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## Welcome and Reflection

### Welcome Wild Goose 2019!

For many of us, Wild Goose feels like home—maybe “another” home or maybe even our only home. In our time away from the Goose there’s a temptation to call our longing for it by the common name—“homesick.” Yet, there’s very little common about Wild Goose and even this “feeling” isn’t common among the Goose community.

It doesn’t feel like “sick”—it feels more like “hope.” So, to all of you “homehope” people, welcome to Wild Goose as we join together to create the world in which we want to live.

To enhance your experience, take a look at the notes below.

**Books** - Buy your books onsite at the Goose because Barnes & Noble (our book supplier) gives the Goose 25% of your purchase price on books bought on-site! That’s a real, live “3-fer” – you get great material; our authors get great support; and, the Wild Goose gets some financial help!

**Book Signings** - We’re continuing to make improvements in the book signing process. We’re committed to supporting our authors and we’re committed to making Wild Goose a place with lots of thought leader access.

**The Village** - Take some time to hang out, meet new friends, catch up with old ones. The Village area in and around the Café with food, beverages, and music is a good place to gather.

**Convo Hall** – Convo Hall is a single tent with a lot of simultaneous, intentional conversations that reflects our commitment to make the voice of the Goose heard. Convo Hall makes space for more than 100 co-creator events—and it gets people connected and talking.

**Accommodations Everywhere!** – We have our sold-out “City” Glamping, the domed tents near the café, and we have our drastically expanded “Country” Glamping, the domed tents beyond the parking lot. “City” in Hot Springs may sound like a stretch, but city glampers “live” in and among the bustle of the village and country glampers enjoy a little more open sky and fireflies.

**Schedule Changes** – Last minute changes will be posted at the affected venue and on the Meetup Board in the Village.

# WE'RE THROWING A PARTY AND YOU'RE INVITED.

## Who are we?

The Wild Goose is a transformational community grounded in faith-inspired social justice. Wherever we come together—at our nationwide festival, smaller local and regional gatherings, or social spaces online—we learn and grow by co-creating art, music, story, theater, and spectacle, engaging in a wide variety of robust, respectful conversations with each other and with thought leaders and artists from other communities. We refuse to be enemies with anyone.

## Who is invited?

We are welcoming and hospitable to people of all faiths—or no faith—who join us in seeking the common good. We fully affirm and celebrate people of every age, ethnicity, gender, gender expression, sexual identity, education, bodily condition, religious affiliation, and economic background, particularly those who are most often marginalized.

## What do we mean by faith-inspired social justice?

Most of us are progressive Christians. For us this means moving beyond belief to center ourselves in justice and compassion, to walk toward those in need and to solidarity with the marginalized and the oppressed, acknowledging our own privilege and actively working to use our power to alleviate suffering and achieve wholeness.

## Why the name Wild Goose?

A wild goose is strong, beautiful and...utterly unpredictable. It often surprises us and disturbs our plans, leading us on wild and wonderful adventures. As such, it truly symbolizes the spirit we follow and the beloved community we seek to build. After all, wild geese most often fly in flocks, sharing a common direction, honking their encouragement to each other and freely providing "lift" to one another simply by sticking together.

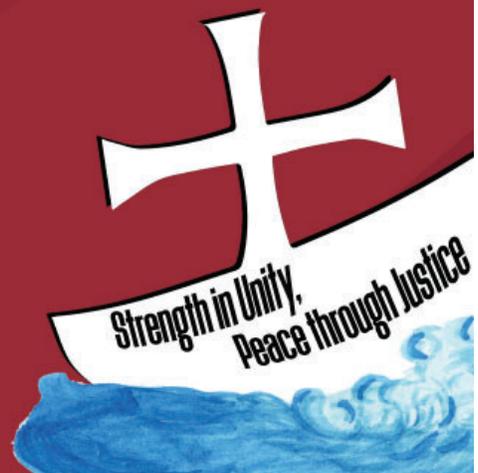
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# Our Commitments

## Co-Creation

Every person is created to be an active participant in the infinite, life-generating, constantly evolving and cosmic process of creation. At the festival, we value and promote co-creation and interactivity at every possible level. We encourage everyone to be creative, to participate, to tell their stories, to “trouble the waters,” to express themselves through art and music and campsites and clothing, to not be simply a passive observer but to be an engaged collaborator.

## Storytelling

We love stories. We believe in stories. And in their power to shape our world. So at Wild Goose we celebrate storytellers, and we’re committed to listening. Listening to each other’s stories, in all their truthful, messy ambiguities, and looking for our shared narratives, and how they’ve shaped us—in our joy and in our suffering. We’re dedicated to offering space to challenge the destructive narratives in our world, the stories that breed fear, violence, and control. And to being a place where new stories of restoration and hope can be born.

## Radical Hospitality

We welcome people of all faiths or none, who join us in seeking the common good. We are committed to building a community where everyone is respected, valued and embraced, regardless of age, race, origin, gender, gender expression, sexual identity, education, religious affiliation, mental, physical, or socio-economic status, particularly those who are most often marginalized.

We dream of a movement where everyone is welcome to participate. We are dedicated to fair trade, gift exchange, ecological sanity, and economic inclusion. We strive for high standards of mutual respect, non-hierarchical leadership, and participative planning.

We encourage a wide, and wild, variety of expression, and intentionally make space for both joy and lament.

## Real Relationship

We endeavor to make room for courageous conversation that grapples with questions instead of doling out answers, valuing and honoring our differences while also moving toward each other with humility and compassion. We make space for interaction that takes apart the usual class and social barriers, that takes down the walls that separate us, that invites speakers and artists and teachers into conversation with the wisdom of the greater community. We are here to teach and learn from each other.

## Non-Violence

We resist violence in all forms, whether through physical weapons like guns, verbal weapons like hate speech, name-calling, or microaggressions, through things we do or fail to do. We aspire to be vulnerable versus defensive, giving and forgiving, kind and tenderhearted, in a world where there are always new (and sometimes subtle) ways to be violent, to each other and to the earth.

## Always Evolving

We learn from the past, without making it our god, recognizing that we’re not always right, remaining flexible and open to new people, ideas, ways of understanding ourselves, each other and God. We hold all things loosely, constantly seeking and discovering new ways to make the world more generous and just, and growing in love for our neighbors, ourselves, our earth and God.



**CENTRAL**  
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# DROP-IN SPACES

## Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction is the ancient practice of a "soul friend" who accompanies others on their spiritual journey, helping them to notice, discern, and claim their own experience of God. It is likely that you will encounter the "Wild Goose" in a variety of ways during the next several days. The WGF Spiritual Direction Team is available throughout the weekend to companion folks for spiritual exploration, processing, conversation, companionship, and/or prayer during 45-minute individual sessions. Signups are at the Spiritual Direction tent where there are also self-led contemplative practices sponsored by the Charlotte Spirituality Center.

### Staff:

Linda Flynn-Serepca, team lead  
Carol Hassell, Lucinda Clark, Anne Findlay-Chamberlain,  
Therese Taylor-Stinson, Marshall Jenkins, Terra McDaniel,  
Ladale Benson, Chef Amalean

The Spiritual Direction team will be available to all festival attendees throughout the weekend. In addition to spiritual direction, the Charlotte Spirituality Center's tent provides a space for rest, prayer, and creative expression via self-led contemplative activities throughout the festival.

## The Wild Goose Studio

In addition to hosting speakers, workshops and creative collaborations the Wild Goose Studio is an open and working maker-space! Art materials are available for your use in the Studio or to check out and borrow for use around the festival grounds! Come check out our open Studio space in the mornings, every day of the festival!

## Pub/Beer Tent

The Beer Tent at Wild Goose is a sacred space of its own within the festival. Here, you'll find friendly faces eager to introduce you to a new craft brew, pour you a glass of wine, and (if they aren't too busy) hear a bit of your story. Our beers are provided by a vendor in the Western NC area, so the Tent is another way the festival partners with the local community. The "Pub" is a great place to bump into your favorite speakers and workshop presenters, process life with a friend, or simply enjoy a moment gazing out at the beautiful natural setting. You'll find us just beside the main stage, a perfect space to hear all the great afternoon and evening bands. We're also setting up shop near the cafe, so you won't have to make that painful decision between staying for the next session or grabbing a delicious beverage. And when it comes time for Beer n' Hymns, we've got your hookup.

## Recovery

Come, all who are thirsty.

Honoring recovery traditions and Group Conscience from years past, we will be using the 12 Steps as first put forth in "Alcoholics Anonymous" in a slightly modified version to share experience, strength and hope with each other across the recovery spectrum in open discussion during each session. There's a recovery group meeting every morning at 8am and every evening at 6pm

## Chapel

Beer & Hymns Jax is excited to present the chapel. The chapel is a beautiful contemplative space with limited programming and is meant as more of an open drop-in space for prayer, reflection, and meditation. On the walls of the chapel you're invited to write your praises, laments, hopes, and dreams.

## Café/The Village

Underwritten by Bread for the World

The Village is centrally located on Main Street and anchored by The Café, a diverse venue with music all day long - and some late night activities. There's a beer vendor right next door and a few food trucks. Come, sit, enjoy a conversation or move in a little closer to enjoy some great music

## Meet-Up Board

### Located in the Village

Want to meet casually around a common topic/interest? Post an invitation with your area of interest along with a time and place to meet on the Meet-Up board. Last-minute schedule changes will also be posted here.

## The Labyrinth: A Journey to Deep Connection

The Labyrinth has long been a symbol of wholeness, birth and rebirth. For some Native peoples, it symbolizes the womb; for others it illustrates the story of emergence, of life's cycles and the choices which confront us on our life's pilgrimage. This year's labyrinth invites us to journey deeper as we seek connection: connection to ourselves, to each other, and to the Divine spark which dwells at the center of us all. Join us as we surrender to the path of the labyrinth and walk for wholeness, co-creation of beauty, and the hope of new life we carry in our hearts.

The Labyrinth is located by the river and open all day every day.

## Mama Bear Den

The stories of parents disowning their LGBTQ+ 'kids' are numerous and heartbreaking. Stories like these inspire these Mama Bears and allies, to stand in the gap, affirming and embracing our LGBTQ+ kids and the community.

We're thrilled to have the opportunity to do just that at this year's Wild Goose and couldn't be more excited! We've created a space in campsite #431 we're calling the "Mama Bear Den." During the weekend, Mama Bears and allies will be available to listen, provide encouragement, give hugs, offer homemade cookies, and have cold water available.

Just like all attendees, we look forward to taking part in all the Goose has to offer, so if we're not at the site when you stop by, we'll try to leave word of where you might find us. The Mamas and allies will also be donning identifying pins and shirts throughout the weekend, and are always ready to hug on the fly!

The Mama Bear Den crew is thrilled to be Co-Creators at this year's Wild Goose!

Whether you're a hugger, a high-fiver, or a fist-pumper, we're looking forward to meeting you! The Mama Bear Den is located in campsite #431.

## Spirit of Harm Reduction

This year in partnership with local harm reduction and faith leaders, we have space dedicated to addressing overdose, substance use, and stigma. Visit the Faith in Harm Reduction gathering space located on Main Street to gather the spiritual and practical resources needed to respond.

Harm Reduction is an approach to substance use that centers the dignity and health of people who use drugs. Harm reduction is holy, faith-full resistance, rooted in love and unapologetically insistent on justice. It is a hospitality that seeks people out, meets them where they are and invites them into a caring community.

In 2017, over 72,000 people in the US died of an accidental overdose. This crisis has hit some regions and communities harder than others. Appalachian states, rural communities, and communities of color have been struggling to get access to the resources needed to keep their loved ones alive.

As people of faith, we must respond. We know that all people are beloved by God and every life is worth saving. This includes people who use drugs.

Imagine a community where everyone survives and thrives, where people who use drugs aren't left suffering alone. Together we can answer this prayer.

## Wild Goose Virtual Cinema

Virtual Reality has frequently been labeled as "the ultimate empathy machine". The Wild Goose Virtual Cinema provides an opportunity to virtually experience

stories in immersive environments that take us out of our comfort zone and into worlds that show us another way of looking at things. Sign up for a spot and take a deep dive into some extraordinary experiences.

## Community Art

This year at the Goose you will find community artists and artwork all around the grounds! From painters and photographers to sculptors and makers, artists will be interacting, responding to and inviting us to participate in a variety of ways. Each artist station will have a description and more info on how to engage! Our hope is that the artist in you will be inspired to bring art/make art/co-create at the Goose as well! If you would like to be a community artist or have questions find Shawna Bowman in the Studio or email her at [shawna@wildgoosefestival.org](mailto:shawna@wildgoosefestival.org)!

### Wild Goose Community Artists:

Soul Selfies with Pat Green  
Psst... Ally to Ally installation with Nicole Farley  
Mobile Screen Printing with Beloved Asheville  
Wild Goose Window Stencils with Liz Clark  
Bloom&Thorn Mobile Art Garden with Elizabeth Cantrell  
Wild Goose Doodle with Roy Peterson  
Shawna Bowman

## Worship

If you are looking to experience liturgy and worship Goose-style, here are some highlights of our programming at this year's festival.

7 AM at the River: Down to the River to Pray on Friday and sitting birdsong meditation on Saturday.

6 PM in the Café: Friday night we have the Goose's first ever Jazz Vespers service, while Saturday will be led by Taizé Together. (Taizé will also be worshiping in the River on Friday at 6pm.)

11 PM in the Café: Late night worship with the Atlanta Bar Church on Friday night and Nine Beats Collective on Saturday.

And more...Friday at 3 PM is a Charismystical Dance Worship experience in the River. Catholic Mass is Sunday morning in the Portal tent at 9 AM and there will be liturgy happening in the Episcopal Tent throughout the weekend so check there for more information.

Don't miss... the closing communion service on Main Stage Sunday from 11 AM with preaching by Bishop Yvette Flunder and music from Beth Nielsen Chapman and others.

We do believe that worship and prayer come in many diverse shapes and forms, and that the Spirit will be moving in all kinds of ways this weekend, so pay attention to what is happening all around the festival and within your soul.

# KIDS TENT PROGRAM

## KIDS PROGRAM

**Registration and Parent Preview:** Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m.

**Ages:** Kids Ages 3 to 12 (*must be potty-trained*)

**Morning Sessions Friday and Saturday:** 9:45 a.m. and (repeated at) 11 a.m.\*

\*No programming for kids ages 3–5 at the 11 a.m. session

**Afternoon Session Friday and Saturday:** 2 p.m.

In the Kids Tent we focus on creativity and finding our place in the larger stories of God's people. Using the Godly Play method as a foundation, we'll sing, share stories, wonder together and have a time of free art response.

Equipped with a secure check-in system, the program is facilitated by a team of volunteers, all of whom have received background checks. Each family will be assigned a number to be written on their wristbands upon registration. All adults with matching numbers will be able to pick up their child(ren). Wristbands MUST be worn by the whole family in order to drop off and pick up kids.

Sessions are limited capacity, so parents should register Thursday night or (as possible) sign up for the following day's sessions by the end of that afternoon's session. A limited number of slots may be available for those with day passes.

Fun, age appropriate activities are offered, but this is anything but a babysitting service. The kids will enjoy intentional community with other kids and adults while playing and discovering meaning together.

## New This Year:

Workshop on Godly Play, Scripture and Wonder  
Friday at 4 p.m. in the Kids Tent

\*\* Children are most welcome if accompanied by an adult!\*\*

Is it possible to play with Scripture? Godly Play invites imagination, stillness, and spirit to coalesce in a variety of ways. Inspired by Maria Montessori's deep trust of each child's inner teacher, this method of spiritual guidance invites all-comers to listen and play with the Bible in fresh ways and is most at home with those who value story and wonder—families, churches, at hospital bedsides and so much more. (Even in the Goose's Kids Tent for the last 4 years!) Join Godly Play Foundation Trainers as we share a Godly Play-style story from Scripture, wonder verbally together, make individual art responses, and share resources for developing this approach in your setting at work or at home.

## Kids Program Info

### Secure check-in system:

Each family will be assigned a family number to be written on their families' wristbands upon registration. All adults with matching numbers will be able to pick up their child(ren). Wristbands MUST be worn by the whole family in order to drop off and pick up kids.

The entire Kids Tent area is fenced in so that none of our flock wanders during the session! At each session, there will be volunteers designated to a small group of kids. There will be additional volunteers handling check-in, and volunteers designated to help with transitioning kids out of each session.

Sessions are limited capacity, so parents should register Thursday night or (as possible) sign up for the following day's sessions by the end of that afternoon's session. A limited number of slots may be available for those with day passes.

### Family Events

**(Please plan to accompany your children!)**

Friday at 3:30 p.m. in the Kids Tent – Book Reading: *When God Made You* by Matthew Paul Turner

Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in the Kids Tent – Jams & Juice Concert with Tuf Francis

## YOUTH TENT

The Youth Tent is on the river road, but you'll find the youth (ages 13–18) following their flag all over the Festival Grounds. From swimming to joining in select adult programming, the youth are always on the move. Show up at the Youth Tent Thursday at 5 pm to join up with your peers.

# What You Need to Know

While making Hot Springs our home this week, we want to be respectful of our neighbors, the land, and the local community. We offer this set of guidelines to help make the Wild Goose Festival a safe and friendly place.

## Leave No Trace

**If you bring it with you, take it home.** Please use refillable water containers. There are spigots providing good drinking water around the site.

## Share the Well

Water spigots are at campsites, beer pavilion, and areas along the river side of the grounds. This water is delicious, so fill your water bottles and stay hydrated!

## Ice

Ice will be available for sale 9am-11am and 3pm-6pm near the old store. 12pm-2pm from the Beer Tent.

## Message Board

There will be a message board available near the caboose, at cocreator/volunteer registration, if you need to leave a note for someone.

## Vehicles/RVs/Parking

For safety, comfort, and the environment, vehicles are not permitted on-site between 5 p.m. Thursday and 11 a.m. Sunday.

Vehicles parked in "no parking" zones will be towed by a professional towing service to a parking area on-site; vehicle driver/owner will be responsible for the towing cost.

RVs and camping vehicles must remain parked for the duration of the festival.

## Bikes

Please walk bikes through the pathways around the Main Stage area. Use caution and consideration for pedestrians and children. Bicycles must have lights after dark.

## Alcohol

Please consume responsibly and respectfully. Alcohol may only be openly consumed in designated areas or at your campsite. If you are consuming alcohol at the stages or tents, please keep it in a cup or cozy. Alcohol may not be taken from the campground to venues in town.

## Intoxication

Public intoxication and illegal drugs are not acceptable. Those violating this rule will be asked to leave the site and not permitted re-entry.

## Disruptive Behavior

We reserve the right to intervene in disruptive behavior.

## Noise

No radios, amplified music, generators, or idling vehicles will be allowed.

## Pets

Sorry, no animals except service animals. HSRS is a pet-friendly campsite year-round, but does not permit animals at festival events on site.

## Festival Site Closes 2 PM Sunday

Please respect the business of our hosts and vacate by then. Like they say, "You don't have to go home, but 'ya can't stay here" unless, of course, you'd like to set up camping reservations at the HSRS office across the street. Then, stay as long as you like!

## Shuttle

There are six golf cart shuttle stops on the festival grounds for anyone desiring a lift. We have four carts, the most ever, dedicated exclusively to on-site festival transportation. Sorry, in most cases, golf carts not dedicated to transportation are not available to "hitch a ride."

## ATMs

There is an ATM located next to the bookstore. There are also ATMs in town.

## Emergency Phone

Cell coverage may be spotty at best, depending on your carrier. The phone in the guard shack (828-622-7598) is available for emergency use 24 hours a day. If a message is left for you there, a notice will be posted.

## Security

The Madison County Sheriff's Department is on hand during the weekend and rangers help keep an eye on things around the festival grounds.

## Supplies

The camp store, local dollar store, hiking outfitter, hardware store, etc., have just about anything you might need. A full-service grocery store is located 25-30 minutes away on the way to Marshall.

## Questions/Info/Help

For all general information questions, or help, ask at the Ranger Station or Wings Tent by Main Stage, or at the Info booth near the front gate.

## Escorts

If for any reason, you'd like assistance in walking in town at any time, a volunteer will walk with you. If you'd like transportation in town for any reason we will arrange it (by the way, golf carts are not allowed on the town streets). For walking or for riding, ask at the guard shack in the middle of the road near the entrance to the festival site.

## Safety

Take note of the river and the train tracks; beware of yellow jackets; watch for children's safety, too. We have a First-Aid volunteer posted from 8 a.m.– 12 a.m. at the Ranger Station near the Main Stage. We are guests in this place and there are creatures like snakes that live here. If you should encounter one of these creatures, just remember that this is their home and try to work around them. If this isn't possible and you need a creature moved for safety's sake, either for your or the animal, contact the Rangers.

## In Case of Lightning Take shelter

All venues will be shut down. When the lightning passes, Wild Goose staff will re-evaluate conditions and determine when to proceed with events.

## Lost a Parent? Looking for a Child?

Locate a ranger, wearing red shirts, or any other Wild Goose Volunteer with a radio and let them know immediately.

# Policies

## Anti-Harassment Policy

The Wild Goose Festival is dedicated to providing a harassment-free experience for everyone, regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, age or religion. We do not tolerate harassment of festival participants in any form. Conference participants violating these rules may be sanctioned or expelled from the conference, without a refund, at the discretion of the festival organizers.

Harassment includes, but is not limited to:

- \* Verbal comments that reinforce social structures of domination [related to gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, age, religion).
- \* Sexual images in public spaces
- \* Deliberate intimidation, stalking, or following
- \* Harassing photography or recording
- \* Sustained disruption of talks or other events
- \* Inappropriate physical contact
- \* Unwelcome sexual attention
- \* Advocating for, or encouraging, any of the above behavior

## Photography Policy (implied consent)

By attending The Wild Goose Festival ("the Festival") you consent to being filmed and or photographed, whereas the Festival may use your image, voice, and likeness for promotional purposes. "Media Team" ID tags and t-shirts identify official Wild Goose photographers and video crew. Any photography or video taken at the Festival is subject to a mandatory, non-exclusive license to The Wild Goose Festival for use in promotional purposes. Any artwork or performances sponsored by the Festival or taking place on Festival grounds is also subject to a mandatory, non-exclusive license to The Wild Goose Festival for use in promotional purposes.

# Co-Creators

For schedule changes and corrections, please refer to the website and the meet-up board located in the Village.



## A Jew and a Gentile

Two podcasters/bloggers, one Jewish and one Christian, discussing faith, cigars, depression, cigars, social justice, cigars, and other interfaith issues. Oh, and cigars.

Charles Bretan, "The Jew": Both of my parents were Jewish, but that is not what makes me a Jew. I am a Jew because I choose to be: because I choose to live my life in a Jewish way. I choose to study *Torah* and to live by its precepts; I choose to keep Shabbat and to follow mitzvot; and I choose to eat toasted bagels with a smear of cream cheese, lox (not nova), and a nice slice of onion. Born and raised in Miami, I now live in Greensboro, NC, with my wife, Gail. I am a teacher by trade and by disposition. With degrees in education from the University of Florida and from Nova Southeastern University, I have taught almost everything from composition to scuba diving and from leadership to life saving.

Chris Henson, "The Gentile:" I graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. in Psychology/Human Resource Development from North Carolina State University (1998) with an emphasis in Psychometrics and Crisis Intervention. I received my Master of Divinity from Duke (2001). I'm an ordained Elder (2006) in the Western NC Conference of the United Methodist Church and am endorsed as a chaplain (2018). I served as a pastor for 17 years, first in Oldham, England (a suburb of Manchester) followed by appointments in the Piedmont-Triad of NC. I'm the former Pastor-in-Residence of the Wesley-Luther Fellowship at UNC Greensboro, an LGBTQ-inclusive ministry. I served as a chaplain at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center caring for the substance abuse patients and adult behavioral health patients. I now work as a hospice chaplain. I'm also a husband to Summer, a father to Sophie, an admitted cigar-aronist, a creative, a subversive, who is living with clinical depression.

Sessions

A Jew and A Gentile | GooseCast | Friday, 4 PM



## Abby Norman

Abby Norman is a former teacher and current pastor of a small church in Atlanta. After almost ten years of teaching she went back to school to pursue her

MDIV and before she finished she was piloting an urban revitalization on the south side of the city. The wild thing is it seems to be working. Her firm belief that all people are made in the image of God and are therefor makers in the image of God grounds her pastoring, her interaction with others, her marriage, and her parenting. Abby is married to Christian Norman and they have two wild and free daughters who they just try to keep up with. You can find Abby's thoughts on Race, Parenting, Jesus, and really

anything else she feels like talking about at [abbynorman.net](http://abbynorman.net) or [@abbynormansays](https://twitter.com/abbynormansays) anywhere you @ people.

Sessions

It's okay if you don't know: How to talk to your kids in the midst of your own deconstruction | Convo Hall 04 | Friday, 2 PM and Saturday, 10 AM

Privilege: Somebody Else's Story | Forum | Saturday, 11 AM



## Adam Lawrence Dyer

Rev. Adam Lawrence Dyer is the Lead Minister at First Parish in Cambridge Unitarian Universalist, Cambridge, MA and the Unitarian Universalist Chaplain at

Harvard University. He is the author of *Love Beyond God* a collection of poetry and reflections focused on black identity and liberal religion and has been featured in *UU World Magazine*. Rev. Dyer's blog, [Spirituwellness.org](http://Spirituwellness.org), which explores the relationship between bodies, faith and politics, has been featured online through *Believe Out Loud*, *Equity Blog* and *The Good Men Project*. He recently contributed a personal narrative to the new collection from Vanderbilt University Press, *Body Battlegrounds: Transgressions, Tensions, and Transformations* (Chris Bobel, Samantha Kwan, eds.) Previously, Rev. Dyer worked with PolicyLink, the PICO Networks and the UU Justice Ministry of California advocating for racial, economic and health equity as well as speaking and educating about equity and LGBTQ inclusion. He is a graduate of Princeton University and the Pacific School of Religion.

Sessions

Rev. PrEP: Keeping HIV/AIDS in Focus | Convo Hall 12 | Friday, 2 PM



## Alannah Boyle

Alannah is one of NETWORK's Grassroots Mobilization Associates. At NETWORK her focus is to reach out to members and grassroots contacts to work with them on advocating for policies motivated by principles of Catholic Social

Justice. Alannah graduated from Manhattan College in 2018 with dual degrees in Peace Studies and Philosophy. During her time as an undergrad, Alannah worked to integrate Catholic Social Justice and the needs of women and the LGBTQ community on campus and was successful in organizing to open the Lasallian Women and Gender Resource Center on campus. She is interested in the intersections of faith and advocacy.

Sessions

Storytelling for Change: Bringing Our Lived Experiences to Congress | River | Friday, Noon



## Alathea

Winners of numerous acoustic music and songwriting awards, Alathea takes stories from their own lives and weaves them into music that's instantly relatable. Rooted in the Appalachian Mountains, Alathea

(Mandee Radford Langley and Cristi Johnson) create and perform original and traditional music in what they call Front-Porch-style, using eclectic instruments, thick modern harmonies and engaging storytelling of life on the road, taking cues from nature, their families, and neighbors along the way. This approach has taken Alathea around the US and across the world into Europe and Asia playing concerts, festivals and special events.

Alathea's recent full-length recording of traditional hymns "His Eye Is On the Sparrow" was selected by Coverfolk as one on the Best Traditional Folk Albums of 2017.

### Sessions

Alathea | Café | Friday, Noon

Goose in the Round | Mainstage | Saturday, 6 PM



## Aleta Payne

Aleta Payne is Executive Director of Johnson Service Corps, a diverse, ecumenical community of young adults committed to social justice, spiritual growth, and community living in Chapel Hill and Durham, NC and an affiliate of the Episcopal

Service Corps. Prior to joining the staff of JSC, Aleta spent 16 years with the NC Council of Churches working on issues of justice, equity, and peace through a progressive faith lens.

### Sessions

Episcopal Service Corps. | Episcopal | Saturday 2:00 PM



## Alexandra Salvatierra

Rev. Alexia Salvatierra is the author with Dr. Peter Heltzel of *Faith-Rooted Organizing: Mobilizing the Church in Service to the World* (Intervarsity Press).

She is a Lutheran Pastor with over 40 years of experience in congregational and community ministry, including church-based service and community development programs, congregational and community organizing and legislative advocacy. She is an affiliate professor at Fuller Theological Seminary and adjunct at four other academic institutions. In addition to coordinating the Guardian Angels Project and assisting at Hope Lutheran Church, she serves as a consultant (training, facilitating, organizing and leading strategic planning) for a variety of national/international organizations, including World Vision, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, and the Christian Community Development Association. She is a national leader in immigrant justice, co-founder of the New Sanctuary Movement, the Evangelical Immigration Table and M25 (Matthew 25/Mateo 25).

### Sessions

Faith-rooted Advocacy | Convo Hall 01 | Friday, 2 PM  
Base Christian Communities for the 21st Century |

Workshop | Saturday, 1 PM

A Just Response to the Border Crisis | Living Room | Saturday, 4 PM



## Alexandria Skinner

Alexandria Skinner was born into a family that grew almost all the food they ate. The basement of the house on her eighth-generation family farm was always filled with pickles, preserves, country ham, dried onions, and a freezer full of food. Home grown food was both

utilitarian and delicious, used for health, for nurture and sharing, and for building community. After her parents moved to the city, Alexandria became active in urban food growing, and she started her first food co-op at age 15. As she has continued to live in a city during her adult life, Alexandria has cultivated expertise in urban and small space food gardening. Her project now is to facilitate the reclaiming of food production by individuals and communities. Skinner views democratization of food, and teaching others the practical skills of growing food, as a way of reestablishing connection with the land and seasons and God's natural creation, as a way of building community and a more sustainable way of life, as a way of increasing health and nutrition of individuals, and as one area in which individuals can push back against the commoditization of that which nourishes us at our very foundation.

### Sessions

Subversive, Anticapitalist, and Community Building: Hows and Whys of Growing Your Own Food Even in Small Spaces | Convo Hall 08 | Friday, 5 PM and Saturday, 1 PM



## Aline Defiglia

Aline Defiglia LCSW, MPH is a licensed psychotherapist adventuring at the intersection of health, healing, and the restoration of connection with self, others, and the sacred. Her practice specializes in mind and body healing

modalities, life coaching, hypnotherapy, Dialectical Behavior Therapy skills groups, and team performance consulting. She and her husband live with their son in the beautiful city of Chattanooga, TN. Discover more at [ABWellness.life](http://ABWellness.life).

### Sessions

Wisdom Camp: Play, Power, and Perseverance | River | Thursday, 9 AM

Relating as a Spiritual Practice | Portal | Friday, 2 PM

Aline Defiglia | Convo Hall 12 | Saturday, 4 PM



## Amy Vaughan & Julie McElmurry

Amy is a poet, advocate, and ordained United Methodist minister. Her first book, published in 2017, is a collection of poetry, *40 Days of Grief and Lament*. Art, poetry, prayer, and small group support,

helps her through stressful life transitions. Previously she directed an arts program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She has been a WG presenter for the last three years.

Julie's life has included the successful launch of a film school in Charlotte, NC, leading retreats and workshops, and serving as a campus minister. She has embraced resilience in times of transition and has learned the value of putting words to experience and learning from others. She presented at WG 2018.

Julie and Amy met at WGF 2015 around a campfire at night, becoming friends before they could see each other's faces! They meet monthly for a shared "sabbath day."

Sessions

Sabbath as Resistance | Convo Hall 06 | Friday, 10 AM and Convo Hall 06 | Saturday, 2 PM



## Amythyst Kiah

Born in Chattanooga and now based in Johnson City, Amythyst Kiah's commanding stage presence is matched by her raw and powerful vocals—a deeply moving, hypnotic sound that stirs echoes of a distant and restless past.

Accompanied interchangeably with banjo, acoustic guitar, or a full band, her eclectic influences span decades, finding inspiration in old time music, alternative rock, folk, country, and blues.

"Our Native Daughters," her recent collaboration with Rhiannon Giddens, Leyla McCalla, and Allison Russell (Birds of Chicago), has delivered a full-length album produced by Rhiannon Giddens and Dirk Powell, "Songs of Our Native Daughters." NPR described the opening track, *Black Myself*, written by Amythyst, as "the simmering defiance of self-respect in the face of racism." The group has been nominated for Duo/Group of the Year at the 2019 Americana Honors & Awards.

Amythyst regularly tours the United Kingdom and has performed at Celtic Connections, Southern Fried Festival, Cambridge Folk Festival, the Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival, and SummerTyne Americana Festival. She is a crowd favorite at Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion in the U.S. and has shined at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, Smithsonian Folk Life Festival, Winnipeg Folk Festival, and opening for artists such as the Indigo Girls, Rhiannon Giddens, Dom Flemons, Old Crow Medicine Show, First Aid Kit, Darrell Scott, and Tim O'Brien.

Provocative and fierce, Amythyst's ability to cross boundaries is groundbreaking and simply unforgettable.

Sessions

Performance | Mainstage | Friday, 9:25 PM



## Ana Tampanna

Ana Tampanna is a certified life coach who works with women who are "up to something." She has a Masters of Fine Arts from Florida State University, is a former member of the National Speakers Association, and has her coaching certification from the International Coaches Academy. Ana is committed to providing leadership

tools to women who have a passionate vision for being a contribution and who deal with messy life adversity. Ana recently gave a TEDX talk called "Motherhood is a Leadership Bootcamp." Her book, *The Womanly Art of Alligator Wrestling*, is in its second printing. Ana lives in Winston-Salem where she is president of the Triad chapter of NOW (National Organization for Women.) Ana and her husband Robert have five grown children and a chihuahua named Zoe who is a source of unconditional love.

Sessions

The Womanly Art of Alligator Wrestling | Convo Hall 01 | Friday, Noon and Saturday, 4 PM



## Andi Cumbo-Floyd

Sharon Morgan is a genealogist, founder of Our Black Ancestry, and author of *Gather at the Table*.

Hannah Scruggs is a public historian at James Madison's Montpelier and a genealogist at the International Museum of African American

History and Culture.

Andi Cumbo-Floyd is an archival researcher and the author of *The Slaves Have Names: Ancestors of my home*.

Sessions

Knowing the Story: The Importance of History in Healing the Historical Harm of Racism | Youth | Friday, 10 AM and Bridge | Friday, Noon



## Andrew Heintz

Andrew Heintz is a liturgy nerd who loves to discover how our daily rituals make the world a little more just. He currently lives in Boston and his current projects include coordinating an online chapel space and writing a queer

theology curriculum for churches to use.

Sessions

Down to the River to Pray | River | Friday, 7 AM

## Anita Grace



Always on the lookout for simpler more universal ways to help heal the mind/body dualism, Anita Grace created a podcast "It's 5 o'clock Somewhere" so you can listen anywhere anytime to hopefully find more of your authentic self to enjoy. She's been sharing her unique embodied worship in church prisons parks and venues attempting to help Jesus lovers discover a deeper incarnational reality to experience firsthand. Anita lives with her husband and children in New Jersey and enjoys plenty of time in the park with her Golden Retriever.

Kamikaze Yogi will be her first book of breath & body practices; marrying East and West, in order to truly find more balance and peace from within. Anita is honored to return to the magic of Goose for her 5th consecutive year and could write an entire book on how much of God's LOVE has been revealed there!!

### Sessions

Seated Gentle, Embodied stretch and breath prayer (AKA Chair yoga) | Healing Arts | Friday, 2 PM  
 Seated Gentle, Embodied stretch and breath prayer (AKA Chair yoga) | Healing Arts | Saturday, 2 PM

## Ann J. Temkin



Ann Temkin is half Jewish/half Gentile, a former Catholic nun, ordained Protestant minister, author, and former psychotherapist. Her spiritual journey has been marked by wrestling with hard questions, dissatisfaction with easy answers, a deep yearning for the living God, a passion for social justice and concern for the oppressed.

Ann tells her very personal #MeToo in Church story in her new memoir *The Smoking Nun*. Revealing for the first time a secret love, difficult decisions, dark times and new light and life, *The Smoking Nun* is a tale of pain and recovery.

Ann believes that God is always more than we can understand, imagine or experience. She is happiest among the questioners, with the wounded and shut out, testifying to both the depth of the human struggle and the extravagant love of God. Ann has a lot of academic credentials, but always speaks passionately from her heart.

### Sessions

#MeToo in Church: Finding Our Voices, Finding Our Healing | Convo Hall 03 | Friday, 11 AM and Saturday, 3 PM

## Anna Golladay



Anna thrives on curating creative, spiritual and entrepreneurial possibility. Via her social enterprise Work of Place she helps urban churches understand how their

underutilized facilities can work alongside burgeoning entrepreneurs, often lacking in resource and financing, with the intent of sparking both neighborhood revitalization and an increase in ideators who change their communities. Additionally, she works as the Sr. Director of Communications and Marketing for the Center for Progressive Renewal / Convergence.

Anna is the Executive Producer of the Inhabit Conference and works in a multitude of other ways with the Parish Collective and their affiliates.

She is a minister in the United Methodist Church. Her ministry is focused on social justice and any inequity that exists both in and outside the walls of the corporate church. She is diligent in her advocacy of full inclusion of all persons in the United Methodist denomination.

### Sessions

Story-Based Activism | Studio (Art) | Saturday, 1 PM

## Anne Findlay-Chamberlain



Anne Findlay-Chamberlain has devoted her adult life to journeying with people as they seek wholeness. She has a B.S. in Health and Physical Education, and a Master's Degree in Counseling

and Divinity. She is an ordained United Church of Christ pastor. She is a graduate of Ashland Seminary's Pastors of Excellence program as well as Shalem Institute's Clergy Spiritual Life and Leadership program. She completed training as a Spiritual Director through the Charlotte Spirituality Center. In her work as a pastor, spiritual director, and retreat leader, Anne loves accompanying individuals, small groups, and congregations in discovering God's presence in their lives.

### Sessions

Spiritual Direction | Friday and Saturday | 9 AM-6 PM

## Annie's Hope Center for Growing and Healing



As a songwriter/performer I want to share my talents with others in hopes it will make a difference in their lives. As a survivor of domestic violence, I have incorporated my love of music into my work to create a safe and healing space for other women

through the Center for Growing and Healing. My faith has led me to this place and my gratitude is prompting me to action to help others.

### Sessions

Songs for Empowered Trauma Healing | River | Friday, 4 PM



## April Love-Fordham and Laura Moody

Dr. Laura Moody and Dr. April Love-Fordham graduated from Georgia Tech with engineering degrees back in the dark ages. Today Laura is an Associate Professor and Chair in the Mercer School of Engineering

and a Tae Kwon Do Black Belt. Dr. April Love-Fordham left the corporate world after working her way to the executive suite and was ordained in the Presbyterian Church. Today she is an Episcopalian and writing a series of Disorderly Parable Bible Studies that use modern day parables to illuminate the lessons in scriptures. These include "James in the Suburbs" on James (2014), "Dismantling Injustice" on the Song of Solomon (2016), and "St. Francis and the Christian Life" on Galatians (2018).

Sessions

Casting Call for Song of Solomon Table-Read | Convo Hall 06 | Friday, 5 PM and Saturday, 1 PM



## Atlanta Bar Church

Founded in 2014, Atlanta Bar Church is a mission congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) that meets in a bar in Atlanta's gayborhood.

Sessions

Pop Divas Eucharist | Café | Friday, 11 PM



## Austin Adkinson

Rev. Austin Adkinson is the pastor of Haller Lake UMC in Seattle. They are one of the co-conveners of the United Methodist Queer Clergy Caucus, part of the Praxis Forum of the Westar Institute (known for the Jesus Seminar), and part of the leadership team of the

Western Methodist Justice Movement. Selections from his collection of devotionals using texts outside the NT canon appear in current and upcoming issues of *The 4th R* magazine. As the dust settles around the recent conflict in the UMC, Rev. Adkinson looks forward to putting energy back into passions like consent education and bridging the gap between religious academia and people seeking to grow in faith.

