

Parish Resource Center  
633 Community Way  
Lancaster, PA 17603

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Rachel Held Evans**  
Saturday, April 18, 2015  
at 7 PM

**Workshops** (continued from inside)

### Worship Planning:

#### 17. Contemporary Worship

Monday, February 23 at 7 p.m. at the Parish Resource Center

SNOW date:

Monday, March 2 at 7 p.m. at the Parish Resource Center

**Featuring:**

Andrew Martin, Executive Pastor of Worship and Arts at LCBC with 17,000 attending

Kevin Denlinger, Volunteer Worship Leader at Calvary Bible Fellowship Church with 300 attending

Jeremy Graeff, Celebration Service Coordinator at Grandview United Methodist Church with 100 attending (contemporary service only)

Dave Helmuth, Minister of Worship at Elizabethtown Mennonite Church with 150 attending

**Free for members of subscribing churches**

\$20 for nonsubscribers

Come and have all your questions about contemporary worship answered. We're not kidding. A panel of four worship coaches from various backgrounds (with a combined 75 years of experience in contemporary worship) will give insight to all that goes into the contemporary worship service. They will allow ample time for your questions.

#### 18. Children and Worship

Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at Mountville Church of the Brethren

Led by Kitty Collier

**Free for member of subscribing churches • \$20 for nonsubscribers**  
Limit 12 people

"Children and Worship," similar to the Godly Play approach, creates an environment for children to experience the wonder of God using story figures and art materials. Kitty Collier will show her church's dedicated space for worship with children and model the techniques and materials used in this setting.

While this workshop will focus on working with children ages 3-7, the approach can be used with people of all ages.

#### 19. Painted Banners: A hands-on experience

Monday, July 13, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.: Preparation of fabric, transferring design

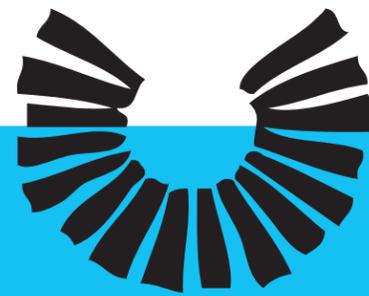
Monday, July 20, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.: Application of Gesso painted layer

Monday, July 27, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.: Painting and hanging tips

Led by Jane Kintzi, PRC Consultant

**Free for member of subscribing churches • \$15 for nonsubscribers**

Bring new life to your church sanctuary with this hands-on painted banner workshop. Work alongside Jane, learning the design process, fabric selection, painting and hanging. No experience is necessary! Please register for one, two or all three sessions.



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## Rachel Held Evans to Appear on April 18

Why should I go to church? That's the question many people, especially those in their 20s and 30s, are asking these days, according to *New York Times* bestselling author and popular blogger, Rachel Held Evans.

It's a question she asked herself, and one she struggled with when she first left, and then ultimately returned, to church. She will talk about her personal journey and the steps churches can take to connect meaningfully and successfully with young people during an "Evening with Rachel Held Evans." The event will take place April 18, at 7 p.m. at Highland Presbyterian Church. The evening is sponsored by the Parish Resource Center as part of its lecture series.



**Rachel Held Evans**

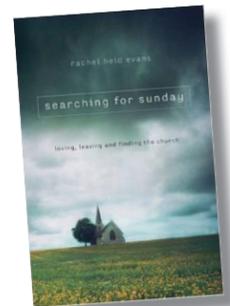
Her own journey, and her thoughts about the church today, are also the focus of her book, publishing the same week as this event, entitled, *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church*. A copy of the book is included in the ticket price for the event.

"I think it'll be an encouraging evening," said Evans. "My number one thing I tell people is don't try to be cool," she said. "My generation has been advertised to our whole lives, and we don't want Christianity to just be sold to us."

Appealing to young people doesn't mean making fundamental changes to church, according to Evans. "It was the basic things—expressed to me in a fresh way—that brought me back to church," she said.

Using stories and examples from her own life, as well as the experiences of her friends, family, and fans of her books and blog, Evans will talk about concrete steps churches can take to retain young people and attract new members.

