



THE CREATIVE WORSHIP CONFERENCE

FEATURING **JASON MOORE**
OF MIDNIGHT OIL

Creative Worship Workshop **August 2nd from 8am - 4:30pm**

We live in a culture obsessed with image and screens. From the smartphones and tablet devices we carry everywhere we go, to the large screens in our living rooms; the world around us has shifted to a communication form that the church is still struggling to fully understand.

Regardless of worship style, it's imperative that the church learn to embrace and master the use of image and creativity in the way we communicate the gospel in worship.

Spend the day with creative worship specialist, author and worship coach Jason Moore in an event designed for churches of all sizes, budgets and means. Whether your church has screens in worship, you are thinking about it, or have decided against them, this seminar has something for you.

Best experienced as a team, The Creative Worship Conference is filled with ideas that any church (large and small) can implement. Learn time-tested methodologies that transcend the traditional vs. contemporary wars and that will result in a more connected worship experience. Laugh, be inspired and walk away with clearly defined next steps for improved worship.

Deep, meaningful, transformative worship is within your grasp. Register today!

Cost: \$20 per person (includes lunch)

Location: St. John Newberry, 2201 Newberry St., Williamsport, PA 1770

Advent Worship Planning Workshop **August 3rd from 8:30am - 4pm**

PLEASE NOTE: ATTENDANCE AT A CREATIVE WORSHIP WORKSHOP IS A PREREQUISITE - WHETHER THE ONE ON AUGUST 2 OR FROM A PREVIOUS TIME

Put into practice all of the lessons learned in the Creative Worship seminar. Participants will engage in a day of Advent design over four sessions. We'll work together to create themes, creative moments, and other elements that will be turned into complete resources by Jason Moore. Jason will also coach teams throughout the day.

Complete resources will include print, graphic, video and written resources.

Cost: \$20 per person (includes lunch)

Location: Lamar UMC 5029 Nittany Valley Dr., Lamar, Pa. 16848

Creative Worship for CLMs, Lay Servants, & Lay Speakers **August 4th from 8:30am - 4pm**

Are you a layperson with a desire to take worship to the next level? Are you a member of the worship committee, worship design team, or a committed lay servant looking to sharpen your skills and make worship even more powerful?

Don't preach all the time, but want to get better and create a worship experience that is connected, memorable and results in activated worshipers? Spend the day in a time of laughter as you learn time tested techniques to root sermons, worship and beyond in creativity. Deep, meaningful, lasting worship is within your grasp.

Cost: \$15 per person (includes lunch)

Location: Faith Bellefonte, 512 Hughes St., Bellefonte, Pa. 16823

Register at tinyurl.com/yaq99xvu



SPARK STARTER

July 28 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
St. Paul's UMC, 42 S 4th St
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Come learn how to comprehensively dream and plan for

- a new small group
- launch a youth group
- start a new worship experience
- a fresh expression.

Paul Nixon, Path One Strategist, will lead a time of thinking through all the steps to launch a vital new ministry.

(Note: this a prerequisite requirement for Spark Tank.)

To register: Go to equippingvitalcongregations.com/events and click “ Spark Starter and then “find out more” or

- email gecoffice@susumc.org, or
- call 717-545-0525



ADVANCE COACH TRAINING

**August 27 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Susquehanna Conference Office, 303 Mulberry Drive
Conference Room C
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050**

If you have attended the Basic Coach Training in February @ Christ Community in Selinsgrove and are looking to go deeper, sign up for Advanced Coach Training.

Space is limited.

Any questions, email gecoffice@susumc.org or call 717-545-0525

firstTWELVE

September 7 – 8, 2018

Friday 4 - 9 pm and Saturday 9 am - 2 pm

Crosspoint United Methodist Church
430 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17109, USA

If you are looking to start something new to reach new people, gather your team and stoke the ministry fire with this training designed just for you. First Twelve is a team effort of Path 1 New Church Starts at Discipleship Ministries designed as a training event to help gather and grow the first twelve committed, core people of a new church, new ministry or new faith community. These first twelve people set the pattern for replicating leadership and begin a cascade of invitation. Finding twelve who are invested and committed as leaders with you in helping start a new ministry is a key initial step in growing into something larger without your vision burning out or stalling out before a successful ministry launch.

Gather your team and register today.

To register susumc.org/FirstTwelve

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SPARK TANK

October 16 - October 17

**Mount Asbury Camp and Retreat Center,
1310 Centerville Road
Newville, Pennsylvania 17241**

If you have attended Spark Starter and would like to pitch your new ministry concept for reaching new people in new places to be considered for a grant, sign up today!

You will be assigned a presentation time upon registration.

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How to Start a Leadership Revolution

Thursday, October 25 at 2 PM

Cost: \$10



Video Conference with Rev. Mike Schreiner

The author of "Stride: Creating a Discipleship Pathway for Your Church" and Keynote speaker at Navigate 2018.

Leadership. It's influence. It's servant-hearted. Everything depends on it. Nothing happens without it. We've heard the clichés (which are true, by the way). We've read a lot of books. But there still exists a void in our churches. What we need is a workable plan. Simple in structure. Practical and practice-based. One that can work in a church of 70 and 700. One that can turn ministry potential into reality. Our presenter will be Mike Schreiner, pastor of Morning Star Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Register now!

For registration details go to tinyurl.com/ya7qq4vb

Communities of Practice



This learning community is created from the collective desires and wisdom of the group gathered. A guided format will be provided, but the topics will be chosen by the participants based on the felt-needs and desires of the group. There will be a group expectation of learning, experimenting, applying, reporting, and adjusting within the topics explored.

This learning group can be all laity, all clergy, or a hybrid depending on desires and needs of the group.

Resources learn about Communities of Practice:

- <https://www.scaledagileframework.com/communities-of-practice/>
- https://www.kpu.ca/sites/default/files/Teaching%20and%20Learning/TD.4.3.6_Cassidy_Communities_of_Practice.pdf
- <https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/8ce8/259de32d849782ad1871c40834bd74249b28.pdf>

The Community of Practice (CoP) would want to work within the following guidelines:

- Clearly define the purpose and intended outcome of the group.
- Create and sign a CoP Covenant defining expectations of each participant including accountability to one another and the overall CoP. Hold one another accountable to the covenant.
- Plan and attend regularly scheduled gatherings (in-person, virtual or hybrid) meeting monthly minimum.
- Plan at least three meetings ahead to ensure everyone has the opportunity to come prepared and ready to contribute.
- Provide value and contribute to the CoP.
- Adapt the format of the gatherings to continuously stay within the context of the purpose and intended outcome.
- Each meeting would include a time to recap with each participant identifying their key takeaway and action step moving forward. Likewise, each meeting would start with the accountability of the action step stated by each participant in the previous gathering.
- Attendance would be recorded at each meeting and submitted to the Office of Equipping Vital Congregations.
- The CoP would gather from September through the following May.

[Equippingvitalcongregations.org/continuouslearningcommunities](https://equippingvitalcongregations.org/continuouslearningcommunities)

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