

Focus Statement

Interested in deeper, more meaningful worship experiences in your congregation? Would you like to have an opportunity to receive practical training, resources and theological teaching in order to better participate in planning and leading worship? If so, this seminar is for you...pastors, youth pastors, lay leaders, youth, young adults, experienced worship planners and anyone who may be interested in exploring and learning more about Spirit-filled congregational worship.

Resource person, Rachel Miller Jacobs, Assistant Professor of Congregational Formation at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, will challenge us to think about how *Worship is Formation and Formation is Worship*. This one-day seminar will also have workshops focusing on the art of worship leading, leading music with song & instruments, letting the Word come alive in scripture reading, and the use of liturgy, drama, visual art and technology.



Members of Oak Grove Mennonite and Sonnenberg Mennonite Churches, having discovered a common interest in exploring training and resources for leading congregational worship, came together to plan this seminar. This seminar is also sponsored by Sonnenberg and Oak Grove Mennonite Churches with a partial grant from Ohio Conference.



Rachel Miller Jacobs is Assistant Professor of Congregational Formation at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. She has a love for the church that leads her into many forms of ministry. She is a spiritual director, and previously, she was

Pastor of Christian Formation at Kern Road Mennonite Church in South Bend, Indiana, and the worship resources coordinator for Leader magazine. She enjoys leading retreats and workshops for groups, including congregations, pastors and youth.

Rachel, and her husband Randall, are the parents of three adult sons, and are members of Faith Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana, where they live. Rachel and her fourth and fifth grade Sunday school class are currently studying a biblical text in preparation for planning and leading worship for the Sunday after Easter.

REGISTRATION FEES

Covers seminar participation, lunch and snacks

\$20/person (before or by April 28)

Ages 25 and under are free

**** (still need to register) ****

****Late registration (after April 28): \$30/person**

Checks to cover registration fees may be made payable to and sent to:

Sonnenberg Mennonite Church

PO Box 226

Kidron, OH 44636

Or payment can be made upon arrival at the seminar on Saturday, May 6 if registering online.

SCHEDULE

8:30-9:00 AM Registration

9:00-9:15 AM Welcome/Announcements

9:15-10:15 AM First Session:
Worship Is Formation,
by Rachel Miller Jacobs

10:15-10:45 AM Break

10:45-11:45 AM Workshops

- 1) Worship Leading (AM only)
- 2) Leading with Song & Instrument
- 3) Visual Art in Worship
- 4) Digital Arts, Multimedia & Worship

Noon-1:00 PM Lunch in fellowship hall

1:00-2:00 PM Second Session:
Formation Is Worship,
by Rachel Miller Jacobs

2:00-2:30 PM Break

2:30-3:30 PM Workshops

- 1) Scripture Reading & Drama (PM only)
- 2) Leading with Song & Instrument
- 3) Visual Art in Worship
- 4) Digital Arts, Multimedia & Worship

3:45-4:30 PM Closing Worship

REGISTRATION FORM

Mail registration form or register online at:
<http://bit.ly/2017WorshipSeminar> before
Friday, April 28, 2017.

Name: _____

Age: 25 and under 26 and above

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Congregation: _____

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Select workshops

(Mark 1st & 2nd choices in both AM & PM)

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 Leading with Song & Instrument
 Visual Art in Worship
 Digital Arts, Multimedia & Worship

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WORKSHOPS

- **Worship Leading** led by Rachel Miller Jacobs: *This workshop will introduce practices and processes for creating biblically-based worship resources for use in worship and attend to the practical aspects of leading worship (tone, pacing, physical presence, how to work with stage fright) that allow us to embody the words we've written.*
- **Scripture Reading & Drama** led by Rachel Miller Jacobs: *When we claim that the Bible is the word of God, we commit ourselves to engaging the text as a living Word. In this workshop, we will practice ways of turning scripture into drama and of presenting/reading scripture so that the text is allowed to speak "in its own voice" in worship.*
- **Leading with Song & Instrument** led by Nate Gundy, Craig Mast, Ellis Miller & Tim Yoder: *Hands-on practice in music selection, directing song leading and adding instruments for effective congregational singing, deeper worship and focus in services with less awareness of performance.*
- **Digital Arts, Multimedia & Worship** led by Michael Amstutz: *Throughout history, the faith community has embraced art and visual elements in sharing God's story. During this session, we will explore the benefits of utilizing digital arts and media as one method of developing the worship experience. We will look at developing digital arts, displaying them and consider how they can benefit and distract from the worship experience.*
- **Visual Art in Worship** led by Karen Steiner and Crystal Martin: *This mother and daughter duo will bring practical ideas and inspiration to enhance your church's visual worship. Learn how use of color, attention to design, natural elements, still life arrangements, and interactive activities, are creative tools that support the spoken message and bring glory to God.*



WORSHIP RESOURCING SEMINAR

Saturday, May 6, 2017

8:30 AM-4:30 PM

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