Sessions

WTF Is Happening in the United Methodist Church? | Convo Hall 04 | Friday, 1 PM and Saturday, 5 PM



## Barb Lemmel and Betsy Waters—Get Real Gals

Betsy Waters is a professional coach, practicing that as

school psychologist, a UCC pastor, and a student seeking PCC certification through Coaching4Clergy. Betsy has served in settled and interim positions for more than two decades and has been consulting with churches for more than three decades. Betsy integrates deep listening, provocative questions, a playful creativity, and the wisdom that comes from experience.

Barbara Lemmel is a UMC pastor and a PCC-certified coach. In 2003 she and Alan Delamater established a leadership process called Tending the Fire. As TF's Director, Barbara has helped more than 500 clergy, numerous churches and laity, and several judicatories develop wise, resilient leadership in their professional and personal settings (for more information, visit [tending-the-fire.com](http://tending-the-fire.com)). She has served UMC and UCC congregations in Vermont and New York, facilitated church and conference re-structuring, and offers coaching, consulting and spiritual direction to churches and pastors. Barbara is absolutely convinced that church can be both transformational and fun.

Sessions

Staying Grounded in Sabotage | Convo Hall 05 | Friday, 3 PM and Saturday, 11 AM



## Barbara Brown Taylor

Barbara Brown Taylor is a New York Times best-selling author, teacher, and Episcopal priest. Her first memoir, *Leaving Church*, won a 2006 Author of the Year award from the Georgia Writers Association. Her last book, *Holy Envy: Finding*

*God in the Faith of Others*, was featured on CNN and Fresh Ari with Terry Gross. She has served on the faculties of Piedmont College, Columbia Theological Seminary, Candler School of Theology, McAfee School of Theology, and the Certificate in Theological Studies program at Arrendale State Prison for Women in Alto, GA. She lives with her husband Ed on a working organic farm in the foothills of the Appalachians.

Sessions

New Writers Workshop | Workshop | Thursday, 9 AM  
Holy Envy – Barbara Brown Taylor with Rob Wilson-Black | Mainstage | Friday, 11 AM  
Dr. Larycia Hawkins with Barbara Brown Taylor | Living Room | Friday, 4 PM



## Bec Cranford

Bec Cranford is a self-identified Baptical-misfit from Atlanta GA. She's also one tough mother and an urban missiologist wrestling with just practices and charity.

Bec grew up in southern-fried "churchianity." She has known pain and anger, grief and struggle. But she has also been loved. Bec is eager to work towards ecumenicism and love. She believes in the Church, despite her own hypocrisy, and the pain we all have experienced.

Bec has worked in churches, nonprofits, and in higher education.

When she's not hanging out with her dope family, you can probably find her at the Gateway Center working to make homelessness brief and rare in Atlanta. She makes a little money offering church consulting, leading retreats, writing, preaching, and marrying folks. She really likes sitting on her front porch with friends, having conversations about life God and everything in between. Bec likes speaking in tongues and drinking apple pie moonshine. Bec loves to paint abstract religious icons. Bec is also staff at Wild Goose Festival, serving as the Community and Connections Director. Glawwwry, Ya'll.

Sessions

Release: A Charismystical Dance Worship Experience | River | Friday, 3 PM

Homeless Service/Ministry Pop up PotLuck | Studio (Art) | Friday, 6 PM



## Beer and Hymns House Band

Wild Goose Beer and Hymns House Band, led by Chad Markley, Kristen Howerton, and Claire Clyburn, is composed of

beer and hymns leaders from across the country: Nathan Baker-Lutz, Shawn Blackwelder, Amanda Bunce, Claire Clyburn, Jim Cornfoot, Tuf Francis, Jafta Howerton, Kristen Howerton, Greg Larsen, Chad Markley, Josh Rockett, Carol Uphoff, Ben Wright, and Tag Garmon.

Sessions

Beer and Hymns | Episcopal | Friday, 5 PM and Saturday, 5 PM



## BeLoved Asheville

BeLoved Asheville is a faith community and grassroots organization that does community building and community transformation work with people from all walks of life. We work together to end homelessness, poverty,

and racism in Asheville and beyond through creating imaginative solutions and practicing love! We run a community center called Liberation Station that houses Rise Up Studio art and music collective, our Street Medic team, Homeless Voice, Proud to Be Brown, the Neighborhood Fiesta project, Community Power, and Health/Wellness classes for the community.

Sessions

Love in our Bones: BeLoved Asheville's Homeless Street Medics | Landing | Saturday, 5 PM



## Ben Grace

Australian singer-songwriter Ben Grace's impeccably crafted songs hover in the space between lightness and the depths, wrestling their way through humor and melody to peel back the layers and reveal the naked truth of us.

Born and raised in an inner city suburb of Sydney, Ben's exodus from the beliefs and structures of his working class Christian childhood weaves poignantly through his lyrics, revealing itself in his deep commitment to justice and willingness to call forward the darker themes in American politics. Through the specificity of his own deconstruction, Ben writes into our universal search for belonging, spiritual homecoming, and desire to live seen and unashamed.

Sessions

Goose in the Round at Lunch | Mainstage | Saturday, 1 PM

Ben Grace | Café | Saturday, 11 AM



## Ben Tapper & Manon Voice

The Hear Me Project was birthed from a recognition that our nation needed more opportunities for healthy dialogue. We aim to create spaces where people can be vulnerable, authentic and

intimately heal through conversation.

Sessions

Hear Me | Bridge | Friday, 3 PM



## Benjamin Collins

Reverend Ben Collins is a spiritual entrepreneur, starting and innovating work in the United Methodist Church as well as consulting beyond denominational frameworks. Having founded multiple congregations, most recently Collective Church in Central FL, he continues reimagining the future of

wholistic spiritual community. He has served as an adjunct Professor of Religious Studies at Stetson University, Hospice Chaplain, Campus Minister, and Triathlon Team Coach. Ben is passionate about religious pluralism, diversity and inclusion, and issues of social justice. His 4 year old son Huck and 7 year old daughter June are his life. When he isn't working or enjoying his kids, Ben is a musician, endurance athlete, coach, consultant, writer and speaker. Ben loves to laugh!

Sessions

Dying To Live | Bridge | Saturday, 4 PM



## Benjamin Wright

Ben Wright is a historian, curator, and writer based in Austin, TX. His professional work has involved the relocation of Confederate statues from public spaces to museum

settings. Currently he is pursuing a Ph.D. in American History at UT–Austin. Previously he worked as a journalist, a press secretary, and (worst of all) a youth minister. Originally from England, Ben has been in Texas since 2003.

### Sessions

From Lost Cause to Found Cause: Christian Responses to Racist Symbols and Histories. | Workshop | Saturday, 5 PM  
Breaking Through The Wall of WTF?! | Convo Hall 01 | Friday, 5 PM and Saturday, 1 PM



## Beth Nielsen Chapman

If you are going to a Beth Nielsen Chapman concert get ready to laugh and cry and, well, just fasten your seat belt. One thing you

can count on is one great song after another and some fascinating stories woven between them.

Twice Grammy-nominated Nashville based, Beth Nielsen Chapman has released thirteen solo albums and written seven #1 hits and songs recorded by Bonnie Raitt, Willie Nelson, Bette Midler, Elton John, Neil Diamond, Michael McDonald, Keb Mo', Roberta Flack, Waylon Jennings, Indigo Girls, and Faith Hill's Mega-hit This Kiss, ASCAP'S 1999 Song Of The Year. Her songs have been featured in film and TV and as an artist Beth's work has been diverse, from singing in nine different languages on Prism (2007) to The Mighty Sky (2012) Grammy-nominated astronomy CD for kids of all ages in addition to her deeply moving body of work as a singer-songwriter throughout her other releases. 2014's UnCovered in which she reclaims her hits, features legendary guests from Vince Gill to Duane Eddy. Sand & Water (1997), written in the wake of her husband's death, was performed by Elton John to honor the memory of Princess Diana. In the fall of 2016, Beth, along with Olivia Newton-John & Amy Sky created and toured behind an inspiring project called Liv On—A New Album to Aid & Comfort Those Experiencing Grief & Loss While Using the Power of Music To Heal.

Recently inducted into the Songwriter's Hall of Fame, Beth is also a breast cancer survivor and environmentalist and considers herself a creativity midwife, passionate about inspiring others to fully blossom into their creative life.

Throughout her career, Beth has been in demand as a keynote speaker and teacher of workshops on creativity, songwriting, grief, and healing through art, using a unique inspiring approach to tapping into the creative process. She has also taught at Universities internationally including the Royal Scottish Academy of Music & Drama, The Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts, and the Berklee School of Music among others.

Hearts Of Glass, Beth's newest album, riveting and sparse, is a powerful collection of songs that reach into the place within us where vulnerability meets strength which is often where Beth's songs will take you, right into the center of the full beautiful dance of contradictions that inhabit love and life.

### Sessions

Songwriting Workshop | River | Friday, 2 PM  
Vocal Presence Workshop | River | Saturday, 4 PM  
Beth Nielsen Chapman | Mainstage | Saturday, 9:10 PM  
Sending the Goose with Yvette Flunder and Others | Mainstage | Sunday, 11 AM



## Beth Scibienski

Beth Scibienski is an entrepreneurial pastor who has led the creation of Community Wellness Center and has merged two churches. She is also an author as well. Her book, *Who Is God when We Hurt?* that chronicles her husband's diagnosis and treatment of secondary progressive Multiple Sclerosis. She has blogged extensively on grief

and loss. Her lectionary reflections were published in the *Abington Preaching Annual 2016*. She is the co-host of the Two Pastors' Podcast. Beth is particularly interested in the Holy Spirit as it relates to the physical body and she is a master in the Japanese healing art of Reiki.

She has two adult sons, Dan and Joe. Dan and his wife Faith have two children, Julia and Mateo. She enjoys playing the guitar, reading, stretching and cooking.

### Sessions

You Are Here: Welcoming Today, Evolving Tomorrow | Convo Hall 10 | Friday, 1 PM and Saturday, 5 PM



## Bianca Flokstra

By day, Bianca Flokstra is an international development professional working on food, nutrition and hunger assistance at a multinational non-profit. By night (and on weekends), Bianca co-leads several intentional

communities in DC including the Iona DC group and Emergent Conversation Meetup as well as the Quest Wednesday group that is currently working on political discipleship as they seek to contribute to lasting solutions to systemic educational problems in DC. Bianca has served as gig coordinator and member of DC's only women's, social justice a cappella group and sits on the Board of the Breastfeeding Center of Greater Washington helping to promote breastfeeding in DC. She has two kids, ages three and one, and enjoys dancing with her husband, Victor Udoewa, both when the kids are asleep and awake.

### Sessions

Beyond Design: A Systems Approach | Convo Hall 02 | Friday, 5 PM and Saturday, 1 PM  
Creative Tensions | Workshop | Friday, 11 AM



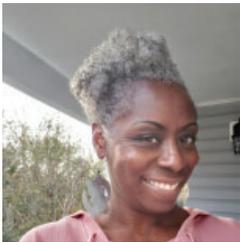
### Bible Bitches

Laura Barclay and Sara Hof started Bible Bitches Podcast to have fun and talk about bible stories and their issues, and have now evolved to a theological, comedic, feminist podcast that strives to bring together people

of different backgrounds who have been harmed by religion together. Bible Bitches is a podcast that examines the bible and modern theology, as well as speaks to the overarching commonalities of atheists, agnostics, and progressive christians who understand our backgrounds. Laura and Sara enjoy talking about ways to foster community for the common good. No topic is off limits and they are celebrating being in the middle of season 2 production! All episodes are available on iTunes, Stitcher, and Soundcloud. Laura and Sara both hold M.Divs from Wake Forest University School of Divinity; Sara has an MA in Women's Studies from Claremont Graduate University; and Laura has an MAMFT from Louisville Seminary.

Sessions

Bible Bitches Podcast | GooseCast | Saturday, 4 PM



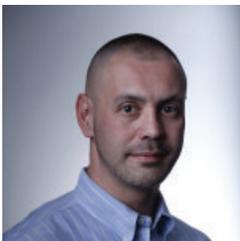
### Blissful Authenticity

Tara Seabrook is a womanist speaker, blogger, creative artist, public theologian, and resilience coach, as well as the founder of Blissful Authenticity, which seeks to reimagine justice as equity, reframe spirituality as praxis, and

refashion growth with compassion. Through storytelling, spoken word, movement, coaching, and other healing modalities, she seeks to disrupt false narratives and restore dignity to those traumatized at the intersections of racism, classism, and sexism. Currently, she is writing a book based on her seminal poem, "I Am She: The Anthology"—which she has presented as spoken word poetry in a variety of settings. Tara holds a Master of Divinity and a Master of Theological Studies from Wesley Theological Seminary. She is also a certified Heartmath Resilience Coach and a licensed Final Expense Specialist. Visit blissfulauthenticity.com and follow Tara LaShawn Seabrook Blissful Authenticity on Facebook, @blissfulauthenticity on Instagram, and @Tara\_LaShawn on Twitter.

Sessions

ABC's of Blissful Authenticity: Guide to An Evolutionary Life | Convo Hall 02 | Friday, 3 PM and Saturday, 11 AM  
I Am She: A Womanist Chronicle of Black Womanhood | Studio (Art) | Friday, 1 PM



### Brandyn Simmons

Brandyn Simmons is a UCC pastor, writer, professional certified coach, geriatric care manager, owner of Generations Care Partners, and founder/executive director of the Generations Care Partners

Foundation (GCPF). GCPF operates on the premise that churches can still be the base camp for societal transformation, but it takes healthy leaders leading healthy congregations to do so. Therefore, GCPF offers workshops and retreats on clergy self care, training clergy to lead aging congregations, caregiver education and burnout prevention, companion caregiver volunteer services, and more. In addition to executive coaching for clergy, GCPF also does church revitalization and organizational development coaching using Appreciative Inquiry. Brandyn is passionate about helping individuals and organizations find their True Self and design an intentional existence around that Self.

Sessions

Caring for the Caregiver | Convo Hall 06 | Friday, Noon and Saturday, 4 PM



### Bread for the World

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world.

We believe that by changing

policies, programs, and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, we provide help and opportunity far beyond the communities where we live. Our main goal is to end hunger by 2030 as outlined in the Sustainable Development Goals, and we work with churches around the country to create the political will to end hunger.

Rev. Nancy Neal is the director of Church Relations at Bread for the World and the lead staff person for implementing racial equity practices within Bread for the World. Nancy is a minister member of National Capital Presbytery where she has served as a supply pastor and preacher. She is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Sessions

Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation | Bridge | Saturday, 3 PM



### Brew Theology

Ryan Miller has been involved in ministry since 1998, and has worked as a Youth and Family Pastor, Campus Pastor, Missionary, and Church Planter.

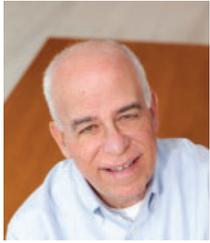
He is the founder and co-director of Brew Theology, and currently serves as the Director of the Denver Brew Theology chapter. Ryan is a licensed minister, seminary graduate and enjoys quality craft beer, and meaningful conversation within genuine community. He's also an avid San Antonio Spurs, Dallas Cowboys and Texas Longhorns faniac!

Ryan and his wife, Lauren, along with their two daughters live in the "best 'hood in the U.S. of A - Platt Park" in the Mile High City! Ryan is the co-host of the Brew Theology Podcast and occasionally blogs at <http://www.brewtheology.org/blog/>.

## Sessions

Brew Theology | Landing | Friday, 4 PM

Brew Theology Podcast | GooseCast | Saturday, 5:30 PM



### Brian Allain

Brian Allain leads Writing for Your Life, a resource center for spiritual writers, and provides marketing services for authors and companies through Enliven Your Tribe! His work includes the Publishing in Color conference series, which is intended

to increase the number of books published by under-represented groups of spiritual writers. Previously Brian served as Founding Director of the Frederick Buechner Center where he led the launch of Mr. Buechner's online presence and established several new programs and strategic partnerships. Brian has developed and led spiritual writers conferences at Princeton Theological Seminary, Western Theological Seminary, Belmont University, New Brunswick Seminary, and several churches. He led the self-publishing effort for the book *Buechner 101: An Introduction to Frederick Buechner*. All of this is a second career, coming after successful business leadership in high-tech.

## Sessions

New Writers Workshop | Workshop | Thursday, 9 AM

Publishing in Color | Convo Hall 12 | Friday, 1 PM

Best Practices for New Writers | Living Room | Saturday, 1 PM



### Brian McLaren

Brian D. McLaren is an author, speaker, activist, and public theologian. A former college English teacher and pastor, he is a passionate advocate for "a new kind of Christianity" – just, generous, and working with people of all

faiths for the common good. Notable among the many books he has authored are: *A New Kind of Christian*, *A Generous Orthodoxy*, *Everything Must Change*, *We Make the Road by Walking*, and *The Great Spiritual Migration*. He co-authored a picture book for all ages called *Cory and the Seventh Story*, and his book *The Galapagos Islands: A Spiritual Journey* will be released this October. Brian is married to Grace, and they have four adult children and five grandchildren. His personal interests include wildlife and ecology, fly fishing and kayaking, music and songwriting, art, history, and literature. <https://brianmclaren.net/>

## Sessions

Church Camp | Landing | Thursday, 9 AM

EVOLUTION, REVOLUTION, ECONOMICS, REVELATION |

Forum | Friday, 1 PM

Whatever Happened to the Emerging Church? | Forum | Saturday, 2 PM

Parenting While in a Major Faith Shift (Panel) | Living

Room | Saturday, Noon and Saturday, Noon

Prophetic Voice or Civil Discourse | Mainstage |

Sunday, 9 AM



### Brother's Bear

Joshua Brumley and James McCann had been playing music together, improvising and learning from mutual favorite artists, for years before the death of a dear friend

launched the two of them into a deeper and more tethered friendship. Out of that time of deep yet childlike friendship coupled with heavy grief the band's first album, *Say*, was written. An honest and holistic look at the lives of the two around that time, *Say* wasn't really intended to be the stepping stone it became. In fact, it was recorded long before any Brother's Bear songs would be performed live. But the process launched James and Joshua into a series of progressively more intentional endeavors, most recently writing a second album, "Walking Each Other Home." For this year's Goose, Joshua will be presenting all new songs written just for the Wild Goose community, supported by the Brother's Bear string section.

## Sessions

Brother's Bear | Mainstage | Friday, 7:25 PM



### Bruce Garner

Born raised and educated in Atlanta, GA, and earned a B.S. degree from Emory University. I left the theological tyranny of the Southern Baptist Convention as a teen and found The Episcopal Church. The last few decades of my life have been involved in working for the full inclusion of LGBTQ+ persons in The Episcopal

Church at all levels from the parish to the national. I have served as the National President of Integrity the witness of The Episcopal Church to the LGBTQ+ community and vice versa. I have represented my diocese at the triennial General Convention of the church where legislation takes place that enshrines inclusion in the canon laws of the church. Chairing boards and commissions related to LGBTQ+ issues has been a major part of my life. My work resulted in my being awarded an honorary doctorate from Berkeley Divinity School of Yale University.

## Sessions

Closet to the convention floor: The journey and struggle for LGBTQ+ inclusion from the inside The Episcopal Church | Episcopal | Friday, Noon



### Bryan Berghoef

Bryan Berghoef is a pastor, writer, and pub theologian, and author of the book, *Pub Theology: Beer, Conversation, and God*. He insists that good things happen when we sit around the table together and talk about things that matter, and

what better setting than at the pub, over a pint? Bryan has been facilitating weekly pub conversations for the



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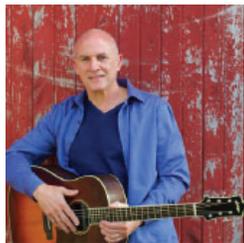
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past 10 years, and manages a growing network of pub theology-style gatherings happening around the world.

Sessions

Pub Theology Live | GooseCast | Friday, 5:30 PM



### Bryan Sirchio

Bryan Sirchio is an ordained minister who joined forces with well known author Brian McLaren and Rev. Cameron Trimble of the Center for Progressive Renewal in Atlanta to form a new worship music company called The Convergence

Music Project (CMP). In 2012, Bryan published a book called *The 6 Marks of Progressive Christian Worship Music*, which articulates the theological parameters for a new genre of worship music with progressive lyrics and theology. As of May, 2016, Bryan has released 14 CDs, 4 study guides, and 4 songbooks in all. Bryan Sirchio has also traveled extensively since 1987 offering concerts, leading worship services and retreats, and offering keynote addresses at various regional and national conferences. He has also worked extensively with grass roots organizations in Haiti since 1991. He's a founding member and leader of an organization called Haiti Allies [www.haitiallies.org](http://www.haitiallies.org), that supports education, meal programs, and job creation in Haiti. [sirchio.com](http://sirchio.com)

Sessions

Music Revolution | Library | Thursday, 9 AM

Bryan Sirchio | Forum | Saturday, 3 PM



### Bushi Yamato Damashii

Bushi Yamato Damashii often referred to as: Heiwa no Bushi, or "peaceful samurai," is no stranger to the Wild Goose Festival, theologians, social activists, and spiritualists. For 11 years Bushi was on contemplative retreat

as a Daishin Zen Buddhist monk to deeply discover himself. Only in 2018 did he emerge to tell of his story from Christianity to Buddhism and the emergence of BodhiChristo®. Bushi is a bright light of interfaith immersive practice for our time and is the founder of Sangha Bodhi Christo (the Buddhist-Christian student and practice community that teaches and practices with Bushi). He is the abbot and director at Thomasville Buddhist Center in Thomasville, NC. Also a well regarded guest lecturer at many colleges and universities abroad as well as many churches conferences and small group spaces. An authorized Buddhist teacher and Vajrayana Buddhist, he uses the Buddhist wisdom as a base for teaching compassion towards oneself and others. A truly deep thinker and luminous energy within humanity, Bushi speaks to the deepest levels of suffering as Western human beings. He is a direct student of two of the country's most profound Buddhist teachers Lama Rod Owens and Lama Justin Von Bujdoos.

Sessions

Wisdom Camp: Play, Power, and Perseverance | River | Thursday, 9 AM

Celebrating and Integrating Inter-Spiritual Energetic Healing Modalities | Living Room | Friday, 11 AM

The Making of a Christ Sangha | Healing Arts | Saturday, 4 PM



### Caitlin Allyn White

Rev. Caitlin White is the Director of the Wesley Foundation at Stetson University in DeLand, FL and a cultivator of the Fresh Expressions movement in the United Methodist Church in Florida. A progressive, young woman raised in the Deep

South, she came to faith amid a complicated relationship with Christianity. She primarily works in interfaith spaces, in local justice work, and in intergenerational ministry with people on the thresholds of faiths: those with one foot out the door of Church and those who are unwilling to come in. As a United Methodist pastor, she works to promote innovative and inclusive ministry and to develop pioneer leaders for the Church of the future.

Sessions

Spiral Dynamics & The Intergenerational Church | Convo Hall 10 | Friday, 3 PM and Saturday, 11 AM



### Candice Czubernat

Candice Czubernat is the founder of The Christian Closet which is a dynamic team of people doing online counseling, coaching and spiritual direction.

Their focus is to walk with people as they reconcile their LGBTQ+ identity with their faith. She believes it to be beautiful, deep and holy work walking

with such courageous souls. She identifies as a lesbian (Gloriously Queer), Christian (not the freaky, conservative type), wife (she proudly boasts that she's married to the most intelligent, compassionate and hottest woman she knows), mother (her and her wife have 5-year-old twins which means their house is a wreck, but their lives are full of love), therapist (her dream job), writer (she's currently writing a book with Eerdmans Publishing Co.) and a speaker. If she's not working you can find her in her backyard digging for dinosaur bones with her kids.

Sessions

The Table is Bigger than you Think: A Queer Guide to Reconstructing Faith After Destruction | Convo Hall 01 | Friday, 10 AM and Saturday, 2 PM

Can you be queer and Christian? | Youth | Saturday, 11 AM



**Carissa Buursma**

Carissa grew up in New Mexico and currently lives with her family in West Michigan. She's an artist and musician, bit of a minimalist, ENFP who's loving mid-life and the challenges and growth it has offered her. She is

extremely relational and advocates for open and honest communication as an approach to all areas of life. She enjoys encouraging and engaging in communication about sex and sexuality and recently enjoyed being a guest on Pub Theology's Podcast. Attending and presenting at Wild Goose has been an important part of her journey and she is excited to return.

Sessions

Let's Talk About Sex | Convo Hall 06 | Friday, 3 PM and Saturday, 11 AM



**Carla Godwin**

Carla Godwin is the director and founder of She Is Called, a national conversation for women who lead. Through She Is Called, Carla is committed to supporting clergywomen to give the SHE in all of us spiritual resource and

representation. Carla hosts the Holy Writ Podcast, co-hosts the She Is Called Podcast along with Kate Martin, and is a regular panelist on the Christian Feminist Podcast. Her writing has been published by *Relevant*, *The Porch Magazine*, and *Sparkhouse Press*.

Sessions

She Is Called So Where Is She? Women in Leadership in Progressive-Evangelical Churches | Forum | Friday | 11 AM

Finding Freedom from Sexual Shame | Forum | 5 PM



**Carol Hassell**

Carol is a seasoned, active spiritual director, teacher at the Charlotte Spirituality Center, an enneagram consultant, and a facilitator of discussions on spirituality and aging. She is a retired Presbyterian minister having served as pastor in 2 congregations and chaplain at a

continuing care retirement community. Grateful and glad to be sharing the journey!

Sessions

Spiritual Direction (Friday) | Spiritual Direction | Friday, 9 AM and Saturday, 9 AM



**Carolyn Winfrey Gillette**

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette is a popular writer whose 400+ hymns have been sung by thousands of congregations throughout the USA and overseas. She writes new texts to familiar hymn tunes on a wide range of topics including immigration,

creation care, racial justice, gun violence, God's radical welcome, economic justice, children's rights, and war and peace. Her hymns are in more than 20 books and in magazines and media from *Sojourners* to *The New Yorker*, NPR and PBS-TV. *Washington Post*, *Philadelphia Inquirer* and other newspapers have done feature articles on her work. Carolyn is a Presbyterian pastor who has served churches, hospices and hospitals in New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania and (currently) New York State. She is a graduate of Lebanon Valley College and Princeton Theological Seminary. She and her husband Bruce (also a Presbyterian pastor) are the parents of three adult children and they have been foster parents.

Sessions

Laments and Love Songs: Singing of Pain and Hope in the Church Today | Convo Hall 04 | Friday, 11 AM



**Carrie Craig**

**ADA Coordinator**

Carrie is a writer and a retired Episcopal priest with "a leaning toward the East." She has lived her life facing the barriers created by faith communities, consciously or unconsciously, for people with

disabilities. She believes many of these barriers are removed through building relationships.

Carrie knows the importance of a place where people can safely gather to share their stories of "spiritual awakening" and sees the Wild Goose Festival as such a place. She is honored to work with geese who fly their own unique patterns within the Wild Goose community.

Life inspires Carrie through meditation, music, travel, and time with friends.

Sessions

Accessing Faith: The Convo Edition | Convo Hall 03 | Friday, 5 PM and Saturday, 5 PM

Accessing Faith: Panel Discussion | Library | Friday, 1 PM



**Cas Skinner**

Cas Skinner is a 19-year-old queer artist and future engineer from Columbia, SC. They are currently in-between their freshman and sophomore years of college at the University of South Carolina, where they are studying civil engineering. They have many talents, including creating glitch art, playing

the banjo, and they can even do calculus! Cas believes that art has always been pivotal to creating and finding queer spaces. As such, they have made it their mission to

use their media to promote and create spaces for queer people to survive and thrive. Cas has been involved in queer groups, events, and activism efforts in Columbia for more than four years. For three years, they participated in TakeBreakMake; an LGBTQ youth media arts initiative run by the Nickelodeon Theatre. It was here where they developed their voice and embraced their queerness through art. They went on to become vice-president of their high school's gay-straight alliance for two years, become a camp counselor at Fierce Flix (a day camp in Asheville which empowers girls and gender minorities by teaching them the elements of film), and co-write published papers exploring art and gender identity in education.

Sessions

Queer Poetry & Art Open Mic | Portal | Friday, 10 AM  
 Abstract Art as Queer Self-Representation | Studio (Art) | Friday, 11 AM  
 Creating LGBTQIA+ Friendly Space | Convo Hall 08 | Friday, 1 PM



**Cassidy Hall**

Cassidy Hall is the director of the forthcoming film, "Day of a Stranger," a documentary about Trappist monk Thomas Merton's hermitage years. She is the co-author of Notes on Silence, and a co-producer on the globally

released documentary film, "In Pursuit of Silence." She co-hosts the Encountering Silence podcast and is Secretary of the International Thomas Merton Society. Cassidy holds a Master's degree in Counseling and is currently pursuing her M.Div. at CTS in Indianapolis. Cassidy's writing has been published in the *Convivium Journal*, *The Thomas Merton Seasonal*, and has been featured on *The Huffington Post*, *Patheos*, and the *National Catholic Reporter*. She speaks and presents work on silence, contemplation, social justice, and activism globally in such places as Romania, British Columbia, Harvard Divinity School, Toronto, Zurich, Notre Dame University, the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., Catholic Theological Seminary in Chicago, and more.

Currently, Cassidy is working on the completion of her directorial debut, *Day of a Stranger*, and a forthcoming book about her 2012–13 pilgrimage to the seventeen Trappist/Cistercian Monasteries of the United States.

Sessions

Wisdom Camp: Play, Power, and Perseverance | River | Thursday, 9 AM  
 Contemplation in a World of Action | Bridge | Saturday, 1 PM



**Catherine Gillette**

As NETWORK Lobby's Grassroots Mobilization Coordinator, Catherine Gillette works to organize and mobilize NETWORK's members and supporters across the nation on federal policy issues. She regularly

leads trainings on advocacy and organizing and strives to help the organization's field understand how different federal policies impact people at the economic margins. Prior to her time at NETWORK, Catherine organized immigrant workers in Texas and led a yearlong service program addressing food justice issues in Massachusetts. She is motivated by the energy, dedication, and impact of NETWORK's members and supporters.

Sessions

Transformative Conversations to Bridge Divides | Convo Hall 02 | Friday, 1 PM and Saturday, 5 PM



**Cedars**

Cedars is a collective of people who believe that beauty will change the world.

Cedars is helmed by Drew Heaton and Sandeigh Kennedy. Together they direct Cedars and combine their talents to develop unique music with a genre-defying style. Poring over sounds and textures they find the right instruments both traditional and experimental to tell their heartfelt, beautiful stories as honestly as possible. They believe that music is there to hold us up to fill us and expand us to make space for suffering and for celebration. They believe music allows us to heal and to spread joy. Life and music blend together for them and Cedars is their way of sharing that with everyone around them. Cedars has three EPs and a forthcoming full-length album all of which are available on iTunes Spotify & streaming outlets.

Sessions

COWARDS No one ever says to come alive is like a death. | Convo Hall 03 | Friday, 3 PM and Saturday, 11 AM



**Chad Markley**

Chad Markley is the co-founder of Beer and Hymns Orange County, which has grown from a small gathering of friends to a monthly event of 200+ people. Chad runs an IT company by day and loves connecting people through music.

Chad has been a leader with Beer and Hymns at Wild Goose for five years.

Sessions

Beer and Hymns After Hours Sing-Along | Mainstage | Thursday, 10:15 PM and Friday, 11 PM  
 How to Start Your Own Beer and Hymns Chapter | Episcopal | Friday, 4 PM



**Charles Pettee & FolkPsalm**

FolkPsalm formed in 2002 to perform Charles Pettee's original music settings from the Book of Psalms. FolkPsalm is a collective of renowned

acoustic musicians, performing beautifully arranged

instrumentals, featuring sweet harmony vocals. The group now boasts four full length albums. Founder Charles Pettee is a guitar and mandolin wielding songwriter from Asheville, and a teaching artist/music educator now residing in Chapel Hill, NC. Brevard's Elizabeth Bahnson, a founding member of "The Steep Canyon Rangers," has been fiddling and singing since she was five years old. Playing banjo, NC native Mark Wingate is a student of Appalachian musical traditions, performing contradance, bluegrass, and old-time fiddle around Brevard, NC. Vocalist Brittany Whitmire grew up singing with her Mama in Rosmon, NC, and is the fifth generation in her family to live and work on their farm in western North Carolina. Terry Allebaugh, harmonica master from the hills of Virginia, is a servant leader now living in Durham, NC and working to end homelessness across the Tarheel state.

"With strong conviction and sometimes wry humor, [FolkPsalm] delivers a message about the incomparable value of healthy land, a message that faith communities urgently need to hear and communicate to others." (Prof. Ellen F. Davis, Duke Divinity School) "Something very old, very true is at work here." (H.M. Simpson, Senior Pastor, University Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, NC)

Sessions

Waking The Goose with Charles Pettee & Folkpsalm and Diana Butler Bass | Mainstage | Friday, 8:30 AM



**Chet Amalean**

Chet graduated from Charlotte Spirituality Center and became a certified Spiritual Director in 2013 and conducts monthly Mindfulness Meditation with Spiritual Direction workshops at the Charlotte Spirituality Center. Chet has over 14 years of

experience in meditation and currently enrolled in a two-year Mindfulness Teacher Training Program with Jack Kornfield and Tara Brach to enhance his skills. His experience in meditation, contemplations and spiritual practices started in 2005 and has attended many 10-day silent retreats as well as most recently attending a 70+ day retreat at Sedona Surrender Retreat house.

Chet's specialization is in mindfulness spiritual direction. He uses mindfulness techniques experienced and learned through his spiritual journey. Chet brings experiences from many spiritual traditions that provide the directee a well-rounded approach and connection to their own divinity. Spiritual Direction is to listen with an open mind and heart while letting (True Self) God to be the real director. The Spiritual Director plays a role of a collaborator and instrument of God's Love.

Sessions

Spiritual Direction (Friday) | Spiritual Direction | Friday, 9 AM and Saturday, 9 AM



**Chris Boeskool**

Chris has spent nearly two decades working in Experiential Education, and he spends a lot of his time writing about Jesus,

Politics, and Bathroom Humor on his poorly-named blog "TheBoeskool." In his spare time, he enjoys hanging with his lovely family, laughing with friends, and inviting evangelical missionaries into his home to deconstruct their ideas about traditional Christian theology.

Sessions

Using Experiential Education To Reimagine The Church As A Circle (Rather Than A Triangle) | Portal | Saturday, Noon



**Chris Davies**

Rev. Dr. Chris S. Davies is a Connecticut US native and a Cleveland transplant and a wandering Irish Rover at heart. Chris is a queer femme, a local beer enthusiast, and a creative networker of communities. She is passionate about justice and Jesus and is the founder and curator of the Queer Clergy

Trading Cards, a project of visibility for Queer Clergy. She attended Smith College for her undergrad work and Andover Newton for both a Masters of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry. Chris lives in Cleveland OH where she is experimenting with ritual and spiritual gatherings outside the institution of church. Chris currently serves on the national staff of the United Church of Christ.

Sessions

Making Modern Ritual | Portal | Saturday, 11 AM



**Christy Berghoef**

Christy Berghoef is an author speaker and dialogue consultant. Her education in political science and work experience on Capitol Hill combined with theological training have fueled her work at the intersection of faith and politics. She

takes civil discourse education into schools churches and businesses raising awareness on the importance of open honest dialogue of engaging "the other" with a level of humility and curiosity of bringing truth thoughtfulness and intelligence to political discussion and always including the voices and stories of those whom our society consistently marginalizes. She and her husband Bryan are church planters in the United Church of Christ.

Sessions

Prophetic Voice or Civil Discourse | Mainstage | Sunday, 9 AM



**Cindy Bovee-Kemper**

Rev. Cindy Bovee-Kemper is currently serving at Emmanuel United Church of Christ Greenville, SC after years of working in the hospital setting both at Mission Hospital in Asheville, NC and Wake Forest Baptist in Winston-Salem, NC. For fun, she has participated in

endurance events completing a marathon in the Fall of 2017 and the Make-A-Wish Trailblaze Challenge (hiking 28.3 miles in one day) in the Spring 2018. Cindy and her

wife, Rev Lisa Bovee-Kemper, are parents to two young children.

Sessions

Advance Directives: A Spiritual and Practical Approach to Planning Ahead | Convo Hall 12 | Friday 4:00 PM and Saturday 11:00 AM



### Claire Clyburn

Rev. Claire Clyburn is an ordained Elder in the UMC and pastor in Raleigh, NC. She's the co-founder of Raleigh Beer and Hymns and has been a leader with Beer and Hymns at Wild Goose for seven years.

Sessions

How to Start Your Own Beer and Hymns Chapter | Episcopal | Friday, 4 PM  
Beer & Hymns - How to Build Community | Convo Hall 12 | Friday, 11 AM  
Beer & Hymns - How to Build a House Band | Convo Hall 12 | Friday, 3 PM



### Clayton Crockett

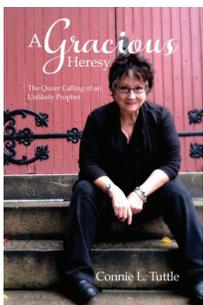
Clayton Crockett is a Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Central Arkansas. He studies radical theology and contemporary philosophy of religion, and is working on ideas about energy in terms of religion, science, and politics. He is a Fellow

of the Westar Institute and a member of its Seminar on God and the Human Future. He has written and edited a number of books, including *Radical Political Theology, Religion, Politics, and the Earth* (with Jeffrey W. Robbins), and *Doing Theology in the Age of Trump* (edited with Jeffrey W. Robbins).

He lives and works in Conway, AR with his wife and two children. He is mainly trained as an academic, but he supports a progressive Christianity and other forms of religion that can intervene into situations of politics, social justice, and climate change in liberating ways.

Sessions

Doing (Responsible) Theology in the Age of Trump | Workshop | Friday, Noon



### Connie L. Tuttle

Connie Tuttle is the pastor of Circle of Grace, a small, progressive, ecumenical, feminist, Christian house church in Atlanta, GA. After seminary and before founding the church with a group of spiritual renegades, she directed the Atlanta Hunger Walk and later worked with the Southern Prisoners' Defense Committee. She

is committed to social justice and has a passion for cooking and providing hospitality and is a member of the resistance.

Sessions

Finding Your Prophetic Voice | Convo Hall 04 | Friday, 10 AM and Saturday, 2 PM



### Cory Rickabaugh

Cory Lynn Rickabaugh is a seeker of truth. An Elder in his church, he has served in lay positions for most of his 47 years, and has been to California

and Illinois as a missionary to the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. He is employed by the University of Missouri and other agencies in the Mid-Missouri area to interpret College classes, medical appointments, and other various community gatherings. He loves having deep conversations about any topic and practices focused listening. He recently completed a Bachelor's degree specializing in Sociology, and is contemplating a Master's degree.

Sessions

Why Should I Walk in Circles? | Chapel | Friday, 2 PM



### Cristina Seaborn

Cristina Seaborn is a jazz violinist, fiddler, composer, and teaching artist. She loves improvisation to spiritually uplift an audience, bringing them on a journey, and back home. Her styles include Celtic, folk, Scandinavian, Cajun,

classical, rock, and jazz. Cristina as performed around the world, touring in China, Europe, the United States, and a bit in Latin America and Canada. Her favorite performance includes spontaneous art, music, and dance to spoken sacred word.

Sessions

Sacred Galaxy Tour | Studio (Art) | Friday, 10 AM



### Cynthia Johnson

Cynthia Johnson has advocated for people with disabilities since Moby Dick was a minnow. As a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist and former President of the Arkansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association, she has made numerous presentations regarding

communication in a variety of settings. She most recently supervised Speech-Language Pathology Services at the Conway Human Development Center, a residential training facility for approximately 500 individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities. Having served in numerous capacities in the church, she is excited to see the fusion of her faith journey with her advocacy work. She is looking forward to her third Wild Goose Festival and for the opportunity to share her professional expertise in welcoming folks with disabilities into our faith communities. Cynthia is also a huge movie buff and has never met a pizza she didn't like.

