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Shelton Auditorium

Assembly Choir *2:45 Only*

Use your chat time to prepare music for afternoon worship! Presented by Marge Graham

Room 166

Blogging Beginnings

Did you ever want to start a blog? Want to learn the ins and outs of popular social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter? Do you maintain a social media presence for your congregation and want to know what applications can help you stay relevant? Stop by the Social Media Forum and dive in to all things social! Presented by Candace Boyd Wylie of foodlovetog.com

Room 160

Building New Outposts for a New Day

Chat with FCC Vincennes & HOPE Partnership about ways to tell the story in a new way in your community. How to use the process and resources to start a new thing in a new day. Presented by Rev. Steven DeFields-Gambrel & Hope Partnership Staff

Room 159

Congo Experience

Come meet Rev. Ilumbe, Principal Supervising Pastor of the Mbandaka District of the Disciples in the Congo and Oscar Pekombe who works in the general office of the Disciples in Congo. This chat will provide an opportunity for understanding how Congolese congregations are thriving even with scarce resources and a challenging political and social environment. Come chat with our Congolese brothers.

Chapel (Inside or Out)

Drumming Circle

Feel the rythym and "life giving" beat of community drumming. Presented by Sr. Stella of Sitewa, Inc.

Room 122

FLOURISH! Clergy Economic Empowerment Initiative

Did you know that 40% of respondents to an Indiana clergy survey categorized themselves as "Financially Challenged?" It is not uncommon for persons to leave seminary with \$75,000 - \$100,000 in educational loans. Come discuss how the Christian Church in Indiana and Lilly Endowment Inc., have partnered to alleviate these and other economic challenges that clergy face. Hear of both our innovative programs and our progress as we help Indiana clergy FLOURISH!

Presented by Rev. Cynthia Newman

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Room 168

Green Chalice Chat #1 *1:30 Only*

How can you become a Green Chalice Congregation? What does it take to build a creation care ministry? Does size matter? Join this introduction to the Green Chalice program, learn from Indiana Disciples who are already underway, and discover practical tools, resources, and a network of support for the journey. *Presented by Marie Fleming*

Room 168

Green Chalice Chat #2 *2:45 Only*

Creation care ministries take many forms, from reducing the congregation's carbon footprint to creating edible landscapes; from small group study to worshiping God with all of creation! Learn how you can maximize your congregation's participation and impact by providing multiple pathways to inspiration and action. Connect with others from across the region and leave with tools you can begin using right away. This workshop will help you start or strengthen your earth care ministry. *Presented by Marie Fleming*

Room 161

Let's Chat about Children's Worship & Wonder

Our chat will include an introduction to the Children Worship & Wonder experience for children four through eight years old. Participants will be able to chat about the what, when, why, and how of this program which enables children and storytellers to worship together while growing in faith. Come find out why this particular form of Worship for children has been so successful in recent years in several of our congregations. *Presented by Rev. Linda Presley*

Room 170

Letters from Disciples Leaders

This chat will look at two letters written by leadership in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. The most recent letter was written in August 2016 by our Regional Ministers and Moderators. Among other things, it speaks of how the Church needs to offer a voice of reconciliation in this contentious presidential campaign year in the United States. Specifically, the letter focuses on racism and other forms

of oppression. The second letter was written in April 2015. It was composed by the College of Regional Ministers. It speaks to the matter of the use of excessive force against unarmed African American men and the Church's role in addressing this. Join this chat which will allow for open discussion of these significant statements by the leadership of our denomination. *Presented by Rev. Scott Cox*

Room 167

Our Common Search for God

An interfaith discussion with Muzaffar Ahmad from the Muslim community, Rima Shahid the Executive Director of the Muslim Alliance of Indiana and Rev. Jerry Zehr from Carmel Christian Church. They will explore these questions... What are the common beliefs between Christians and Muslims? What are the...



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(**Our Common Search for God** continued from previous page) ...misconceptions we have of the Muslim faith? How can we foster understanding in our communities of faith? There will be time for questions after the initial presentations.



Post It! Stories That Bring Life *1:30 Only*

The stories we tell have power. They are also the foundation from which our congregations spring forth in mission and ministry. What if congregations focused on their positive core principles? Each congregation has a unique calling in the context of the community in which they are situated. How do we understand that calling and live out of foundational core values that have shaped us? Appreciative Inquiry is a process to help

congregations better understand their defining values and tell their story in positive ways that call them into future ministry. *Presented by Rev. Carolyn Reed*



Q&A with the Pension Fund

An opportunity for clergy, church treasurers, and moderators to learn next steps in providing healthcare and retirement benefits for pastors and church employees. Pension Fund recently announced it will discontinue churchwide healthcare coverage for active employees, effective December 31, 2016. What does this mean for your church as it pro-

vides benefits to staff? What options are available? Join us to learn more about this topic and about retirement benefits for pastors and church employees. Presented by Rev. Matt Rosine & Rev. Aaron Smith



Speak Life Chat

This is an opportunity for all youth to begin learning about production, filming, editing & sharing your talents. We invite all of our youth to come to our Speak Life chat sessions. Youth will learn about the power of sharing their story through video and video editing. Youth will also have the opportunity to take pictures and videos around Regional Assembly which will later be compiled into a video for the Region to use. Anyone attending is

encouraged to bring an iPad, but this is not required for participation. When you have finished editing your video and are ready to share it, there are many video sharing sites available, and most of them at no cost. You can create a video "channel," or Web page, for your church or organization where all your videos will be visible. We will be using the Final Cu Pro X program during these chat sessions. Presented by Rev. Beth Crouch and the youth from West Street Christian Church, Tipton



What the Heck is Happening?

We're in the middle of what church culturalist, the late Dr. Phyllis Tickle, has called the "once-every-500-year rummage sale." The cultural forces working on the church and the rest of society are causing vast amounts of confusing change. Understanding those changes and their impact on congregations will be the conversation in this chat.

Presented by Rev. Bob Brite

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