

SHARING ENDEAVORS

Saturday, June 24

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MUSIC: THE LANGUAGE OF THE SOUL

Andy King, Senior Minister

Molly Tomashek, Music Minister

Pilgrim Congregational Church in Green Bay, WI

Presented by the Host Committee

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DEMYSTIFYING CHURCH TECHNOLOGY

Scott Tomashek, Senior VP of AV Strategy

Camera Corner Connecting Point, AVP CreativIT

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THE STORY WE LIVE IN

Rev. Debie Thomas, Minister for Lifelong Formation

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Palo Alto, CA

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GROUP PRACTICES FOR CULTIVATING

MISSIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Rev. Justin Berkobien, Associate Minister

Oneonta Congregational Church

South Pasadena, CA

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IN BETWEEN: WHERE HOLY OPPORTUNITY

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Rev. Dr. Gerry Krupp, Consulting Director of Programs

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WHEN WE ARE 'STUCK ON PAUSE'?

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PASTORAL SEARCHES IN THE NACCC

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Saturday, June 24 – 8:30am

Music: The Language of the Soul

Andy King & Molly Tomashek

Why is change so hard? We'll explore the challenges church leaders face in facilitating fresh connection with God, self, and others through worship music. The presentation will provide worship-crafting resources and promote inspiring stories for the well-being of our faith communities. Presenters: Andy King is the Senior Minister at Pilgrim Congregational Church in Green Bay, WI. Andy has spent 13 years in full-time music ministry in Wisconsin, Washington DC, and Indiana. Andy is married to Krissy and they have two teenage girls, Elina and Eve. Molly Tomashek is a candidate for graduation this June in the MDiv program at Fuller Seminary. She currently serves Pilgrim Congregational Church in Green Bay, WI as Music Minister. Molly has over 20 years of experience in music ministry and education. Molly is married to Scott and they have four children- St. Clare, John, Morgan, and Jane. **Presented by the Host Committee**

Saturday, June 24 – 9:45am

Demystifying Church Technology

Scott Tomashek

Over the past two years, we have learned the importance of technology for in-person and remote worship and church programming. Bring your questions and concerns about technology and share your story, no matter what your church or worship size. Topics will include audio basics- setting up microphones, mixers, and sound systems; camera considerations for streaming; understanding the audio path; adding screens or projectors; and what to seek in volunteers. Hosted by Scott Tomashek, Senior VP of AV Strategy for Camera Corner Connecting Point, division of AVP CreativIT. Scott has designed hundreds of systems from small rooms to performing arts centers and has volunteered many hours as an audio engineer and musician. **Presented by the Host Committee**

Sunday, June 25 – 4:00pm

The Story We Live In

Rev. Debie Thomas

Why do we 21st-century Christians have such a hard time talking about our faith? Why has our politeness turned into embarrassment, apology, and silence? Maybe we're evasive because we don't fully trust that Christianity offers us more than a set of beliefs, morals, platitudes, and rituals. What if it offers us a *narrative* -- a storied way of making sense of the world and our place in it -- that is incredibly rich, robust, and compelling? Join Debie Thomas as she explores what it means to embrace Christianity as story -- one story among many in our cultural marketplace -- and makes a case for why the world needs this particular and amazing story right now. See Speaker Information for more about Rev. Thomas.

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Group Practices for Cultivating Missional Intelligence

Rev. Justin Berkobien

Churches often get stuck in "maintenance mode" due to an overly-inward focus and never-ending appeal to consumer preferences. In this interactive Sharing Endeavor, we will explore ways of observing God at work in the world around us and consider strategies for discerning how we might be called to participate in that work.

This is also an opportunity to present any contextual challenges your church is facing and receive feedback about how centralizing mission might breathe new life into your congregation. See Speaker Information for more about Rev. Berkobien.

Monday, June 26 – 11:00am

In Between: Where Holy Opportunity Meets Sacred Moment

Rev. Arlen Vernava, Interim Ministry Network

Have you said goodbye to a much-loved minister? How about bidding farewell to a meeting house? Transitions affect the whole congregation. Big change introduces a season of in-between. The in-between is a period filled with bittersweet memories and feelings. Can we grow and learn in such a season? Without wisdom guiding a community of faith, the in-between becomes potentially uneven terrain filled with distractions and potholes. If God is calling you and your church into the in-between, come and join this sharing endeavor toward God's hope-filled future. **Presented by the Vitality Ministry Council**

Monday, June 26 – 11:00am

Your Church Culture Drawn on a Napkin

Rev. Dr. Gerry Krupp

The big question in your church may not be as much a central theological question as it is a central cultural question. How do you describe the culture of your church? Can you picture it on a napkin? You can place into the hands of your congregation a simple but clear picture of your purpose, mission and vision. This sharing endeavor will include step-by-step instructions and group facilitation for the purpose of sending each participant home with a clearer understanding of their church culture. If your artistic ability is limited to stick figures and shapes, you will excel! **Presented by the Vitality Ministry Council**

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How Can We Be Daring When We Are 'Stuck on Pause'?

Rev. Arlen Vernava, Interim Ministry Network

Do you find yourself wringing your hands and wondering, *"Is my church ever going to advance? How can we become more efficient and effective despite limited resources? We used to have great energy, ideas, and vision. How can we recapture that power?"*

This sharing endeavor is designed to help leaders and their congregations live into their best selves! "Stuck On Pause" will offer learning practices that can help your church advance in the near term and ultimately live into your best self. **Presented by the Vitality Ministry Council**

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Pastoral Searches in the NACCC

Rev. Dr. Gerry Krupp

During any given season or time, some 40 NACCC congregations are in a leadership transition: pastoral resignations and retirements, adding new staff, or searching for a "new church development specialist." Dr. Gerry B. Krupp, a consultant serving as NACCC Director of Programs, will facilitate this sharing endeavor by providing space for churches to exchange ideas about their transitional needs and describing ways the NACCC is available to help you successfully navigate a critical season in the life of every church. We'll talk about strategies of congregational self-reflection, how to energize your CIF and MIF, where to look for potential pastoral candidates, and invigorating your church's vision and mission.