



EAPCE SPRING EVENT

APRIL 20-22

2015

RHODES GROVE CONFERENCE CENTER
CHAMBERSBURG, PA

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We sing the song, "Jesus loves me" with children and we all know the familiar line, "for the Bible tells me so." The Bible tells us many things. How do we read, understand and interpret the Bible with children?

Plenary Monday, April 20 – 6:30-8:00 pm

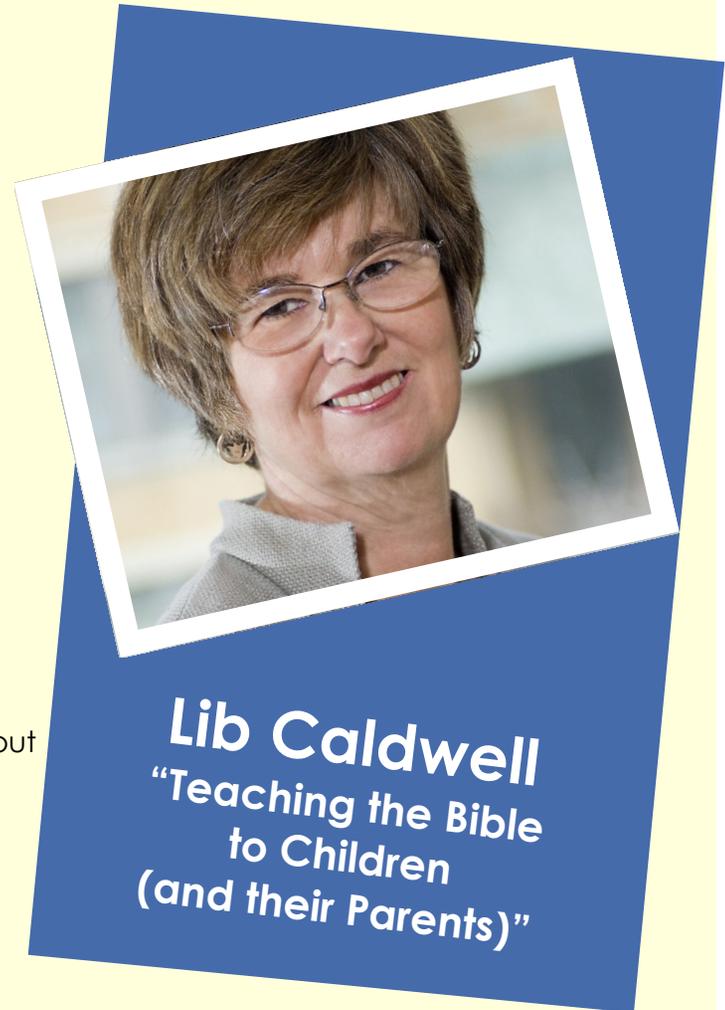
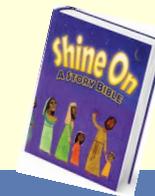
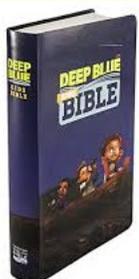
How do we read and teach the Bible with children so they get it right the first time, so they don't have to unlearn things later?
How do we teach our children so that the Bible grows with them?
How do we live and tell the "God-story" in ways that don't tame the text but do connect the dots...
When are we transparent, honest about difficult issues in the Bible?

Plenary Tuesday, April 21 – 9:00-11:45 am

What Bibles and Bible Story Books do we use with children?
What Bibles should we give to our children, at what age?
What criteria do we use in evaluating them?

Plenary Wednesday, April 22 – 9:45-11:00

Implications for Parents and Families
What kind of religious education is needed for those who want their children to grow in their life of the Christian faith?



Lib Caldwell
"Teaching the Bible
to Children
(and their Parents)"

Please bring your favorite Bibles and Bible storybooks with you. We will spend time with two Bibles. You can preorder one or both at a discounted price from Hearts and Minds on the registration form or bring either one with you: Deep Blue Kid's Bible, Common English Bible, 2012, or Shine On Story Bible, Brethren Press, 2014.

Worship Leaders

Our worship and music leaders this year are a clergy couple, **Nancy and David Young**, both of whom have backgrounds in music and ministry.

The Rev. David E. Young is an ordained PC (USA) pastor and currently serves the First Presbyterian Church of Newton, NJ. He is a 1987 graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary. Prior to entering the ministry, David received a B. Music in vocal performance from The College of Wooster and a

M. Music in vocal performance from the University of Maryland.

The Rev. Dr. Nancy K. Young received a BA in Music and English from Jamestown College in Jamestown, ND, and a MM in Vocal Performance from the University of Maryland. She taught private voice for over 30 years and has been on the staff of numerous churches as director of music. Nancy completed her M.Div. at Princeton Theological Seminary and her D.Min at McCormick Theological Seminary. She

is an ordained PC(USA) pastor.