Parish Resource Center thanks the following Gold Sponsor for helping to make this event possible:



### TICKET INFORMATION

#### "Evening with Rachel Held Evans"

visit [www.parishresourcecenter.org](http://www.parishresourcecenter.org)  
or call 717-299-1113

Tickets for subscribing churches: **\$19**  
Tickets for nonsubscribers: **\$25**

*A copy of Evans' new book is included in the ticket price.*



**Anne Lamott**

On November 22, we kicked off the PRC lecture series with an **Evening with Anne Lamott**, the *New York Times* bestselling author. This sold-out event brought together more than 1,300 people who laughed and cried, sometimes at the same time, along with Anne as she talked about our fears and hopes about faith.

## Upcoming Workshops

All workshops are free to members of our subscribing congregations. Visit [www.ParishResourceCenter.org](http://www.ParishResourceCenter.org) or call 717-299-1113 for more information—and to register.

### Congregational Life:

#### 1. How Does Your Garden Grow? Creating a Church Garden, Even if You Don't Have the Space

Tuesday, February 24 at 7 p.m. at the Parish Resource Center

Featuring Kent Rice, Hempfield Church of the Brethren, Marlisa Yoder-Bontrager, East Chestnut Street Mennonite, Karen Culp, Church of the Apostles, and Donna Mayes, Hospice, Green Thumb Program

**Free for members of subscribing churches \$10 for nonsubscribers**

Ready to create a garden at your church? Not sure if you have the space or the energy? These gardening experts, each with a different approach, will inspire you and give practical tips for how to expand your gardening ministry or get one started.

#### 2. Explore Lenten Crosses

Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. at the Parish Resource Center

Led by Sue Brubaker and Jane Kintzi, PRC Consultants

**Free for members of subscribing churches \$10 for nonsubscribers**

Explore the spiritual practice of making crosses and discover how the experience can deepen your own spiritual life during the Lenten season. You will learn about the symbolism of a number of crosses and, using a variety of materials, create your own crosses. No artistic talent needed; just a desire to slow down, to experience God beyond your day-to-day prayers and allow the cross to speak to you.

#### 3. Intergenerational Ministries

Monday, March 16 at 7 p.m. at the Parish Resource Center

Led by Liz Perraud, GenON Ministries

**Free for members of subscribing churches \$15 for nonsubscribers**

Want to gather all ages together for an event that is fun, nurturing, and inspirational for everyone? A perfect workshop for lay leaders, pastors, Sunday school teachers and Christian Ed. directors, youth leaders, worship leaders, and anyone who wants to inspire intergenerational ministry and fun at their church.

#### 4. Upcycled VBS Crafts for Kids

Monday, March 23 at 7 p.m. at the Parish Resource Center

Led by Lancaster Creative Reuse

**Free for members of subscribing churches \$15 for nonsubscribers**

Tired of paying big bucks for the materials necessary for Vacation Bible School crafts? Why not create upcycled (turning old or unwanted things into new products) VBS crafts instead? Find ways to help kids learn creative ways to reuse everyday items, and your church can save money. Join us to create crafts and decorations perfect for any VBS in this hands-on workshop. Materials provided.

#### 5. Child Protection

Monday, April 20 at 7 p.m. at the Parish Resource Center

Led by Ann Martin, attorney at Gibbel, Kraybill, and Hess

**Free for everyone.**

Come learn about recent, extensive changes to Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Law, that took effect on December 31, 2014. Includes new updates and information since Ann's last workshop at the PRC in October 2014.

#### 6. Keurig Crafts

Tuesday, April 21 at 7 p.m. at the Parish Resource Center

Led by Lancaster Creative Reuse

**Free for members of subscribing churches \$15 for nonsubscribers**

Tired of throwing out all those tiny K-Cups

every time you use your Keurig machine? This hands-on workshop will explore many ways to turn those tiny, plastic cups into fun and festive crafts. Materials supplied.

#### 7. Church Administrative Assistants' Luncheon

April 22 at 11:30 a.m. at the Parish Resource Center

All church secretaries and administrative assistants are invited! Treat yourself to a time of food, fellowship, and fun. Giveaways and gift bags included.

*Free to all attending  
50 spaces available  
First come, first served.  
Reserve your spot today!*

#### 8. How to Start a Prayer Breakfast

Monday, April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Parish Resource Center

Led by David Hosler

**Free for members of subscribing churches \$15 for nonsubscribers**

Twenty-nine years ago, Dave Hosler stopped at the Parish Resource Center looking for guidance on starting a prayer breakfast. Many years later, this prayer breakfast remains a central ministry to the many people who attend it weekly. In this practical workshop, you will learn the nuts and bolts of starting your own morning prayer fellowship.