## Sessions

Cutting a Hole in the Roof: Welcoming Neighbors with Disabilities into Our Faith Communities | Landing | Saturday, 11 AM



### Daneen Akers

Daneen Akers is a writer, filmmaker, and parent who believes deeply in the power of stories. She is currently writing an illustrated children's book, *Holy Troublemakers &*

*Unconventional Saints*, which features 50 original portraits and profiles of people of diverse faiths who worked for love and justice, even when that rocked the religious boat.

As she read with her children, Daneen realized that most of the faith-based books she'd read as a child were not compatible with the type of faith she has now as an adult. She knew she needed better faith stories that help us transcend fears, connect with each other, engage in justice, and model an expansive and fully inclusive view of any Divine. She knows she isn't alone in that hope. There is a growing movement of parents, teachers, pastors, and others looking to do better with the stories we tell our children (and ourselves).

## Sessions

Parenting While in a Major Faith Shift (Panel) | Living Room | Saturday, Noon



### Darci Jaret / Art in the Image

Rev. Darci serves as the Minister Artist-in-Residence at Park Avenue Baptist Church where they lead a creative community group

"Re-Imagining Prayer" and a monthly event called the Creative Outlet that connects craft and theological topics. Darci co-leads an art ministry mentorship program called "Created 2 Create" which guides artists and ministers toward creative theological expressions. Rev. Darci is the recipient of a Louisville Pastoral Study Project grant to study how visual art can reframe our narratives and create healthy change in our lives. Creative practice is the predominant way through which Darci has connected to God. Through art making they have been able to confront the traumas of their past and reframe their narrative as a child of God. Because of this transformation Darci created Art in the Image, their ministry of creative spiritual journey. Most recently Darci has founded a subscription art making devotional product, called Process Divine.

## Sessions

Honoring Our Cloud of Witnesses, a practice of Visual Narrative Pastoral Care | Studio (Art) | Saturday, 3 PM



### Daresha Kyi

Daresha Kyi is an award-winning filmmaker and television producer with over 25 years in the business.

Daresha's next project is "Mama Bears," a feature-length documentary that explores the many ways in which the lives of conservative, Christian mothers are impacted and utterly transformed

when they decide to affirm and advocate on behalf of their LGBTQ children. As members of a private Facebook group—which they call the "mama bears" because of the fierceness with which its members fight for their offspring's rights—they offer one another support and understanding in the struggle to overcome the teachings of their evangelical churches.

In 2018, Daresha directed a short film about transgender rights for the ACLU that garnered over 1.9 million YouTube views, was screened at SXSW and recently won two Webby Awards.

In 2017 she co-directed and co-produced the feature-length documentary, "Chavela," which was nominated for the Teddy award and won the 2nd place Panorama Audience Award at the 2017 Berlinale, as well as Best Documentary and Audience Awards at Outfest and the San Francisco LGBTQ Film Festival.

Daresha makes her home in Atlanta, GA.

## Sessions

An Interview with Daresha Kyi – Film Producer of Momma Bears movie | Forum | Friday, 2 PM



### Darlene Wright Van Dyke

I've been a student, observer, and explorer of community-formation since 1970 when I was blessed to attend a Trust-based TORI Community experience focusing on the core dynamics of Trust, Openness, Realization, and Interdependence.

It was led by psychologist Jack Gibb, T-Group Method co-founder,

developer of TORI Theory, author of TRUST, for many years my mentor. My life's journey is about seeking Divine Truth through the mystical experience of God, and of the Sacred Unity which nurtures healing within individuals and communities. I believe in building/discovering community wherever one finds oneself. An active member of the Episcopal Church since the early '70s, I've also explored many other spiritual traditions, discovering, then also walking the Sufi path since 1998, with Dr. Neil Douglas-Klotz as guide. This led to training and ordination with Shahabaddin Less and Devi Tide in 2015 as a Sufi Healing Cherag ("Lamp"), an Interfaith Healing Minister & Life Transitions Companion. Grandmother of five, I take the role of Wisdom Teacher seriously. Presently semi-retired from 25+ years practicing Cranio-sacral Therapy, Sound and Healing Arts, I am exploring my later life calling. Look forward to being with you at my sixth Wild Goose.

## Sessions

Community Formation 101 Experience | River | Friday, 5 PM  
Body-Prayers and Tools for Self-Healing | Healing Arts |  
Saturday, 1 PM



### Darryl Parker

Darryl has been practicing spiritual meditation for over 30 years. However, in the last five years Darryl began studying several forms of mindfulness for an awakened self-awareness,

authentic self-expression, and a deeper connection in community and relationship. In 2018, Darryl was certified as a mindfulness instructor focusing on a daily practice of mindful living, leadership, and community. Darryl also leads a community drum circle with an intention of generating deeper human connection through cooperative drumming. In addition to leading mindfulness workshops, Darryl works as a data scientist and track and field coach. He is married to Laura Parker and has five children.

## Sessions

Listening From the Heart- Mindful Listening | Convo Hall 09  
| Friday, 11 AM and Saturday, 3 PM  
Listening From the Heart- Mindful Listening | Youth |  
Friday, 1 PM



### David Bolt

"Whatever I'm seeking in life, I realize I'm not going to find it alone. I believe our greatest opportunities for fulfillment and a sense of true connection can be found in relationship with others. I love creating spaces where we

put aside all other distractions and dive into what really matters ... being with people."

Through years of personal transformation and relational training, David has cultivated a remarkable capacity to help people illuminate unconscious behavior patterns that cause them to suffer. Along with events in Asheville, North Carolina, he leads weekend workshops and retreats around the country, including the Servant Leadership School and the world famous Authentic Man Program. With his fluency in transformational work, David sees group facilitation and personal growth as an art form. He has developed his own highly articulate style of helping people realize authenticity and freedom.

## Sessions

Wisdom Camp: Play, Power, and Perseverance | River |  
Thursday, 9 AM  
Relating as a Spiritual Practice | Library | Friday, 11 AM



### David Finnegan-Hosey

David Finnegan-Hosey is the author of *Christ on the Psych Ward* and the upcoming book *Grace is a Preexisting Condition: Faith Systems, and Mental Health Care*, coming in 2020 from Church Publishing. He currently serves as the College Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministries at Barton

College in Wilson, NC, having previously worked with campus ministries at Georgetown University, American University, and the University of Hawaii. He holds an M.Div. from Wesley Theological Seminary and a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education from the National Institutes of Health. He is certified by Mental Health First Aid USA to provide initial help to people experiencing depression anxiety psychosis and substance use disorders. Diagnosed with bipolar disorder in 2011, David now speaks and writes about the intersections among mental illness mental health and faith. David lives in NC with his wife Leigh and their dog Penny Lane.

## Sessions

Christ on the Psych Ward | Library | Saturday, 1 PM



### David Harold

David Harold M.Div., LCSW is a 40-year practitioner and teacher of Taiji and Qigong. Retired from a career in psychotherapy and human services he now focuses on applying principles and practices from Taiji and Qigong to building

a more peaceful world. Embodying the mind body spirit connection in Christian life has been neglected until recently and can be deeply enriched by integration with eastern practices. David helps people make this integration in a way that fits with their own spirituality.

## Sessions

Embodying Christian Spirituality with Qigong | Landing |  
Friday, 7 AM and Saturday, 7 AM



### David Mateo

David Mateo is Associate Pastor of United Church of Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC.

He earned his Master of Divinity degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary, PA.

Besides being a lecturer about immigration, racism, and other Social Justice matters, he is well-known for his experience working with the Latinx LGBTQ community in Central America. His work on advocacy, support, and organizing allies for the LGBTQ community in Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua has been very recognized. Also, he is the writer of the Book, "Jesus Deported: The Illegal Gospel of The Undocumented Son of God." An interesting interpretation of the Gospel of Mark applied to the migration phenomena in US.

## Sessions

Book, "Jesus Deported: The Illegal Gospel of The Undocumented Son of God." | Convo Hall 07 |

Friday, 10 AM

Organizing in Communities of Color | Convo Hall 09 | Friday, 4 PM

La Mesa-A radically welcoming and inclusive space | Convo Hall 10 | Friday, 5 PM

La Mesa-A radically welcoming and inclusive space | Convo Hall 10 | Saturday, 1 PM

Book, "Jesus Deported: The Illegal Gospel of The Undocumented Son of God." | Convo Hall 07 |

Saturday, 2 PM

La Mesa-A radically welcoming and inclusive space | Convo Hall 10 | Saturday, 1 PM



## David Norse Thomas

David (He/Him/His) hopes to live at the intersection of where God's dream for us meets our courage to trust that The Spirit will guide us, if we rely on Jesus' friendship. He is an Oregonian

who grew up hiking, and now lives in Baltimore with his Husband, the hilarious and moving writer and playwright R. Eric Thomas. A TEDx Philly speaker ("Finding Identity: an LGBTQ+ Pastor's Journey") a trained Couples & Family Therapist and Pastor of Maryland Presbyterian Church, David is raising leaders to engage in community organizing in Baltimore County and partner with God as She builds the Beloved Community where we each have something to contribute that only we can give, and there is a seat at Jesus' table that only we can fill.

## Sessions

Badass Grandmas & Millennial Organizers:

The Surprising Hope of Intergenerational Ministry | Bridge | Saturday, 9 AM



## Debra Lynn Rodriguez

Debra Lynn is a singer, a storyteller, and a stargazer. Folk-rocker with a heaping helping of Appalachian Soul, she draws from a deep well

of musical tradition as a singer and songwriter. Hers is an authentic voice that delivers powerfully and passionately each and every time she takes the stage. She leans heavily on and pays homage to her musical roots of blues, gospel, folk, and rock and roll to create a sound that is genuinely her own. It's these roots along with personal experience, life in community, and chasing the Big Mystery which most influence her songwriting.

Since 2010, Debra Lynn has worked in various capacities including Pastor of Worship and Director of Arts at The Gathering Place Atlanta, a come-as-you-are church that welcomes and loves all people. She is also the founder of Glory Tribe, an online community dedicated to exploring and inspiring the intersection of worship and community.

Debra Lynn lives in Dallas, GA with her wife Robbi, their two daughters, three dogs, and Robbi's dad. There's NEVER a dull moment!

## Sessions

Debra Lynn Rodriguez | Café | Friday, 3 PM

Goose in the Round | Mainstage | Friday, 6 PM



## Derek L Penwell

Derek Penwell is an author, speaker, pastor, and activist. He is senior pastor of Douglass Boulevard Christian Church, and a lecturer at the University of Louisville in

Religious Studies and Comparative Humanities. His newest book, *Outlandish*, focuses on understanding the political nature of Jesus' life as a model for forming communities of resistance capable of challenging oppression in the pursuit of peace and justice.

Derek has a Ph.D. in humanities from the University of Louisville, and is the author of articles ranging from church history to aesthetic theory and the tragic emotions. He is also the author of *The Mainliner's Survival Guide to the Post-Denominational World*, from Chalice Press, about how mainline denominations can avoid despair in an uncertain world.

He is an activist and advocate on local, state, and national levels on issues of racial justice, LGBTQ fairness, interfaith engagement, and immigrant and refugee rights.

## Sessions

The Moral Imagination: Cultivating the Empathy Necessary for Resisting the Empire | Bridge | Friday, 5 PM



## Diana Butler Bass

Diana is an author, speaker, and independent scholar specializing in American religion and culture. She holds a Ph.D. in religious studies from Duke University and is the author of nine books, including *Grounded: Finding God in the*

*World—A Spiritual Revolution* (HarperOne, 2015) and the widely influential *Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening* (HarperOne, 2012). Her other books include *A People's History of Christianity: The Other Side of the Story* (HarperOne, 2009), and the best-selling *Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith* (2006) which was named as one of the best religion books of the year by Publishers Weekly and was featured in a cover story in USA TODAY. Diana regularly writes at The Huffington Post and The Washington Post and comments on religion, politics, and culture in the media including USA TODAY, Time, Newsweek, CBS, CNN, FOX, PBS, and NPR.

[dianabutlerbass.com](http://dianabutlerbass.com)

## Sessions

Waking The Goose with Charles Pettee & Folkpsalm and Diana Butler Bass | Mainstage | Friday, 8:30 AM

Breakfast Against the Empire | Forum | Saturday, 4 PM  
Whatever Happened to the Emerging Church? | Forum | Saturday, 2 PM



### Dillon C.

An anonymous bio should be a fun assignment. After all, the second A in AA is 'Anonymous', yet how can we be of assistance if people can't even tell we're in 'the program'?

I made the 'offer' to host '12 Step Recovery' since I have experienced AA, NA, GA, SLAA and OA .. however the Goose decides to fly the flag is fine by me .. as long as I've got a meeting! Since this IS Wild Goose, I come to serve .. food and Spirit .. so if you are trying to find me other than at meeting times, a good start would be to look for the purple glasses in the tent or behind the scenes at One Heart Café. I can't bring my cat Thay to the Goose but the reunions when I pick him up at the 'Cat Condo' make it OK! If you find the talk I walk something you'd like to dig into deeper, look up Ashe Unity Group at BooneAA.org .. I average 5 of our 6 meetings per week. Remember, it's all One Day At A Time!

#### Sessions

Goose Group Recovery | Bridge | Thursday, 6 PM, Friday, 8 AM, and Saturday, 8 AM



### Dirk van der Duim

Dirk van der Duim has been stumbling toward the light for a while now, and just might be getting the hang of it. Along with pastoring a Christian community and helping high

schoolers build robots, he enjoys adventures in spirituality, music, and photography with old and new friends. He is grateful to be part of the Goose and appreciates how we are all students and teachers here.

#### Sessions

Celebrating and Integrating Inter-Spiritual Energetic Healing Modalities | Living Room | Friday, 11 AM  
Reiki Basics & Journey Meditation | Healing Arts | Saturday, 3 PM



### Donald Guffey Reiki Practitioner

I am a Reiki practitioner and Intuitive and I'm passionate about healing. My goal is to use Reiki aid people in spiritual growth and wholeness. I also offer Intuitive reads using cards and other tools.

#### Sessions

Reiki Session | Healing Arts | Saturday, Noon



### Drew Brown

Drew engages/encourages people to think about how to live out justice, creativity and a "table"-minded presence in their local context. As an artist and advocate, poet and pastor, songwriter and storyteller, he has the heart for connecting with people through music—and it's evident from the moment you meet him.

As an award-winning songwriter and producer, a large part of Drew's focus is mentoring and collaborating with artists across Canada. In 2018 he began creating ecumenical liturgies and instrumentals for the seasons of life and seasons of the church under the moniker "Hymns For The Architect." The first EP won four Canadian Christian music awards this year.

No matter the venue or audience, connecting people to hope and love, bringing them into a space of community, wonder and gratitude through music and story is at the heart of what he does.

#### Sessions

The liturgy of the neighbourhood | Convo Hall 02 | Friday, 2 PM  
The liturgy of the neighbourhood | Convo Hall 04 | Saturday, 3 PM



### Drew Willard

Drew Willard is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ currently the pastor for UCC at The Villages in north central FL. He received his M.Div. from Lancaster Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania and

served churches in Connecticut and Florida. He has his undergraduate degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and served seven years active duty with the U.S. Army in West Germany and South Korea. Biblical storytelling and graphic arts have been important interpretive skills he brings to ministry. Since the 1990s He has been performing his own paraphrased translations of the Gospels for various venues and has used his drawings for bulletin cover illustrations. Drew recently completed a sabbatical during which he was an artist-in-residence at the Grunewald Guild in Washington state. A collection of his paraphrased translations and artwork Gospel Pilgrimage Stories was published in 2017 by Westbow.

#### Sessions

Sabbath: A Day in The Life of Jesus | River | Saturday, 11 AM



### DS Leiter, Assertive Spirituality

DS Leiter is a pastor's kid with a Ph.D. in Communication who started the Assertive Spirituality project to offer people the research-based tools they need to speak up against the

toxic crap in the world and to further understand the intersections of stress, trauma, conflict communication and spirituality. The project—which is based on Leiter’s teaching and research on the university level—is currently a FB page (FB.me/AssertiveSpirituality) and a blog (AssertiveSpirituality.com) with a weekly newsletter. If you sign up for the newsletter for a limited time you’ll get the “Assertive Spirituality Guide to Online Trolls” in the final welcome email as well as weekly news and blog posts weekly. Leiter started the project in May 2018 to help provide training and encouragement to those seeking to speak up against toxic messaging in politics justice work and other venues. Leiter’s background includes facing plenty stress, trauma, and conflict personally as well as teaching and studying about it. Leiter has also studied things like fascism, WWII, and the rhetoric of conspiracy—these things drive an intense urgency to offer people the tools to speak up against those dangers and for a better world in the midst of the current religio-political apocalypse.

Sessions

Stress, Trauma, and Conflict Communication | Youth | Friday, Noon and Saturday, Noon



**EleventyLife**

Matt and Davey explore what success and failure looks like in the music industry through the lens of their band Eleventyseven.

A rotating cast of guests talk about their creative processes, and what it looks like to navigate life & business as a creator in today’s music industry. It’s all about making music, making a living, and making it out alive.

Sessions

EleventyLife | GooseCast | Friday, 10 AM



**Eleventyseven**

Eleventyseven is an electronically propelled synth rock explosion hailing straight out of

the Carolinas. The group is known for their marriage of EDM, Pop and Punk influences as well as their unruly live performances. Releasing their first label debut in 2005, the group quickly gained notoriety on the various Sony/BMG imprints they inhabited. Their second album, Galactic Conquest, cemented them as a “neon-punk” staple in Asia resulting in chart success and extensive touring in Japan. The band has drawn comparisons to Motion City Soundtrack, The Faint, and Cobra Starship. After a slew of other releases they officially disbanded in 2014 only to re-emerge in 2017 with a new album, and podcast chronicling their journey out of the Christian music industry.

Sessions

Eleventyseven | Mainstage Side | Saturday, 8:30 PM



**Elizabeth Hagan**

The Rev. Elizabeth Hagan is the pastor of Palisades Community Church in Washington, DC. She’s the author of *Birtherd: Finding Grace Through Infertility and Seeing a Different World* as well

as a regular blogger at elizabethhagan.com. Her essays have appeared in the *Huffington Post*, *TIME’s Motto*, the *Christian Century* and *Ethics Daily*. She’s a graduate of Samford University and Duke Divinity School and the proud wife of Kevin and mother of Amelia. She’s an advocate for the importance of choosing family—both as an official adoptive mom and also as a surrogate mom to many through her work with Our Courageous Kids, a foundation dedicated to helping children growing up in international orphanages go to college.

Sessions

Politics, Religion & the Dinnertable: Having Hard Conversations | Convo Hall 11 | Friday, 5 PM and Saturday, 1 PM



**Elizabeth Jeffries**

When Elizabeth Jeffries found herself grasping for a way to affirm life in the absence of theological

certainty, she turned to biology. Her upcoming book, *Through the Kaleidoscope*, to be released by

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Epiphany Publishing on July 14, 2019, explores the ways that, as her faith has evolved, cell biological patterns taught her a new way of seeing life. After completing a Ph.D. in chemistry in 2015, Elizabeth continued her work in the natural sciences with a postdoctoral appointment at the University of Pittsburgh. In this capacity, she investigated the molecular biological mechanisms of aging on a cellular level. During her training in the natural sciences, the fundamentalist evangelical Christian faith of her upbringing began to disintegrate. This loss of faith, combined with her concrete understanding of natural phenomena inspired her to explore the patterns that underlie these phenomena. She share the culmination and fruit of this exploration in her book, inviting others to find affirmation for their own lives in nature as well.

Sessions

What Can Nature Teach us About Life? | Convo Hall 05 | Friday, 11 AM and Saturday, 3 PM



**Elizabeth Vice**

Elizabeth is a child of God, wife, mother, friend, and Montessorian who enjoys exploring the ways people learn and express their knowledge. She lives in Charleston, SC with her husband, Daniel. Her elder son is a classical timber framer, and

her younger is studying contemporary craft design in England. She loves learning new things, touching the ground with her bare feet, weaving, and bouldering. Her faith has swerved all over the road—barely missing a few collisions in the process. Today she trains adults how to wonder and organizations how to meet children’s physical, developmental, and spiritual needs through value articulation, policy, and curricula.

Sessions

Honoring the Child in the Church | Convo Hall 07 | Friday, Noon, and Saturday, 5 PM



**Elle Dowd**

Elle Dowd (she/her/hers) is a bi-furious seminarian at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and a candidate for ordained ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Elle has pieces

of her heart in Sierra Leone, where her two children were born, and in St. Louis where she learned from the radical, queer, Black leadership during the Ferguson Uprising. She was formerly a co-conspirator with the movement to #decolonizeLutheranism and currently works as a community organizer with the Faith and Justice Collective, writes regularly for the Disrupt Worship Project, and facilitates workshops on gender and sexuality and the Church in both secular conferences and Christian spaces. Elle has interests in queer and feminist Biblical interpretation and liberation and body theology. Elle loves spending time with the people she loves and on

weekends, Elle tours the city of Chicago in search of the best Bloody Mary.

Sessions

Bisexuality and the Liturgy | Convo Hall 10 | Friday, 11 AM and Saturday, 3 PM



**Emily Gail Wimbish**

Emily lives in Hillsborough, NC. She believes in the power of art to help change people’s minds and hearts, which is really how we change the world.

Sessions

Yoga, LSD, and the awakening of American Consciousness | Convo Hall 03 | Friday, Noon and Saturday, 4 PM



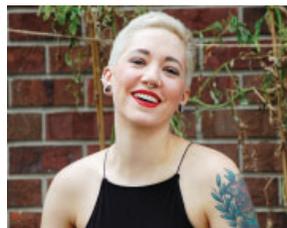
**Emily Griffin**

Emily will be co-leading the Kids Tent at Wild Goose again this year. She’s an Episcopal priest at St. Alban’s in Washington, DC, and a trainer in Godly Play—a hands-on method of spiritual

guidance used primarily but not exclusively with kids. When she’s not in a circle sharing stories, she’s either reading voraciously, attempting French cooking with her husband, or working on her Spanish. She’s most at home in the mountains and can’t wait to sing and work and pray and play at her fourth Wild Goose.

Sessions

Registration for Kids Tent | Kids | Thursday, 4 PM  
 Kids Session (Ages 3-12) | Kids | Friday, 9:45 AM  
 Godly Play, Scripture and Wonder | Kids | Friday, 4 PM  
 Kids Session (Ages 6-12) | Kids | Friday, Sat  
 Kids Session (Ages 3-12) | Kids | Friday, 2 PM  
 Kids Session (Ages 3-12) | Kids | Saturday, 9:45 AM  
 Kids Session (Ages 3-12) | Kids | Friday, 2 PM  
 Kids Session (Ages 6-12) | Kids | Saturday, 11 AM  
 Kids Session (Ages 3-12) | Kids | Saturday, 2 PM



**Emily Joy**

Emily Joy is a spoken word poet, yoga teacher and writer from Nashville, Tennessee. Her passion is to help people make peace with their bodies through art, education, mindful movement, and community.

She has release two studio albums of spoken word poetry and performed in venues across the country. Emily is also the co-founder of the #ChurchToo movement, a #MeToo spinoff focused on exposing sexual and sexualized violence in churches and other faith communities, and has been organizing and teaching at the intersection of faith and sexuality for the better part of a decade. She is

currently working on a #ChurchToo book and dreaming of more ways to stir up trouble. In her spare time, she works at a church.

Sessions

#ChurchToo: How Purity Culture Props Up Abuses of Power | Workshop | Friday, 2 PM

## Emily Musolino

Emily Musolino is a singer-songstress, producer and multi-instrumentalist from Durham, North Carolina. Her music is a mix of soul, rock, and blues that has been described as a "Soul Diva Mind Explosion." The depth of emotion in her voice is stunning and she shreds the guitar like nobody's business.

A Berklee College of Music graduate, Emily has performed and collaborated with artists such as Ani DiFranco, Nikki Hill, Vinx, Shana Tucker, Anna Wise (Kendrick Lamar), and Eric Hirsh (The Beast, Orquesta GarDel.)

Emily released her newest album "The Vault" in April 2018. She has been featured several times on NPR's the State of Things with Frank Stasio and has been written up in *The News and Observer*. She currently fronts the Emily Musolino Band and regularly performs as both bandleader and soloist around the country.

Sessions

Emily Musolino | Mainstage | Saturday, 7:50 PM



## Erin C. Law

Erin Law is a multidisciplinary artist, somatic movement educator, and bodyworker based in Nashville, Tennessee. She holds a B.A. in Dance from Hobart and William Smith Colleges, a M.F.A. in Dance from Smith College, a Certification

in Laban Bartenieff Movement Analysis from the Integrated Movement Studies Program, and is a Licensed Massage Therapist. Currently Erin teaches Somatics and Improvisation for diverse populations, practices Ashiatsu and Myofascial Release in her Massage Therapy work, and spearheads various creative projects at the intersection of somatic embodiment, social healing, queer theory, and performance art.

Sessions

Justice Camp | Bridge | Thursday, 9 AM  
Storytelling & Somatics: Re-Storying Our Body | Workshop | Saturday, 11 AM

## Faith in Harm Reduction

Faith in Harm Reduction is the only collective in the country dedicated to building capacity and mobilizing community at the intersections of harm reduction and faith-based organizing. Born from conversations with communities of faith, harm reduction organizations, and unions of people who use drugs throughout the United States, Faith in Harm Reduction fills a unique role as connector, community mobilizer, and capacity

builder, fostering innovative, and previously untapped, cross-sector collaborations to expand and strengthen harm reduction in principle, practice, and policy. These workshops are a collaboration of The North Carolina Council of Churches, Faith in Harm Reduction, Femminary, Faith in Public Life, and North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition.

Sessions

Breath of Life: Overdose Prevention | Bridge | Friday, 10 AM

We will also be available all day every day at our space on Main Street.



## Farmer John

Farmer John is a story teller sometime preacher and organic homestead farmer in the Piedmont of North Carolina. John loves bible study and small groups of all types. A life-long United Methodist he studied at Candler School of Theology.

I have said that when it is time to preach on Amos you must do it sitting down. The images and demands for justice emanating from that country farmer prophet are too intense for polite company. The message will comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. If you speak boldly and honestly, with full vigor from a raised platform, there is no telling what people will do. It will stir peoples' hearts.

... Some will not care for it.

... Some will love it ...

Come to think of it ... Just stand and deliver. God is on your side!

Sessions

The story of living soil. | Convo Hall 04 | Friday, 3 PM and Saturday, 11 AM

## Florence Sapp Martin

Flo Sapp Martin is a lay person who, as a Christian Educator, served as a Curriculum Consultant and national trainer for the United Methodist Publishing House for over 30 years. She has also been involved in Children, Youth, and Adult ministry in various United Methodist Churches in the Southeastern U.S. As a lay person she has served on and chaired various boards, agencies and committees at the local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional, and General church level. Flo has served in several delegations for Jurisdictional and General Conference. She was baptized as an infant in the Methodist Church; joined at nine; and has attended and served faithfully in the Methodist and now United Methodist Church. She has a passion for bringing people together and learning and growing in love and care for one another.

Sessions

OK UMC, What Now? | Convo Hall 06 | Friday, 4 PM and Saturday, Noon

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## Frances Cutshaw with Eddie Cutshaw

Frances Cutshaw is the Executive Director of United Ministries in Pensacola, FL, which is an interdenominational faith-based agency focusing on the prevention of homelessness. Frances and

Eddie Cutshaw are married and have three children ages 12, 13 and 20.

Frances attended Emory University for theological studies and has also served as a social worker, teacher, and worship leader both in the United States and in the United Kingdom.

Eddie Cutshaw is a Chief Petty Officer of the United States Navy. He and Frances both grew up in the Western North Carolina mountains. Together they have overcome epic experiences of rejection in order to bring healing and compassion to people who have faced battles with rejection and shame.

### Sessions

Spinning Gold From Rejection | Convo Hall 02 | Friday, Noon and Saturday, 4 PM



## Gareth Higgins

Gareth was born in Belfast in 1975, grew up during the northern Ireland Troubles, and now lives in North Carolina. One of the founders of the Wild Goose Festival, he writes and speaks about connection to the earth,

cinema and the power of dreams, peace and making justice, and how to take life seriously without believing your own propaganda. He also co-created *The Porch Magazine*, *Movies & Meaning*, and the *New Story Festival*. He's happy to be a work in progress. Find him at [garethhiggins.net](http://garethhiggins.net)

### Sessions

Shelter, Courage, and the Common Good | Workshop | Saturday, 4 PM



## Ginnie Ferrell

Rev. Ginnie Ferrell is a retired UCC clergy, certified environmental educator, and long-time Christian Educator. She is currently President of the Board of Directors of PATHWAYS Theological Education, Inc.

### Sessions

An Art Meditation on the Community of Creation and the Earth's Ecosystems | Studio (Art) | Saturday, 11 AM

## GooseHouse

The Wild Goose House Band is -

Matt Hodges – session singer and songwriter, half of The Outer Banks duo, and the Music and Arts Director at GracePointe Church in Nashville.

Shelley Kofahl - Elementary school principal and former worship leader who is currently involved with Timothy's Gift prison outreach and GracePointe Church in Nashville, TN.

Dani Rocca – Dani is a singer and songwriter, half of World in Lights and the newest member of the CCM group Avalon.

Joel Herbert - Joel is a singer and songwriter, half of World in Lights, and a worship leader in Syracuse, NY.

Kevin Robert Ryan is a music director, pianist, and contemporary worship leader based in Detroit, Michigan.

Manuel Ramirez - born in Maracaibo, Venezuela, has played many performances throughout his native country as well as studio and session work with different artists and bands. Now he lives in Nashville where he plays timbale, congas, bongos, djembe, cajon, and a variety of assorted percussion instruments.

Cody Wagoner - Worship Pastor at Morgantown Community Church and singer/songwriter



## Grace Love Whaley

Grace is a foster mom, dog mom, garden nurturer, social worker, child advocate, and faculty at the University of Oklahoma, where she specializes in working with children and families who have experienced trauma.

### Sessions

Mothering: An inclusive table for all who connect with expressions of mothering | Convo Hall 03 | Friday, 10 AM

Mothering: An inclusive table for all who connect to expressions of mothering | Convo Hall 03 | Saturday, 2 PM



## Great Father Whale

We are a dreamy folk trio hailing from Raleigh, NC. As a band we're dedicated to honest introspection and self expression through meaningful lyrics, crisp sometimes haunting harmonies to create moving music. Charlie

Craichy, lead writer, guitarist and vocalist started the band as a solo project in 2015 is an effort to process grief and emotional trauma, the band has since transformed with the addition of Bev Hartgrove(vocals) and Tess Mygatt(vocals/violin). Now, we still sing true, authentic songs—but with a flavor of hope, love, redemption.

### Sessions

Great Father Whale | Café | Friday, 1 PM

## Greg Feightner

Greg Feightner has been a part of the WGF since 2011 serving in various roles as both a volunteer and operations staff member. He's also been a missionary, a pastor, a houseparent for at-risk teen boys, and now is a network and IT systems administrator for small businesses in Asheville, NC. Through both men's work and mixed gender circles, he's experienced the transformative power of intentionally and communally looking at the things he wishes to deny or dismiss and holding space for others to do the same. He interprets his life's mission to create and nurture transformative spaces for others.

### Sessions

Slaying Dragons Together | Bridge | Friday, 7:30 AM  
Facilitated Open Men's Circle | Bridge | Saturday, 7:30 AM  
Facilitated Open Men's Circle (#2) | Bridge | Saturday, 9:30 PM



## Greg Jarrell and Dawn Anthony

Greg Jarrell is co-founder and Chief Door Answerer at QC Family Tree, a community of rooted discipleship in the west

Charlotte neighborhood of Enderly Park. Greg shares life there with a host of neighbors who have become family, as well as his wife Helms and sons John Tyson and Zeb. Greg is the author of *A Riff of Love: Notes on Community and Belonging*, from Cascade Books (2018).

Dawn Anthony has served in the Charlotte area for years as a teaching artist, author and performer. She enjoys utilizing music, history and technology to build bridges to promote arts immersion in education and unity within the community. Dawn pursues her love for learning and performing through musical collaborations and cultural exchanges. She is the author of *The Gift Way Up in the Closet*.

Greg and Dawn work together regularly to fuse jazz with Christian liturgy, exploring songs of love, justice, and liberation.

### Sessions

The Improvising Community | Bridge | Friday, 4 PM  
Jazz Vespers | Café | Friday, 6 PM



## Gwen Fry

The Reverend Gwen Fry is an ordained Episcopal priest in Arkansas. Her experience coming out as a trans woman of faith makes her keenly aware of the necessity for the equality of all God's children. Experiencing the effects of discrimination first hand she is actively involved in the work of justice in the transgender community both in

Arkansas nationally and across the Episcopal Church. She is also a featured speaker annually at The Wild Goose Festival. She is the President of Integrity: Episcopal

Rainbow (The LGBTQ organization within the Episcopal Church) is a board member of Pridecorps (an LGBTQ youth center in Little Rock Arkansas) and on the board of Stonewall Democrats of Arkansas. An active member of TransEpiscopal Gwen also serves on its steering committee. She is in the process of writing her first book a memoir of her journey to become her true self within

### Sessions

Transgender Memorial Service | Episcopal | Friday, 2 PM  
Ministry with and of the transgender community. (Transgender Ministry) | Episcopal | Friday, 11 AM  
Transgender Memorial Service - Youth Only | Youth | Friday, 6 PM



## Heather Morgan

Heather Morgan has lived life fully immersed in the realities of disability in herself and her family but has never really let that stop her. Among other things she uses a specially designed racing wheelchair and the assistance

of able-bodied runners to compete in 5K 10K and half marathon distances. Heather is a life coach for individuals and parents specializing in issues relating to disability, faith shifting, trauma, parenting LGBTQ+ kids as well as the 'everyday' realities of marriage and family. Her goal is always honesty connection and transformation—helping people discover and live into the people they were made to be. In her 'spare time' Heather is also the writer-in-residence at Vox Alliance Church in Barrie Ontario where she writes, speaks and coaches. You can find out more about Heather on social media and her website [poweredbylove.ca](http://poweredbylove.ca) and her devotional writings can be found at [voxalliance.ca/devotionals/](http://voxalliance.ca/devotionals/)

### Sessions

Accessing Faith: The Convo Edition | Convo Hall 03 | Friday, 5 PM  
Parenting from the Edges | Convo Hall 08 | Friday, 10 AM  
Accessing Faith: Panel Discussion | Library | Friday, 1 PM  
Accessing Faith: The Convo Edition | Convo Hall 06 | Saturday, 5 PM  
Parenting from the Edges | Convo Hall 08 | Saturday, 3 PM

## Helen Epstein

Helen Epstein, "The Ampersand of Reason:" I was raised in an interfaith home, with a Jewish Father and Christian mother. We celebrated holidays from both traditions, and I was free to explore both faiths. I was bat-mitzvahed in the Reform tradition at 13, and for a while pursued an Orthodox conversion. I stopped observing Judaism in my late teens. After many years of being "spiritual but not religious" I had an unexpected conversion to Christianity the first time I took Communion. The how's and the why's are more than this summary can contain! I have an M.Div. from Wake Forest University School of Divinity, as well as two years of Chaplaincy residency at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. I also hold a Bachelor of Science

in Nursing, and am a Registered Nurse. I am currently under care with the North Carolina Region of the Christian Church(Disciples of Christ) as I pursue ordained ministry.

Sessions

A Jew and A Gentile | GooseCast | Friday, 4 PM



### Helen Holy

In 1988, Paul J. was working for a singing telegram company in Dallas. During his tenure there, Dana Carvey introduced his character, "Church Lady", on SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE. The owners of the company asked Paul if he could imitate that character so that "she" could be sent out as an

option for singing telegrams. Paul was very successful at perfecting Dana's character for about two years.

A chance meeting with Dana Carvey made Paul realize that Dana held a copyright on "Church Lady" and Paul didn't want to do anything to profit off of someone else's creation. In 1990, Paul's version of this character began a metamorphosis which eventually became his own character, Sister Helen Holy. Clearly INSPIRED by Dana Carvey, Sister Helen is pure Paul J. Williams. Taking on the sensibility of Paul J. Williams' Southern Baptist upbringing, Sister Helen also benefits from Paul J. Williams' uncanny improvisational skills. Frequently misconstrued as a Catholic nun, due to the "Sister" title, Helen is quick to point out her Baptist faith as being the only true religion anyway.

Sessions

Church Bingo with Helen Holy | Episcopal | Friday, 3 PM and Saturday, 4 PM

The 701 Club with Helen Holy | Workshop | Saturday, Noon



### Helen Ryde

Helen (she/her/hers or they/ them/theirs) serves as Reconciling Ministries Network's full-time Southeastern Regional Organizer, working to engage United Methodist churches and small groups in creating LGBTQIA+

inclusive faith communities. Helen grew up in England and moved to the States in 1998. She is a recovering ex-gay pro-conversion therapy, charismatic evangelical, a member of the Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner in The United Methodist Church and lives with her wife Kate just north of Asheville, NC.

Sessions

OK UMC, What Now? | Convo Hall 06 | Friday, 4 PM and Saturday, Noon



### Hill Family Farm

Sherri Hill and Chris Hill reside with their two children, 200+ chickens, pigs, cats, and dogs, on their family farm in White House, TN. When Sherri isn't farming, she's teaching religious courses at the local community college, or engaging in community education around sustainable farming practices. She and Chris

work alongside their community to bring awareness to the following: Food deserts, the dangers of factory farming (for both humans and animals), and SNAP education (particularly emphasizing that SNAP can be used at certified farms and farmers' market vendors). Sherri's educational background is in theology; she graduated from Vanderbilt Divinity in 2015, and recently completed a Harvard Fellowship, summer 2018, with the Religious Literacy Project. Chris is committed to full-time farming, and, given his decade of previous experience as an avid outdoors-person, specifically a white water raft guide in

Hot Springs, NC, he finds that farming comes naturally to him.

Sessions

The Relational Intersection Between Farming, Ecology, & Theology | Convo Hall 05 | Friday, Noon and Saturday, 4 PM



### Hillary McBride

Hillary McBride is a Ph.D. candidate at UBC and a Registered Clinical Counsellor in private practice in Vancouver. Her clinical work includes complex and acute

mental illness and supporting adults towards wellbeing, but her areas of clinical specialty focus include trauma, perinatal mental health, spirituality and mental health, and women's relationship with their bodies, feminist and experiential approaches to therapy, interpersonal neurobiology, attachment work, existentialism, sex, sexuality, and gender. Her academic research is focused on women's experiences across the developmental lifespan from a feminist perspective, including motherhood, puberty, body image and eating disorders, sex and sexuality, aging, and trauma. She was recently awarded the international Young Investigators Award for her work in human sexuality, and recently published her first book with Post Hill Press entitled "Mothers, daughters, and body image: Learning to love ourselves as we are". Hillary's research has been recognized by the American Psychological Association, the Canadian Psychological Association, and the Government of Canada. Her new book "Embodiment and Eating Disorders: Theory, Research, Prevention, and Treatment" is out now.

Sessions

The Liturgists | Living Room | Saturday, 5 PM

Hillary McBride | Library | Saturday, 2 PM



## Holly Burkhalter

Holly J. Burkhalter serves as Senior Advisor for Justice System Transformation. She stewards IJM's relationships in the policy, human rights and development communities and speaks and publishes regularly on IJM's behalf.

Before joining IJM, Holly spent nine years serving as the U.S. Policy Director for Physicians for Human Rights and fourteen years as the Advocacy Director and Director of the Washington office for Human Rights Watch. Holly also staffed the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Organizations from 1981 to 1983. From 1977 to 1981, she worked for Representative (now Senator) Tom Harkin, D-IA.

She is the author of *Good God, Lousy World & Me, the Improbable Journey of a Human Rights Activist from Unbelief to Faith*.

Holly graduated from Iowa State University (Phi Beta Kappa). Holly currently resides in Washington, DC, with her husband, John Fitzpatrick and their two daughters.

