Wee Kirk™
2018 Northeast
Wee Kirk Conference
October 8-10, 2018
Laurelville Mennonite Church Center
Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania

Wee Kirk Conference Schedule

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 8TH**
- Registration ..................................................... 3:00-5:00
- Dinner .......................................................... 5:00
- Evening Session ............................................ 7:00-8:30
- Fellowship ..................................................... 8:45

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH**
- 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 10TH**
- 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.

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**DIRECTIONS TO LAURELVILLE**
- **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 31 South, to Route 31 East, to Route 982 North.

**REGISTRATION FEES**
- **Churches with up to 125 Members**
  - $150 for a husband and wife, or $125 per single registrant.
- **Churches with 126-200 Members**
  - $175 for a husband and wife, or $150 per single registrant.
- **All other persons** - $300 each

**PLEASE REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 24, 2018**
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, 2018. 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?**
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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.
### Plenary Speakers

1. **JORDAN RIMMER**
   - "The Story Pastor"
   - Story is the language of our Bible and faith. Culture is speaking our language, but we aren't. We need to consider story as a lens for ministry.

2. **JAMES BIBZA**
   - "Why we believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God."
   - This message will show that there is solid evidence for believing in the inspiration of the Scriptures.

3. **LISA HICKMAN**
   - "Rust Belt Gospel"
   - Utilizing J. D. Vance’s “Hillbilly Elegy” we will explore moving from lament for the dead to faithful testimony of our rusty resurrection hope.

4. **HELEN KESTER**
   - COMMUNION PREACHER
   - 2 Corinthians 5:14-20; John 13:33-35
   - "Stones That Divide"
   - This worship will be an interactive sermon. We will confront the sins that have separated the church and the fruits of the spirit that will permit us to counteract those sins.

5. **JANE BARTHOLOMEW**
   - MUSIC COORDINATOR/PIANIST
   - and resources for music in the small church

### Seminars

1. **JORDAN RIMMER**
   - PCUSA Pastor in New Castle, PA. D. Min. in Futuring under Leonard Sweet . . .
   - "Story Thinking"
   - Considering the Bible story and ours as a lens for ministry.

2. **JAMES BIBZA**
   - Professor of Biblical and Religious Studies at Grove City College
   - "Making Sense of the Bible"
   - Too often we read the Bible as if it was written in 2018, ignoring its original context. Since God chose to reveal His Word in a culture very different from ours, understanding the original context will open up new insights and applications of God’s Word to our world today.

3. **HEIDI BRAKEN & HELEN KESTER**
   - Heidi is Director of Christian Education at First United Methodist Church in Lewistown, PA.
   - Helen is a PCUSA Pastor, who also serves on the Wee Kirk planning team and past vice-moderator, Synod of the Trinity.
   - "Dealing with Sex Abuse"
   - * Seminar One - “The Trauma of Abuse"
     - A sharing of personal trauma, Question and Answer, and Discussion
   - * Seminar Two - Healing Session
     - Led by regional Christian leaders of Gestalt Pastoral Care trained by Rev. Tilda Norberg, author of “Ashes Transformed” Opportunities for deeper healing, inviting Christ Jesus to break the numbness, anger, and the power of the trauma. The group observes, prays and learns.
   - * To take this part you need to have attended Seminar One.

4. **LISA HICKMAN**
   - PCUSA pastor, PhD candidate at Duquesne University. Author of “Writing in the Margins” & “26 Ways to Pray the Alphabet.”
   - "Praying the Alphabet"
   - This workshop will engage creative and thoughtful ideas for praying in small groups, meetings, hospital rooms and families.

5. **JUDI SLATER**
   - Pastor of First Presbyterian, Duquesne, PA. Veteran Resourcer for small churches.
   - "A New Day is Dawning: Small Church Partnerships"
   - Times are changing for the church but God’s Spirit is alive in some new and exciting ways with creative models of partnership ministry in smaller congregations.

6. **CHARLIE MCCLUNG**
   - Pastor at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Erie, PA.
   - "Merging Churches -- What Makes It Work?"
   - Merging churches is often a suggested response to congregations which are dying. What are the challenges involved? What are the dynamics involved? What helps this to work?