In addition to serving several churches, she has served the national church in Louisville, KY, where she was the Coordinator for Women's Leadership Development and Racial-Ethnic Schools and Colleges. Nancy is currently serving as the interim pastor for the First Presbyterian Church of Franklin, NJ.

Nancy and David have three adult children: Adam, Micah and Molly. All three of them are pursuing careers in music.

MEET OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Lib Caldwell

Elizabeth (Lib) Caldwell has served on the faculty of McCormick Theological Seminary since 1984 and was ordained as a teaching elder. Prior to her appointment at McCormick, Lib served as an educational consultant with three Presbyterian churches in northwest Alabama. In 2004, APCE selected Lib Caldwell as its Educator of the Year. In 2008, she was elected by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to serve as a member of the Presbyterian Publishing Board. She serves on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Childhood and Religion* and was a member of the Editorial Board of the *Common English Bible*. She has authored many books including: *God's Big Table: Nurturing Children in a Diverse World*; *Making a Home for Faith: Nurturing the Spiritual Life of your Children*; *The Shelter, Nurture and Spiritual Fellowship of God's Children*; *Leaving Home with Faith: Nurturing the Spiritual Life of our Youth*; and *Come Unto Me, Rethinking the Sacraments for Children*.

Lib is currently working on a new book about teaching the Bible to children and their parents.

EASTERN REGION of APCE

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Rhodes Grove Conference Center

7693 Brown's Mill Rd, Chambersburg, PA 17202
For directions: <http://www.rhodesgrove.com/information.html>



Schedule

Monday, April 20 1:00 Registration
1:30 Early Bird Workshops
3:00 Welcome and Community Building
4:15 Opening Worship
5:00 Dinner
6:30 Plenary #1
8:15 Honoring our Retired Saints
8:45 Vespers
9:00 Hospitality

Tuesday, April 30 7:30 Morning Prayer
8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Plenary #2
10:30 Plenary #3
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Afternoon Workshops
2:30 Free Time
3:00 Open Space Conversations
4:00 Books with Byron
5:00 Dinner
6:30 Evening Workshops
8:15 Worship
8:45 Educator of the Year Celebration

Wednesday, May 1 7:30 Morning Prayer
8:00 Breakfast
9:00 EAPCE meeting
9:45 Plenary #4
11:15 Closing Worship/Communion

Open Space Conversations

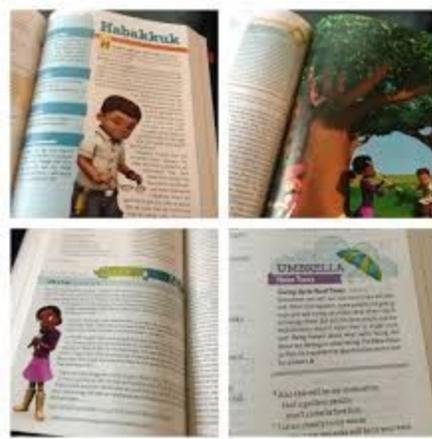
During the free time on Tuesday afternoon we will be offering the opportunity to join in some open space conversations. These are free flowing conversations, you may come and go as you like, or not come at all. Topics will include: Bible Apps for Faith Formation, Child Protection Policies, Hospitality for All—How do you “do” Hospitality?, Mission and Service, and Plenary Posings. If there is an additional topic that you would like to discuss, please contact Colleen Duffy, event chair, at colleen.duffy@fpcnewtonnj.org

Spirituality Center

The Spirituality Center will be open during free time and in the evening until 11:00 pm. Take an opportunity to be in quiet contemplation and prayer.

Hearts and Minds

will once again be on site offering a fabulous selection of books on a variety of Christian topics which are sure to stimulate our hearts and our minds.



WORKSHOPS

Select your workshop choices and note them on the registration form

Early Bird Workshops -Monday Afternoon 1:30 pm

1. Godly Play, Not Just for Children - led by Arlene Decina

Jesus says that “Unless [we] change and become like a child, we will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven.” As followers of Jesus, and especially as educators within the church, we make a promise every time we baptize a child to teach that child all that Christ commands, but how often do we seriously consider Jesus’ counsel to *become like a child* ourselves? You are invited to come and experience Godly Play just as yourself, just for yourself ... and then to consider how the principles and practice of Godly Play might be used in other adult settings.

2. Let's Play Again - led by Susan Sharp Campbell

Come early for a time to play games and unwind after your travels. As we play together in this workshop, we will learn and play games that build community and can be used in ministry across the generations.