### Sessions

Setting the Captives Free: Conversation with International Justice Mission | Bridge | Friday, 11 AM



## Ilan Lynch

Ilan Lynch is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. He has been part of the migration to the Wild Goose nearly every year since the start. The image of the Wild Goose speaks to his passion. He has been an avid birder for three

decades with a life list nearing 500 species. He has been on the winning team at both the Super Bowl of Birding and the World Series of Birding. Currently he is pastor of Old South Church in Kirtland Ohio.

### Sessions

Sitting Birdsong Meditation | River | Saturday, 7 AM



## Ingrid Schmidt

Ingrid has been an enthusiastic goose in this wild community every year since our festivals started (what? has it been nine years already?) She is active in her home church, United Church of Chapel Hill, and finds deep spiritual connection and inspiration listening to the stories

and insights of her fellow seekers and doers. This has been especially true for her while facilitating "Sacred Conversations on Race" in her congregation for the past 11 years. The ongoing learning is both an important struggle and a joy. At this year's Goose, Ingrid will be facilitating conversations that are sure to include more new insights (yours!), and the joy of connecting with and supporting each other. In case you're curious, her "day job" is in international programs at a university, her adult son and daughter are amazing human beings, her kayak

is blue, and her dog will love you unconditionally but unfortunately this fact does not make you special.

### Sessions

The singles scene for a progressive person of faith | Convo Hall 02 | Friday, 11 AM and Saturday, 3 PM



## J. Dana Trent

The Rev. J. Dana Trent is a graduate of Duke Divinity School and professor of World Religions and Critical Thinking at Wake Tech Community College. An ordained Baptist minister and former hospital chaplain, she has been featured

on Time.com, Religion News Service, Religion Dispatches, as well as in *Sojourners* and *The Christian Century*. Her fourth book, *Dessert First: Preparing for Death While Savoring Life* releases in September 2019 from Chalice Press. It chronicles lessons on life, death, and grief from the bedsides of the dying—including her mother. Dana is also the award-winning author of books on holistic wellness and multi-faith spiritual practices: *One Breath at a Time: A Skeptic's Guide to Christian Meditation*, *For Sabbath's Sake: Embracing Your Need for Rest Worship and Community*, and *Saffron Cross: The Unlikely Story of How a Christian Minister Married a Hindu Monk*. She is a certified group fitness instructor and teaches for the YMCA. She and her husband Fred are longtime vegetarians and live in Raleigh, NC, with their orange tabby cat.

### Sessions

New Writers Workshop | Workshop | Thursday, 9 AM



## Jacqui Buschor

Jacqui Buschor is a teacher, organizer, mom, mentor, policy-wonk-turned-seminarian and proud resident of the Hilltop neighborhood on Columbus's Westside. For the past 10 years, she has worked in various roles toward

the pursuit of community development, social justice and economic equity. Jacqui's primary passion is inviting people into reimagining ministry, service, and community with those living on the margins of society. She is a two-time graduate of The Ohio State University, a current student at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio, and pursuing ordination in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

### Sessions

The Spiritually Grounded Activist: Myth or Real-Life Movement Unicorn? | Portal | Saturday, 10 AM



### Jacqui Lewis

The Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis is Senior Minister at Middle Collegiate Church, a 1000-member multiracial, welcoming, and inclusive congregation in New York City. She is an activist, preacher, and

fierce advocate for racial equality, economic justice, and LGBTQ equality. She has also written three books, hosted a television program, been a frequent contributor to MSNBC, and taught at seminaries across the country.

Jacqui earned her Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, and earned a M.Phil. and a Ph.D. in Psychology and Religion from Drew University. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Jacqui is the first African American and first woman to serve as senior minister in the Collegiate Church, which was founded in New York City in 1628.

#### Sessions

A Bold New Religion Called Love. Period. | Mainstage | Friday, 10 AM  
 William Barber with Brian M, Jacqui Lewis, Otis Moss III | Mainstage | Saturday, 10 AM



### James and Lacey Mai Isenhower

James and Lacey Mai Isenhower, recently married in February 2019, are both returning for their fourth WGF. The couple hails from Hattiesburg, MS, where they are active members of the Ekklesia Hattiesburg faith community. James and Lacey Mai

first got to know each other while volunteering with an organization that served people without a home, and often find themselves in situations that can only be explained by the simple, yet extremely loaded, question of "Why not?". Lacey Mai works as a licensed social worker in child protection services and James lends himself to be many things to many people depending on what is needed day by day. They also own Hub Spins, an all-natural cotton candy business that benefits local non-profits in south Mississippi.

#### Sessions

Reclaiming Our Roots: Advocacy in the SBC | Convo Hall 11 | Friday, 3 PM and Saturday, 11 AM



### Janel Apps Ramsey

Janel Apps Ramsey is the Co-Director of Brew Theology, an organization that helps create communities of conversation. She is the Editor of *Women Experiencing Faith*. She is Co-Founder of Spirituality Collective, a resource

organization for progressive believers. She holds an M.A. in Theological Studies from Nazarene Theological Seminary. She has served in ministry for over 20 years. She

has hosted a house church for the last three years and enjoys working with people in their faith transitions. She lives in Denver, CO, with her husband, Baird. You can find her on most social channels @jaramsey.

#### Sessions

Women Experiencing Faith - A Conversation | Convo Hall 08 | Friday, Noon and Saturday, 4 PM



### Jasmin Morrell

Jasmin Morrell is a writer for The Porch Magazine and MFA student in the Grady School of Journalism at the University of Georgia. She's festival co-producer for the Movies and Meaning Festival; and she's served as Communications Director

for a day shelter for people experiencing homelessness. Jasmin is passionate about the power of story and imagination to foster collective and individual healing and currently calls Asheville, North Carolina home.

#### Sessions

Accessing Faith: The Convo Edition | Convo Hall 03 | Friday, 5 PM  
 Accessing Faith: Panel Discussion | Library | Friday, 1 PM  
 Celebrating and Integrating Inter-Spiritual Energetic Healing Modalities | Living Room | Friday, 11 AM



### Jason Butler

Jason is the Senior Pastor at Open Table UMC in Raleigh, NC, a justice seeker, a Harley rider, and a mayonnaise enthusiast. He has a Dmin from Duke, previously served as Lead Pastor of Transformation

City Church in Milwaukee, WI, and is the co-founder and former president of Exploit No More. Having planted two churches and multiple non-profits, as well as and working in community organizing for over ten years, his area of interest is the intersection of church and post-Christian culture and specifically how models of community organizing can empower church planting and church rejuvenation towards a telos of economic and social justice while equipping the progressive church for innovate growth.

#### Sessions

Organizing the Kingdom: Community Organizing as a Model for Church Planting and Rejuvenation | Forum | Friday, 5 PM  
 "A New Reformation?" | Forum | Friday and Saturday, 6 PM



### Jay Bowling

The Rev. Jay Bowling is an ordained Baptist minister. He is a graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. His current ministry is working with persons living with HIV/AIDS. He has previously worked with Jeff Street Baptist Community

at Liberty in Louisville, KY, and with the (former) Merton

Institute for Contemplative Living. He lives in Elgin, IL, with his husband, Rick and their two dogs, Layla and Missy. He enjoys reading, music, spending time with close friends, and good bourbon.

Sessions

Living Contemplatively in a Chaotic World | Studio (Art) | Friday, 4 PM



### Jay Oldaker

Jay is a seasoned veteran of the software startup community. He has lead product and design teams for organizations as well as consulted with Fortune 50 companies, teaching user experience design, design thinking methodologies,

and service design. Jay is passionate about creating experiences that meet the needs of the people they are serving. He is deeply committed to seeing the best in everybody, and believes that creativity is an open sport, with an invitation to everyone.

Sessions

Empathy in Collaboration | Convo Hall 01 | Friday, 3 PM and Saturday, 11 AM



### Jayme Reaves

Jayme R. Reaves is a public theologian and leads the Centre for Encountering the Bible at Sarum College in Salisbury, United Kingdom. She works at the intersection of theology, peace, conflict, and social justice with experience in the Former

Yugoslavia, Northern Ireland, Great Britain and in the U.S. Her book *Safeguarding the Stranger: An Abrahamic Theology & Ethic of Protective Hospitality* (Wipf & Stock, 2016) explores the hospitable practice of providing sanctuary as an act of resistance. She has an M.Div. from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (Virginia, U.S) and an M.Phil. in Conflict Transformation and Reconciliation and Ph.D. in Theology from Trinity College, University of Dublin. She also co-hosts a podcast titled "Outlander Soul," which looks at the *Outlander* series by Diana Gabaldon through theological, religious, and spiritual lens and engages with fans about its role in their lives. Jayme lives in Dorset, England.

Sessions

Theology and Time Travel: Free Will & Destiny in Narrative | Convo Hall 05 | Friday, 4 PM and Saturday, 2 PM  
Hospitality as Resistance | Portal | Saturday, 1 PM



### Jeff Hancock

As director of church mobilization, Jeff Hancock has preached and spoken extensively around the world about God's passion for justice and the invitation to God's people to join Him in the work of changing our world. Jeff works with churches throughout the

Southeast U.S. to answer this call through partnership with IJM and through their own local ministry.

Jeff comes to IJM by way of nearly 20 years of pastoral ministry. Most recently he served as lead pastor of Crossroads International Church of the Hague in the Netherlands. Prior to that he served as teaching pastor for Grace Community Church in Raleigh, NC, and associate pastor at Forestdale Community Church in Malden, MA.

Jeff received his master of divinity from Gordon Conwell and a bachelor's in History from UNC-Greensboro. He lives in the Atlanta area with his wife Heather and their kids, Bella and Elisha.

Sessions

Setting the Captives Free: Conversation with International Justice Mission | Bridge | Friday, 11 AM



### Jeffrey Robbins

Jeffrey W. Robbins is Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Lebanon Valley College, where he also serves as the director of program the Undergraduate Research Symposium, and as the Faculty Mentor for the Allwein

Scholars Program. He was awarded the Thomas Rhys Vickroy Award for Outstanding Teaching at LVC in 2005. He is a member of the Board of Directors and is a Research Fellow for the Westar Institute where he chairs the ongoing collaborative academic seminar on "God and the Human Future." He is the author or editor of nine books, including most recently *Radical Theology: A Vision for Change* (Indiana University Press, 2016), and co-author of *An Insurrectionist Manifesto: Four New Gospels for a Radical Politics* (Columbia University Press, 2016), which was named as a Choice Outstanding Academic Title in 2016. He is also a Contributing Editor of the *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* and co-editor of the Columbia University Press book series *Insurrections: Critical Studies in Religion, Politics, and Culture*.

Sessions

Doing (Responsible) Theology in the Age of Trump | Workshop | Friday, Noon



### Jennie Belle, Sarah Clark-Farnell

Jennie Belle is a Faith Community Organizer with Church World Service. She was born

and raised in Savannah, GA. She moved to Texas for her undergraduate education at Rice University during which time she studied in Latin America and participated in service projects in Central America. After graduation, she moved to Spain to teach English. Jennie then came to North Carolina for a dual degree M.Div./M.S.W. graduate program at Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill where her work focused on advocating for farm workers and organizing churches for social justice. Jennie previously directed

the immigration program of the North Carolina Council of Churches and currently works for the Immigrant & Refugee Rights Program of Church World Service. She provides leadership and direction for faith community outreach with an emphasis on rural organizing efforts and assisting local organizing efforts to build up the Sanctuary Movement in new regions.

Sarah Clark-Farnell is a seminary student at Chicago Theological Seminary. She recently completed a year-long internship with the North Carolina Sanctuary Coalition. She is passionate about social justice and believes migration is a human right. Sarah is a North Carolina native who lives in Chapel Hill with her partner

Sessions

Seeking Refuge: Faith-Based Approaches to Forced Migration | Bridge | Saturday, 10 AM



### Jennifer Butler

Rev. Jennifer Butler is the founder and CEO of Faith in Public Life and the former chair of the White House Council on Faith and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Under Rev. Butler's leadership, Faith in Public Life has flourished as a strong voice for progressive people of faith to speak in the public square. She has grown the national network to nearly 50,000 clergy and faith leaders united in the prophetic pursuit of justice and the common good. With state offices in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and Ohio, Faith in Public Life has helped win victories from passing a ground-breaking Human Rights Ordinance protecting LGBTQ rights in Jacksonville, FL, to protecting the Affordable Care Act from Republican sabotage. Before founding FPL in 2005, Rev. Butler spent ten years working in international human rights representing the Presbyterian Church (USA) at the United Nations.

Sessions

Faith in an Age of Tyranny | Bridge | Saturday, 5 PM



### Jennifer E. Ould

Jennifer's journey brought her from the heart of hardcore fundamentalism in the south, through conservative evangelicalism to a much more open and curious faith. Along the way, she has worked as a Republican activist, received an M.Div. from Trinity

Evangelical Divinity School, worked to build bridges between conservative Christians and the LGBTQ+ community, served on an Episcopal church vestry, and helped launch Gilead, an inclusive non-traditional church near her home in Chicago's most diverse neighborhood. She is a seeker of goodness, beauty and truth who advocates for racial and sexual justice in uncomfortable spaces. Jennifer runs, preaches, tells stories, and blogs at [jennifereould.com](http://jennifereould.com).

Sessions

Privilege: Somebody Else's Story | Forum | Saturday, 11 AM



### Jessi Knippel and Christine Cooley

We are a group of artists, academics, and activists who use rituals within our various work as calls to justice, love, and inclusion. Jessi Knippel is currently a PhD student

studying intersections of gender, religion, and media with a focus on the ex/post evangelical experience. She's currently collaborating with filmmaker Leslie Foster on a short abstract film based on the poem 'Litanies to my Heavenly Brown Body' by queer poet Mark Aguhar. Christine Cooley is an energy worker/healer. She looks at energy via the chakras to help clear energy that isn't yours. The key to doing this is not through resisting unwanted energy but integrating it with compassion. And our third collaborator is Tamisha, who ended up having a scheduling conflict but we wanted to honor her work. Tamisha Tyler is a Ph.D. student focusing on Afro-futurism and a theopoetic reading of theology, ethics, and culture based on the works of Octavia Butler. She also serves as a Director at Large for ARC and Level Ground New Story Festival.

Sessions

Tarot, marginalized icons, and all the swear words: A ritual creation experience | Studio (Art) | Saturday, 2 PM



### Jessica Stokes

Rev. Jessica Stokes is the Partners in Health and Wholeness Regional Coordinator for Eastern NC. Partners in Health and Wholeness is a program of the

North Carolina Council of Churches. She has a deep love for North Carolina, returning home after directing an interfaith nonprofit in Washington State. Jessica has lived throughout NC, studying and working in Winston-Salem, Greenville, Wilmington, and the Outer Banks. Jessica earned her Master of Divinity from Wake Forest University and B.S. in Clinical Psychology from Averett University. She is an ordained Baptist minister. Jessica's background includes non-profit work, hospital chaplaincy, higher education, and the local church. Jessica is based in Wilmington and connects with congregations and partners in the eastern part of the state.

Sessions

Ideas & Action: Faith Communities and the Mental-Health Conversation | Convo Hall 02 | Friday, 4 PM and Saturday, Noon



### Jill Schneider Smith

Jill believes she was raised by Jesus, amidst a dysfunctional childhood with very few adults in the room. After marriage and having two boys she felt called to 'something' which turned into a seminary journey. At age 40 she went into ministry. She now pastors a

church in Salisbury, NC. Years of joys and heartbreaks crafted her outer container, now with age and experience she gets to fill it, by teaching contemplation, the Enneagram and more. She has lived up and down the U.S. east coast. Jill is a lover of big dogs, dark coffee, playing soccer, and deep conversations.

Sessions

Weaving Your Heart to the Heart of God through Centering Prayer | Convo Hall 06 | Friday, 11 AM and Saturday, 3 PM



**Jim Canup**

Jim Canup, LLC, LPC/S is enjoying his retirement from his career as a Employee Assistance Consultant . He is a practitioner and teacher of Tai Chi, Mindfulness Méditation, and Contemplative Prayer.

Sessions

Contemplative Prayer for the Chatty Brain | Healing Arts | Saturday, 10 AM



**John Pavlovitz**

John Pavlovitz is a writer, pastor, and activist from Wake Forest, North Carolina. In the past four years his blog "Stuff That Needs To Be Said" has reached a diverse worldwide audience. A 20-year veteran in the trenches of local church ministry, John

is committed to equality, diversity, and justice—both inside and outside faith communities. In 2017 he released his first book, *A Bigger Table*. His new book, *Hope and Other Superpowers*, arrives on November 6th.

Sessions

Stan Mitchell | Forum | Friday, 6 PM  
John Pavlovitz | Living Room | Saturday, 2 PM  
Prophetic Voice or Civil Discourse | Mainstage | Sunday, 9 AM



**Jon-Phil Winter**

Jon-Phil Winter is originally from East London and has served as an Officer in The Salvation Army for 12 years holding the rank of Captain. He has served in various States as well as the UK primarily working with people struggling with homelessness and food poverty. He

is also an openly gay man serving in a non-affirming Christian denomination. His passion for the gospel and it's power to transform lives is demonstrated through his desire to see it framed in ways that can be accessible to all people from all backgrounds. "We should not allow language and culture, either ancient or modern, to obscure the wonderful revelation of the divine through the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Currently Jon-Phil lives and serves in the community of Jacksonville, NC.

Sessions

Military Metaphor and the gospel of Peace | Convo Hall 04 | Friday, 4 PM and Saturday, Noon



**Jonathan LeMaster-Smith**

Jonathan LeMaster-Smith is a graduate of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary with a Ph.D. in Christian Education and Congregational Studies.

The focus of his work over the past ten years has been rural ministry, particularly after the loss of industry in the late 20th and early 21st centuries. He also has interests in faith formation, Methodist studies, and postmodern thought. He lives in Western North Carolina with his wife, Rev. Shannon LeMaster-Smith, a Deacon in The United Methodist Church. He serves on staff at Oak Hill United Methodist Church in Morganton, NC, as the Director of Connectional Ministries. He also serves as adjunct faculty for several institutions including Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston (Chicago), Illinois, and Sioux Falls Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In his free time, he enjoys hiking, spending time with his family, and cooking. Also, he once had a pet snapping turtle.

Sessions

Dolly Parton's Colorful Coat and Rural Creativity | Convo Hall 10 | Friday, Noon and Saturday, 4 PM  
Dolly Parton's Colorful Coat, Rural Creativity, and You | Youth | Friday, 4 PM



**Jordan Bowman**

Jordan has been coming to Wild Goose as a volunteer and contributor since 2011. He also attends many other gatherings and festivals by serving with Desanka. A passion to Love and to be Love coupled with a deep respect for

the teachings of Jesus led him to Desanka in 2011 and he has been a part ever since.

In Raleigh, Jordan splits his time between pursuing Social Entrepreneurship studies at NC State University and serving as the Executive Director of Journeymen Triangle, a mentoring and leadership development nonprofit for boys. He seeks to ensure that every young man has access to a community of conscious healthy adults to support them in their transition to adulthood. Twice a year he co-leads a Rites of Passage Adventure Weekend where boys can discover what kind of men they want to be in the world, develop emotional intelligence and other tools necessary to become men of integrity.

Jordan aspires to do many things during his short time here on this Earth. He plans to use his academic studies, connections and life experiences to assist in humanity's initiation from adolescence to adulthood, this time of global conscious and spiritual awakening that we are living through.

## Sessions

Boys Become Men, male mentorship and rites of passage in the 21st century | Convo Hall 07 | Friday, 4 PM

Boys Become Men, male mentorship and rites of passage in the 21st century | Convo Hall 07 | Saturday, Noon



## Joseph McLean

A founding member of the leadership team of Barack Obama's successful U.S. Senate race, Joe McLean managed Gov. L. Douglas Wilder's historic election in Virginia, along with numerous statewide and congressional campaigns. He has

achieved victories for corporate clients, rescuing some from the brink of extinction.

McLean, who is now President of the Crockett Policy Institute was senior partner at McLeanClark, LLC, served as president and CFO of a commercial construction company in Nashville, and is the fifth generation to raise cotton on the family farm in Quincy, Tennessee. He served as a legislative assistant in the Tennessee delegation and was a campaign-finance analyst with the clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives.

McLean lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife, Kiki McLean, and their two children.

## Sessions

The Weaponization of Social Media - The Threat to American Democracy - And How to Fight Back | Landing | Saturday, 3 PM



## Josh Scott

Josh Scott is the Lead Pastor at GracePointe Church in Nashville, TN. Before coming to Nashville he spent fourteen years leading a progressive church in rural Kentucky. Josh is an active voice in the conversation of imagining

the future of progressive Christianity, and seeks to make those concepts and ideas practically accessible. You can follow his thoughts on his blog ([joshuaadamscott.com](http://joshuaadamscott.com)) and podcast (*The Space Between*). Josh has been married to Carla for 14 years, and they have two children, Cohen, 9, and Ava, 3. Josh and Carla live in an ever changing family, as they've been foster parents for more than 10 children. His favorite things include Kentucky bourbon, highlighters, *The Office*, and he's a coffee enthusiast.

## Sessions

Why Would Anyone Still Be Christian? | Forum | Friday, 3 PM and Saturday, 1 PM

"A New Reformation?" | Forum | Friday and Saturday, 6 PM



## Joshua Long

Joshua Long grew up in Baltimore, MD, in a pastor's family of seven. His love for music began at the age of ten when he started taking private piano lessons. Over

the years this led to his graduation from the University of the Arts with a Bachelors in Music in 2008. As a talented multi-instrumentalist (keys guitar bass vocals) Joshua has produced performed and written with various bands and artists. Josh's ministry has led him to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis where he serves as the Director of Contemporary Music and Membership coordinator. Josh is also a student at Wesley Theological Seminary studying to become a Minister. All of Josh's contemporary progressive music seeks to inspire inclusive worship that is uplifting, emotional, and engaging.

## Sessions

Joshua Long Live | Café | Friday, 4 PM

Goose in the Round | Mainstage | Friday, 6 PM



## Joy Wallis

Joy Wallis was one of the first women ordained to the priesthood in the Church of England in 1994. She was the real-life Vicar of Dibley and the inspiration for the 1994 BBC comedy series of the same name. She's the author of

*Beneath the Cassock: The Real Life Vicar of Dibley*, and *The Woman Behind the Collar*. Joy and her husband, Jim Wallis (Sojourners), live in Washington, D.C., with their two children, Luke and Jack.

## Sessions

How to Get The Most Out of The Goose | Living Room | Thursday, 4 PM

Joy Wallis | Convo Hall 07 | Saturday, 4 PM



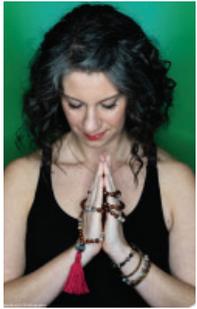
## Joy Warren

Joy Warren is an ordained minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She has a B.A. in Theatre/Directing from The College of Charleston and an M.Div. from Memphis Theological Seminary. On any given day, you may find her on the town square praying for peace and justice, sitting

at a community planning meeting, visiting labor camps in North Carolina with National Farm Worker Ministry, organizing a local action against white supremacy, serving on a denominational task force to unify the CP Church with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, or preaching a sermon at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Murfreesboro, TN. You may also spot her attending archery tournaments, Ultimate Frisbee tournaments, national high school chess tournaments, and lots of music events because her kids are crazy talented. Joy and her husband Chris (a pretty awesome minister) are advocates for welcome and inclusivity within their denomination.

Sessions

Dealing Shrewdly: Wimauma and the Empire | Convo Hall 06 | Friday, 2 PM and Saturday, 10  
Dealing Shrewdly: H2A Guestworker Snapshots | Landing | Saturday, 4 PM



**June Avant**

An educator and mother of two young children, June uses yoga to help her stay centered and peaceful amidst the busy-ness of daily life. As such, she invites her yoga students to reconnect with the anchor of their breath and the peace we all carry within. She believes in the power of authentic human connection to break down walls and

transmute suffering into grace.

Sessions

Holy Work: Healing and Connecting Through Meditation and Yoga | Healing Arts | Friday, 10 AM



**Justin Gabbard**

As the Young Adult Missioner for the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington, Justin Gabbard works to build non-traditional spiritual communities among young people in northern Kentucky. For most of the last fifteen years, he has made his home in downtown

Covington, where he also serves as a curate for Trinity Episcopal Church.

Sessions

Compline (Night Prayer) | Episcopal | Thursday, Friday, Saturday 9 PM



**Kairos Collaborative**

Todd started Kairos Collaborative in 2017 as an umbrella organization under which he and fellow changemakers can work toward a world where

beauty, empathy, and love overflow for every human being. Working from the conviction that this kind of world begins as we connect to one another, Todd has been leading workshops in compassionate communication, establishing Narrative 4 Story Exchanges in North Texas, gathering stories of faith with The 315 Project's StoryDrive, and gathering stories of racism with USCLO's HBCU Truth & Reconciliation Oral History Project. His Wild Goose workshops provide a way for workshop participants to connect to these initiatives and embrace empathy as a practice for embodying the Spirit's presence and work in our world.

Sessions

Empathy Circle - Todd Porter | River | Saturday, 1 PM

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**Karen Bray**

Karen Bray is an Assistant Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Wesleyan College. She received her

M.Div. from Harvard Divinity School in 2010 and her Ph.D. in

Theological and Philosophical Studies in Religion from Drew University in 2016. Her research areas include continental philosophy of religion; feminist, critical disability, critical race, queer, political, and decolonial theories and theologies; and secularism and the postsecular. She is particularly interested in exploring how secular institutions and cultures behave theologically. Bray's work has been published in journals such as *The American Journal of Theology and Philosophy*, *The Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory*, and *Palgrave Communications* and in volumes published by Fordham University Press and Palgrave Macmillan. Dr. Bray is also a candidate for ordination with the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Sessions

Doing (Responsible) Theology in the Age of Trump | Workshop | Friday, Noon



**Karen Mueller**

Most of the time, I teach middle and high schoolers the wonders of U.S. history, government, and economics at a fine arts charter school. Teaching, for me, has always been about the relationships with my students. Creative students inspire me to

keep learning and growing. I am a trained Restorative Discipline Coordinator by the Institute of Restorative Justice and Restorative Dialogue. I use restorative practices such as circles to build classroom community, solve problems, and facilitate learning through relationships. In my downtime I travel with friends and family, especially my son.

Sessions

Mattering Circle | Convo Hall 11 | Friday, 4 PM and Saturday, 10 AM

Mattering Circle | Youth | Saturday, Noon



**Kate Elliott**

Kate may have a résumé full of administrative jobs that pay the bills and provide insurance but her true passion is making beautiful (and sometimes useful) things. Since her early tween years, journaling has been an essential part of her story,

helping her process everything life has thrown at her. Along the way, she stopped merely writing in her journals and started making them, teaching herself bookbinding from various blogs and books before YouTube was invented. Kate enjoys any chance she gets to encourage others to document their lives through writing and visual

co-creators

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arts. You can find her on Instagram: @kajellio: Come for the art, stay for the cats.

Sessions

Pattern-Making as Meditation | Studio (Art) | Friday, 2 PM



### Kate Hurley

Kate Hurley is a singer-songwriter worship leader writer and teacher based out of Asheville, NC. She traveled the world for 14 years sharing her music and stories. She has played everywhere from castles in Germany to slums in India

to 30 000 people hippie gatherings. She was a writer and performer with Enter the Worship Circle for several years. She has created six solo albums and is on several other compilation albums including "Enter the Worship Circle: Third Circle." She has written two books *Getting Naked Later: Making Sense of the Unexpected Single Life* and the upcoming *Prodigal Mind*. This spring she will be making a live worship album called K"ate Hurley and a Bunch Of Hippies Sing Freedom Songs." She is extremely interested in living in intentional communities and has lived in several communities around the country.

Sessions

Kate Hurley | Café | Friday, 10 AM



### Kate Rademacher

Kate Rademacher grew up outside of Boston and lives in Chapel Hill, NC, with her family. In her debut memoir, *Following the Red Bird: First Steps into a Life of Faith*, Kate describes how she came to embrace a relationship with

God after maintaining a pick-and-choose approach to spirituality for many years. Raised in a staunchly secular community, Christianity was never a path she had seriously considered. Married to a devout Buddhist, Kate was sitting on a cushion at her husband's meditation center one day when Jesus appeared unexpectedly in her consciousness and called her to follow him. She was baptized a year later to the day. Kate's professional work in international public health focuses on expanding access to contraception in developing countries. She considers herself to be bi-vocational. Kate's second memoir about her experience as a foster parent will be released in the summer of 2020. You can visit Kate online at [katerademacher.com](http://katerademacher.com)

Sessions

New Writers Workshop | Workshop | Thursday, 9 AM



### Kathy Izard

Kathy Izard is an award-winning author and speaker who helped bring transformation to Charlotte in homelessness, housing and mental health. Kathy led the

development of Moore Place, the city's first permanent

supportive housing for chronically homeless men and women as well as leading the development campaign for HopeWay, Charlotte's first nonprofit residential mental health treatment center. Her memoir *The Hundred Story Home* has been featured on NPR as well as the Today Show inspiring people to be changemakers in their communities. In 2019, she released *A Good Night for Mr. Coleman*, a children's book written to encourage kids to dream big and Do Good. Kathy is the recipient of a Christopher Award, the Bank of America Neighborhood Hero Award, the NC Housing Volunteer of the Year Award and recognized as a William J. Clinton Distinguished Guest Lecturer.

[kathyizard.com](http://kathyizard.com)

Sessions

Disruptive Discernment: Are you crazy or called? | Landing | Saturday, 2 PM



### Katie Jo Suddaby and Rachel McGuire

Back in the wild west days of the internet, Rachel McGuire dreamed and created a new technology to share grassroots knowledge. Then she went to seminary, pastored a church, and met Katie Jo Suddaby. These gals are both ordained American Baptist pastors today.

But the traditional pastorate just couldn't hold all their awesomeness. Together, with a small feisty team of innovators, they create, curate, wrestle, and wrangle at The Community Learning Lab. It's wild west technology rebirthed for today. Their goal is to elevate the little guy/gal and make it easy for community groups, churches, social justice coalitions, and creative individuals to share their knowledge with each other and with the world.

Sessions

Tech That Looks Like The Kindom of God | Convo Hall 08 | Friday, 3 PM and Saturday, 11 AM



### Katie Kinnison

Katie Kinnison is an aspiring Mystic whose spirituality crosses boundaries.

Graduate work in critical theory has her reading texts like the Bible in rich and

powerful ways. Teaching for 40 years in one capacity or another, Katie is now a Teaching Elder (pastor) at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Columbus, OH. The overflowing abundance of her life includes three glorious grown daughters and spiritually supporting Judge Herbert's CATCH program for survivors of sex trafficking. Her first book, with the working title of *Vibrating Godness and the Walking Wounded: Sex, Race, and Theology*, is almost finished. Check out her website and Instagram.

Sessions

Invisible, Done, or Finally Here: A Woman Ages | Convo Hall 05 | Friday, 1 PM and Saturday, 5 PM



## Katrina - Rise with Dance

Dance always wove itself into Katrina's life, feeding and freeing her soul and connecting her with spirit. From dancing in the living room with her two daughters, to spinning with contra dancing, to most recently Tribal Dancing—in beautiful raw improv; expressing the spirit while connecting in the moment with her fellow troupe dancers! Hosting One

Billion Rising Flash Mob Dance with her friend in Asheville in 2016 she was able to blend her knowledge of dance, and share the joy and love of movement with dancers and non-dancers alike inspiring joy and uplifting the spirit. She believes dance and movement (along with music) are powerful healing modalities through which Holy Spirit can breath us anew, lift out stuck patterns out of our body, bring us strength and through dancing with others, find solidarity and strength... and joy!



## Keith Giles

Keith Giles is a former pastor who abandoned the pulpit to follow Jesus, and ended up founding a church where 100% of the offering is given away to help the poor in his surrounding community. He is the author of several books including

*Jesus Untangled: Crucifying Our Politics To Pledge Allegiance To The Lamb* and *Jesus Unveiled: Forsaking Church As We Know It To Embrace Ekklesia As God Intended*. He and his wife live in Meridian, Idaho.

Sessions

How to Start a Ministry to the Poor in Your Community | Portal | Saturday, 4 PM



## Keli Semelsberger

Keli Semelsberger is an expert level comedic improviser and Anawa Shaman. She has been performing and teaching live improvised shows for over 25 years and has fused her shamanic practice into her improv training. Comedy being the medicine by which she helps people heal themselves, and the world. Her teachings are lighthearted, warm, profound and inspiring!

Sessions

Improv Shaman | Healing Arts | Friday, 9 AM



## Ken Evers-Hood

Ken Evers-Hood serves Tualatin Presbyterian Church just outside of Portland, OR, teaches doctoral students at Duke Divinity School and haunts the Portland poetry scene. Ken's fascination with irrationality led him to write *The Irrational Jesus:*

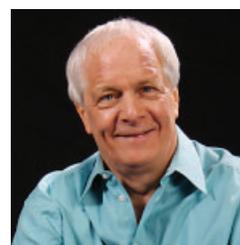
*Leading the Fully Human Church*, and the forthcoming *The Irrational David: The Power of Poetic Leadership*. (Regarding what seems to be an obsession, Ken would say it's important to teach what you know.) Ken loves music, delights in imperfection, tries to embody robust vulnerability, appreciates anyone who tries to listen well to others, and enjoys dark humor, dark coffee, and dark beer. But, these days, he's also working on appreciating the light, easy moments more and giving thanks for the seasons where the good days outnumber the hard ones.

Sessions

Playing Church: Game Theory and Social Justice | Convo Hall 01 | Friday, 1 PM

Singing New Songs: The Courage to Be | Studio (Art) | Friday, Noon

Learning to Love an Irrational Jesus: What a Fully Human Jesus Means for Fully Human People | Living Room | Saturday, 11 AM



## Ken Medema

Across the years, Ken has shared his passion for learning and discovery through storytelling and music with an ever-growing circle of followers around the world. Ken has been performing for over 40 years in many different venues: churches,

conventions, colleges, corporations and more, for groups ranging from 50 to 50,000 people. Ken Medema's incredible gift for improvisational musical interpretation is almost unbelievable. He'll sit side stage while thought leaders like Diana Butler Bass, Jacqui Lewis, Barbara Brown Taylor, Pete Enns, William Barber, Tony Campolo, Marianne Williamson, Brian McLaren, John Pavlovitz, Christy Berghoef, and Stan Mitchell speak, and then he'll provide a spot-on, on-the-spot musical response—it's another amazing Wild Goose experience.

Though blind from birth, Ken sees and hears with heart and mind, singing stories from his audience and accenting themes and perspectives from speakers and workshop leaders. Ken custom designs every musical moment through improvisation and new composition to bring each event to life. Ken and his wife, Jane, make their home in Alameda, California. Together, they work on program designs and song lyrics, making time to explore new developments in religion, psychology and culture. They share a passion for movies (yes, Ken is an avid movie consumer), books, new music and politics, and love keeping up with two feisty grandchildren.

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Sessions

Sending the Goose with Yvette Flunder and Others | Mainstage | Sunday, 11 AM



### Kevin Bliss

Kevin Bliss is an Integral Professional Coach™ working with clients in both Washington, D.C., and Rehoboth Beach, DE. An alumnus of Richard Rohr's Living School for Action and Contemplation (2016) Kevin is passionate about sharing that contemplative experience with others. Kevin has also been deeply influenced by the work of Philosopher

Ken Wilber and his Integral Theory. In his third trip to the Goose, along with his husband Damien Brouillard, Kevin is anxious this year to share with others some of Wilber's groundbreaking revelations concerning spirituality in the world. Kevin's maintains daily practices of meditation, yoga, running/swimming and journaling. He comes to coaching out of a 30-year career in Washington DC in energy law and policy and he holds B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of NM and an LL.M. from the University of Dundee in Scotland. He's also lived in California, Saskatchewan, and New Mexico.

#### Sessions

Ken Wilber's The Religion of Tomorrow: Waking Up, Growing Up, Cleaning Up and Showing Up. | Convo Hall 12 | Friday, Noon and Saturday, 5 PM



### Kevin Garcia

Kevin Garcia (they/them) is a digital pastor, content creator and hot mess based in Atlanta, GA. They graduated from Christopher Newport University in 2013 with a B.M. in Music Education and they have been everything from a barista to a corporate office worker to a non-profit professional since then. After coming out in the fall of 2015

as a queer Christian, Kevin has reached thousands of individuals across the globe through their writing; their podcast, "A Tiny Revolution;" and through his YouTube channel. Kevin believes that by telling our stories, we set others free to tell theirs.

Kevin is presently a candidate for a Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta, GA. In addition to LGBTQ advocacy, Kevin's passions include vocal jazz, tacos, and really horrible dad jokes.

#### Sessions

A Tiny Revolution LIVE, w/ Science Mike McHargue | GooseCast | Friday, 11:30 AM  
My Body, Your Body, Our Bodies : Youth Forum on Bodies and Relationships | Youth | Saturday, 5 PM



### Kiya Heartwood

Kiya Heartwood ( *Stealin Horses, Wishing Chair*) is an award-winning, internationally touring, Unitarian Universalist roots/folk singer-songwriter, composer and change artist. Kiya is a seminarian

at Starr King School for the Ministry. The UK's Broadway Baby describes Kiya Heartwood as "an award-winning American singer-songwriter who writes smart, funny and poignant songs about the famous and not-so-famous legends of America." Heartwood "serves up a lively batch of original songs that follow on to two of the oldest traditions of folk music: storytelling and political broadside." Kiya tours solo and with her band. Kiya makes her happy home with her wife, Rev. Meg Barnhouse in Austin, TX. More at [www.kiyaheartwood.com](http://www.kiyaheartwood.com)

#### Sessions

Goose in the Round at Lunch | Mainstage | Friday, 1 PM and Saturday, 1 PM  
Kiya Heartwood | Café | Saturday, 4 PM



### Kori Meyers

Kori Meyers is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Certified Life Coach. In her private practice, she specializes in co-dependency/boundaries, relationships, spirituality-deconstruction and reconstruction, depression/anxiety, trauma, and self discovery. She has a passion for empowering

women to live honest, authentic, and vulnerable lives, believing that leads to healthy connections with ourselves and others. She lives in Nashville, TN, with her husband who is her love warrior, two teenage daughters who think she laughs way too loud, and her beloved dog Maggie, who she believes is Enneagram type 2w3 just like her.

#### Sessions

Wrapping Humanity Around the Abortion Narrative | Convo Hall 09 | Friday, 3 PM and Saturday, 11 AM



### Kristen Howerton

Kristen is a licensed marriage and family therapist, mom of four, and the founder of the blog "Rage Against the Minivan," where she writes about parenting a transracial family. Kristen has a passion for engaging people on the topic of racial justice. She

spent 10 years teaching students at Vanguard University on the topic of psychology and diversity and is now a full-time writer. She also helps lead Beer and Hymns in Orange County, CA, and has been a leader with Beer and Hymns at Wild Goose for five years.

#### Sessions

Beer and Hymns After Hours Sing-Along | Mainstage | Thursday, 10:15 PM and Saturday, 11 PM  
How to Start Your Own Beer and Hymns Chapter | Episcopal | Friday, 4 PM  
Beer & Hymns - How to Build a House Band | Convo Hall 12 | Friday, 3 PM  
Beer & Hymns - How to Build Community | Convo Hall 12 | Friday, 11 AM

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Kristie is on a journey of becoming who she was born to be. The path has involved unlearning most of what she was taught in seminary and church. Her best teachers are her children, spouse, and very large dog, along with these ancient mountains, and last—but most definitely not least—her colorful inner life! She

speaks and writes with passion and honesty about loving ourselves and others, healing the wounds of our soul, and what Jesus might have meant when he said things like you must lose your life to gain it. Kristie's all about liberating ourselves from the stories that keep us unhappy, unhealthy, and unwhole. She works as a soul sherpa, guiding people on the spiritual path of befriending all aspects of who they are. To her, the contemplative life is foundational for creating lasting social change and the evolution of our species! She's not sure what she'd do without weekly hikes in the forest, where she and her family are taught the best Sunday school lessons. Join her on the journey of becoming at [theselfwardjourney.com](http://theselfwardjourney.com), IG or FB.

