

Wee Kirk Conference Schedule

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

Registration..... 3:00-5:00
Dinner 5:00
Evening Session 7:00-8:30
Fellowship 8:45

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

Devotions 7:00
Breakfast 7:30
Morning Session 8:30-10:00
Workshops 10:30-12:00
Lunch..... 12:30
Choir Rehearsal..... 1:00
Free Time 1:00-3:00
Workshops 3:15-4:45
Dinner 5:00
Communion Service 7:00-8:30
Fellowship 8:45

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

Devotions 7:00
Breakfast 7:30
Workshops 8:30-10:00
Closing Session 10:30-12:00
Lunch 12:15

CHILD CARE

Because this WKC is a time of rest and spiritual refreshment, we encourage those persons with children to provide for child care at home. Child care will not be offered at the conference.

Tremendous Bookroom provided by

Hearts & Minds Bookstore

www.heartsandmindsbooks.com

Onsite discount and church billing available

Laurelville Mennonite Church Center Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania

DIRECTIONS TO LAURELVILLE

Take the Donegal Exit (91) on the PA Turnpike, to Route 31 West, to Route 982 North.

From West Virginia, take Interstate 79 North, to Route 68 East, to Route 119 North, to Route 982 North.

From Ohio, take Interstate 70 East to Route 119 South, to Route 31 East, to Route 982 North.

Wee Kirk™ 2019 Northeast Small Church Conference

October 7-9, 2019

Laurelville Mennonite Church Center

941 Laurelville Lane

Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania 15666



Our Purpose

*To inspire, equip, motivate
and encourage small Presbyterian
Churches and to provide rest
and refreshment for the Clergy
and Lay Leaders of those Churches.*

Penalty Speakers

• SUSAN FAYE WONDERLAND • “Getting in Shape for the Long Haul!”

Research suggests that the flourishing and thriving of a pastor requires more than prayer and good sermons! Come and explore life's patterns important for ministry in a small church setting.

• STEVE TUELL •

“The Odd Couple: Lessons for Reading Scripture from Nahum and Habakkuk.”

These two very different books are presented side by side. Reading them together yields new insights into both books, and for reading the whole Bible.

• ED THOMPSON •

COMMUNION PREACHER

Scripture: Philippians 4:10-14

“Living with the Tension”

“Scripture says to be content with what we have yet also says that we can do all things through Christ. How do we do that?”

• HUNTER FARRELL •

“The Power of Wee”

In a day when “bigger is better,” many Wee Kirks are discovering a uniquely Biblical perspective on God's mission—both near and far.

• JANE BARTHOLOMEW •

MUSIC COORDINATOR/PIANIST

• MATTHEW CAMLIN •

SONG LEADERSHIP

• VILMARIE CINTRÓN-OLIVIER •

Co-Moderator of the 223rd G. A. (2018)

TIMOTHY TRACK

This is for first time ministers and lay pastors who are in the first 5 years of ministry. Those who attend will begin on Monday with lunch and have the afternoon together with others who are first time ministers. Please also submit the Timothy Track Registration.

Workshops

1. HUNTER FARRELL

Hunter Leads World Mission Initiative. Former Professor and Mission Coordinator in Africa. Did Poverty and Justice Work in Peru.

“From Foreigner to Kinfolk”

Three concrete strategies to re-engage your congregation with its neighborhood and the world by following Jesus' model for mission.

2. STEVE TUELL

Steve is the James A. Kelso Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. A United Methodist Pastor and an acclaimed teacher and author of several Old Testament Commentaries.

“Who Are Those Guys?”

The twelve books that close our Old Testament are often called “Minor Prophets”—suggesting they are unimportant. But they yield essential insights into God's purpose.

3. ED THOMPSON

Ed has been a General Presbyter in Kansas and now West Virginia. He has been a former pastor in West Virginia. A facilitator of mission, ministry and relationship.

