media.

4. Nami-National Alliance on Mental Health Illness — Mary Brokaw

This presentation discusses various types of mental illnesses, difficulties of and guidelines for enhancing communication, addiction vulnerabilities, medication issues, and facts on incidences of violence. It also focuses on the devastating effects on the whole family and acknowledges the difficulties in treating mental illness. Importantly, this discussion will also include ways the faith community can offer hope and support through these illnesses that have treatment, but no cure.

5. On a Wing and a Prayer — Rob Hamilton

Rediscovering the powerful, ancient vision casting and strategic planning methodology of prayer.
A half leadership talk/half prayer seminar.

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6. Rule of Christ Training — Paul Lee & Cheri Stewart

Healthy relationships in the church require healthy communication patterns. It's critical to the life and vitality of the church. The Rule of Christ training uses Jesus' own words to inform us how to communicate in healthy ways. The Rule of Christ training also helps us know how to respond and communicate with one another when there is conflict.

7. Spiritual Gifts & Revitalization (Two sessions) — Jackie Wills

AM Session: Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts - This class is designed to help persons discover their gifts for ministry.

We stand in a much more favorable position to become effective disciples when we identify and develop our spiritual gifts. While no Christian possesses every gift of the Spirit, every Christian does have some of God's wonderful gifts. No disciple should be ignorant of his/her giftedness.

What Now? (What are you to do with these gifts?) - It is wonderful to know what your spiritual gifts are, but what are you supposed to do with them? Where is God calling you to use these gifts? This class will help participants understand where God is leading them, as well as how to use their new found gifts for ministry.

8. Small Group Ministry—The Wesleyan Way — Tim Mitchell & Heewon Kim

The class meeting structure was one of the essential elements of the early Methodist movement that helped lead it in exponential growth. Today we call them Small Groups. Learn how to build a small group ministry that will make you a church of small groups and not just a church with small groups.

9. Staff Parish Relations Committee (Two sessions) — Arlene Christopherson

At the core of every United Methodist Church is a lay and clergy partnership focused on fulfilling the mission of the congregation. The work of the SPRC is grounded here. Guided by a clear set of responsibilities listed in the United Methodist Book of Discipline, the SPRC is called to the art of leadership. Blending vision, theology, good listening and communication skills, church priorities, United Methodist polity and sound employment practices are all part of the work of an SPRC. We will spend time in this two-part workshop, both morning and afternoon, understanding the makeup of an SPRC committee, the rhythm of the work, the power of a healthy leadership system, the appointment process and best practices for addressing some of the challenges that arise when engaged in the arena of personnel.

10. Youth Ministry Panel Discussion — Various Youth Directors in the DeKalb Dist.

Come to hear about successful and exciting Christian Education Ministries for children and youth that are working in some of our District Churches. There will also be a time from questions, answers, and shared discussion.