#### Sessions

Social Justice Begins Within | Healing Arts | Friday, 11 AM  
Journey to your True Self | Healing Arts | Friday, Noon



### Ladale Benson

The Rev. Ladale Benson is a ordained Baptist minister and completing ordination in the UCC. He engages the perspectives of marginalized bodies and life for his theological development and praxis. He is a full-time hospital chaplain, adjunct professor, and activist. He enjoys spending time with his family, reading,

writing, and traveling internationally. His Spiritual Direction is centered around holding space for marginalized people to find their voice.

#### Sessions

Spiritual Direction | Spiritual Direction | Friday, 9 AM and Saturday, 9 AM



### Larry Dickinson

Larry Dickinson is an Entrepreneur, Engineer and Lay Leader based in western NC. He earned his Ph.D. in Applied Science and has a career of 25+ years in Research & Development and commercialization of new advanced materials. He has experience from both large

organizations (e.g. NASA, Lockheed) and small startups. Owning his own business for more than 10 years he now claims to have the worst boss he's ever had; himself. He grew up in a small UCC church in rural NC and has facilitated numerous classes in various congregations where he's lived: from Bill Hybel's "Contagious Christian";

to multiple courses out of the "Living the Questions" series, to various 30+ week "Disciple" bible study classes (including formal facilitator training). His ongoing Faith Journey began in a conservative congregation of a progressive Christian denomination (UCC) and is now exploring broader perspectives with an interest in Mysticism.

#### Sessions

A Safe Place for Men to Share Openly in the Context of the MeToo Era (in mixed company) | Convo Hall 01 | Friday, 4 PM and Saturday, Noon



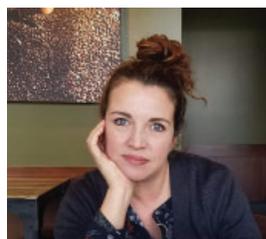
### Laura Norton

Laura Norton is an artist/calligrapher and justice seeker who believes in the power of the handwritten word—infused by the breath and heartbeat of the writer—to bring about a new,

more just reality. She is on the art faculty at Grunewald Guild and Holden Village in the Pacific Northwest, teaching such classes as "Justice Journals" and "Calligraphy on Silk." For churches throughout the U.S. and Canada she creates weekly calligraphic designs for worship. At her Lutheran church Laura serves as chair of the Justice Seekers committee, focusing on anti-racism and other justice issues and recently participated in the Poor People's Campaign and Reclaiming Jesus events in Washington, DC. From protest signs and banners to professional commissions, Laura works with a wide variety of media to add visually expressive words to paper, silk, windows and walls, with recent projects including calligraphy on school buses and a mural in downtown Bellingham, WA.

#### Sessions

Label Resistance – Tying Silk and Story | Studio (Art) | Friday, 3 PM



### Laura Parrott Perry

Laura Parrott Perry is the author of *She Wrote it Down; How a Secret Keeper Became a Storyteller* and co-founder and CEO of Say It, Survivor, a non-profit dedicated to helping survivors of sexual abuse reclaim

their stories as part of the path to healing. She's a recovering alcoholic who works with trauma survivors in early sobriety and with families of those struggling with addiction. She lives in Connecticut by the ocean with her Favorite and a very bad little dog and is hard at work on her new book on addiction and recovery.

#### Sessions

Go Home America, You're Drunk : Is this our national rock bottom? | Bridge | Friday, 2 PM  
Living Authentically: The Risk, The Cost, The Redemption | Library | Friday, 10 AM



**Lauren Levwood**

Lauren Levwood is a mother, dancer, writer, doula, women’s health massage therapist, kitchen-witch, tree-hugger, and Unitarian Universalist seminarian at Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, CA. Lauren’s primary dance

influences are Authentic Movement, Improvisation, Contact Improvisation, Transdance, Wildance, and 7Directions Sacred Dance. She is thrilled to unveil her new movement ministry, “Soma Spiritus,” at Wild Goose 2019! Lauren currently lives near a tiny marsh in Tallahassee, FL, and spends her days communing with a Great White Heron, a Great Blue Heron, and a gaggle of wild geese. Joining Lauren at the Goose this summer is her spouse, William and their six-year-old daughter, Haya.

Sessions  
Soma Spiritus | Healing Arts | Saturday, 5 PM



**Leigh Erdman**

Leigh is an associate pastor at Maryland Presbyterian Church in Baltimore. She loves her quirky church family, from the badass activist grandmas to the babies in the back row. She lives with her husband and four wild kids who are growing her up every day. She loves reading, running,

community organizing, and good conversation. She’s delighted to be at the Goose to share what it means to live and thrive as an intergenerational church.

Sessions  
Badass Grandmas & Millennial Organizers: The Surprising Hope of Intergenerational Ministry | Bridge | Saturday, 9 AM



**Lerita Coleman Brown**

Lerita Coleman Brown is a happily retired psychology professor who now promotes contemplative spirituality in everyday life, the life and work of Howard Thurman and uncovering the peace and joy in one’s heart on her websites and social media. Along the spiritual

journey she discovered that, like Howard Thurman, she was born a contemplative and cherishes silence, stillness, and solitude.

A graduate of the Shalem Institute, Lerita adopted a contemplative approach to the ministry of spiritual direction emphasizing contemplative spiritual practices, silent retreats, and listening prayer/support groups. In 2014, she founded “Sistas in Silence” to encourage healing through silence and stillness. Lerita’s most relevant publications include, *Praying without Ceasing: Basking in the Loving Presence of God*, published in the edited book, *Embodied Spirits: Spiritual Directors of Color Tell their*

*Stories, and Dissecting Racism: Healing Minds, Cultivating Spirits*,” published in the edited volume, *Living into God’s Dream: Dismantling Racism in America*. Her first full length book, *When the Heart Speaks, Listen—Discovering Inner Wisdom* was released in January.

Lerita truly enjoys sitting in nature, reading, sewing, gardening, writing, visual and performing arts, watching college football, telling stories, and laughing a lot.

Sessions  
Wisdom Camp: Play, Power, and Perseverance | River | Thursday, 9 AM  
Meditations of the Heart - Mystical, Personal, and Spiritual Wisdom | Library | Friday, 5 PM



**LILA Latinx LGBTQ Initiative**

Michelle was born and raised in NC. She pursued her higher education at UNC–Chapel Hill where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Global

Studies with a concentration in economics trade and development and a minor in music. Identifying as first generation Peruvian-American, Michelle’s area of study while at UNC was Latin America. She continued her educational experience as a Fellow at Student Action with Farmworkers, a non-profit organization in Durham NC. Since February of 2017 Michelle has spent her time at the North Carolina Council of Churches working with NC Interfaith Power & Light and with Partners in Health and Wholeness.

Michelle has been on the board of LILA Latinx LGBTQI Initiative since January of 2018. LILA is a North Carolina based non-profit organization committed to continuous outreach, education, advocacy, and empowerment of the intersectional Latinx LGBTQ+ community. If you live near the Triangle and identify as Latinx and/or LGBTQ+ or if you are interested in being an ally, we welcome you with open arms!

Sessions  
Organizing in Communities of Color | Convo Hall 09 | Friday, 4 PM  
Living Latinx LGBTQ+ | Landing | Friday, 9 AM



**Linda Elam Young**

I am Linda Elam Young, an Associate and Midwest Regional Director for the Kaleidoscope Institute (KI). Planning and facilitating training events with seminaries, local congregations and regional judicatories of mainline Protestant denominations and Roman Catholic parishes is my primary work. The resources and tools of KI give me hope about the things that matter a lot and fuel a passion for intercultural

and multicultural communication and collaboration to build just and equitable communities.

## Sessions

ALL IN: Tools for Building Relationships & Creating Community | Convo Hall 04 | Friday, 5 PM and Saturday, 1 PM



### Linda Midgett

Linda Midgett is the director, writer, and producer of the award-winning feature documentary "Same God," which follows the story of Dr. Larycia Hawkins. Linda is also an Emmy-winning television producer, writer, and director, with credits on the History Channel, Discovery, NBC-

Universal, PBS and more.

## Sessions

Same God (Panel) | Workshop | Saturday, 2 PM



### Linda Serepca

Team leader Linda Serepca is Executive Director of the Charlotte Spirituality Center, a spiritual and educational institute that offers training of spiritual directors, companionship in spiritual formation and spiritual direction in the Southeast. An eight-year WGF veteran,

spiritual director and retreat leader for seventeen years, she specializes in Ignatian Spirituality, discernment, internal family systems and the Enneagram. A member of Spiritual Directors International, Linda describes herself as a progressive, interfaith and ecumenical Catholic who values community, non-violence, and equality. Her perspective is that EVERYTHING belongs in spiritual direction because everything affects our Spirit! Linda is joyfully wedded in an interfaith marriage, the mom of five biological and three step kids. She is author of the retreat workbook *Praying Twelve Steps With Jesus*.

## Sessions

Spiritual Direction | Friday and Saturday, 9 AM to 6 PM



### Lisa Gungor

Lisa Gungor started loving music and art as a child. After college, she began recording and traveling with the band that eventually turned into the

Grammy-nominated musical collective simply known as "Gungor."

Lisa now lives in Los Angeles with her husband and their two beautiful and wild girls. She continues to write music for Gungor, for her solo music "Isa," and is a contributor to The Liturgists Podcast

## Sessions

Lisa Gungor | Workshop | Friday, 10 AM



### Lisa Stiller

Lisa Stiller has been a board member of the Consistent Life Network for seven years. With a professional background in education and journalism, she has been a community activist

forever (ok, 50 years), with an emphasis on peace and poverty. She has recently put her decades of experience to use and has started doing trainings for nonprofits and activists in using media, messaging, event organizing, and advocacy. The Consistent Life Network advocates for a respect for all life and world without violence. We emphasize the connectivity of life issues such as war, racism, poverty, euthanasia, abortion, and the death penalty, all of which we oppose.

Lisa grew up in a secular Jewish family, and is convert to Catholicism. Lisa has an M.A. in Education and an M.A. in Communication Studies, and has worked as a teacher (elementary through college), a school counselor, and a journalist.

## Sessions

Engaging your Community: charging up your activism | Landing | Saturday, 1 PM

### Lisbeth Melendez Rivera

Lisbeth Meléndez Rivera is a 30+ year veteran of the LGBTQ and Labor movements. Lisbeth has extensive experience organizing and training at the intersections of sexual orientation, gender identity and culture specifically as they relate to communities of color. Lisbeth has crisscrossed the country training workers and community leaders in organizing, leadership development and community building strategies from a grassroots perspective. She has also done extensive work supporting LGBTQ leaders in America Latina.

Currently, Lisbeth, is the Director of Faith Outreach & Training at the Human Rights Campaign, where she works with people of Faith across denominations to ensure we can be who we are, love who we love and practice our faith free of judgement. A biologist and sociologist by education with a solid Jesuit and SND formation, that makes her passions flare and her days move forward. Today Lisbeth lives in Hyattsville, MD, alongside her wife, Lisa Weiner-Mahfuz and their chosen family—human and animal.

## Sessions

Lisbeth Melendez Rivera | Library | Saturday, 3 PM



### Logan Nakyanzi Pollard

Logan is a multimedia journalist who found herself at a seminary by way of faith. She now serves as Director, Admissions, Recruitment and Marketing at The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, in NYC, and

previously, as Associate Dean with Auburn Seminary, a multi-faith institution focused on media fluency

and social justice. Today, she works with people and organizations to realize their hidden potential, including 10 years experience in the nonprofit sector, serving on the board of an NGO working to eliminate guinea worm and obstetric fistula in Africa, and specializing in storytelling, culture, faith matters, and politics. Logan cut her teeth at ABC News' World News Tonight, and was part of the team of producers awarded (5) Emmys for breaking news coverage. A featured writer with *The Huffington Post* for a decade, her work is cited in *The Huffington Post Complete Guide to Blogging* (Simon & Schuster) and often draws upon her background being raised by an African immigrant scientist and an Irish-American deacon, both of whom shared the same Episcopalian faith— as well as her adventures in the world of broadcast news. Her criticism, commentary and reporting is also published at ABC News, The Guardian, and other digital media. She has led the production of shows helmed by a number of leading progressive political pundits, including Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Ron Reagan, Rachel Maddow, Cenk Uygur, comic Janeane Garofalo, and Grammy-winning musician, Steve Earle. She's commissioned stories, guided reporters and edited news for NPR, and managed production processes at various outlets, including Al Jazeera television, where she shaped nightly news production and launched a magazine show. At Al Gore's Current TV, she worked as a senior producer and on-air contributor, and also served as the on-air reporter covering California for Public News Service radio.

Sessions  
Why General Seminary? Why now? | Episcopal | Saturday, 11 AM



### Louise Green

Rev. Louise Green is a community organizer, minister, and mover. She works with the Metro Industrial Areas Foundation in Maryland on broad-based organizing with congregations and organizations. Louise has served four congregations, and uses her first career in in dance to inform living. Her most recent work includes writing,

storytelling, and teaching for social change.

Sessions  
Transformation Stories | Convo Hall 09 | Friday, 2 PM and Saturday, 10 AM



### Lucinda Clark

Lucinda Clark resides in Charlotte, NC, where she received her spiritual direction training at the Charlotte Spirituality Center. Lucinda is honored to journey and witness the unfolding of the Divine in those that she companions, as they seek a deeper awareness of self and the mystery of the Divine. Lucinda is a contemplative interfaith spiritual director, respectful of all faith traditions and inclusive

of all people. Lucinda is also a Reiki Master practitioner and incorporates Reiki when desired by her companions. Lucinda looks forward to being of service at Wild Goose.

Sessions  
Spiritual Direction (Friday) | Spiritual Direction | Friday, 9 AM and Saturday, 9 AM



### Lyndon Harris and Maria Lund

Maria Lund is President and COO of First Sun EAP a regional provider of employee assistance program services in SC. Maria has over 30 years of experience working in the counseling and EAP fields. She has a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology and is a Licensed Professional Counselor. Maria has been a clinician in both community mental health and in private practice. Lyndon Harris is a forgiveness teacher offering workshops on forgiveness peace-making in the world and conflict transformation. His work is inspired by his experience as a pastor and first-responder at Ground Zero in NYC in the aftermath of 9-11. Harris is trained in Dr. Luskin's forgiveness methodology. To reach out to Lyndon for talks or forgiveness coaching please email him at [frlyndon@aol.com](mailto:frlyndon@aol.com) or visit the website: [lyndontharris.com](http://lyndontharris.com). Maria and Lyndon live in Zirconia where Maria shops and Lyndon leaves his socks on the floor.

Sessions  
Forgive for Love: A Secret Ingredient for More Loving Relationships | Portal | Saturday, 2 PM



### Lyndsey Medford

Lyndsey Medford is an indecorous Southerner, an erstwhile Evangelical, an inexpert advocate for justice, and Director of Discipleship at a UMC church plant in Charleston, South Carolina. She writes a weekly email newsletter to help fellow justice seekers make art out of life. You can find her and her guided journal, *Making Friends With my Body*

and *God* at [lyndseymedford.com](http://lyndseymedford.com) or @lyndseymedford wherever media is social.

Sessions  
Bravery, Creativity, and Community: Improv Theater and Inspiration | Bridge | Saturday, 11 AM



### M. Laurel-Leigh Meierdiercks

Laurel Meierdiercks is a graduate of Candler School of Theology and a current Ph.D. Candidate in Philosophy at the University of South Florida. Her work in seminary explored questions of religious experience and the philosophical

figures who have sought to describe these ineffable

experiences. Currently, Laurel is working on her dissertation which posits a new ecofeminist ethic that can help build stronger relational ties between individuals, their communities, and nature. Her larger project involves using this ecofeminist ethic to address issues of climate change. She is a Graduate Fellow of the Institution for the Advanced Study of Culture and the Environment. She has attended Wild Goose for a few years as a volunteer and hopes to share her passion for ecofeminist ethics with her community here at Wild Goose.

**Sessions**

Liberation Through Ecofeminism | Convo Hall 07 | Friday, 1 PM



**Madaline Allsup  
La Mesa y Cafe**

Madaline (Maddie) Allsup is a queer, justice-seeking, special education teacher who has deep roots in North Carolina. She earned a B.A. from Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, majoring in International Relations and minoring in Spanish. After graduation,

Maddie attended Iliff School of Theology in Denver, CO, where she earned a Masters of Divinity with a concentration in Religion and Social Change. Combining her love for Spanish, social justice, and working with children and youth, Maddie has spent a year as well as several summers in Honduras as a volunteer teacher with Bilingual Education for Central America (BECA), an organization that seeks to partner with communities in order to provide affordable bilingual education and cultural exchange. Being a member of the LGBTQIA+ community who is dedicated to the empowerment of the Latinx community, Maddie is honored to be part of LILA as well as La Mesa y Cafe.

**Sessions**

Living Latinx LGBTQ+ | Landing | Friday, 9 AM  
Organizing in Communities of Color | Convo Hall 09 | Friday, 4 PM and Saturday, Noon  
La Mesa-A radically welcoming and inclusive space | Convo Hall 10 | Friday, 5 PM and Saturday, 1 PM



**Mama Bear Den**

The stories of parents disowning their LGBTQ+ 'kids' are numerous and heartbreaking. Stories like these inspire these Mama Bears and allies, to stand in the

gap, affirming and embracing our LGBTQ+ kids and the community.

We're thrilled to have the opportunity to do just that at this year's Wild Goose and couldn't be more excited! We've created a space in campsite #433 we're calling the "Mama Bear Den." During the weekend, Mama Bears and allies will be available to listen, provide encouragement, give hugs, offer homemade cookies, and have cold water available.

Just like all attendees, we look forward to taking part in all the Goose has to offer, so if we're not at the site

when you stop by, we'll try to leave word of where you might find us. The Mamas and allies will also be donning identifying pins shirts throughout the weekend, and are always ready to hug on the fly!

The Mama Bear Den crew is thrilled to be Co-Creators at this year's Wild Goose!

Whether you're a hugger, a high-fiver, or a fist-pumper, we're looking forward to meeting you! The Mama Bear Den is located in campsite #433.

**Sessions**

Mama Bear Den - Campsite #431 | Friday and Saturday all day



**Megan Cox**

Megan Cox is the Young Adult Ministry Coordinator for the Diocese of Western North Carolina. Megan works with the campus ministry at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, creating opportunities for college students and young adults to build community through

service, fellowship, and worship. Megan also works to create opportunities that meet the spiritual needs of young adults in the Asheville area. Her latest endeavor is launching the new Episcopal Service Corps program in Western North Carolina. The Blue Ridge Service Corps is an intentional community of young adults who will bring change and hope to the community through acts of service, leadership development, and spiritual formation.

**Sessions**

Episcopal Service Corps. | Episcopal | Saturday 2:00 PM



**Margaret Ernst**

Program Manager for Faith Matters Network, Margaret Ernst learned what she knows about faith and justice from organizing alongside clergy, school parents and airport workers in Philadelphia and immigrant communities in Tennessee. She

also contributes to The Word is Resistance, a podcast from Showing Up for Racial Justice focused on weekly lectionary texts through the lens of what the "word" is for white people resisting racism. She will be ordained in the United Church of Christ this fall and loves to sing and laugh at all costs.

**Sessions**

Daring Compassion: Movement Chaplaincy and the art of spiritual accompaniment in social justice movements. | Library | Friday, 2 PM



**Marian S. Arledge**

Marian Arledge is a NC native and loves the Asheville mountains, rivers, and people. Her professional background is in public health. She's excited to be working alongside her friends at First Baptist Church of Asheville to create the kind of world her toddler will live in one day.

Sessions

Creation Care: Practicing Love-Practical Seeds for Change | Convo Hall 07 | Friday, 5 PM and Saturday, 1 PM



**Marianne Williamson**

Marianne Williamson is a bestselling author, lecturer and non-profit activist. She has worked with thousands of individuals, as well as large and small groups, in transforming crisis into opportunity. For 35 years she has been helping people heal from problems that

in many ways have been created by an irresponsible political establishment. She has an up close and personal understanding of the impact of bad policy on average American's lives. For three decades Marianne has been a leader in spiritual and religiously progressive circles. Her book about the intersection of spirituality and politics, *Healing the Soul of America*, was released in 1997 and re-released in a revised edition earlier this year. Her book *A POLITICS OF LOVE: Handbook for a New American Revolution*, was released in April 2019. In total she has written 13 books, four reaching #1 on the New York Times Best Sellers List. Marianne has founded nonprofit organizations such as Project Angel Food, that in 1989 started delivering meals to homebound AIDS patients. The organization has now served over 11 million meals. She has also worked throughout her career on poverty, anti-hunger and racial reconciliation issues. She has advocated for reparations for slavery since the 1990s and was the first candidate in this presidential primary season to make it a pillar of her campaign. In 2004, she co-founded The Peace Alliance and supports the creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. In addition, she advocates a cabinet level Department of Children and Youth to more adequately address the chronic trauma of millions of American children.

Sessions

The Poor People's Campaign – A Public Conversation | Mainstage | Saturday, 10 AM  
 Marianne Williamson hosted by Diane Butler Bass | Mainstage | Saturday, Noon



**Mark Miller**

Mark Miller believes that everyone is a Child of God and that music is instrumental in healing the world. He also adheres to Cornel West's belief

that "Justice is what love looks like in public."

Mark is Associate Professor of Church Music and Director of Worship at Drew University in Madison, NJ, and is the Minister of Music of Christ Church in Summit New Jersey. He is also a Lecturer in Sacred Music at Yale's Institute of Sacred Music and Divinity School. A renowned composer of sacred music Mark is convinced music social justice and the beloved community are inextricably tied. His hymns and anthems are sung by communities of faith throughout the country and are published by Choristers Guild, Hal Leonard, Hinshaw, Abingdon Press, Santa Barbara Music Publishing and others. His album "Imagine the People of God" is available on itunes.

When he's not working Mark is home in Plainfield, NJ, with his husband of 25 years Michael Murden their two wonderful teenage children Alyse and Keith and Oscar the cat. There you can find him cooking meals taking out the garbage playing Frisbee reading books watching movies and dreaming about getting back to the vineyard.

Sessions

Music Revolution | Library | Thursday, 9 AM  
 Mark Miller | River | Saturday, 5 PM



**Marshall Jenkins**

J. Marshall Jenkins, Ph.D., is a writer, counseling psychologist, and spiritual director. Through his listening ministry, Marshall strives to facilitate discernment, graced

healing, and everyday spirituality. His writing ministry carries that work forward through his Beatitudes Blog ([jmarshalljenkins.com](http://jmarshalljenkins.com)) and his books, including his most recent one, *Blessed at the Broken Places: Reclaiming Faith & Purpose with the Beatitudes* (Skylight Paths, 2016). He received certificates in spiritual formation at Columbia Theological Seminary and in spiritual guidance at the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation. Since 1987, he has served as Director of Counseling at Berry College and conducted an evening private practice in psychotherapy and spiritual direction in Rome, Georgia, where he lives with his lovely wife, Wanda Cantrell.

Sessions

Spiritual Direction | Spiritual Direction | Friday, 9 AM and Saturday, 9 AM



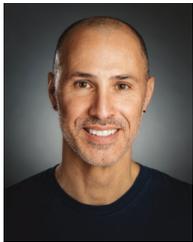
**Marthame Sanders**

Marthame Sanders is an Atlanta-based dad, pastor, and artist. His weekly podcast, *aijcast*, unites his passions for art, faith, and justice, and is now in its third year. He also produces several other podcasts, including *New Way*. Marthame performs improv comedy, while also using the tools of improv to teach others the power of saying

"Yes And." Under the nom de rock *Marred Fame*, he released *Preachy* in 2016, a throwback to the grunge/unplugged era of the 1990's. In 2004, he and his wife Elizabeth produced a documentary film series *Salt of the Earth: Palestinian Christians in the Northern West Bank*. A graduate of Yale University and the University of Chicago,

Marthame has served in ministry in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as international mission staff, youth director, and solo pastor. Marthame and Elizabeth are busy parenting their two sons, ages 8 and 13, who are awesome but—let's be honest—kinda immature.

Marthame will be hosting video interviews in the Wild Goose Media tent throughout the festival.



### Matt Bays

Matt Bays is a sought-after speaker and nationally published author of the book, *FINDING GOD IN THE RUINS (How God Redeems Pain)*. In spiritual leadership for over 20 years, he is also a life coach and blogs regularly at [mattbayswriter.com](http://mattbayswriter.com). Matt lives in Indianapolis with his 2

fun-loving and insightful daughters.

#### Sessions

Living Authentically: The Risk, The Cost, The Redemption | Library | Friday, 10 AM

Finding God in the Ruins (How God Redeems Pain) | Library | Saturday, 5 PM



### Matthew Turner

Matthew Paul Turner is the best-selling children's book author of *When God Made You and When God Made Light*. Turner's most recent book—*When I Pray for You*—is a *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* bestseller. With more

than 500,000 children's books in print, Turner's books are offering families positive, life-affirming, and inclusive messages about God. Turner, along with his wife, Jessica, have three kids, Elias, Adeline, and Ezra. You can find him online at [MatthewPaulTurner.com](http://MatthewPaulTurner.com)

#### Sessions

Mathew Paul Turner | Living Room | Friday, 10 AM



### Meg Olson

Meg Olson is NETWORK Lobby's Grassroots Mobilization Manager. She helps NETWORK's members and supporters—Grassroots Advocates teams, Advocates Councils, and activists—to become stronger and more effective

advocates for social, economic, and racial justice. Meg has been an activist since her twenties working on a variety of social justice issues including education policy, immigration reform, and ending mountaintop removal coal mining in Appalachia. Before coming to NETWORK, she worked in the Advocacy Department at Catholic Charities in St. Louis where she spent time lobbying state lawmakers and directing the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

#### Sessions

Voices from the Holler, Fire on the Prairie: A Rural Roundtable with NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice | Convo Hall 04 | Friday, Noon and Saturday, 4 PM



### Meg Vallee and Lia Scholl

Meg Vallee is a former sex worker, trafficking survivor, and Founder of Orange County Umbrella Collective (formerly

Abeni), a rights-based harm reduction organization serving those who trade sex in Southern California. She's spent a decade advocating for those at the cross-sections of sex work, queer rights, trafficking, addiction, homelessness, mental illness, re-entry, and faith. Meg loves her four kids, Narcan, sarcasm, and intersectional revolutions.

Lia Scholl has been a pastor for nearly 20 years in NC, VA, and the DC Metro area. She has advocated for, and walked alongside sex workers, drug users, and women exiting prison since 2000. She is the author of *I Heart Sex Workers* (Chalice Press, 2013), has a deep love for sacred Scripture, and a deep distaste for theologies that promote exclusion.

#### Sessions

Underground Economies, Radical Politics, and Unconventional Loves: Life in the Sex Trade | Landing | Friday, 1 PM



### Micah J. Murray

Micah is your typical somewhat disillusioned-but-tenaciously-hopeful post-evangelical millennial. He grew up in a weird home school cult, did a brief stint as a missionary in Africa, went to Christian college, got married, had two kids, got

divorced, and now goes to therapy a lot and writes angst-y stuff on the internet. People tell him all the time that he shouldn't be a Christian anymore after all the shit he's experienced in the name of that religion, but by some combination of stubbornness, laziness, and the grace of God, he still claims that faith (most days). Micah lives in Minneapolis with his family, where he writes about spirituality.

#### Sessions

Tattoo Stories: Art that Intersects the Spiritual and the Physical | River | Saturday, 10 AM



### Micah Royal

Micah Royal has served in various contexts working to tear down barriers between people and working to speak up against injustice. Previously he has worked as a pastor working to tear down

barriers of racism and homophobia and currently he serves as a hospice chaplain, pastor, and as Vice President of the Eastern NC Association of the United Church of Christ. Currently Micah is pastor at Life's Journey United Church of Christ in Burlington, NC, the first open and affirming church in Alamance County, NC. On his podcast the "Progressive Redneck Preacher," Micah tries to continue this process by lifting up voices and stories often overlooked here in the south.

Sessions

Count Your Blessings: Gratitude as Spiritual Practice | Convo Hall 09 | Friday, 10 AM  
 Count Your Blessings: Gratitude as Spiritual Practice | Convo Hall 09 | Saturday, 2 PM



**Michael Camp**

Author of *Craft Brewed Jesus* (2016) and *Confessions of a Bible Thumper* (2012), Michael Camp is a former conservative evangelical and amateur historian. He spent 25 years in the evangelical movement, as a missionary

to Muslims, an aid worker in Africa, and a leader in independent, charismatic, and Baptist churches before experiencing a huge faith shift. Today, he addresses secular and faith-based audiences and facilitates empowerment projects for the poor in Africa and Asia thru his local Rotary Club, building off positions with Food for the Hungry, World Concern, and World Vision. He lives in Seattle, WA, with his wife Lori. Michael is on the board of the Christian Universalist Association (CUA) and has written for or spoken at Darkwood Brew, Wild Goose Festival, Homebrewed Christianity, Pub Theology Live, The Place, CUA, and Provoketive Magazine. He hosts his own podcast called The Spiritual Brewpub, where he interviews fellow faith shifters. Spiritual Brewpub podcast provides a safe haven for ex-evangelicals, anyone restless about faith, or those who seek guidance and historical evidence to help them navigate their spiritual journeys. Visit [michaelcampbooks.com](http://michaelcampbooks.com) and [spiritualbrewpub.podbean.com](http://spiritualbrewpub.podbean.com).

Sessions

Debunking Hell, the End Times, Inerrancy, Conversion Therapy, and Other Fake Faith Claims: Why It Matters | Portal | Friday, 11 AM  
 Debunking Hell - The Convo Edition | Convo Hall 09 | Friday, 1 PM and Saturday, 5 PM



**Michael Gungor**

Michael Gungor is one half of Gungor, and is a co-host of The Liturgists Podcast. Michael is a Grammy nominated musician and composer who lives in Los Angeles, California. He leads the musical collective Gungor with his

wife Lisa Gungor and is a co-founder of The Liturgists with Mike McHargue ('Science Mike'). Michael is the host and creator of the podcast "LOVING THIS" which expands on the the subject of his second book "THIS", in stores now.

Sessions

Michael Gungor | Workshop | Friday, 4 PM  
 The Liturgists | Living Room | Saturday, 5 PM



**Michael Jackson Chaney Jr**

The Rev. Michael Chaney is an Episcopal priest, filmmaker, and college professor at SCAD in Savannah, GA. He is the rector at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, a radically inclusive church without walls with a focus on justice, equity, and liberation. His films and VR work have been screened internationally and he is a fixture on panels and workshops at film festivals.

Sessions

Wild Goose Virtual Cinema | Friday and Saturday all day



**Michael Mangis**

Dr. Michael Mangis retired after 27 years as Professor of Psychology at Wheaton College Graduate School where he taught courses on psychodynamic psychology, spiritual direction and psychotherapy, and professional ethics. He is the author of *Signature Sins: Taming Our Wayward Hearts* (IVP 2008)

as well as numerous book chapters and journal articles. While at Wheaton, Dr. Mangis founded the Center for Rural Psychology and its training clinic, Heartland Counseling, where he served as Executive Director and did clinical practice. Heartland Counseling trained over 45 graduate students in unique methods of rural psychology. Its graduates currently serve in Tennessee, Illinois, Alaska, Kansas, New Mexico, Iowa, Texas, Michigan. The Center for Rural Psychology folded in 2011 as a result of disability brought on by Dr. Mangis' severe stroke in 2008.

Sessions

Same God (Panel) | Workshop | Saturday, 2 PM



**Michele Skeele, EOLD and Home Funeral Guide**

Michele began to turn toward death in 2001 when she began training as a Therapeutic Music Practitioner, playing Native American Flute at the bedside. Since then, she trained as a Home Funeral Guide with the Center

for End of Life Transitions in Asheville, NC, and assists local families in caring for their loved ones after death. In 2017, she was certified by the University of Vermont College of Medicine as an End of Life Doula.

Michele is also on the board of the WNC chapter of the Funeral Consumers Alliance, a national advocacy organization. She is passionate about bringing death back into the circle of life.

## Sessions

Reclaiming Death in our Families and Communities | River | Friday, 11 AM



### Micky ScottBey Jones

Micky ScottBey Jones—the Justice Doula—accompanies people as they birth more love, justice and shalom into our world. As a womanist, faith rooted, contemplative activist, healer, and nonviolence practitioner, Micky supports faith leaders, activists and everyday leaders in a variety of roles -

speaker, writer, facilitator, pilgrimage guide and teacher. Topics of expertise include creating brave space, movement chaplaincy, contemplative activism, healing & resilience, transformation through travel, sustainable leadership and community building. Micky has a M.A. in Intercultural Studies from NAIIITS/Portland Seminary and is currently pursuing advanced studies in the Enneagram. She is the Director of Resilience & Healing Initiatives for Faith Matters Network based in Nashville, TN.

## Sessions

A Jew and A Gentile | GooseCast | Friday, 4 PM  
Daring Compassion: Movement Chaplaincy and the art of spiritual accompaniment in social justice movements. | Library | Friday, 2 PM  
Sex, Pleasure & Recovering from Purity Culture | Convo Hall 12 | Saturday, 2 PM



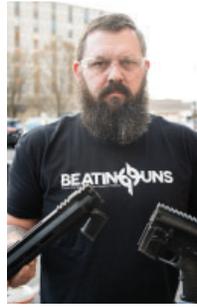
### Mike Clawson

Michael Clawson is founder of the Spiritual Transformation Project, working to create transformative events at the intersection of spirituality and social change—including the New Story Festival, a Wild Goose-inspired event that

launched in Austin, TX, this past March. He recently completed his Ph.D. at Baylor University studying the ways Christianity is evolving in the twenty-first century and teaches as an adjunct instructor for several seminaries. Michael also serves on the Board of Pathways, an innovative online option for progressive theological education. He is passionate about personal growth and collective liberation, and enjoys exploring Austin and watching geeky movies with his two kids.

## Sessions

Why Theological Education Must Change or Die | Convo Hall 11 | Friday, Noon and Saturday, 4 PM  
Whatever Happened to the Emerging Church? | Forum | Saturday, 2 PM



### Mike Martin

Mike Martin is the founder and executive director of RAWtools, which partners with communities in an effort to repurpose weapons for creative and productive uses. A Mennonite pastor Mike learned to blacksmith in order to turn guns into garden tools and is passionate about connecting people to nonviolent skills like restorative justice and conflict mediation. He is trained for restorative justice facilitation and encourages everyone to explore how they can connect to similar efforts in their community. Mike is licensed for specialized ministry in Mountain States Mennonite Conference of Mennonite Church USA. *Beating Guns* is his first book.

## Sessions

Beating Guns: Hope for People Who Are Weary of Violence | Living Room | Friday, 3 PM



### Mike McHargue

Mike McHargue (better known as Science Mike) is an author, podcaster, and speaker who travels the world helping people understand the science of life's most profound experiences. His bestselling debut book, *Finding God in the*

*Waves*, has helped thousands understand faith in the 21st century.

Mike hosts Ask Science Mike, a weekly question and answer podcast helping hundreds of thousands explore the questions they've always been afraid to ask. He cohosts The Liturgists Podcast with his friend Michael Gungor. With over a million downloads per month, The Liturgists Podcast is reshaping how the spiritually homeless and frustrated relate to God.

## Sessions

A Tiny Revolution LIVE, w/ Kevin Garcia | GooseCast | Friday 11:30 AM  
Ask Science Mike | Living Room | Friday 2:00 PM  
The Liturgists | Living Room Saturday 5:00 PM



### Mike Morrell

Mike Morrell is the collaborating author, with Fr. Richard Rohr, on *The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation*, co-founder of the eco-spirituality nonprofit ReWilder (ReWilder.net), founder of Wisdom Camp, and a founding organizer

of the justice, arts, and spirituality Wild Goose Festival. Mike curates contemplative and community experiences via Relational Skills and the ManKind Project, taking joy in holding space for the extraordinary transformation that can take place at the intersection of anticipation, imagination, and radical acceptance. Mike lives with his wife and two daughters in Asheville, NC. You can read Mike's ongoing exploration of Spirit, Culture, and

Permaculture—and receive free exclusive updates—right here.

<http://mikemorrell.org>

Sessions

Wisdom Camp: Play, Power, and Perseverance | River | Thursday, 9 AM

Mike Morrell | Convo Hall 06 | Friday, 1 PM

Mike Morrell | Portal | Saturday, 3 PM



## Mike Phillips

Mike's stand is that every human being on the face of the planet gets a chance to be heard, and experiences being known and loved.

He is beginning a new career as a Restorative Facilitator after leaving

a successful career in Information Technology. The new social science of Restorative Practices focuses on the common humanity in us all, provides a means to break through the sense of "other"-ness, and promotes healing. As a restorative facilitator, Mike uses restorative processes to create emotionally safe spaces which cultivate relationship and community development. Mike is brother of Karen Mueller and close friends with Darryl Parker. He enjoys working and playing with both of them, especially around social justice.

Mike attends the United Methodist Church of Fort Worth TX, and has facilitated groups at churches, rehab centers and schools. He is volunteering and with his local parole office to support more positive transitions back into the community after incarceration, and with a human trafficking intervention organization.

Mike feeds his soul with recovery activities, gong baths, drum circles, church, community theatre, music, and dancing. In fact, you will probably see him expressing his joy in dance during The Goose.

Sessions

Restorative Practices: Humans Being | Youth | Friday, 2 PM



## Morgan Guyton

Morgan Guyton is a United Methodist campus minister at Tulane and Loyola in New Orleans. He is the author of *How Jesus Saves the World From Us: 12 Antidotes to Toxic Christianity* (WJK, 2016) and he blogs at [www.patheos.com/blogs/mercynotsacrifice](http://www.patheos.com/blogs/mercynotsacrifice).

Morgan has been hosting dance worship experiences at Wild Goose since 2013. Recently he launched a weekly dance worship hour called Release with his college students.

Sessions

Release: A Charismystical Dance Worship Experience | River | Friday, 3 PM

Goose Group Recovery | Bridge | Friday, 6 PM

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## Munira/Elizabeth

Munira (a Sufi spiritual name meaning "embodiment of Light") was born and raised a Southern Baptist in midwest Georgia. A 1960s teenager, she was sensitized in a variety

of social justice causes. As one of 60 women in seminary (with student body of 600) at Emory in the '70s, she encountered sexism where she never anticipated finding it. Eight passionate years on the national Commission on Status and Role of Women in the United Methodist Church wrought justice work at its best. Coming out in her 20s, she ultimately (in her 50's) retired from the United Methodist clergy work full time as a psychotherapist and Sufi cherag (universalist minister). Through her encounter with mysticism and a love of Yeshua through a Sufi Aramaic scholar, she converted to "Love is My Religion." Rumi says "Come, come whoever you are. Even though you've broken your vows a 1000 times, come!" She preaches there is a place of love and respect at the table for everyone.

Sessions

Yeshua and the Goddess | Convo Hall 07 | Friday, 3 PM and Saturday, 11 AM



## Nadia Bolz-Weber

Nadia Bolz-Weber is the author of three *New York Times* bestselling memoirs: *Pastrix; The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint* (2013), *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People* (2015) and more recently, *SHAMELESS: A*

*Sexual Reformation* was released in January 2019. She is an ordained Lutheran pastor (ELCA) and the founder of House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver, Colorado a quirky congregation she served for over 10 years. Nadia travels domestically and internationally as a speaker and has been featured on NPR's Morning Edition, On Being with Krista Tippett, Fresh Air, CNN and in the *Washington Post*, *Bitch* magazine, *The New Yorker* and *The Atlantic*. International media coverage includes BBC World Service, The Guardian and magazine features in Germany, Poland, and Switzerland.

Sessions

Nadia Bolz-Weber | Living Room | Friday, 5 PM

Nadia Bolz-Weber and Otis Moss III – In Conversation | Living Room | Friday, 1 PM



## Nancy St. John

Nancy is very much looking forward to joining teammates in co-leading children's activities at Wild Goose this year. She is a trained early childhood Montessori teacher at a Montessori school in Scituate, MA. Nancy is also a trainer for Godly Play, a religious method that helps children explore their faith through story. Both these

passions compliment the other, as she sits on the floor with children most Sundays at a nearby Episcopal church telling stories. Nancy lives along the rocky Massachusetts seashore, where she marvels at its beauty and loves walking along the beach any chance she gets in search of "treasure."