“Church Vitality and Resilience”

We'll consider the factors that contribute to church vitality and give a congregation the resilience to weather the reality of the 21st century.

4. SUSAN FAYE WONDERLAND

Susan is the Synod of the Trinity Transitional Executive

“Not too big...not too small: Just Right, Together.”

Instead of worrying about what we can't do in smaller congregations, why not embrace what we CAN do, and be, and become in our settings? How can we lead in ways that highlight the intergenerational character of the smaller congregation and maximize our gifts? What are the pluses we may forget to look for or see and how might we avoid some of the pitfalls that entrap us and keep us from our best ministry, our best reflection of Jesus?



5. JIM FARRER AND BARBARA ACCORD

Barbara, long time pastor now retired, has been Moderator of our Week Kirk for many years and brings years of experience working in the Wee Kirk as well as a spiritual director.

Jim is a professional church consultant. He has published articles on the small church and led seminars coast to coast.

“The Strong Small Church: What the Experts and the Practitioners Say”

Handouts, examples and discussion.

6. SARAH ROBBINS & SUSAN ROTHENBERG

Sarah has facilitated congregational discernment, nesting and merger. She is a leader of the Unglued Church Project.

Susan has also served a small church in Pittsburgh and is a leader on COM. She also works with the Anti-racial transition team. She too is a leader in the Unglued Church Project. She also serves as a consultant with Pneumatrix.

“Unglued Church Project”

Consultants for the “Unglued Church Project,” a process that help congregations make pivotal decisions, focusing on adaptive change and examination of their current situation, and encourages fresh thinking and new options to help inform decisions about a future direction.

7. VILMARIE CINTRÓN-OLIVIER

Vilmarie is serving as Co-Moderator of the 223rd G. A. (2018) She has also been on the Wee Kirk planning Committee for our “daughter Wee Kirk” in Mass.

“A Conversation with the Co-Moderator”

Sharing what I've been seeing as I visit presbyteries and as I travel abroad. I can also share about our book initiative.



Register Now!

Early registration is best because housing arrangements are made on a first come, first-served basis. Most facilities are handicapped accessible. One set of bedding and towels are provided. Registration confirmation will be e-mailed or snail mailed.

Send Your Registration and Check to:
 The Presbytery of Shenango
 4197 New Castle Road, Pulaski, PA 16143

Make Your Check Payable To:
 Wee Kirk Conference
 -OR-

Online registration is available at
www.wee-kirk-ne.org

REGISTRATION FEES

(Please Note Change)

Churches with up to 125 Members
 \$125 per person

Churches with 126-200 Members
 \$150 per person

All other persons - \$300 each

PLEASE REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 24, 2019
 The financial underwriting which enables these low charges is intended to enable the pastor and spouse and four people from any one church to attend at the above prices. Most Wee Kirk™ expenses are underwritten by larger congregations, governing bodies, and individuals. Therefore, fees for "Wee Kirkers" are kept as low as possible. All rates are based on double occupancy.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Registration refunds will be given only through August 31, 2019. Because of financial commitments, no refunds will be given after this date. In good stewardship, the cancelled registration fee will be put toward conference expenses.

QUESTIONS?

Contact: Helen Kester at (724) 980-9565
 or helen.kester@gmail.com

2019 Northeast (PA) Wee Kirk™ Conference Registration Form

Your name as you want it on the name tag		<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy <input type="checkbox"/> CRE	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy <input type="checkbox"/> CRE	Spouse's name (if attending) as it's wanted on the name tag	
Street Address, City, State, Zip Code				Telephone Number	
Church/es and Membership			Presbytery	Email Inbox Address	
Preferred Roommate	Presbytery		Circle the three (3) Seminars you plan to attend 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Circle the three (3) Seminars your spouse plans to attend 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Did you register for <i>The Timothy Track</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No See the Seminars Listing on the reverse side		
Please note any health limitations / physical handicaps that require special consideration					