#### 9. When Your Congregation Faces Conflict

Monday, May 4 at 7 p.m. at the Parish Resource Center

Led by Conrad Kanagy and Jacob Kanagy

**Free for members of subscribing churches \$20 for nonsubscribers**

In this workshop, Conrad and Jacob will offer several conflict scenarios for participants to respond to, as well as their underlying theological and sociological assumptions about congregational mission and conflict. Ample time will be given for a question and answer time with Conrad and Jacob.

#### 10. Messy Church: A Fun Way to be Church for All Ages

Monday, June 1 at 7 p.m. at the Parish Resource Center

Led by Rev. Danielle Neff, Pastor, Zion United Church of Christ, York

**Free for members of subscribing churches \$15 for nonsubscribers**

Messy Church is a wonderful way for churches to become more kid-friendly and engage young families. Learn more about this innovative approach to church, and learn practical tips and steps for starting your own Messy Church program.

### Church Finances:

#### 11. Should I use a 1099 or a W2? Practical Answers to Church Payroll Questions

Tuesday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at the Parish Resource Center

Led by Robin Ingram, CPA

**Free for members of subscribing churches \$15 for nonsubscribers**

This workshop will address some of the unique payroll issues that churches deal with, such as pastor's pay and housing allowances. Ingram, a CPA with 25 years of experience, will also address some of the issues regarding payroll and independent contractors. What are the rules regarding payment of employees and independent contractors? Does it really matter, and if so, why?

#### 12. Planning a Year-Long Stewardship Campaign

Tuesday, June 2 at 7 p.m.

Led by Dr. Tom Gemmill, Minister of Stewardship, St. James Episcopal Church, Lancaster

**Free for members of subscribing churches \$15 for nonsubscribers**

Implementing a successful fall stewardship campaign for a congregation requires year-long planning, not just a focused drive at the end of the year. Instead, it requires a focus on every day spiritual growth, the vital mission work of the church, vibrant worship, engaged small groups, and animated committee work. Gemmill offers practical ideas and solutions for helping your congregation develop a successful year-round stewardship campaign.

### Congregational Mission:

#### 13. Evangelism for Introverts

Monday, April 13 at 7 p.m. at Parish Resource Center

Led by Rev. David Ryan, Pastor, Hopeland United Methodist Church, Ephrata

**Free for members of subscribing churches \$15 for nonsubscribers**

Are you an introvert, intimidated by the call to evangelism?

This workshop will examine key characteristics of introverts, their gifts and talents, and the most effective (and comfortable!) ways for introverts to share their faith with others.

#### 14. How to Live as a Missional Congregation

Tuesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the Parish Resource Center

Led by Rev. Don Hackett, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster

**Free for members of subscribing churches \$15 for nonsubscribers**

Join us for a round-table conversation on this new trend in church outreach and multiplication. We'll explore questions such as, where did this movement come from and what can it teach us? What does it mean to be missional? How do congregation-based churches develop missional hearts? What principles, tools, and resources can help our people move from the pew to a lifestyle of intentional mission in Christ?

### Education in Congregations:

#### 15. SOS for Teachers (Schedule, Organization, Safety)

Monday, June 8 at 7 p.m. at the Parish Resource Center

Led by Jane Kintzi, PRC Consultant

**Free for members of subscribing churches \$15 for nonsubscribers**

Starting a new Sunday School year can be overwhelming. That's why this workshop, focused on creating a personalized checklist of everything you need to do to have a successful year, is a lifesaver. This workshop will guide superintendents, Christian Ed. directors and other leaders through a set of personalized reminders that will help them prepare staff, teachers, volunteers and helpers.

#### 16. Energizing Adult Education

Tuesday, June 16 at 7 p.m. at the Parish Resource Center

Led by Sue Brubaker, PRC Consultant

**Free for members of subscribing churches \$15 for nonsubscribers**

What should we study next? If this sounds familiar, then this workshop on planning and preparing for adult Sunday School classes is for you. Plan for the next year of Sunday School classes by developing a year-long strategy for your classes. Then preview the latest and best resources, including those focused on Bible studies, thematic studies, and spiritual formation, as well as the newest offerings from popular authors. This workshop offers what you need to create or revitalize an adult Sunday School program.