Sessions

- Registration for Kids Tent | Kids | Thursday, 4 PM
- Kids Session (Ages 3-12) | Kids | Friday, 9:45 AM
- Godly Play, Scripture and Wonder | Kids | Friday, 4 PM
- Kids Session (Ages 3-12) | Kids | Friday, 2 PM
- Kids Session (Ages 3-12) | Kids | Saturday, 9:45 AM
- Kids Session (Ages 3-12) | Kids | Friday, 2 PM
- Kids Session (Ages 6-12) | Kids | Saturday, 11 AM
- Kids Session (Ages 3-12) | Kids | Saturday, 2 PM



**Nate Baker-Lutz**

Nate Baker-Lutz and Josh Rockett launched Beer and Hymns Chicago in 2015 and have been organizing quarterly gatherings ever since. They've also helped launch groups in Holland, MI, and Washington, DC. Find Nathan on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/natebakerlutz/> and on Twitter

<https://twitter.com/natebakerlutz>

Sessions

- How to Start Your Own Beer and Hymns Chapter | Episcopal | Friday, 4 PM



**Nicole Farley**

The Rev. Nicole Farley is an ordained pastor in the PC(USA). She most recently served a congregation in Waukesha, WI, and now serves as the founder and pastoral artist with A New Creation, an arts ministry which brings

communities into the creation of worship-ful art together. She and her husband live in Gurnee, IL, and together they have an adult son named Jim, and a soon-to-be-daughter-in-law named Casey. Besides art and lived theology, she'll gladly have a conversation about books, podcasts, music, and movies.

Sessions

- Living Contemplatively in a Chaotic World | Studio (Art) | Friday, 4 PM



**Nicole Rule of Greatest Worth**

Nicole Rule believes that money is not something we have to avoid, but instead active management of our money is a subversive and spiritual act, that brings beauty, light and joy into our life and to the world around us. During her personal journey of paying off \$100,000 in debt,

she learned that living by a budget built on her Vision and Values for her life is the key to sustainable resistance

against the status quo of mindless consumerism. After years of guiding individuals and groups from her church community through her process, Nicole started *Greatest Worth.com* as a platform to engage women and couples in the wild and holy work of making a life they love—starting with their money.

Sessions

- Beginners Guide to Making Budgeting Fun! | Convo Hall 11 | Friday, 10 AM and Saturday, 2 PM



**Nine Beats Collective**

An international collective of troubadours, poets, rebels, provocateurs, sages, and activists on the trail of the ancient *Bible* sayings known as 'the Beatitudes'.

In this wild world, a growing number of us have begun to wonder if the Beatitudes might contain the keys to our liberation. These ancient sayings, spoken by Jesus, offer a nine-statement manifesto for a new world order. A counter-cultural narrative for our times. A welcome not a weapon, tender not toxic, inviting not divisive. A call for a tribe of people to live life 'nine beats to the bar'. In them we hear the whispers of another world, the invitation to a path of recovery—whatever your story, whatever your struggle, wherever you find yourself.

Across three continents, a group of world-class musicians, songwriters, artists, theologians, creatives, activists, and storytellers has collaborated on "Nine 'Beats to the Bar'"—a concept album of music, spoken word, and soundscape that searches for the essence of the 'nine beats' of the Beatitudes. *Nine Beats to the Bar* is a haunting. A cry. A new beat.

Sessions

- Nine Beats Collective | Mainstage | Friday, 8:10 PM
- Nine Beats Collective | River | Saturday, 3 PM



**Oakhurst Taize Ensemble**

I am a life-long musician a flutist and singer. I am a member of Oakhurst Baptist Church in Decatur, GA, where I sing in the sanctuary choir

and also play flute and penny whistle as appropriate. Joining me are Oakhurst members Jim Holmes and David Fluker, guitars, and Mark Reeve, spoken word. Our church has occasional Taize worship services using various instruments, and also includes music from Taize in Sunday morning worship services. Several of us have brought Taize vespers to the Wild Goose for the past three years. We've found a welcoming "choir" of participants each year. Many who attend the Goose are avid and talented lovers of Taize music and participate with us enthusiastically. It is a rich and deeply spiritual experience for all. In 2018 we had about 50 people join us, overflowing the Chapel.

## Sessions

Taizé Together | River | Friday, 6 PM  
 Taizé Together | Café | Saturday, 6 PM  
 #91 Reproductive Justice Is ...  
 #92 Crafting Icons of Resistance  
 #50 Crazy Creative  
 #424 Icon Making (Youth Tent)



### Otis Moss III

Otis Moss III is the Senior Pastor of the 8,000-member Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, "preaching a Black theology that

unapologetically calls attention to the problems of mass incarceration, environmental justice, and economic inequality." As a recipient of the 2016 NAACP Chairman's Award, Dr. Moss was named one of five trailblazing leaders under the age of 50 who have "given voice and vision to the mantra that black lives matter." With a unique gift to communicate across generations, Dr. Moss' creative Bible-based messages have inspired young and old alike. He is highly influenced by the works of Zora Neale Hurston, August Wilson, Howard Thurman, Jazz, and Hip-Hop music. The work and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the pastoral ministry of his father, Dr. Otis Moss, Jr. of Cleveland, Ohio, have been primary mentors for his spiritual formation. [trinitychicago.org](http://trinitychicago.org)

## Sessions

Gathering the Goose with Otis Moss III and Others | Mainstage | Thursday, 6:45 PM  
 Nadia Bolz-Weber and Otis Moss III – In Conversation | Living Room | Friday, 1 PM  
 The Poor People's Campaign – A Public Conversation | Mainstage | Saturday, 10 AM



### Our Brother Legion

Rev. Beth Cantrell created Our Brother Legion (OBL) out of her experiences in 16 years of congregational ministry and from living with Bipolar I. Legion's mission statement stood solid for three years: "OBL educates, equips, empowers FaithFolks&Allies to create belonging

and develop practical ministries for/with/on behalf of people living with mental illness, trauma, and substance abuse." As ambitious as the original Legion mission with its two groups of constituents seemed to be, this winter the omission of caregivers required Legion's direction to be "un-thunk." Using folk art as the source of the theological remediation and center of community participation, this seminar "soft approaches for hard topics" invites folks to consider the importance of the the unconventional as well as the tried and true to manage fear, regression, and stagnation in the face of social healing. Beth Cantrell exercises, manages moods, writes, creates folk art, and listens to way too much NPR near Winston-Salem, NC.

## Sessions

Soft Approaches for Hard Topics: Creating Ministries About Mental Health | Portal | Friday, Noon



### P. Shannon Mullen

P. Shannon Mullen is a parish pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The question "Why did Jesus die on the cross?" has been an obsession of his for many years. He is convinced that the conflict, violence, and injustice which infect

our culture are made worse by bad atonement theory. He holds dear the notion that mimetic theory is a key for understanding Jesus' death on the cross in a way that frees us from the violence rather than generating it. He is a charter member of a theological association dedicated to this work, [TheologyAndPeace.org](http://TheologyAndPeace.org).

## Sessions

Escaping the Violence of Bad Atonement Theory | Portal | Friday, 3 PM



### Pamela Anderson

Pamela Anderson, M.Div., D.Min., is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Chair of Council for the Sacramento Presbytery, on the steering committee for the California Poor People's Campaign, an advocate for the transgender and drag community, and has served

churches in California, New Jersey and Australia. Pamela is a lover of dogs, travel and the Chicago Cubs!

## Sessions

The Transformation of a Mom to an Activist | Portal | Friday, 4 PM



### Patrick Green

#### Community Artist

Former Outlaw Preacher and Progressive Minister Pat Green keeps himself busy writing and creating art. In Chicago, Pat is a vibrant part of the art community. Some of his work is in galleries

and private collections throughout the US, Canada, the UK, France, and Ireland. He also writes as a columnist and photojournalism with his work appearing regularly in *Aquarius News*, *Chicago Unheard*, and *Patheos*. At his core, he and his adult child are on the forefront of LGBTQIA+ advocacy and mental health awareness.



### Pete Enns

Pete teaches, writes, and speaks about what it means to have Christian faith in today's world, especially how the Bible factors into

it. He teaching in the theology department at Eastern University in Pennsylvania, and has written some books, including *How the Bible Actually Works*, *The Sin of Certainty*, *The Bible Tells Me So*, and *Inspiration and*

*Incarnation*. With Jared Byas, Pete also hosts “the only God ordained podcast on the internet,” *The Bible for Normal People*.

Sessions

After All That, Why Stay Christian? | Convo Hall 12 | Friday, 5 PM  
Living with Doubt (Like We Have a Choice) | Mainstage | Friday, Noon  
Privilege: Somebody Else’s Story | Forum | Saturday, 11 AM



### Peterson Toscano

Peterson Toscano's unique personal journey led him into performance art. After spending 17 years and over \$30,000 on three continents attempting to de-gay himself through gay conversion therapy, he came to his senses and came out a quirky queer Quaker concerned with human rights

and comedy. He asks himself and his audiences unusual questions: Who are the gender outlaws in the Bible? What is a queer response to climate change? How can comedy help us better understand our most tragic losses? Peterson is on a mission to connect with his audiences in deeply personal ways, stirring up hope and purpose in a rapidly changing world. His plays include “Doin’ Time in the Homo No Mo Halfway House,” “Queer 101—Now I Know my gAy,B,Cs,” and “Does This Apocalypse Make Me Look Fat?” His film, “Transfigurations—Transgressing Gender in the Bible” explores the stories of gender non-conforming Bible characters; his Bible scholarship has been featured in *The Oxford Handbook of the Bible in America*. In addition to stage work, Peterson produces the Bible Bash podcast, Bubble&Squeak podcast, and Citizens Climate Radio. He lives in Central PA with his husband, Glen Retief, and Glen’s cat, Wally.

Sessions

Everything is Connected — Stories, Most Weird, Many True | Living Room | Friday, Noon  
The Weight of Carbon Dioxide and Chihuahuas | Mainstage | Friday, 3 PM  
The LGBTQ-Friendly Bible Hour | Studio (Art) | Saturday, Noon



### Pragya Jamie Marich

Jamie Marich, Ph.D., LPCC-S, LICDC-CS, REAT, RYT-200, RMT travels internationally speaking on topics related to EMDR therapy, trauma, addiction, expressive arts, mindfulness and yoga while maintaining a private practice in her home base of Warren, OH. She is the

developer of the Dancing Mindfulness practice and author of *Dancing Mindfulness: A Creative Path to Healing and Transformation*. Jamie is the author of six books, including the popular *EMDR Made Simple* (2011), *Trauma and the Twelve Steps* (2012), *EMDR Therapy and Mindfulness for Trauma Focused Care* (2018) (in collaboration with Dr. Stephen Dansiger), and her latest book *Process Not Perfection: Expressive Arts Solutions for*

*Trauma Recovery* (2019). Her TEDx talk on trauma from 2015 is available on YouTube, and she regularly blogs on topics related to spiritual abuse and spiritual trauma.

Sessions

Confessions of a Recovering Pro-Lifer and Other Tales on Spiritual Abuse Recovery | Landing | Friday, 10 AM



### Queerology

Matthias Roberts is a writer, therapist, and host of “Queerology: A Podcast on Belief and Being.” His work has been featured in *HuffPost Religion*, *Believe Out Loud*, *OnFaith*, and *The Seattle Times*. He holds an M.A. in Theology and Culture and

an M.A. in Counseling Psychology from The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology. Matthias is currently finishing his first book, an exploration of sexual shame and sexual ethics which is set to release on Fortress Press in early 2020. He lives in Seattle and spends his time helping LGBTQ people of faith and allies live confidently.

Sessions

Queerology: A Podcast on Belief and Being | GooseCast | Friday, 2:30 PM



### Rachael Keefe

Rev. Dr. Rachael Keefe is the author of *The Lifesaving Church: Faith Communities and Suicide Prevention* (Chalice Press, 2018), and pastor of Living Table United Church of Christ in Minneapolis,

MN. She’s a favored conference presenter on topics related to the church and mental health, particularly suicide and congregations. Previously, she served as clinical chaplain at a state psychiatric hospital where she worked with patients, staff, clergy, and faith communities to increase understanding and welcome of persons living with mental illness. She also served on a State Suicide Prevention Council.

Since her ordination in 1992, Keefe has served in many different ministry settings. Keefe has graduate degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary and Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School (formerly Andover Newton Theological School). She is a painter and a poet. Her other books are theological poetry, which you can find out more on by visiting her website, [beachtheology.com](http://beachtheology.com).

Sessions

Creating the Lifesaving Church: Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention | Convo Hall 10 | Friday, 10 AM and Saturday, 2 PM



### Rachel L. Jones, MSW

I am the Director of Social Work at Milligan College in Eastern TN. I have a master's in social work and a master's in international community development. I am devoted to researching and creating healing spaces for people in need. This has led me to the field of nature therapy, healing gardens, and care farms. I am dedicated to restoring relationships between people and the land—bridging social and environmental justice—to foster healing on both sides. I have worked in this field, in various capacities, in the US, the Philippines, and the UK.

#### Sessions

Creation Care as Neighbor-Love | Convo Hall 05 | Friday, 2 PM and Saturday, 10 AM



### Rainier Wylde

Rainier Wylde is a wholeness guide, a spiritual teacher and a group facilitator. He holds a Masters in Psychology, and has been extensively trained in Eastern mindfulness, Western

contemplative practice, and the art of Socratic questioning. He has spent literally thousands of hours professionally interacting with individuals in all different stages of life—from spiritual seekers wanting training in being present, to men scrambling to get their lives pieced back together; from businessmen craving to have the keys to success to world-weary travelers trying to find healing and hope. His passion for new tribes, strong individuals, and spiritual connection are what drives him.

#### Sessions

Wisdom Camp: Play, Power, and Perseverance | River | Thursday, 9 AM  
The Work That Reconnects | Living Room | Saturday, 10 AM



### Randi Driscoll

Randi Driscoll is an award winning singer/songwriter whose music has been featured in film popular television shows and a commercial directed by Spike Lee in which Randi also appeared. Her performance credits include appearances at Lincoln Center, The Ford Theatre

and hundreds of universities performance halls, nightclubs and cabarets all over the U.S and Canada. Randi's live shows weave humor and real-life drama together accompanied by an original soundtrack of piano-driven empowerment songs. Randi has lent her music to several different social causes and non-profit organizations. Randi's most notable work is her original song "What Matters" an anti-hate ballad that has been featured in films and documentaries. the choral version has been performed by over 50 choirs internationally. Proceeds from the song support the Matthew Shepard Foundation's work to erase hate. Awards include

Femmemusic Artist of the Year, Song of the Year winner AAA, Two special mentions Rolling Stone mag

#### Sessions

Goose in the Round at Lunch | Mainstage | Saturday, 1 PM  
Randi Driscoll | Café | Saturday, 3 PM



### Randy Bell

Director of Spring Creek Spirituality based in Asheville, NC, welcoming all faiths and backgrounds as we explore each person's individual spirituality in everyday language. My spiritual path includes many diverse sources, principally following the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, Buddha, Lao-Tsu. Zen

practitioner for over 40 years. Extensive writings on spiritual topics: 14 books, 2 blog sites, and various reference materials. Serves as guest speaker / session leader, leads spiritual and personal growth workshops and retreat sessions, and is a meditation teacher. Provides spiritual direction and companionship. Part of the Spiritual Direction Team at Wild Goose in 2016–2018, session presenter in 2018. Member of North Carolina Writer's Network, and Spiritual Directors International.

#### Sessions

Conversations With America | Landing | Friday, Noon



### Randy Eddy-McCain

One year before the Little Rock Nine bravely endured threats of violence and death to integrate Central High School, Randy Eddy-McCain was born in Arkansas. He grew up in a conservative Assemblies of God church where

he fell in love with Jesus as a little boy.

As Randy got older, he felt called by God to go into the ministry, but he had what religion taught him was a problem. He was attracted to men, not women. He hoped he might grow out of it. He prayed he'd grow out of it, but when that didn't happen, he explored what it meant to be gay.

Without an example of how a gay man could be a Christian, Randy moved back and forth between what seemed like two conflicting worlds. As a Christian, he tried not to be gay, and as a gay man, he tried to ignore how much he still loved Jesus and wanted to minister to people in need.

Turmoil turned to peace when Randy was able to embrace both his faith and his sexuality. He committed his life to the love of his life, Gary Eddy and founded Open Door Community Church in Little Rock, AR.

#### Sessions

An Interview with Randy Eddy-McCain, An Openly Gay Pastor in the South For Over 30 Years. | Forum | Friday, 4 PM



## Randy Evans

Walking Tall exists to build interpersonal relationships with individuals experiencing poverty through full access so that they may experience community through safe and

sacred spaces for healing. They strive to bring awareness to the general public through an important "shift" in the language used in regard to poverty and charity. They accomplish their mission and vision through living out the ideas of Language Mutuality Abundance Radical Hospitality and Justice. Randy Evans is the founder/director. He lives in Wilmington, NC, with his wife Marya Great-Nephew Jaxon and two labs Zoe and Izzy. He moved to Wilmington from Raleigh in the Fall of 2013. He strives to create community with the most marginalized groups through giving full access and offering radical hospitality. He's been featured in *Salt Magazine*, *Cape Fear Living*, and *Duke Divinity Faith and Leadership*. He regularly speaks across the country; including the Missional Wisdom Foundation National Gathering. In addition to leading Walking Tall he also enjoys Yoga, Professional Wrestling, Diet Mountain Dew, The Rolling Stones and Howard Thurman.

### Sessions

Creating Safe, and Sacred Space For Healing: How A Stranger Becomes A Neighbor | Convo Hall 02 | Friday, 10 AM and Saturday, 2 PM



## Ray Waters

Ray Waters is the Founding Pastor of The Village Church, a progressive, post-denominational church located in South Atlanta. Raised evangelical, Ray led The Village to full inclusion in 2009

and performed his first same-sex wedding ceremony in 2011.

Ray has gained the reputation of being the pastor to people who have no pastor. His style is conversational, entertaining, and authentic. In 2019, with Stan Mitchell, and Neal Campbell, Ray also helped found Everybody Church, an online community of truth seekers and question askers.

Ray lives in Atlanta, GA, with his wife Jane, who is his best friend. They are the proud parents of three grown children and eight beautiful grandchildren, who affectionately call them Big and Mimi.

### Sessions

An Interview with Randy Eddy-McCain, An Openly Gay Pastor in the South For Over 30 Years. | Forum | Friday, 4 PM

An Interview with Daresha Kye - Film Producer of Momma Bears movie | Forum | Friday, 2 PM

An Interview with Sara Cunningham - Founder of Free Mom Hugs | Living Room | Saturday, 3 PM



## Rebecca Lauderdale

Rebecca is a native Mississippian who spends most of her time as a wife, mom, friend and physician in Hattiesburg. Her work focuses on treating and loving patients with complex medical problems in resource-poor communities. She is part of a diverse, brave and badass group of women who have met weekly for the past five years to

to experience the transformational power of friendship and self care. Now she loves to share this experience and work toward growing more wholeheartedness in the world.

### Sessions

How to Become a Badass: the Transformational Power of Vulnerability in Friendships | Convo Hall 09 | Friday, 5 PM and Saturday, 1 PM



## Recovering from Revival

In 1995 in the panhandle of Florida, a spiritual awakening, known as the Brownsville Revival, drew thousands of seekers who would wait in line all day in the hopes of having a legitimate spiritual experience. Shortly thereafter a Bible college

and missions organization was formed in the hopes of changing the world. As many things do, priorities shifted and holiness became legalism which became spiritual abuse and a cult-like environment. 20 years later alumni found one another and established an online recovery group where fellow students could vulnerably share their stories, deconstruct their beliefs and experiences, and share their stories of loss and therapy. Three alumni and administrators of the recovery are leading this session. Deanna Fraser spent most of her life in traveling ministry across Canada and as an adult as a missionary in China. Josh Burton established community-based churches in impoverished communities and later evolved to be an affordable housing expert in NC, Gregg Montella founded Heroes International which raises funds for medical care and food for impoverished aging widows in Moldova.

### Sessions

Recovering from Revival: Deconstruction and Love for the Jesus Freaks | Landing | Saturday, 10 AM

## REVDELE Ministries

Rev Dele is changing the environmental narrative towards nature centered ways of advocating so we create JOY with our Impact. She mentors spiritual leaders and Earthkeepers who are struggling with burnout and rage. As grandmother, theologian and permaculture professor Dele teaches that justice begins with inner balance and flows through a community in diverse banks of love. Dele co-hosts the Spirit of Resilience radio show to share inspiration and information for our changing social and weather climates. Dele's newest book *Breath of Life* helps us grow closer to God and grow a secure

community by loving creation. Dr. Stephanie Boddie is an assistant professor of Church and Community Ministries at Baylor University—appointments at the Diana R. School of Social Work the School of Education and the George W. Truett Seminary. Boddie recently developed a course “Education from a Gardener’s Perspective” to bring together permaculture ways of nature, creaturely patterns of students and ourselves as teachers. As vocalist she blends melodies and harmonies into a gentle landscape of Joy!

Sessions

Breathing Life into our Earth Care | Bridge | Saturday, Noon



### Reverend Cori Morgan

Rev. Cori Morgan resides in Jacksonville, FL, with her blog-writing spouse Beverly. They have a Boxer dog named Buddy. Rev Cori is the lead teacher for an Adult Transition program for post grad students who have an identified disability. She is also an active member of an affirming

congregation in Jacksonville Florida. She is a woman of many talents. She writes songs, sings, preaches, teaches and serves as an advocate of many different marginalized populations in her community. Last July she went on a mission trip to Uganda where she was able to work with an affirming ministry that is working to bring the message of God’s inclusive love to all people. Her passion for God is contagious.

Sessions

How to Become A Stone Catcher in Your Community | Convo Hall 08 | Friday, 4 PM and Saturday, Noon



### Reverend Sex

Reverend Sex (aka Rev. Alba Onofrio) is a Queer Evangelical Femme who lives and loves in la Lucha with QTPOC folks as a Spiritual Healer and Bruja Troublemaker to combat spiritual terrorism, reclaim the Divine, and eradicate shame and fear wherever they are found.

With Audre Lorde’s work on the transformative Power of the Erotic, Reverend Sex accompanies folks in their process of naming and honoring personal desires in order to thwart the systems of power that seek to control our minds and bodies through guilt and shame, coercion, fear and violence.

As the Spiritual Strategist for Soulforce and a Co-founder of the Sexual Liberation Collective, Reverend Sex works with individuals and small groups to decode white Christian Supremacy, heal internalized religious-based trauma, rebuild our ethics, and reclaim our sacred desires and spiritual practices. They also serve as Evangelist minister at Jubilee Interfaith Community in Asheville, NC.

Sessions

Reverend Sex & the Gospel of the Erotic | Workshop | Friday, 1 PM



### Robert Lee

The Reverend Robert Wright Lee IV is a pastor, activist, and author. Rob currently writes for a number of religious and secular outlets and recently appeared on MTV at the Video Music Awards, the View, CNN, and NPR to speak out against white supremacy and racism. His newest book, *A Sin by Any Other Name*

was released this past April. Rob received his Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Appalachian State University. He then went on to receive a MTS from Duke University and is currently pursuing doctoral work at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Rob’s pride and joy is his wife Stephanie and poodle Frank. They live in Statesville, NC, and love calling Appalachia home. Find him on Twitter @roblee4

Sessions

Stories We Wish We Could Take Back | Library | Friday, Noon



### Dr. Robyn Henderson-Espinoza

Dr. Robyn is a queer activist, Latinx scholar, and public theologian, based in Nashville, TN. They are the founder of the Activist Theology Project, a Nashville based collaborative project working to

incubate sustainable change by responding to the needs of the world. They are also the author of *Activist Theology*, available on Oct. 1, 2019 by Fortress Press.

Sessions

Justice Camp | Bridge | Thursday, 9 AM  
 Story-Based Activism | Studio (Art) | Saturday, 1 PM  
 Storytelling & Somatics: Re-Storying Our Body | Workshop | Saturday, 11 AM



### Roger Osgood

Second career pastor, guitar playing grandpa, husband, father, anti-racism trainer, marcher, protestor, pickleball player, runner. Jack of all trades, master of none.

Sessions

From Liability to Asset: Transforming Your Church Building | Convo Hall 08 | Friday, 2 PM  
 From Liability to Asset: Transforming Your Church Building | Convo Hall 08 | Saturday, 10 AM



### Rosalind C. Hughes

Rosalind Claire Hughes plays with poetry and other words to stay in touch with her own spirit and the divine Word. She moved to Cleveland, OH, with her family 16 years ago; this is their third continent of residence, but they seem finally to have taken

root. Rosalind is active in gun violence awareness, but her forthcoming book (from Upper Room, Spring 2020) is on gentler themes. She spends most of her spare time with her cats. An Episcopal priest, Rosalind serves the Church of the Epiphany in Euclid, OH. Rosalind loves stories, God, their intersections and imaginative interactions.

#### Sessions

By what name does God call you? | Convo Hall 07 | Friday, 2 PM and Saturday, 10 AM

## Russ Jennings

### Host, Goocast

Russ Jennings lives in NYC. In addition to his podcasting career, he is an activist in justice work all over the city, mostly through The Micah Institute, a faith-based, multi-faith coalition of clergy and activists. For twenty years, Russ produced concerts and special events in the San Francisco Bay Area and he plied those skills at Wild Goose, where he was stage manager of the main stage for four years. He founded the GooseCast program in 2016 to showcase the excellent podcasts in our Goosey niche.

#### Sessions

Love In a Dangerous Time | GooseCast | Saturday, 1 PM



## Rustic Riders

The Rustic Riders are an Adirondack Mountains-based husband-wife duo who have been performing since the 1990s. Since 2006 we have been performing

primarily new music inspired by daily prayer and meditation. We are active in our local Peace with Justice group (aka the dreamers) and Earth Care Organizations. We have organized local concerts and coffeehouse programs to benefit social justice and environmental concerns and played at many benefits supporting local and national organizations. We've recorded three CDs of new music and start our fourth in January. These can be heard at rusticriders.net. We've also developed sermons in song for congregations across the North Country Region of NY. Lisa has also worked with elementary school students to write songs on social justice issues—Building a Better World, MLK, "Don't Use Plastics," Caring for the water cycle and Music is Life.

#### Sessions

Song writing workshop with children/youth on the topic of the intersection of spirituality, arts and social justice | Youth | Saturday, 3 PM



## Ruth Elliot

Ruth Elliot is a WNC native, teacher, and vocal performer. As a Physical Therapist she focuses her hands-on healing on pregnant and postpartum women at Asheville Holistic Physical Therapy.

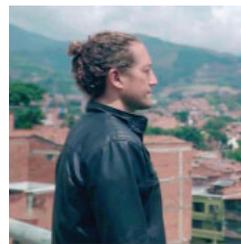
She has pioneered a holistic approach to health, Akashic Integration, which

applies soul level wisdom to physical healing. Geeking out on Physical Therapy science one minute and tuning into the Akashic records the next, Ruth is able to blend an energetic understanding of the human body to the technical science of Physical Therapy. Ruth teaches locally, nationally, and online bridging modern pelvic science and ancient pelvic wisdom.

Ruth has been involved in the emerging Christian movement since college moving from fundamentalism, through evangelicalism, to inclusive Christianity. Ruth is committed to presenting in an accessible and entertaining way. She enjoys teaching the mystery of creation all those who bring curiosity and an open mind.

#### Sessions

Your Empowered Pelvis | Landing | Friday, 2 PM



## Ryan Kuja

Ryan Kuja is a hack theologian, missiologist, spiritual director, writer and global citizen with a background in international mission, relief, and development. He has lived on the front lines of shalom in 15 cities and rural areas

on five continents, from the slums of Kolkata to the townships of Cape Town, the bush of South Sudan to the comunas of Medellin. Ryan writes and teaches on the integration of missional praxis, developing intercultural competency, spiritual formation, psychology, and the transformation of individuals and communities. His writing has been published in a variety of theological journals as well as at Sojourners, Red Letter Christians, and Missio Alliance. His first book, *From the Inside Out: Reimagining Mission, Recreating the World* released in 2018.

#### Sessions

Blinded by the White | Convo Hall 03 | Friday, 1 PM  
Blinded by the White, Or, Why We Go to Haiti for 10 Days Every July | Convo Hall 03 | Saturday, 5 PM



## Sally Thomas

"Sally is the most irreverent reverent person" a childhood friend recently proclaimed. Yep! Since her own children declared their innate theology as tiny sage ones, Sally has been attuned to the

spiritual wisdom children offer in this wondrous world. She currently serves as the Missioner for Children and Families at Holy Communion (Episcopal) Church in University City, Missouri, and is a D.Min. student at Eden Seminary. She has been in cahoots with circles of children and their families using Godly Play for 20 years and is thrilled to join Emily Griffin and Nancy St. John for Godly Play's fifth year at the Goose.

#### Sessions

Registration for Kids Tent | Kids | Thursday, 4 PM  
Kids Session (Ages 3-12) | Kids | Friday, 9:45 AM  
Godly Play, Scripture and Wonder | Kids | Friday, 4 PM  
Kids Session (Ages 3-12) | Kids | Friday, 2 PM  
Kids Session (Ages 3-12) | Kids | Saturday, 9:45 AM

Kids Session (Ages 3-12) | Kids | Friday, 2 PM  
 Kids Session (Ages 6-12) | Kids | Saturday, 11 AM  
 Kids Session (Ages 3-12) | Kids | Saturday, 2 PM



## Sandra Summers

Rev. Sandra Summers is a pastor's kid who attempted to stay in college forever before answering her call to ministry. She is constantly curious about

the world around her, and strives to inspire curiosity in others. Sandra's driving question in ministry is, "What does getting faith formation right look like from the beginning?" To that end, Sandra seeks to create resources and spaces for all to encounter God throughout the lifespan in ways that are rooted, authentic, and joyful. She writes curriculum, leads workshops, and coaches leaders, while serving locally. Sandra is ordained within the UCC, with standing in the DOC. Sandra promised her uncle that she would not marry anyone she met while in seminary. Therefore, she married Rev. Sam Teitel the day after they graduated seminary. Sandra, Sam, and their rescue dog Tommy currently serve in Memphis, TN in different capacities.

### Sessions

The "Right" Age Leader | Convo Hall 10 | Friday, 2 PM  
 Yes AND | Youth | Friday, 11 AM  
 The "Right" Age Leader | Convo Hall 10 | Saturday, 10 AM



## Sara Cunningham

Sara Cunningham, author/activist and founder of the non-profit, Free Mom Hugs. Her journey began in conservative OK, when her son, Parker, came out as gay. As a woman of faith, she wrestled with the news, until she began to study,

research, and reconcile the two worlds. She found herself on a journey "from the church to the Pride parade," falling in love with the LGBTQ+ Community. In the wake of beautiful, glitter-covered hugs, and heart-breaking, horror stories, the mission of Free Mom Hugs began. Now a movement across the country, and the world, Sara is going Beyond the Hug, to educate and advocate. She has recently been seen on the Today show, spoke at the 2019 GLAAD Awards, and is in partnership with Jamie Lee Curtis to make a movie about her story. Her passion is to change the narrative so that we as a society, not only learn to affirm the LGBTQ+ community but celebrate them.

### Sessions

An Interview with Sara Cunningham - Founder of Free Mom Hugs | Living Room | Saturday, 3 PM



## Sarah Heath

Rev. Sarah Heath currently serves First United Methodist Church in Costa Mesa, CA, where she is the lead pastor for a church re-start and revitalization. Along with being a pastor, Sarah is a speaker and a writer. She is the author of *What's Your Story? Seeing your life through*

*God's eyes* and *The Authenticity Challenge: 21 days to a more content life*. She is the host of Sonderlust the podcast. You can hear Sarah featured on the liturgists podcast, Homebrewed Christianity, A tiny Revolution with Kevin Garcia and other podcasts or catch her on YouTube with buzzfeed for ask a pastor anything. [revsarahheath.com](http://revsarahheath.com)

### Sessions

A New Reformation?" | Forum | Friday and Saturday, 6 PM  
 Standing in the gap- why I went to breakfast with Trump | Library | Friday, 4 PM  
 A Just Response to the Border Crisis | Living Room | Saturday, 4 PM



## Sarah Skinner

Sarah Skinner is a poet-activist and queer spaces advocate making her first appearance at Wild Goose. Her work reflects upon the impact of sexual and religious dominance narratives

on women in the American South and includes insights gained from her adolescence in China as well as a degree in anthropology from the University of South Carolina. Using her professional experience as a Director of Events at Montreat Conference Center, Sarah hopes to share ways to design inclusive, empowering spaces for LGBTQIA+ members in your own community. Sarah believes poetry and the arts can and should be used to bridge and heal cross-cultural differences. In 2018, she was invited to return to her home town of Columbia, SC, to read poetry for both March for Our Lives and the Wear Orange marches. Sarah is also a trained dialogue facilitator (through the Kaleidoscope Institute: for diverse, sustainable communities). Sarah's hobbies include CrossFit, karate, and tea parties with her five year old.

### Sessions

Queer Poetry & Art Open Mic | Portal | Friday, 10 AM  
 Creating LGBTQIA+ Friendly Space | Convo Hall 08 | Friday, 1 PM and Saturday, 5 PM



## School For Seekers: Elane O'Rourke & Benton Stokes

Do you think, feel, question, risk, and hope? If you're anything like us (and if you're reading this you probably are) we need to meet.

Soon. Like now.

Elane O'Rourke has led affirming churches and organizations since 1998 in California, Ohio, and Tennessee. Elane holds a doctorate in spiritual formation, and master's degrees in divinity, women and gender studies, and philosophy. She is the author of *A Dallas Willard Dictionary* and a member of Spiritual Directors International. Elane is drawn to artists, musicians, and misfits of all kinds, and is an unrepentant fan of good wine, good people, and good news.

Together with noted songwriter and worship leader Benton Stokes, who serves as Creative Director (and Spirit-wrangler), Elane founded School For Seekers in 2014. School For Seekers creates safe spaces to unlearn damaging ideas, try on better ones, and learn practices that lead to a spiritually rich life.

The School For Seekers podcast is "Cocktail Theology." We talk about theology, angels, sex, salvation, music, roller coasters (both physical and emotional) and anything else that matters. In short: We discuss life and God, with no filter. Over cocktails. Just like you. Connect soon! [elane@schoolforseekers.com](mailto:elane@schoolforseekers.com)

Sessions  
 Breaking Through The Wall of WTF?! | Convo Hall 01 | Friday, 5 PM and Saturday, 1 PM



### Scott Bass

Scott Bass is passionate about building a more just, compassionate and whole world. Scott lives in Raleigh, NC, where he works as a family therapist and also offers spiritual direction, coaching, workshops, retreats and consulting.

Current projects include working with a non-profit to deepen inclusivity and working with a faith community to nurture meaningful communication about racial and political differences. Scott also works as Director of Victim Services for the nonprofit North Carolina Victim Assistance Network. He is a passionate advocate for Restorative Justice Practices, such as Circle Processes. He is married to Marcelle Clowes. They have 17-year-old twin humans and two cats.

Sessions  
 Using Talking Circles to Nurture Communication and Understanding Across Divides | Library | Saturday, Noon



### Scott Hardin-Nieri

Rev. Scott Hardin-Nieri is a dad, partner, the Director of the Creation Care Alliance a program of MountainTrue, as well as the Associate Pastor for Green Chalice of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He has served in Monteverde, Costa Rica, TX, CO, and CA prior to now

living in the beautiful Mountains of Western NC. Scott enjoys accompanying people during transformative experiences, whether during hikes, spiritual direction, preaching moments, wilderness quests, stories shared,

service learning trips, live music concerts, camps or retreats. He continues to be reminded of his true self most clearly in the forests, oceans and deserts and seeks to invite others, particularly faith communities into conversations regarding creation.

Scott is an ordained pastor with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a Spiritual Director and holds degrees from Texas A&M University and San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Sessions  
 Creation Care: Practicing Love-Practical Seeds for Change | Convo Hall 07 | Friday, 5 PM and Saturday, 1 PM  
 Role Playing for a Healthy Planet-Climate Interactive | Bridge | Friday, 9 AM



### Shaman Nar (aka Pastor Nar)

Narcizo Martinez, affectionately known as 'Pastor Nar' or the 'Shaman Nar', is a life-long lover and follower of the Way of Jesus. Central to his spirituality is the understanding that Great Spirit has

expressed itself at all times, in all cultures, and through all people. Nar has traveled within multiple streams of the Christian tradition. He delights in the ability to freely flow within a broad spectrum of spiritual communities, expressions and practices ... Christianity, Paganism, Hinduism, Buddhism and especially Shamanism—which he sees as the root of all religious and spiritual traditions. He works to Co-Create space where the Beloved Community may reflect their unique facets of expression of the beautiful jewel we call the ever-unfolding Kin-dom of the Creator.

Sessions  
 Medicine Wheel and Mandala Healing Ceremony | Healing Arts | Friday, 1 PM  
 Celebrating and Integrating Inter-Spiritual Energetic Healing Modalities | Living Room | Friday, 11 AM and Friday, 3 PM



### Shane Claiborne

Shane Claiborne graduated from Eastern University and did graduate work at Princeton Seminary. In 2010, he received an Honorary Doctorate from Eastern. His adventures have taken him from the streets of Calcutta where he

worked with Mother Teresa to the wealthy suburbs of Chicago where he served at the influential mega-church Willow Creek. As a peacemaker, his journeys have taken him to some of the most troubled regions of the world—from Rwanda to the West Bank, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

Shane is a founder and board member of The Simple Way, a faith community in inner city Philadelphia that has helped birth and connect radical faith communities around the world. He is married to Katie Jo, a North

Carolina girl who also fell in love with the city (and with Shane).

Shane writes and travels extensively speaking about peacemaking, social justice, and Jesus. His books are translated into more than a dozen languages. Shane speaks over 100 times a year, nationally and internationally.

#### Sessions

Beating Guns: Hope for People Who Are Weary of Violence | Living Room | Friday, 3 PM

Red Letter Revolution: Living Like Jesus Meant the Stuff He Said | Workshop | Saturday, 3 PM



### Shannon LeMaster-Smith

Shannon LeMaster-Smith is a Deacon in the United Methodist Church, a clergy order ordained to Word, Service, Compassion and Justice. She currently serves in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference. She has a M.A. in Conflict Resolution and 12+ years of experience in youth ministry.

Her call is to help people experience the transforming love of God and the power of the Holy Spirit and to equip and empower them to share God's love and grace with others. She enjoys singing and playing board games and is married to her best friend, Dr. Jonathan LeMaster-Smith.

#### Sessions

Snowflake Survival Tips: being liberal in a conservative church | Convo Hall 01 | Friday, 11 AM and Saturday, 3 PM



### Sharon Risher

Rev. Sharon Washington Risher, born in Charleston, SC, and a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University and Austin (TX) Theological Seminary, is a spokesperson of Everytown Survivor and Moms Demand Gun Sense In

America.

On June 17, 2015, a horrific tragedy happened; Sharon's mother, Mrs. Ethel Lee Lance, was killed in Charleston, SC, at the Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Eight others were also killed, including two of Sharon's cousins and a childhood friend.

Since that fateful day, Sharon has crossed the nation sharing her story of loss, forgiveness, racism, and gun law reforms. She has appeared on CNN, Good Morning America, CBS, NPR, PBS, BBC, and other news outlets; been interviewed by *Time*, *Essence*, *Marie-Claire* and others; written for several print outlets including *Vogue* and *VOX*. She was a special guest of President Obama for the signing of gun law-related Executive Orders.

Sharon is the author of *For Such a Time as This: Hope and Forgiveness after the Charleston Massacre*.