Tuesday Afternoon Workshops

1:00-2:30 pm

3. Telling the Story: Walking Through Scripture Using Narrative Lectionary - led by Ellen Crawford True

Responding to a hunger for biblical literacy, two professors at Luther Seminary in Minnesota created the Narrative Lectionary in 2010 in partnership with congregations. A four year cycle, the lectionary spans the program year from September through Pentecost, beginning each fall with Genesis and culminating with Pentecost. The workshop will cover: The scope of the readings—what’s included? How do we bridge the gaps?

What happens in the summer? What worship resources are available? What about curriculum?

During our time together, we will discuss the joys and the challenges this new way of studying the great Good News of God and God’s people.

4. Awkward Conversations - led by Katie Cashin

This workshop will explore how we can help adults begin an authentic conversation with tweens and teens about the tricky topics of drugs, money, and sex. Together, we’ll take a closer look at how the adolescent mind develops and conceptualizes. We’ll learn what these tricky topics mean for teens. And we’ll discuss healthy boundaries, how adults can handle push back from teens, and the pain of power struggles that can accompany these conversations. Throughout our discussion we will keep in mind how faith and spiritual development play an important part in every awkward conversation, highlighting the unique role Christian Educators fill in these important conversations!

5. Let's Think Outside the Box - led by Debbie Hough

No one used a cardboard box better than artist Bill Waterson in his cartoon *Calvin and Hobbes*. Cardboard boxes duplicated and transmogrified. What would happen if Christian educators put our education programs in the box? Should we be duplicating something from the past or should we opt for something brand new? Or something in-between? This workshop will be a conversation of first looking inside and then outside the box exploring old and new models and resources for Christian education today. Bring ideas and resources to share!

6. From Squirmers to Worshippers...or are they same? - led by Eric Myers

Worship: Children in or out? This workshop will look at ways that worship can be designed to engage children in active participation including ways children and youth can help design and lead worship on Sunday mornings and beyond.

Tuesday Evening Workshops 6:30-8:00 pm

7. Crafting Calm: Projects for Contemplation -led by Beth Williams

It is hard to shut out noise and busyness and truly find calm. In this workshop we will explore crafts and creativity as a practice with enormous physical, mental, and spiritual benefits. By immersing ourselves in a craft with intention and mindfulness, we can quiet those voices around us and in us—we can enter sacred stillness. After discussing the benefits of crafting, we will then spend the rest of the time engaging in the spiritual practice of crafting with a variety of craft options to choose from.

8. Growing in Grace and Gratitude: A New Curriculum - led by Candace Hill

God's grace and our response of gratitude are the foundation of the new PC(USA) denominational children's curriculum coming fall 2015. This workshop will explore grace and gratitude as the theological hallmark of Presbyterian tradition and showcase the importance of nurturing children through an invitation to discipleship that inspires children to learn and practice hospitality, generosity, and love. God's grace and our gratitude are the heartbeat of our faith, life, and worship—a promising theme for Presbyterian identity and the future of the PC(USA).

9. Love in Disguise: Basis for Effective Discipline - led by Liz Perraud

"Love in Disguise" approaches the challenging topic of discipline in the church, discusses the five essential parts of an effective discipline plan (preventative, supportive, corrective, consequential and amending) and provides practical recommendations for peace in the classroom.

10. Songs in Times of Joy and in Times of Sorrow - led by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

As educators and church leaders, we often help members of our congregations deal with problems and personal tragedies. What happens in a community for instance when bad weather causes massive destruction, when a shooting may have occurred, or when illness strikes? Pastor and Hymn Writer Carolyn Winfrey Gillette has written hymns to address current events and believes that songs can express what the Church believes in the face of the world's conflicting values. Carolyn will share some of her hymns and provide examples of how she has used them to provide healing and comfort in trying times.



EAPCE SPRING EVENT 2015 REGISTRATION FORM

Scholarships are available for first-time attendees and for those with financial need. Contact Sherri Adler, EAPCE treasurer, at avashe@aol.com to request scholarship funds.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations can be honored only if made ten days or more before the event .

Please complete and mail with check payable to APCE East Region to Cindy Sproat, 20 S. Second St. Harrisburg, PA 17101



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Name (as desired on your nametag) _____ email _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Cell or other contact # _____

Church _____ Position _____

Are there any dietary or special needs we should be aware of _____

APCE Member? Yes _____ First time attendee? Yes _____

WORKSHOP CHOICES (indicate by workshop numbers):
1:30 Early Bird Workshop Choice _____
1:00 pm Workshop Choice _____
6:30 pm Workshop Choice _____

Conference Fee (includes conference, 2 nights lodging, and meals)

Check your room preference: Double room (\$375) _____ Single Room (\$425) _____ Commuter (\$210) _____

Roommate preference _____

Conference Fee _____
Add \$40 for non-APCE members _____
\$16 for a Deep Blue Bible _____
\$20 for a Shine on Story Bible _____

TOTAL _____