#### Sessions

Beating Guns: Hope for People Who Are Weary of Violence | Living Room | Friday | 3 PM



### Sheri D. Kling

In addition to being Associate Dean and Executive Director of the Beecken Center of the School of Theology, The University of the South, Sheri D. Kling is a theologian working where worldviews, beliefs, and practices can create either

dis-ease and suffering or wholeness and common flourishing. Drawing from process philosophy/theology, Jungian psychology, and mystical spirituality, Sheri focuses on communicating ideas and practices that positively impact humans' relationships with God, self, and world, especially the use of dream work as a spiritual practice for divine encounter, personal integration, and widening our relationship to creation. She holds a Ph.D. from Claremont School of Theology and earned a master of theological studies at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Sheri is a faculty member of the Haden Institute, a visiting lecturer with Palacky University (Czech Republic) in Social and Spiritual Determinants of Health, and a singer, songwriter, guitarist and essayist.

#### Sessions

Re-Tune-ing Religion | River | Friday, 10 AM



### Shikera Thomason

Shikera was born and raised in rural Carroll County, GA. After graduating high school, she pursued and obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology in 1999 from the University of West Georgia. Shikera returned to school in 2002 and began coursework to become a Special Education teacher.

After teaching students with disabilities for eleven years, Shikera knew she desired to serve humanity in a greater capacity! She obtained her Master's Degree in Human Services from Mercer University in May 2018. Shikera believes servitude should also originate and be carried out in love. Currently She is a facilitator/ co-facilitator at Circles of West Georgia ( a non-profit organization helping people understand how to come out of poverty). Shikera takes steps daily to facilitate healing for people from all walks of life, and as a conqueror of trauma she exhorts others to triumphantly pursue intentional healing! Shikera truly enjoys making people laugh. Shikera and her wife April enjoy making new memories especially through serving humanity by seeing everyone as a children of God. Finally Shikera thoroughly enjoys transforming into her commedienne persona "Sister May the truth be told" an elderly church mother sharing hard yet hilarious truths!

#### Sessions

Heal on purpose | Convo Hall 09 | Friday, Noon and Saturday, 4 PM



## Sistah Soul

Sojourner, listener, and lover of souls. I love to read which is self care. I love to travel. I love really really good food that leaves you with a wow in your mouth. And after a good hard day of work I like to sleep. If I were financially rich I would grow a garden and invite people in for a

living. But I am a part of the masses that works to live on the fringes. I am bi vocational—a therapist and a pastor. Prior to pastoring I was a social worker. I am a mother a friend and a daughter. I find meaning in this circle of love relationships. I am still very much on a journey and finding the ride way more interesting than any particular destination. I am excited to be attending the Wild Goose Festival for my first time.

### Sessions

Living Outside the Box | Convo Hall 03 | Friday, 2 PM  
No Turning Back: The Gift of Aging | Bridge | Saturday, 2 PM  
Living Outside the Box | Convo Hall 03 | Saturday, 10 AM



## Sister Quincy Howard, OP

Quincy Howard is a Dominican Sister working in Washington DC as an advocate with NETWORK Lobby for Catholic

Social Justice.

### Sessions

Apocalypse Anonymous: Rooted in Fellowship | Convo Hall 05 | Friday, 5 PM and Saturday, 1 PM  
Unique Messengers for the Common Good | Workshop | Friday, 3 PM



## SkyBlew

Mario Farrow (SkyBlew) is a young hip hop emcee who resides in North Carolina by way of Auburn, AL. He is rapidly becoming the hip-hop voice for

a new generation with a NEW SOUND... His music is very positive and inspirational but it still gets the fans' attention with infectious beats and lyrics. Speaking from his life experiences such as: foster care, homelessness, and etc, he uses his message in hopes to make a difference and spread LOVE! He chose to rise above the dire circumstances and share his story. SkyBlew describes his sound as – Painting The Sky,Blew!!! Most say he is a breath of fresh air actually! Although he is an underdog, this young man still perseveres and has built a following that reaches far beyond the borders of this state. Following the narrative I Don't Rap, I Paint The Sky,Blew!!! SkyBlew uses his sincere, substantive lyrics and colorful sound to breathe life into music and the world.

### Sessions

SkyBlew | Mainstage Side | Friday, 7:50 PM



## Soulforce

Soulforce is a 20-year-old LGBTQI organization that works to sabotage Christian Supremacy and end the political and religious oppression of all marginalized people. With an ethic of relentless, nonviolent resistance, Soulforce sabotages Christian Supremacy through research and informed strategy; political and theological education; spiritual reclamation and community healing; and creative campaigns and direct action.

### Sessions

Soulforce Vacation Bible School for Adults: The Wonderful World of God's Queer Creation | Workshop | Friday, 5 PM



## Stacey Harwell-Dye

Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye is an ordained deacon in the United Methodist Church trying to figure out how to best love God and neighbor and how churches can do more of both. She currently serves as the Pastor of Mission

and Outreach at West End United Methodist Church in Nashville, TN.

### Sessions

OK UMC, What Now? | Convo Hall 06 | Friday, 4 PM and Saturday, Noon



## Steve Vellines

Steve is a computer geek by trade. He is a father of two young adults and has been active in teaching youth Sunday School, coaching Youth Soccer and singing in groups with adults and youth. He has worked with youth for over 25 years. He loves to embarrass his kids and loves to tell Dad jokes, but at the end of the day,

they think he is almost cool!

### Sessions

How to be an adult supporter of Student led activist groups | Convo Hall 08 | Friday, 11 AM and Saturday, 2 PM



## Susan Katz Miller

Susan Katz Miller is a journalist, author, and interfaith families thought leader and coach. She has presented her interfaith family story on the Today Show, on NPR, in *The New York Times*, and across the country in keynote lectures, university talks, and in houses of worship. A former Newsweek

reporter, her work is based on surveys and interviews with hundreds of interfaith families. Her first book, *Being Both: Embracing Two Religions in One Interfaith Family* (Beacon

Press 2013), describes the growing grassroots national movement of interfaith families insisting on celebrating more than one family religion. Her new book, *The Interfaith Family Journal* (Skinner House 2019), provides interactive exercises and creative activities to help interfaith couples and families discern the pathway that is right for them. Miller, who grew up in an interfaith family and then raised two interfaith children, is also founder of the Network of Interfaith Family Groups. on facebook.

Sessions

#GenInterfaith: Interfaith Families, Interfaith Identities | River | Friday, 9 AM



### Susannah Tuttle

Susannah Tuttle is the director of NC Interfaith Power & Light, a program of the NC Council of Churches, addressing the issues and impacts of climate change as a moral imperative. Susannah received a Masters of Divinity degree with an emphasis on

ecological ethics from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. Susannah currently serves on the Board of Directors for National Interfaith Power & Light, Southeast Climate & Energy Network, Duke Energy's NC Eastern Advisory Council, and the Center for Climate, Energy, Environment, and Economics Advisory Board at UNC Law School. Susannah lives on a gravel road in Orange County, NC, with her husband who is a builder, gardener, and musician, and their two beloved dogs.

Sessions

Creation Care: Practicing Love-Practical Seeds for Change | Convo Hall 07 | Friday, 5 PM and Saturday, 1 PM  
Role Playing for a Healthy Planet-Climate Interactive | Bridge | Friday, 9 AM



### Suzanne L. Vinson

Suzanne L. Vinson has spent life collecting memories, recipes, stories, and wisdom as a woman of the Deep South who has offered care through her roles of motherhood, ministry and the arts. She loves gathering folks for good food and meaningful conversation. Suzanne creates soul art

for daily living, meant to deepen your experience of life, delight, and deeper connection. She is the author and artist of *Broken Wide Whole: Prayers for Daily Living*, serves as Associate Pastor at Grace Baptist Church in Richmond, VA, and has a beautiful studio space in the treetops of historic Ginter Park. She leads mini-retreats and gatherings in her studio, and travels to lead retreats for organizations, non-profits, and churches. Her art and retreats are care for the soul where you leave more refreshed than you began. Learn more about Suzanne, her art and her offerings at [suzannelvinson.com](http://suzannelvinson.com) and follow along at IG @slsvinson and @silvertreeartstudio. You can find Suzanne and her #artfordailyliving at WG in the Marketplace.

Sessions

Soul Care for the Caring Soul | Convo Hall 03 | Friday, 4 PM and Saturday, Noon  
Spirituality & The ART of Daily Living | Youth | Friday, 5 PM



### Taizé Baltimore

Duffy Laws actively facilitates Taizé prayer and spiritual direction groups in the Baltimore area as well as leads groups to Taizé, France. She holds a

teaching degree and a masters in Spiritual Ministry. A backyard farmer at heart, she cultivates human, plant and animal life with her husband and fellow beekeeper. She is an activist for her family and the environment, and drinks deeply from the joys of life.

Lisa O'Reilly came to Baltimore, MD, in 2001 after 10 years of teaching Religion and History in Irish schools. She holds a degree in catechetics and a masters in Pastoral Ministry. She has been a youth minister in four different Baltimore City Catholic churches. Her passion for Taizé came from visiting the Community for the first time at the age of 16. She likes playing her guitar, travel and drinking beer, often at the same time!

Sessions

Taizé Together | River | Friday, 6 PM  
Taizé Together | Café | Saturday, 6 PM



### Taleese Morrill

Taleese Morrill (she/her/hers) is a youth advocate and passionate creator of youth-specific content, including the Youth Tent at Wild Goose. If it has to do with teenagers, she's probably involved. Taleese is driven by that common

saying "Be the person you needed when you were younger." and aims to create spaces where teenagers can explore their identity and faith while continuing to feel safe, welcomed, and loved by the community around them. Taleese lives just outside Asheville, NC, with her husband, JP, and their myriad of pets.

Sessions

My Body, Your Body, Our Bodies : Youth Forum on Bodies and Relationships | Youth | Saturday, 5 PM



### Tarek Abuata

Born into a Palestinian Christian family in Bethlehem, Abuata moved to the United States during the first Palestinian Intifada when he was 12. After graduating from the University of Texas Law School, Tarek started his career working for the Negotiations Support Unit of the Palestinian Authority,

researching legal and policy issues. Since, Abuata worked on the ground for nine years as the coordinator of the Christian Peacemaker Team in Hebron and served as the representative of Rev. Bernard LaFayette (protégé

of Dr. King) training Palestinian youth in nonviolence principles and steps. Currently, Abuata serves as the Executive Director of Friends of Sabeel North America.

#### Sessions

Through Palestine To Justice Centered Intersections | Convo Hall 11 | Friday, 1 PM and Saturday, 5 PM



### Tarik Carey

In 2017, Tarik took a yoga class after being invited by a friend who happened to be teaching that morning. It just took one class... and he was hooked. He started out with the more intense yoga styles—Vinyasa and Hot Yoga. However

over time, he grew to appreciate the tremendous mental benefits of yoga, and found value in the slow and mindful movements of Yin Yoga. Always trying new poses, he is intrigued by arm balances and inversions.

Tarik completed his 200 hour yoga teacher training in December 2018 with Gratitude World Yoga & WiseMind Spiritual Warrior School and currently teaches Yoga and Meditation at WiseMind Yoga Meditation & Mindfulness Center in Cary, NC.

#### Sessions

Sleepytime Yoga (Thursday) | Healing Arts | Thursday, 10 PM

Sleepytime Yoga (Friday) | Healing Arts | Friday, 10 PM

Sleepytime Yoga (Saturday) | Healing Arts | Saturday, 10 PM



### Taylor Hagbo

Taylor Hagbo is the Intern Pastor at The Bridge Market and Faith Community—a coffeehouse/church in Saint Charles, MO, associated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

This internship year will complete

Taylor's M.Div. degree at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA.

Before pursuing seminary, Taylor studied religion and evolutionary biology, worked at a Lutheran retreat center in his home state of Washington (Holden Village), and lived on a redwood tree farm in Northern California.

Taylor writes folk and pop songs about the Gospel and life in the 21st century. In July 2018, Taylor and three friends went on tour as 'The Center Street Gospel Choir,' playing at churches, bars, and backyards in the Pacific Northwest.

#### Sessions

Taylor Hagbo | Café | Saturday, 2 PM



### Terra McDaniel

Terra is a spiritual director and pastor of New Table, a justice focused contemplative and liturgical house church community. She received an M.Div. with a concentration in spiritual formation from Portland Seminary (formerly George Fox Evangelical Seminary). Terra and her husband

Kyle, a partner in Corrigo Capital and board member of Allies Against Slavery, live in East Austin, TX, with their tiny rescue dog Edie. She's thankful that their daughter, son-in-law, and grand-dogs are only a ten minute drive away. You can find her online on Facebook, Instagram, and at terramcdaniel.com.

#### Sessions

Practicing Lament | Convo Hall 11 | Friday, 2 PM and Saturday, Noon

Spiritual Direction (Friday) | Spiritual Direction | Friday, 9 AM



### Terry Gonda

Drawing from the complexities of her own journey as a Catholic, lesbian, engineer, artist, Terry Gonda has been weaving stories of hope and

inspiration through song for over 30 years. Her voice is strikingly soul-stirring, yet it is her passion, humor, and raw vulnerability that connect deep within the listener. Traversing genres of folk, pop, country and coffeehouse rock; she pairs her powerful vocals with skillful and playful guitar—from dynamic rock rhythms to delicate harmonic-laced finger style.

#### Sessions

Catholic Mass | Portal | Sunday, 9 AM



### Terry Gonda and Kirsti Reeve

Terry and Kirsti have been making music together since they met in 1994. The Wild Goose has become their home over the years, and they are responsible for the music programming and stage

management. They are honored to host Goose in the Round and highlight the finest singer-songwriters of the Goose. You can also find them leading music for Catholic Mass on Sunday morning.

#### Sessions

Goose in the Round | Mainstage | Friday, 6 PM and Saturday, 6 PM



### Terry Menefee Gau

Rev. Terry Menefee Gau is a narrative theologian, actor, writer, podcaster, and advocate for the arts. She and Dr. Jayme Reaves created the podcast "Outlander Soul," exploring the book series

"Outlander" through a theological, religious, and spiritual lens. Terry is also an actor for screen and stage, and you can see her on television in the series "Turn" and in the movie "Loving." She also has several award-winning screenplays to her credit. Her home is Richmond, Virginia, where she lives with her husband and son, participating in and enjoying RVA's rich arts and culture community.

Sessions

Theology and Time Travel: Free Will & Destiny in Narrative | Convo Hall 05 | Friday, 4 PM and Saturday, 2 PM  
 Outlander Soul Podcast | GooseCast | Saturday, 11:30 AM



### Tessi Muskrat Rickabaugh and Cory Rickabaugh

Tessi Muskrat Rickabaugh is a graduate of Shalem Institute's Spiritual Guidance Program and

founder of The Barefoot Journey, an online community of people seeking to recognize God in the raw beauty of their story. A Native woman of Cherokee and Irish descent, Tessi delights in engaging the natural world and inviting people into interactive prayer experiences. In addition to leading women's circles, exploring creation with her niece and nephew, and writing, Tessi provides spiritual direction in English and American Sign Language in her central Missouri home and nationally through video call platforms. Tessi's newest adventure is life as a college student! She is currently enrolled at the University of Missouri where she is majoring in Women's and Gender Studies and Religious Studies, exploring the role of religion as both the creator of gender-based trauma and as a form of healing. Cory is her husband, partner, co-creator of labyrinths and enabler of all her crazy adventures. An American Sign Language interpreter and member of the LDS church, Cory considers himself a bridge-builder and peacemaker.

Sessions

Why Should I Walk in Circles? | Chapel | Friday, 2 PM



### Tevyn East / Holy Fool Arts

Holy Fool Arts is a theatrical production company founded by Tevyn East and Jay Beck that fuses earth-

centered spirituality with the biblical prophetic tradition. We have performed and taught in churches, universities and community centers across the country—offering theater that educates and worship that mobilizes.

We are the producers of the Carnival de Resistance a traveling arts carnival education initiative and eco-village demonstration project that has produced seven residencies in different parts of the U.S. After a decade of nomadic artistic ventures Holy Fool Arts has recently relocated to Rutherfordton, NC to build a land-based community project and cultural hub called "Dreaming Stone."

Sessions

Immersion in the Holy Wild: movement practices to connect with sacred water. | River | Friday, 1 PM and Saturday, 2 PM



### The Athena Initiative

Julia Khan identifies as a cis-gendered multi-racial lesbian Christian born and bred in NYC. She is a co-founder of the Athena Initiative, an organization dedicated to building communities and organizations that believe in the power of Love to transform the world. A graduate of Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York,

she has worked in ministry as a Chaplain to struggling veterans and spearheads the Athena Initiative's social media project which seeks to bring intellectually engaging and spiritually challenging videos and podcasts to the community where they are. In her spare time, she enjoys practicing and teaching martial arts, a passion of hers for thirty years.

Sessions

Evolving Identities Through the Life Span: The Power & Pain of Truth | River | Saturday, Noon



### The Collection

It didn't take long for David Wimbish's solo project to become a full band.

The community that had inspired his music quickly began to embody the songs, wielding instruments last played in middle school marching band, and fulfilling 'the Collection's name. Coming from Greensboro, North Carolina, their songs stem from an awareness of their state's folk roots, and an appreciation of orchestral and world music.

After the loss of dear friends and family, the band released their first full length, "Ars Moriendi", featuring over 25 musicians, and wrestling with questions of mortality and spirituality, followed by "Listen To The River," a second full length exploring a loss and repositioning of faith. As the last year has brought more focus to the Collection, both in size and in vision, they released their 3rd record, "Entropy," while still retaining their original inspiration and muse - the community of those intrigued by the mystery of life.

Sessions

The Wild Goose Gathering Party with The Collection | Mainstage | Thursday, 8:15 PM



## Stan Mitchell

Stan Mitchell, an Arkansas native and fifth generation classical Pentecostal, has traveled extensively for over 30 years of preaching and teaching, including a lead position at the highly respected Christ Church in Nashville, TN. Mitchell currently serves as senior pastor of GracePointe Church in Franklin, TN. The core members of GracePointe commissioned Mitchell over a decade ago to be the rallying teaching force of a new church that began in his living room. This progressive, evangelical and interdenominational community has been on an expansive and deeply sacred journey in the last few years, bringing their initiatives to the forefront of many modern day issues surrounding the Christian church, namely their recent movement into full inclusion of the LGBTQ community.

### Sessions

A New Reformation? | Forum | Friday, 6 PM  
A New Reformation? - Reprise | Forum | Saturday, 6 PM  
The Good News You Never Needed (and the Great News You Never Heard) | Stan Mitchell | Mainstage | Sunday, 10 AM



## The Keep

An eclectic indie-folk duo from the mountains of East Tennessee, The Keep sings of hope in broken places and love in a vengeful world. With care-filled harmonies

reminiscent of Simon & Garfunkel and a dynamic intensity akin to contemporary folk duos like The Civil Wars and The Oh Hellos, they weave sonic stories that are bound together not so much by genre or style as by a common vulnerability and sincerity. Their debut album, *Bienvenu* (released under "daniel couper"), told a cyclical story of disruptive grace with the help of over 60 musicians. The follow-up EP, *Epilogue*, explored this same disruptive grace through songs inspired by the literature of the ages, from *The Velveteen Rabbit* to *Les Misérables*.

### Sessions

The Keep | Café | Friday, 5 PM



## The Pinkerton Raid

For four years, songwriter Jesse James DeConto and band members have been leading barroom sing-alongs back home in Durham, NC, with songs bridging the personal and political: Sam Cooke's "A Change is Gonna Come," "What the World Needs

Now" made famous by Dionne Warwick and countless songs by Dylan, Guthrie, and Seeger. As a result, their latest record "Where the Wildest Spirits Fly," captures the sing-along vibe, with a choir joining in on the catchy choruses. *Americana UK* called the songs "anthemic."

"Recommended for fans of Wilco and The Band," said *HERE COMES THE FLOOD*. *MYSTIC SONS* celebrated a "quirky indie-pop delight." Here in the states, critics heard echoes of Neil Young, Sharon Van Etten and Bright Eyes. The title of the new album is a lyric from the song "Thin Places" conjuring the Celtic idea of an earth charged with spirit.

### Sessions

The Pinkerton Raid | Mainstage Side | Friday, 7 PM



## The World In Lights

The World In Lights is wife-husband progressive folk duo Dani Rocca (also of Avalon) and songwriter Joel Herbert of Syracuse, NY. We write and perform melodically

compelling and lyrically rich pop-acoustic sort of pieces with a lot of relationship drama and a sprig of spirituality thrown in. We're both seasoned songwriters and performers who love telling stories and sharing life with new humans along the way!

### Sessions

The World In Lights | Mainstage Side | Saturday, 7:30 PM



## Theosophia Podcast

Creator and Host, Sarah Elizabeth Smith is the Coordinator for Media and Aspirant for Holy Orders at the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma. She holds a bachelors in systematic Catholic theology from the University of Notre Dame, a Master of Science in Sports Administration from the

University of Northern Colorado and a Masters of Theological Studies from Vanderbilt University. She started the Theosophia Podcast in December 2017 to promote and empower women's voices in theology.

Co-Host, Kelsey Davis is the Curator for Emerging Communities and Aspirant for Holy Orders at the Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real. She holds a bachelor's in systematic Catholic theology from the University of Portland and a Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt University. Kelsey is also a former USA National Team and college coach as well as a professional soccer player.

### Sessions

Theosophia | GooseCast | Friday, 1 PM



## Therese Taylor-Stinson

Therese Taylor-Stinson is the founding managing member of the Spiritual Directors of Color Network Ltd., an elder-advisor for the Mystic Soul Project, and an ordained deacon and ruling elder in the PCUSA having served

a term as Moderator for National Capital Presbytery (NCP) from 2015-2017. Therese currently serves as Liaison for Race and Reconciliation on NCP's Mission

Coordinating Committee. In 2018 Therese won Indie Author Legacy Award "Author of the Year" in the area of social awareness for her solo edited work *Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around: Stories of Contemplation and Justice* and she was recognized by Grace and Race Inc., as a Collaborative Bridge Builder for her varied organizing roles around racial justice. She is foundationally a spiritual director in private practice for nearly 14 years and a graduate of the Shalem Institute, where she is a member of the Shalem Society for Contemplative Leadership.

Sessions

Noonday Centering Prayer | Chapel | Friday, Noon  
 Thinking About Race | Landing | Friday, 11 AM  
 Spiritual Direction (Friday) | Spiritual Direction | Friday, 9 AM  
 Thinking About Race | Youth | Saturday, 10 AM  
 Spiritual Direction (Saturday) | Spiritual Direction | Saturday, 9 AM



**Thom Buchanan**

Thom Buchanan Thom started playing the guitar at the age of 12, and has been honored to back-up artists such as Jeff Fenholt, Phil Driscoll, Darlene Zschech, Joe & Becky Cruse, Cindy Cruse-Ratcliff, Kent Henry, legendary studio guitarist Mike Deasy, Georgian Banov, JoAnn McFatter, Don Potter, Suzy Wills-Yaraei and Roy Fields, to notably name a few He has musically supported ministries such as: TL Osborne, Reinhard Bonnke, Rodney Howard-Browne, Lou Engle, Jerry Brandt and Jerry Saville.

He is the founder of the bands SonsUVthundr, Thom Buchanan Band and (Band dú Soleil—currently). He's been joined by his life-long friend and bandmate, Juma Sultan (percussionist for Jimi Hendrix), in all three of these bands. He has played on hundreds of other's albums and has released three LP's of his own: ""Living On Borrowed Time"", ""Beautiful"" & ""Christmas Revisited." He is a New York native and is, currently, making his home in High Point, NC, with his wife Caroline and their children.

Sessions

Seated Gentle, Embodied stretch and breath prayer (AKA Chair yoga) | Healing Arts | Friday and Saturday, 2 PM



**Pastor Tim Bupp**

I have been a pastor for 20 years and before that I was a Steel Worker for 20 years. I was ordained in the ELCA in 1999 and have served in Pennsylvania and South Carolina. I am currently serving in Columbia, SC at Reformation

Lutheran Church. We are a Reconciling In Christ congregation which in the ELCA means we are open and accepting to all. Our congregation is made up of about 60% LGBTQ+ individuals. I have preached social justice since I was ordained. My "call" sermon was on the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts, and I went there, I preached

social justice for LGBTQ individuals and that crazy congregation called me!

I have watched various denominations struggle with the question about the church and LGBTQ individuals and realized we keep tripping over our religiosity. We keep setting up religious parameters that seem more focused on keeping people out than sharing the good news of grace. I have been studying Bonhoeffer's *Ethics and Letters From Prison* for years, and I believe his theory of "Religionless Christianity" can get us past all that. It's time for the church to stop being a religious judge, and become a faithful lover of all.

Sessions

Faithful Christianity, Beyond Religion | Landing | Friday, 3 PM



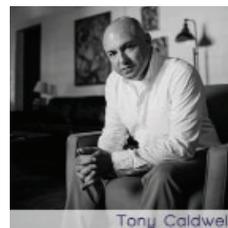
**Tom McDermott**

Tom McDermott is a storyteller, singer, musician, and speaker who has entertained and keynoted at schools, churches, conferences, and corporate settings across the U.S. and Ireland. Also a former social worker with Austin

Planned Parenthood and the Tarrant Area Drug Rehab Institute, Tom is an ordained United Methodist minister and pastor to the eleven:eleven celebration (<https://fumcfw.org/1111fw/>), a Sunday morning "seeker's service" of 250 or so people within the larger community of the First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth, TX. Eleven:Eleven, Downtown (inclusive, open, inquisitive) is a joyous and eclectic, growing and authentic community of young and old, faithful and faith-less 'inclusiveers' who celebrate life with story, secular and sacred music, insatiable curiosity, conversation, and compassionate service.

Sessions

Church in 3D | Convo Hall 07 | Friday, 11 AM  
 Church in 3D | Convo Hall 07 | Saturday, 3 PM



**Tony Caldwell, LCSW**

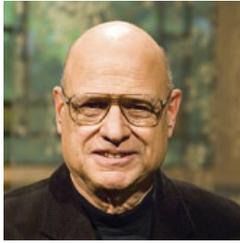
Tony Caldwell, LCSW is a Jungian psychotherapist in private practice and founder of the Underground Church, a reconciling progressive faith community in Oxford, MS.

Tony is a featured writer and speaker for Red Letter Christians and writes for many other publications. You can read more of his writings at [tonycaldwell.net](http://tonycaldwell.net)

As an activist, Tony has partnered with The Human Rights Campaign, the W.W. Kellogg Foundation, the Southern Poverty Law Center, The Levi Strauss Co., and the Toyota Corporation among others. He and his colleague, Dr. Jandel Crutchfield, have enjoyed success in their grassroots Together Projects promoting interracial and interfaith dialogue around issues of race, privilege, and justice across the state of Mississippi.

## Sessions

Rooted In Belovedness: Jesus, MLK, and You | Forum | Saturday, Noon



### Tony Campolo

Tony Campolo is professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern University and a former faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania. For 40 years, he led the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education, an

organization which he founded to create and support programs serving needy communities. More recently, Dr. Campolo has provided leadership for the progressive Christian movement, Red Letter Christians as well as, for the Campolo Center for Ministry, a program which provides support to those the church has called to full-time ministry. He has written more than 35 books and can be found blogging regularly on [tonycampolo.org](http://tonycampolo.org) and [redletterchristians.org](http://redletterchristians.org). Tony and his wife Peggy live near Philadelphia and have two children and four grandchildren.

## Sessions

Tony Campolo | Convo Hall 10 | Friday, 4 PM  
Red Letter Christians | Mainstage | Saturday, 11 AM



### Touch Podcast: Conversations of Spirit and Body

Ryan is an ordained minister, producer, and strategist having worked in religious non-profit and theological education for the past

20 years. With masters and doctoral degrees, Ryan's humor and insight help many to imagine new futures.

## Sessions

Touch Podcast | GooseCast | Saturday, 2:30 PM



### Tracy Howe

I was born both addicted and blind to the privilege and power that global exploitation, militarism and racism hold in place for a few. Thank God I had music. My early touring career brought me across the continental United States and

many parts of Central and South America. The songs opened pathways of relationships and the relationships seeded new songs about the lived realities of people in many different places and the struggles for life and justice everywhere. Now 20 years after I started writing songs for public performance and community building I feel some responsibility as an artist to document what I see happening, to demonstrate and declare the movements of liberation alive in the world. I am a songwriter seeking to cultivate my own humanity and the humanity others through lyrics and melodies harmonies and stories of liberation.

## Sessions

Tracy Howe Music Set | Café | Saturday, 10 AM



### Troubadours of Divine Bliss

Aim Me and Renee have been best friends since their early teens when they met at an evangelical church

outside of Louisville, KY. Aim Me's Dad a deacon was part of a mutiny that kicked Renee's Dad the pastor out of the church. They shared a mutual vision of being traveling musicians who inspire a revolution of the spirit and courage of the heart. Following their bliss and freeing their dream they picked up a guitar and an accordion and moved to New Orleans to become Troubadours of Divine Bliss. They started as street performers in the French Quarter and have since toured all over America, Canada, Scandinavia, and Europe. he Troubadours have seven recordings with an eighth in the works. They are revolutionary spiritual environmental and social justice activists. (We played Wild Goose in 2013, and this is the first year we can return).

## Sessions

Goose in the Round at Lunch | Mainstage | Friday, 1 PM  
Troubadours of Divine Bliss Musical Performance | Café | Saturday, 1 PM



### Tuf Francis

Tuf (pronounced toof) Francis began playing music on a single Middle Eastern drum, called a derbeki, 25 years ago. He has since added many

other instruments to his repertoire including djembe, congas, bongos, guitar, drum kit, and lead vocals. He has recorded and produced much music and played in and led numerous drum circles throughout the midwest. His primary musical influences include Pink Floyd, Ani Difranco, early Genesis, and the Beatles. Tuf was also a high school teacher, youth group leader, and praise leader for ten years. Tuf took a hiatus from music to finish a doctorate in teacher education at the University of Michigan. Currently he is a family man, professor, scholar, public speaker, and active musician. He is also a co-leader of Detroit Beer & Hymns. Learn more about Tuf and his music: @TufFrancis and [tuffrancis.com](http://tuffrancis.com)

## Sessions

Drum Circle | Portal | Friday, 6 PM



### ValLimar Jansen

ValLimar Jansen is a highly regarded singer composer and recording artist. She is educated and experienced as a university/college professor a leader of worship and prayer and a workshop presenter at conferences across the united states and abroad. Find her latest work at: <https://vallimar.com>

bandcamp.com. Vallimar Jansen received most of her training in music and performance at Howard University in Washington D.C. and she holds professional degrees in the Arts from California State University and The University of California. She has sung and toured professionally throughout the United States of America. Some countries in her international tours include: Canada, St. Kitts, Jamaica, St. Maarten, Ghana, Switzerland, France, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Scotland, Israel, China, and Japan. She played the role of Beneatha with the Broadway touring cast in the European premier of Raisin. She went on to co-author a one-woman musical about the life of Ethel Waters that received a special commendation from the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Today Vallimar tours regionally nationally and internationally as an inspirational speaker a storyteller a song leader a principal vocalist and/or an emcee. Vallimar includes in her annual touring her one-woman musical on the life of Sr. Thea Bowman and Vallimar's critically acclaimed one-woman musical "Sweet Mama: A Celebration of Ethel Waters." Vallimar performs at Blues & Jazz festivals with The Vallimar Jansen Blues Band. Winner of two 2008 UNITY Awards for Best Gospel Album and Best Gospel Song Vallimar composes all her music with her husband Frank. They live in Southern California

Sessions

Vallimar Jansen | Mainstage | Saturday, 7 PM



### Victor Udoewa

Victor Udoewa is a design engineer who works on social problems in community and international development. After designing at USAID and Google, he's brought that creative spirit to found or lead alternative faith communities

and experiences. Recently, he co-designed the Lenten experience "Faithing Your Practices," founded Sparks-DC where people are challenged each week to take one positive risk, co-led Borough Commons in the UK, and co-leads a DC education group, Emergent Conversation and Iona DC communities. He has served as music minister, youth pastor, and college worker in churches in different countries. A former teacher, Victor teaches teachers as an educational specialist and adjunct professor of education focusing on science and math education. He still conducts medical and engineering research, and is a certified counselor focusing in HIV/AIDS, crisis pregnancy, post-abortion, and miscarriage counseling. He enjoys his male a cappella group, teaching salsa classes, and his beautiful, growing family.

Sessions

Beyond Design: A Systems Approach | Convo Hall 02 | Friday, 5 PM and Saturday, 1 PM

Creative Tensions | Workshop | Friday, 11 AM



### Wayne Meisel

Wayne Meisel is the Director of the Center for Faith and Service at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, IL. The Center develops programs through partnerships with local congregations and national church offices for a generation

defined by their commitment to service and justice. The Center also seeks to renew theological education through collective efforts to recruit, train and launch individuals into both traditional and new forms of ministry.

Prior to this position, he served as the Director of Faith and Service at the Cousins Foundation in Atlanta, GA, and was the founding President of the Bonner Foundation. As a Presidential appointee to the Commission on National and Community Service, Meisel served as one of the architects of the AmeriCorps programs and also as a charter board member of Teach for America.

He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church and describes himself as an AmeriCorps Chaplain.



### Wendy Hudson-Jacoby

Wendy is a daughter, mom and church planter who lives in Charleston, SC. She and a team of believers, doubters and wanderers planted Two Rivers Church, a United Methodist community that is Jesus-centered, radically inclusive, and

anti-racist, in March 2018. She's lived in Mumbai, India, Philadelphia, rural South Carolina, and now Charleston. She is the mom to three tweens and teens, a slow but steady runner, a vegetarian, and a lover of all spicy food.

Sessions

Why Yes, You CAN Start a Progressive Church in the Deep South!

Convo Hall 12 | Friday, 10 AM and Saturday, 1 PM



### Westar Institute and Praxis Forum

The Westar Institute and Praxis Forum are excited to be partnering at this year's Wild Goose Festival. The Westar Institute, which is the home of the Jesus Seminar, is dedicated to fostering and

communicating the results of cutting-edge scholarship on the history and evolution of the Christian tradition, thereby raising the level of public discourse about questions that matter in society and culture.

The Praxis Forum, part of the Westar Institute, is committed to bridging the gap between the academic study of religion and the on-the-ground experience of religion and spirituality in contemporary culture. We are religious leaders with training in church, arts, chaplaincy, non-profit management, social justice advocacy, religious scholarship, the development of new faith communities and social service work.

We look forward to offering an exciting workshop combining world-class scholarship and practical application.

#### Sessions

Living Your Values: The Radical Jesus and the Spiritual Self  
| Landing | Friday, 5 PM



### Will Retherford

Will Retherford is a spiritual artist collaborating with the sounds of dance and Anglican mass, what some may call “Neo Spiritual Pop”. Seeking the ecstasy in melody thought and bond; Will looks to use the power of music and

symbolism to unite people together. Will is known for his acclaimed debut and sophomore albums “Awake” and “Walk” where his songs “Beautiful Feet” “Hope” “Seasons” and “Arise” became memorable songs in the Church space that led to touring various countries and working with eclectic groups of musicians and producers. Will is a father, husband, activist, writer, and techno dance enthusiast. You can find him marching in protests for equality, creating sounds-rhythms-beats in studios, leading music for church gatherings, exploring dance cultures in major cities, or playing at a park with his kids. Will's music is available on all streaming platforms.

#### Sessions

Will Retherford | Café | Friday, 2 PM  
Goose in the Round | Mainstage | Saturday, 6 PM



### William J. Barber II

The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II is the President and Sr. Lecturer of Repairers of the Breach, Co-Chair of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call For Moral Revival; Bishop with the College of Affirming Bishops and Faith Leaders; Visiting Professor at Union

Theological Seminary; Pastor of Greenleaf Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Goldsboro, North Carolina, and the author of three books: Revive Us Again: Vision and Action in Moral Organizing; The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and The Rise of a New Justice Movement; and Forward Together: A Moral Message For The Nation.

Rev. Dr. Barber is also the architect of the Forward Together Moral Movement that gained national acclaim with its Moral Monday protests at the North Carolina General Assembly in 2013. On September 12, 2016 Rev. Dr. Barber led a “Moral Day of Action,” the largest coordinated action on state capitals in U.S. history, calling for state governments to embrace a moral public policy agenda. On February 11, 2017, he led the largest moral march in North Carolina state history, with over 80,000 people calling on North Carolina's elected officials to embrace a moral public policy agenda.

A highly sought after speaker, Rev. Dr. Barber has given keynote addresses at hundreds of national and state

conferences, including the 2016 Democratic National Convention. He served as president of the North Carolina NAACP, and currently sits on the National NAACP Board of Directors. He is currently Visiting Professor of Public Theology and Activism at Union Theological Seminary and is a Senior Fellow at Auburn Seminary.

#### Sessions

The Poor People's Campaign—A Public Conversation | Mainstage | Saturday, 10 AM  
Waking The Goose with William Barber | Mainstage | Saturday, 8:30 AM  
Making Modern Ritual | Youth | Saturday, 4 PM



### William Matthews

William Matthews is known around the world as a singer songwriter, popular recording artist and dynamic performer. His popular songs have charted #1 Billboard and

iTunes and he has garnered more than 60 million streams worldwide. William's passion is artistry and advocacy. He seamlessly blends music, cinematography, and political messaging around themes like racism, voter suppression and climate change which have been highlighted by media outlets such as CNN and Yahoo. William is a co host on the highly popular Liturgist Podcast—a global community working to subvert the barriers our society builds around religion, race, gender, ability, and sexuality. William's latest album KOSMOS is now available and he currently resides in Los Angeles CA.

#### Sessions

The Liturgists | Living Room | Saturday, 5 PM  
William Matthews | Café | Saturday, Noon



### Women's Interfaith Alliance of Central Georgia

Margaret Mathews is one of the founding members of the Women's Interfaith

Alliance (WIA). Joining her will be other representatives of the WIA. These women are active in their various faith communities in Central Georgia which include the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim faiths.

The WIA stated mission is: “We believe that people who live out their faith are positive contributors to their communities. We hope to promote understanding, respect, prayer, interaction and unity among the various faiths in central Georgia through education, dialog and service.” It meets monthly for luncheons; is involved in community service; offers small group studies and an ongoing book group.

#### Sessions

Creating and Growing an Authentic Interfaith Community | Bridge | Friday, 1 PM



## Workman Song

Workman Song, singer-songwriter and itinerant preacher Sean McMahon, is equally at home at the campfire, behind the mic on the stage, on the subway platform, street, and at the pulpit. The storyteller with the soul-stirring

voice has worn many hats and pairs of shoes over his career, from hushed indie bedroom folk exploring the fringes of faith to glam rock performance art concept albums whose central character's stated aim is to woo the current First Lady of the United States. A man of contradictions indeed sings many songs, but the singular thread of McMahon's work is an urgent, homiletic poetry whose rugged vulnerability and disarming honesty reaches into the soul of anyone who has ears to hear.

### Sessions

Workman Song | Café | Friday, 11 AM  
 Songwriting For Christian Songwriters Who Hate Christian Music | River | Saturday, 9 AM



## Xavier Ramey

Xavier Ramey is the CEO of Justice Informed, LLC, a social impact consulting firm based in Chicago, IL that focuses on using public policy, data, and human behavioral patterns to catalyze

institutions' social and economic inclusion, community engagement, corporate responsibility, and philanthropy. A native of Chicago, IL, he draws from his past and present experiences to bring those around him into a space of radical imagination, critical accountability, and effervescent joy. Xavier is an oft-heard speaker at universities, in nonprofit settings, and in corporate spaces engaging or mediating topics such as divisive as prison abolition, corporate social cost, church-based racism, the nonprofit industrial complex, and global anti-blackness.

Xavier is often sought out to communicate issues of incredible tension and historical significance to audiences and communities that are either staunchly against, ignorant of, or confused about issues of racism, sexism, and other forms of systemic injustice. He is an international public speaker, a founding member of the #LetUsBreathe Collective (an organization in the Black Lives Matter movement), an award-winning poet and strategist, and published writer. He is a future dad joke award winner, avid outdoors person, and friend to all animals big or small.

### Sessions

Giving Ourselves The Privilege of the Doubt | Forum | Friday, Noon  
 Privilege: Somebody Else's Story | Forum | Saturday, 11 AM



## Yvette Flunder

Bishop Yvette Flunder is a native San Franciscan and third generation preacher with roots in the Church of God in Christ. Bishop Flunder is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ and holds both masters and doctorate degrees in Ministry from the Pacific School of

Religion and the San Francisco Theological Seminary, respectively. In 2003, she was appointed Presiding Bishop of The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, a multi-denominational coalition of over 56 churches and faith-based organizations from all over the world.

### Sessions

Sending the Goose with Yvette Flunder and Others | Mainstage | Sunday, 11 AM



## Zack Hunt

Zack Hunt is a popular blogger, writer, and youth ministry veteran. His writing on faith and politics has appeared in *Huffington Post*, *Relevant*

*Magazine*, *Patheos*, and *Youth Worker Journal*. He has also made cameo appearances in places like *The Boston Globe* and *New York Magazine*. After spending nearly a decade in youth ministry, Zack attended Yale Divinity School, where he graduated with a master's degree in Christian history. He and family live in TN where he spends his free time trying to smoke the perfect rack of ribs on his beloved Weber grill.

### Sessions

Low and Slow: An End Times BBQ | Portal | Friday, 1 PM



## Zac Morton

Rev. Zac Morton is an ordained minister in Presbyterian Church (USA) and a certified Master Gardener of the West Virginia University Extension. Zac currently serves as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Morgantown, WV. Zac has worked on creating opportunities to build community and

dignity around gardening during the past five years of ministry in Kansas, Atlanta, and West Virginia.

### Sessions

Cultivating Community: Gardening as an Opportunity for Community Building. | Convo Hall 11 | Friday, 11 AM and Saturday, 3 PM



## Zenaida Chandler

Zenaida Chandler is a Clinical Herbalist, Holistic Healer, and Inspirational Performer. She travels the country performing for the young and young at heart as Spark the Fairy. On and off stage she is known for rekindling magic, joy and wonder - while delivering a message of nature preservation, love, and a more accepting and cohesive community. The remainder of her time is occupied furthering her knowledge of herbs and healing any who come to her in need. Also a Reiki Master, with extensive knowledge in Crystal Healing, and Native American healing and studies as well as a degree in Herbalism, she is known to many as the Medicine Woman. And has no shortage of opportunity to heal holistically while also teaching others how to heal themselves. You can follow Zenaida on social media as Spark the Fairy or contact her directly at [sparkthefairy@gmail.com](mailto:sparkthefairy@gmail.com).

### Sessions

Celebrating and Integrating Inter-Spiritual Energetic Healing Modalities | Living Room | Friday, 11 AM  
I am Lost, and Finding My Way out of the Darkness | Healing Arts | Saturday, 11 AM



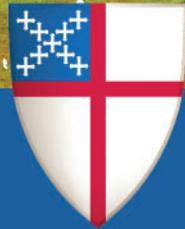
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# Sessions | Performances

## Full Descriptions

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### **“A New Reformation?” The Good News You Never Needed (and the Great News You Never Heard)**

John Pavlovitz, Jason Butler, Josh Scott, Sarah Heath

“A New Reformation?” – Is it justifiable that this is an epochal moment that commands the same historical gravitas as “Luther’s Reformation?” Refining wineskins or changing the wine?

**Forum | Friday and Saturday | 6 PM**

### **#ChurchToo: How Purity Culture Props Up Abuses of Power**

Emily Joy

When Emily Joy unintentionally launched the #ChurchToo campaign in November of 2017, she had no idea the ripple effect that would follow her sharing her story. Now, a year and a half out, join Emily to discuss what she’s learned from advocating for sexual revolution in faith communities and to hear what’s next for the movement. Issues of power and purity culture will be explored, and Emily will show how sexually dysfunctional environments form the bedrock of sexual abuse and exploitation. Space for Q&A to follow.

**Workshop | Friday | 2 PM**

### **#GenInterfaith: Interfaith Families, Interfaith Identities**

Susan Katz Miller

How are interfaith families navigating our increasingly complex religious landscape? Interfaith family expert Susan Katz Miller, author of two books on the subject, brings the latest news from #GenInterfaith. Miller—who is both an interfaith child, and an interfaith parent—weaves her own story into a tapestry created by hundreds of interfaith family stories she has collected as a journalist. A growing proportion of people in the U.S. now have extended interfaith family members—an atheist uncle, a Jewish step-grandmother, a Hindu son-in-law. In her new book, *The Interfaith Family Journal* (2019), Miller provides interactive prompts, exercises and activities to help interfaith couples and families discern the most harmonious pathway for their own circumstances—whether that means celebrating one religion, or two, or all, or none. Come hear Miller’s stories, tell your own story of complex or interfaith religious practice, and bring your questions and concerns for a lively discussion on a topic that touches us all.

**River | Friday | 9 AM**

### **#MeToo in Church: Finding Our Voices, Finding Our Healing**

Ann J. Temkin

I will briefly tell my own story and my familiarity as a therapist with the reality of abuse in churches. This will include some of the aspects of in-church abuse that make it particularly difficult to anticipate, identify, speak about, get help.. Then I will invite participants to share their stories with those at their table as they feel comfortable and able. To facilitate this discussion, I will pose some questions, emphasize that sharing is encouraged and often helpful but absolutely not required, and that “what is said here stays here”. We will conclude with suggestions for finding our voices and finding healing.

**Convo Hall 03 | Friday | 11 AM  
Convo Hall 03 | Saturday | 3 PM**

### **A Bold New Religion Called Love. Period.**

Jacqui Lewis

What does it mean to be Christian? To take Jesus at his word is to love God with all we have and our neighbor as ourselves. Dr. Jacqui Lewis will argue that to be Christian is to live life with the fiercest love—Love. Period.

Ken Medema will provide improvised musical response to this session.

**Mainstage | Friday | 10 AM**

### **A Jew and A Gentile**

A Jew and a Gentile, Helen Epstein, Micky ScottBey Jones

A special Wild Goose episode of A Jew and a Gentile Walk Into a Bar...Mitzvah: “Everything You Wanted to Know but Were Afraid to Ask Your Pastor.” Do you have nagging theological/faith questions you always wanted answered but didn’t know whom to ask? We have assemble a panel of “experts” to help. They come from different denominations and graduated from some of the best seminaries and Divinity programs in the country. So, come with your questions. Nothing is out of bounds. #TheologyWhiskeyCigarsF\*bombs

**GooseCast | Friday | 4 PM**

### **A Just Response to the Border Crisis**

Alexia Salvatierra, Sarah Heath

Sarah Heath interviews Alexia Salvatierra

**Living Room | Saturday | 4 PM**

**A Safe Place for Men to Share Openly in the Context of the MeToo Era (in mixed company)**

Larry Dickinson

More often than you may think, men who are supportive of the MeToo Movement may not feel safe sharing their true and sometimes-confused thoughts and feelings. It can be difficult to know how to safely explore MeToo related questions such as "over-political-correctness" and "shared-accountability" without feeling like some women will instantly label you a jerk. Or to raise questions like "might/should there be a sense of male gender guilt?" without receiving scorn from your male friends. As a supportive heterosexual male, how do you, or should you respond to the different extremes often expressed by your female friends and colleagues? Your male friends and colleagues? Where and how does MeToo fit with your Faith? The goal of this session is simply to provide a safe place for men to openly share their thoughts, feelings and confusion, in mixed company.

**Convo Hall 01 | Friday | 4 PM**  
**Convo Hall 01 | Saturday | Noon**

**A Tiny Revolution LIVE, w/ Science Mike McHargue**

Kevin Garcia, Mike McHargue

Because all revolutions begin as conversations between friends. And that's exactly what A Tiny Revolution is. Join

host, Kevin Garcia, with special guest, Science Mike McHargue for the very special 100th episode of ATR. We'll dive deep into Mike's new projects, current events, and whatever the hell else comes up. It's gonna be a baller time.

**GooseCast | Friday | 11:30 AM**

**ABCs of Blissful Authenticity: Guide to An Evolutionary Life**

Blissful Authenticity

In this session, participants will explore what an evolutionary life might look like and journey towards finding that sweet spot of Blissful Authenticity. Through a spoken word experience, interactive exercises and group discussion, we will explore key principles and extrapolate ways to practically apply our learning. This interactive presentation seeks to bring greater coherence between one's evolved spirituality and one's embodied reality.

**Convo Hall 02 | Friday | 3 PM**  
**Convo Hall 02 | Saturday | 11 AM**

**Abstract Art as Queer Self-Representation**

Cas Skinner

My glitch art is a three year re-exploration of myself and who I am. Being sixteen and beginning to navigate the gender binary, I struggled with visions of my physical self in which I could not see a comfortable equivalent to how

I felt. I had the angst of being transgender on top of being a teenager. When I started making digital art and media, I stumbled and tripped into the realm of glitch art. It was introduced to me as a way of burying the ghosts that can come with existing in a binary world. I soon discovered that it was really a way of creating them. Ghosts, like me, exist in-between worlds. Some people do not believe they exist, others fear them, and others believe they're the result of failure. By breaking and destroying the code of "perfect" pictures, I created my own imperfect ghosts. Ones that blurred the captured elements of dysphoria in my physical self. Abstract art may be other, strange, ephemeral - a captured element of the surreal... but so is the experience of being transgender. It is a rebecoming of the self, a ghost of the past, and a blurring of what is familiar.

**Studio (Art) | Friday | 11 AM**

**Accessing Faith: Panel Discussion**

Carrie Craig, Jasmin Morrell, Heather Morgan

Going to a new church as a disabled person is a brave act." These words, spoken by Shannon Dingle, are bold truth for her as a person of faith who is disabled and mother to children with disabilities. Often, once a ramp is built many faith communities believe 'access' is complete. Yes, physical accessibility is important - but so much more is needed. What does 'access' mean - especially when it comes to communities of faith? How do faith



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communities become accessible for people across the physical and neurodiverse disability spectrum? How do issues of economics, race, gender and sexuality impact accessibility needs? The answers to these questions are not simple. We propose these answers come as we listen - and listen deeply - to the stories of those with lived disability and faith experiences. We invite you to join this ongoing, much-needed conversation.

**Library | Friday | 1 PM**

### Accessing Faith: The Convo Edition

Carrie Craig, Jasmin Morrell, Heather Morgan

What does 'access' mean - especially when it comes to communities of faith? How do faith communities become accessible for people across the physical and neurodiverse disability spectrum? How do issues of economics, race, gender and sexuality impact accessibility needs? The answers to these questions are not simple. We propose these answers come as we listen - and listen deeply - to the stories of those with lived disability and faith experiences.

Building on our panel discussion, these convo hall conversations will give us an opportunity to sit together and listen to each others' stories - the painful and the

joyful. Through sharing we can dream and inspire a world where all have full access to faith community.

**Convo Hall 03 | Friday | 5 PM**

**Convo Hall 06 | Saturday | 5 PM**

### AcostaGoose

AcostaGoose is a late night impromptu "unplugged" jam session. Bring your instrument, bring your voice, bring your curiosity, and enjoy co-creating beautiful and exciting music together.

**Workshop | Thursday, Friday, and Saturday | Midnight**

### Affirmations and Farewells

**Youth | Sunday | 10 AM**

### After-Dark Story Open Mic

Sarah Pressley

Come to the Cafe, for more true stories, late night edition. No judging, no competition, no theme, just you and a microphone, and 7 minutes to tell a true, first-person story. Maybe you've never told a story in public ever, or maybe you're polishing up something to perform. Maybe you want feedback on an idea, maybe you just want some people to be quiet and listen for a minute (or seven). Use notes, or don't, make us laugh, or don't. It's your 7 minutes. And if we're lucky, maybe some AcostaGoose folks will stay and play with us.

**Café | Sunday | 12 AM**

### Alathea

Alathea takes stories from their own lives and weaves them into music that's instantly relatable. Rooted in the Appalachian Mountains, Alathea (Mandee Radford Langley and Cristi Johnson) create and perform original and traditional music in what they call Front-Porch-style, using eclectic instruments, thick modern harmonies and engaging storytelling of life on the road, taking cues from nature, their families, and neighbors along the way.

**Café | Friday | Noon**

### ALL IN: Tools for Building Relationships & Creating Community

Linda Elam Young

Communication is one of the most important elements in building a more inclusive community. Persons of different backgrounds bring with them different communication styles often causing conflicts in an unconscious way. This workshop will present tools to provide a foundation to express the essence of God's inclusiveness and uphold the well-being of the community.

**Convo Hall 04 | Friday | 5 PM**

**Convo Hall 04 | Saturday | 1 PM**



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**Amythyst Kiah**

A professed Southern Gothic songster born in Chattanooga but based in Johnson City, Tennessee, Amythyst Kiah's commanding stage presence is only matched by her raw and powerful vocals—a deeply moving, hypnotic sound that stirs echoes of a distant and restless past. Accoutered interchangeably with banjo, acoustic guitar, or a full band (Her Chest of Glass), Amythyst's toolbox is augmented by her scholarship of African-American roots music. Provocative and coolly fierce, her ability to cross the boundaries of blues and old-time through reinterpretation is groundbreaking and simply unforgettable. Amythyst Kiah is forging an important path from her musical ancestry to a multi-cultural generation with contemporary sensibilities and undeniable flair.

**Mainstage | Friday | 9:20 PM**

**An Art Meditation on the Community of Creation and the Earth's Ecosystems**

Ginnie Ferrell

With visual samples of biblical and mystical creation language and a short conversation, the participants are invited to move to a non-hierarchical understanding of God in the midst of creation. Wisdom scripture, Hildegard of Bingen, St. Francis of Assisi, Darwin's On the Origin of Species and examples of Earth's ecosystems give us images that show creation as the dwelling place of God and the interdependency of the natural world. Participants will be given a large paper circle in which to meditate and draw, color, make a collage, or paint their images of God's presence and action in the Community of Creation.

**Studio (Art) | Saturday | 11 AM**



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**HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.**

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. We advocate for changes in policies, programs, and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist through organizing, education, outreach, and prayer.

**An Interview with Daresha Kyi - Film Producer of Momma Bears movie**

Ray Waters, Daresha Kyi

Enjoy an interview with Daresha Kyi, the award-winning visionary who writes, produces, and directs for film and television. Daresha's next project due for release next year is called Mama Bears.

Mama Bears is a feature-length documentary that explores the many ways in which the lives of conservative, Christian mothers are impacted and utterly transformed when they decide to affirm and advocate on behalf of their LGBTQ children.

Most recently Daresha co-directed and co-produced her first feature documentary, Chavela, with Emmy nominated filmmaker Catherine Gund. Chavela celebrates the wild, rollercoaster life of badass singer Chavela Vargas, who jumped onstage wearing pants, a poncho, and a pistol, smoked cigars, and drank tequila while she boldly sang love songs to women in the early 1950s in very conservation, macho Mexico. The film was nominated for the Teddy award and won the 2nd place Panorama Audience Award at the 2017 Berlinale, as well as Best Documentary and Audience Awards at Outfest and the San Francisco LGBTQ Film Festival. Chavela is on Netflix.

**Forum | Friday | 2 PM**

**An Interview with Randy Eddy-McCain, An Openly Gay Pastor in the South For Over 30 Years.**

Ray Waters, Randy Eddy-McCain

Enjoy an interview with Randy Eddy-McCain. Randy serves as founding pastor of Open Door Community

Church in Sherwood, Arkansas. He lives with his husband Gary and their son Bobby in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Hear Randy talk about his journey as a gay Pentecostal boy who always loved Jesus as he reconciled his faith with his sexual orientation and became a Pastor in the Bible Belt South. Randy is a true pioneer inspiring people like Tony and Peggy Campolo, Stan Mitchell, Ray Waters, and thousands more. His church affectionately called the 'House of Hugs' is a genuinely transforming community making a difference. Randy has much has to say, and you will fall in love with him.

**Forum | Friday | 4 PM**

**An Interview with Sara Cunningham - Founder of Free Mom Hugs**

Ray Waters, Sara Cunningham

Enjoy an interview with Sara Cunningham, the founder of Free Mom Hugs. Sara calls herself an accidental activist for LGBTQ kids, and their families. Sara admits she struggled with knowing how to respond to her youngest son's coming out since they were in an evangelical church that was not inclusive or affirming. It took her a little while, but Sara finally broke through the fog and fully embraced Palmer's sexual orientation. Since that moment, she has been on the front lines of LGBTQ advocacy.

Recently, her story caught the attention of Hollywood legend Jamie Lee Curtis who has bought the rights to do a movie based on Sara's book *How We Sleep at Night*.

Sara is funny, thoughtful, and making a difference through her organization Free Mom Hugs. You will love meeting her.

**Living Room | Saturday | 3 PM**

### **Apocalypse Anonymous: Rooted in Fellowship**

Sister Quincy Howard, OP

In a complex world of dizzying and accelerating change, Americans are distracted, rushed and anxious. A deep concern about the direction we're moving is compounded by feelings of powerlessness to change course. There is scant "bandwidth" to gain our bearings, even as we are aware of the gravity of what's at stake in today's world.

The idea of exceptionalism and progress has been the foundation of the American worldview, our sense of security and the promise of future prosperity. Yet we are witnessing the breakdown of norms and systems upon

which we have depended and largely taken for granted. In some cases they no longer serve us, in others they actively hinder our progress and, at worst, they threaten our very existence.

Climate change and sophisticated weapons of mass destruction loom on the global stage.

When confronted by the critical implications of rapid, unsettling change, a common response is to isolate and waver between impending doom and numbness, between hysterical hedonism and sad loneliness. How do we gain our bearings and reclaim our hope in the midst of uncertainty? Join Sr. Quincy Howard to learn how the 12 Step Fellowship structure of AI-Alon can help us engage authentically with our world as we move through epic times.

**Convo Hall 05 | Friday | 5 PM**

**Convo Hall 05 | Saturday | 1 PM**

### **Ask Science Mike**

Mike McHargue

Ask Science Mike Live

**Living Room | Friday | 2 PM**

### **Badass Grandmas & Millennial Organizers: The Surprising Hope of Intergenerational Ministry**

Rev. David Norse Thomas, Leigh Erdman

"I've got a church full of badass Grandmas and everyone's favorite Aunt & Uncle." David started his ministry in a "cool, hipster church," and now work in the suburbs, with a majority elderly congregation. Why?

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Because the Holy Spirit is up to something surprising. Come meet folks from MPC, and hear the story of what brings us together, how we are working to build the Beloved Community through Community Organizing, learn about the gifts of intergenerational ministry, how we have fun with worship, and enjoy the gift of one another through play.

**Bridge | Saturday | 9 AM**

### Base Christian Communities for the 21st Century

Alexia Salvatierra

Lessons from Latin America on how to create intentional communities that heal the soul and change the world.

**Workshop | Saturday | 1 PM**

### Beating Guns: Hope for People Who Are Weary of Violence

Raw Tools, Shane Claiborne, Mike Martin, Sharon Risher  
Gun violence is a public health crisis. It is also a spiritual and moral crisis.

In the US, We have nearly 5 times more gunshops than McDonald restaurants. More Americans have died from guns in the US in the last fifty years than in all the wars in American history. In the US, we manufacture 9.5 million guns a year, 26,000 a day, 18 per minute, one gun every 3 seconds. With less than 5% of the world's population, the people of the US own nearly half the world's guns. America also has the most annual gun deaths—homicide, suicide, and accidental gun deaths—at 105 per day, or more than 38,000 per year.

Some people say it's a heart problem. Others say it's a gun problem. We say it's both. And God changes hearts, but people change laws.

The biblical prophets Micah and Isaiah imagine a world where God's people beat their swords into plows and their spears into pruning hooks... transforming the tools of death into tools of life, building a world free of violence. This session includes a LIVE weapon transformation with RAW Tools, where a gun will be turned into a garden tool.

**Living Room | Friday | 3 PM**

### Beer & Hynns - How to Build a House Band

Claire Clyburn, Kristen Howerton

Come chat with other beer and hymns leaders about how to recruit and manage a band for your local chapter, including communications, rehearsals, compensation (or lack thereof) and keeping your band engaged and happy

**Convo Hall 12 | Friday | 3 PM**

### Beer & Hynns - How to Build Community

Claire Clyburn, Kristen Howerton

How to: Marketing, partnerships with pubs, using social media.

**Convo Hall 12 | Friday | 11 AM**

### Beer & Hymns After Hours Sing-Along

Chad Markley, Kristen Howerton

Come join us on the mainstage lawn directly after the mainstage show each night for a rowdy and fun all-skate sing-along of your favorite hymns. Part pub, part tent-revival, all music – we'll sing the songs of faith at the top of our voices, nourished by some tasty brews. Wild Goose Beer and Hymns House Band is composed of beer and hymns leaders from across the country, led by Chad Markley and Kristen Howerton

**Mainstage | Thursday | 10:15 PM**

**Mainstage | Friday | 11 PM**

**Mainstage | Saturday | 11 PM**

### Beginners Guide to Making Budgeting Fun!

Nicole Rule of Greatest Worth

This session provides an introduction to Nicole's tested process of creating a budget that not only sticks, but also empowers you to live grounded in the truth of your deepest callings, dreams and values. By exploring the 5 steps of the Greatest Worth process of money management, you will leave the session with a new understanding of how budgeting is a tool to making a life you love, and the action steps to make your new budget a source of joy and inspiration rather than dread and frustration!

**Convo Hall 11 | Friday | 10 AM**

**Convo Hall 11 | Saturday | 2 PM**

### Ben Grace

30 min to an hour of music spanning issues of Black Lives Matter, gun control & patriarchy in the church

**Café | Saturday | 11 AM**

### Best Practices for New Writers

Barbara Brown Taylor, Brian Allain

For those of you who missed Barbara and Brian's pre-festival workshop, here's an opportunity to catch up on some of the highlights and takeaways. Barbara and Brian will speak briefly about the writing life, the road to publishing, and the mechanics of marketing before opening the floor for questions and wisdom from participants. If you have a book idea, write an elevator pitch you can deliver in less than one minute and 100 words and bring it with you.

**Living Room | Saturday | 1 PM**

### Beth Nielsen Chapman

Get ready to laugh and cry and, well, just fasten your seat belt. One thing you can count on with songwriter Hall of Fame inductee, Beth Nielsen Chapman, is one great song after another and some fascinating stories woven between them. Hearts Of Glass, Beth's newest album, is riveting and sparse...a powerful collection of songs that reach into the place within us where vulnerability meets strength which is often where Beth's songs will take

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**Mainstage | Saturday | 9:10 PM**

**Beyond Design: A Systems Approach**

Victor Udoewa, Bianca Flokstra

"I get the why for the social justice work we need to do. The question is really the how."

If that's a statement you find yourself making, you may enjoy this session which is focused on how to solve social issues in your community or city (not why you need to do so). So many of us have started an initiative or program to address a problem in our city, county, or community, only to see the problem reappear after it was solved. Or solving the problem created 3 more like a weird game of "whack-a-mole." Or the very intervention or solution you tried actually made the problem worse.

Many of us thought introduction of design thinking or human-centered design into community and international development might be the magic touch or "silver bullet" that would help us reduce and eliminate all of our social problems, but that did not happen. The problem is that design thinking is great at specific problems with profit-making potential but not sufficient for interconnected systems of relationships and forces like you might find in a social community or city in areas like health, education, etc.

If you want to know how to choose and implement the most effective and useful intervention to solve a social ill in your community, you need a systems thinking approach. We will introduce you to a robust systems practice. You'll learn how you can gain clarity about a particular system, map it, and then through analysis determine the highest-impact leverage points in the system in order to act strategically and unlock positive change within the system. This will allow you to address the actual underlying, root, systemic causes of the problems you are facing. Then once you have performed some intervention you will continue to adapt and learn, remapping the system as it changes in response to your actions as well as the actions of everyone in the system.

Even (social) justice needs to be strategic. With a proper mapping of the system, it can definitely can be.

**Convo Hall 02 | Friday | 5 PM**

**Convo Hall 02 | Saturday | 1 PM**

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**Bible Bitches Podcast**

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We are a theological, comedic, feminist podcast that strives to bring together people of different backgrounds who have been harmed by religion. We examine the bible and modern theology and speak to the overarching commonalities (as well as significant differences) of atheists, agnostics, and progressive Christians with similar backgrounds. We wrestle with how to foster justice-filled community for the common good.

**GooseCast | Saturday | 4 PM****Bisexuality and the Liturgy**

Elle Dowd

Typical of the bisexual experience, bisexuality is often erased in theology, even in books and articles constructing a queer theology. Similar to the "gender oblivion" described by Teresa Berger in the field of liturgical theology, we can also point to a sort of "orientation oblivion" whereas theology has thus far on the whole refused to acknowledge the specificity of the bisexual experience and how it relates to the liturgy, practicing a kind of white-washing of sexuality and denial of the ways that sexuality influences spirituality. A bisexual-specific liturgical theology is necessary because, as M. Shawn Copeland writes, "If my sister's mark of sexuality must be obscured....we are not the flesh of Christ." This presentation, focused on liturgical theology in particular, will be one part of what I hope will be a larger attempt at constructing a bi-specific theology based in an exploration of the ways that bisexual people's experience can be put in conversation with our understanding of liturgy. This creative form of interpretation will be inspired by both queer theology and feminist theology and their contributions to the field of liturgical theology. Because bisexual women experience some of the highest rates of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, this paper will also pay special attention to the intersections of trauma theory and liturgical theology's ability to support healing.

The scope of this presentation will be focused primarily around three elements of the bisexual experience; the breaking of binaries, drawing into visibility that which was previous invisible, and surviving trauma. Each element will draw upon other important works of liturgical theology and reinterpret major points through a bisexual lens in hopes of inspiring the theological imagination.

**Convo Hall 10 | Friday | 11 AM****Convo Hall 10 | Saturday | 3 PM****Blinded by the White**

Ryan Kuja

The white savior complex (WSC) leaves no white person untouched. From Christian to atheist, from missionary to barista, from hippy to concealed carrier, whiteness is the host which carries the WSC virus. Evolved from the DNA of colonialism, it has continued to morph and transmute, lodging itself in the genes of the modern organism of the dominant culture.

In an off-the cuff-series of tweets that struck a nerve in many, novelist Teju Cole summed up it up like this: "The

white savior supports brutal policies in the morning, founds charities in the afternoon, and receives awards in the evening. The banality of evil transmutes into the banality of sentimentality. The world is nothing but a problem to be solved by enthusiasm."

In this session, we will discuss questions such as: what is the deeper narrative that drives the attitudes, beliefs, and assumptions that have given rise to this nearly ubiquitous phenomenon on the white dominant culture? What are some of the psychological and historical mechanisms that drive it? Is there any hope of transcending it?

**Convo Hall 03 | Friday | 1 PM****Convo Hall 03 | Saturday | 5 PM****Body-Prayers and Tools for Self-Healing**

Darlene Wright Van Dyke

Using (1)the Breath, (2)Touch, (3)Sound, (4)Silence, (5) Simple movement, and (6)Stillness, we will explore these processes and body-prayers which offer ways of healing and maintaining the health of our bodies, minds and spirits. We'll look at how doing simple sound and chant, Taize-style, along with simple movements, together, can also nurture and enhance our sense of community. Included will be selected sacred phrases from the Aramaic Jesus teachings as offered by my mentor and spiritual guide, Dr. Neil Douglas-Klotz, author of PRAYERS OF THE COSMOS, and Ancient Middle Eastern language and spirituality scholar. This will be primarily experiential.

**Healing Arts | Saturday | 1 PM****Book, "Jesus Deported: The Illegal Gospel of The Undocumented Son of God."**

Rev. David Mateo

An interesting interpretation of the Gospel of Mark applied to the migration phenomena to US. People will discuss the problem and will interpret the Gospel in relevant way, The discussion included real stories happened in Siler City NC, while Rev. Mateo was serving as a pastor.

**Convo Hall 07 | Friday | 10 AM****Convo Hall 07 | Saturday | 2 PM****Boys Become Men, male mentorship and rites of passage in the 21st century**

Jordan Bowman

We have a problem in America. 1 in 3 children, ages 8-18 are growing up without any grownups to look to. This is the mentoring gap and it affects over 18 million kids here in the states. Jordan would like to share his experience as a boy and the expectations and assumptions of manhood that he held. His work with Journeymen, focuses around teaching boys emotional intelligence and modeling authenticity and vulnerability as men. The goal is to discuss the issues of fatherlessness, a narrow definition of masculinity, and emotional illiteracy in boys and to explore some solutions to this. There

**Convo Hall 07 | Friday | 4 PM****Convo Hall 07 | Saturday | Noon**

## **Bravery, Creativity, and Community: Improv Theater and Inspiration**

Lyndsey Medford

Baby-stepping through exercises and games all the way up to performing a short scene—an experiment and shares its root with the word “Spirit,” we’ll also weave in thoughts about Holy Spirit and holy surprise.

**Bridge | Saturday | 11 AM**

## **Breakfast Against the Empire**

Diana Butler Bass

**Forum | Saturday | 4 PM**

## **Breaking Through The Wall of WTF?!**

School For Seekers: Elane O'Rourke & Benton Stokes, Benton Hall

Turmoil can knock you off your spiritual path. Losses. Disappointments. Coming out. Breaking up.

You've been there. You know what we're talking about. We call it “Hitting The Wall Of WTF?!”

What you do at The Wall determines your future spiritual health. You can break through The Wall, increasingly finding joy and peace. You can also retreat to your old ways of thinking and being, starting the path all over again. And again.

Join School For Seekers' Elane O'Rourke and Benton Stokes to learn the inevitable six steps of the spiritual journey, how the cycle of turmoil and triumph works, and what you can do when you hit The Wall Of WTF?!

**Convo Hall 01 | Friday | 5 PM**

**Convo Hall 01 | Saturday | 1 PM**

## **Breath of Life: Overdose Prevention**

Faith in Harm Reduction

In 2017 over 72,000 people died of an overdose. How does our faith call us to respond? Together we will explore the theology of Harm Reduction and how we can use it to save lives and live into the call of the Gospel.

This work-shop will focus on overdose prevention and response through a Christian lens. Together we will grieve those we've lost, lift up those who remain, and bless our ability to live into the power of resurrection.

Naloxone (also called Narcan) is a medication that can reverse an opiate overdose. It has the power to save lives, it has the power to resurrect, but many don't know it exists. Those in attendance will be trained in how to recognize a possible overdose and how to administer Naloxone in order to reverse it.

This training will be led by local harm reduction advocates and free overdose prevention kits will be offered to all those in attendance.

As Christians, we are called to be a resurrection people. Join us to learn how to save lives and resurrect our communities.

**Bridge | Friday | 10 AM**

## **Breathing Life into our Earth Care**

REVDELE Ministries

How do we bring resilience of the heart, love of the living world, and determination to save it into our daily lives? What journeys can guide us?

Rev. Dele and Dr. Stephanie Boddie join forces to bring a unique pedagogy for sharing earth care in faith and community settings so that we increase our experience of spiritual clarity, abundance and peace. Using story, song and small group exercises, they will lead the audience in spiritual experiences that prepare us to better care for Earth and ourselves. Excerpts from Breath of Life offer regenerative exercises as well as formational and practical tips faith communities can use at home.

**Bridge | Saturday | Noon**

## **Brew Theology**

Wanna Brew Theology? Do you like wrestling with meaningful questions over theological topics? Brew Theology is an alliance of diverse communities across the country filled with a mosaic of amazing people across the religious-spiritual spectrum. We hold organized weekly conversations at local breweries. This session is an interactive experience. We'll bring the content & questions. You'll brew up a zesty topic from relevant questions, and experience the range in diversity from Christianity to Atheism, Buddhism to Judaism, etc. along with kicking around a rich conversation pertaining to either/or science, philosophy, sex, gender, race, politics, socio-economic and justice-centric issues. Brew Theology is very open and honest - everything is always on the table. You will find that even in our disagreements and differing beliefs, Brew Theology cultivates a safe, ecumenical and interfaith community that values one another. We find common ground in our shared humanity and are strangely yet remarkably unified by simply being together. This gather will be a microcosm of our weekly gatherings. We affirm all people. Everyone's voice matters. Just don't be a jerk! Pull up a seat at the table, and get ready to brew...

**Landing | Friday | 4 PM**

## **Brew Theology Podcast**

Brew Theology

We exist to brew theology and create interfaith communities through healthy, meaningful and eclectic dialogue in pubs. The Brew Theology Podcast is a microcosm of our larger gatherings across the country, and is excited to be back at the GooseCast!

**GooseCast | Saturday | 5:30 PM**

## **Brother's Bear**

Performance

**Mainstage | Friday | 7:15 PM**

## **Bryan Sirchio**

**Forum | Saturday | 3 PM**

## By what name does God call you?

Rosalind C Hughes

You know that involuntary start when a stranger utters your name in the grocery store? It's a coincidence, but it feels like a connection.

Throughout the Bible, names have significance. They change, by relationship, and by the will of God and people. Some names stick. Some we shake off. Some we choose, and some are chosen for us. (I've had a few names, by chance and by choice.) But what is the name by which God knows you?

During this session, storytelling and conversation will lead to a guided meditation on the names by which God knows each of us (and maybe the names by which we know God).

**Convo Hall 07 | Friday | 2 PM**

**Convo Hall 07 | Saturday | 10 AM**

## Can you be queer and Christian?

Candice Czubernat

So many of us who are LGBTQ and Christian experienced deconstruction of our faith in the process of self acceptance. Part of this deconstruction occurred because of the hurt and harm that other Christians did in the name of "being a good Christian", or "loving you as Jesus would call me to do." Not only do our old ways of believing and experiencing God not feel so applicable anymore, but there's also the challenge of separating

out the harm other Christians have done to us, from God. Deciphering what is a persons doing and what is Gods is essential in beginning to recreate a faith. So we are left wondering, now what?

**Youth | Saturday | 11 AM**

## Caring for the Caregiver

Brandyn Simmons

Many of us are in a caregiver role with an aging parent, chronically ill family member, or even in a caregiving profession such as pastor, chaplain, or nurse. Unfortunately, very few practice good self care with the mindset that it is selfish to take care of ourselves. This interactive workshop will teach the importance and tools for self care to avoid or reverse burnout and compassion fatigue.

**Convo Hall 06 | Friday | Noon**

**Convo Hall 06 | Saturday | 4 PM**

## Casting Call for Song of Solomon Table-Read

April Love-Fordham and Laura Moody

The Old Testament book Song of Solomon isn't what you think. It is not a love story between a king and one of his many wives. It is a story of resistance! The story of a sex slave who has been kidnapped by the king's men and whose lover, a shepherd, has come to rescue her. This was the most popular translation and interpretation of the Song of Solomon until slavery became popular in the United States. It is a story that helps us understand how love can dismantle injustice. Its hilarious, sexy, and thought provoking!

This 6000-year-old play was performed on village greens across ancient Israel to encourage resistance of the unpopular King Solomon, who was ripping the country apart. It is a story very relevant to our world today! So let's rehearse this play together using the translation, which is laid out as a script, in April Love-Fordham's book "Dismantling Injustice." We will come together with props and costumes, reading and acting it out together. The script will accommodate an impromptu cast of seven — and as many as want to be part of the harem. We will pause after each act to see what questions this ancient texts raises for us. Scripts, props, and simple costumes are provided.

**Convo Hall 06 | Friday | 5 PM**

**Convo Hall 06 | Saturday | 1 PM**

## Catholic Mass

Terry Gonda

Come and worship with us as we celebrate Mass in a tent, Goose-style. All are welcome whether you are a regular church-goer, a recovering or ex-Catholic, or are just curious as to what goes on during Roman Catholic liturgy. The mass will be celebrated by Fr. Neil Pezzulo of the Glenmary Home Missioners, and music provided by Islands of Mercy.

**Portal | Sunday | 9 AM**



Photo by Ken Schles

## Celebrating and Integrating Inter-Spiritual Energetic Healing Modalities

Shaman Nar (aka Pastor Nar)

This will be a panel discussion, as well as question and response from those gathered, on the variety of spiritual and energetic healing modalities practiced by varying religious and spiritual traditions. In this discussion we will delve into the Common Unifying Source behind these practices and seek to discover how we may better understand and integrate these - and more - healing modalities for the betterment of the world.

**Healing Arts | Friday | 3 PM**  
**Living Room | Friday | 11 AM**

## Christ on the Psych Ward

David Finnegan-Hosey

"Christ on the Psych Ward" is a story-sharing based on my experiences of mental illness, recovery, and faith. In telling my story, I weave together threads of personal experience, spiritual reflection, and ministry praxis. By "going first" with my own story of mental illness and mental health, I will open up the opportunity for other participants to share their own stories of mental health struggles in their personal lives, family lives, and/or communities of faith. Rather than simply a book reading or presentation, we will work together to create a shared storytelling space of courage, lament, vulnerability, and hope.

**Library | Saturday | 1 PM**

## Church Bingo with Helen Holy

Helen Holy

This year at Wild Goose, don't miss Sister Helen Holy. Comedian and actor Paul J. Williams has taken his Southern Baptist upbringing and created a character you'd find at any Sunday evening potluck. Sister Helen will be the one with the marshmallow jello salad, who believes it's her holy duty save her fellow man from sin and immorality by speaking the truth, in love or not. And don't let the "sister" fool you into thinking she's a nun; she'll be quick to point out that she's a member of the First Southern Fried Self-Satisfied Baptist Church.

Paul J.'s wit and comedy have bought Sister Helen Holy unexpected opportunities to spread the one true "Babatist" religion and sound Christian thinking through her 701 Club ("because she's just a little better than you-know-who") and her column. She's often invited share her opinion roast-style and has had the chance to razz a Supreme Court Justice and Texas nobility.

Remember the saying, "Laughter is the best medicine"? Sister Helen Holy will trigger some of your oldest church memories and have you laughing out loud at the same time. Let's laugh our way to healing this year at Wild Goose.

**Episcopal | Friday | 3 PM**  
**Episcopal | Saturday | 4 PM**



**Church Camp***Pre-Festival Event*

Brian McLaren

Does the future have a church?

Can we imagine vital spirituality in the Jesus way without churches as we've known them?

What kind of churches do we need?

How could existing churches learn from the Wild Goose?

What's state of the art in thinking about church futures?

Brian McLaren and guests will explore questions like these with pastors, lay leaders, ex-church folk, parents, and others who care about churches and their role in our crazy context.

**Landing | Thursday | 9 AM****Church in 3D**

Tom McDermott

"We are rational beings defined by the context of our individual, emotional boundaries... (Mike Phillips)" and perhaps divinity is best experienced as that place just outside our emotional boundaries, as Jalaladdin Rumi eloquently put it, as that "field out beyond ideas" where "even the phrase each other doesn't make any sense."

This is the "post-Christian" church of the future.

In it's most relevant expression gatherings are rich with experience and emotional connection to the teachings of Jesus. Rooted in the search for better questions and an open-minded, compassionate curiosity rather than affiliation with/ascension to specific beliefs or creeds.

This is "Church in 3D" exploring the divine mystery of God and community horizontally – discovering the mystery between us in dialectical moments and emotionally rich rituals of music, movement, and memory. These three dimensions of worship seek to find community resonance in diversity through rituals and experiences of vulnerable expression. As well as, participation that invite us beyond our emotional, and intellectual, boundaries...

...an experience which allows us to be present and in the moment; an experience that engages all of the senses leading to questions and moments of self-compassion and compassion for others. Music, message, story, media, and dialogue seek the sacred in the secular instead of presuming the secular must be transformed by the sacred – recognizing there is no duality, but only levels of perception not yet awakened. Threads of connection, Church in 3D, invites community-centered, participatory worship that expands emotional boundaries within our self and towards others.

**Convo Hall 07 | Friday | 11 AM****Convo Hall 07 | Saturday | 3 PM****Closet to the convention floor: The journey and struggle for LGBTQ+ inclusion from the inside The Episcopal Church**

Bruce Garner

The polity of The Episcopal Church resulted in the path towards full inclusion of LGBTQ+ persons in The Episcopal Church to be an internal journey and struggle. Those involved have remained members of the church, both lay and ordained, as they engaged in the struggle as their

authentic selves. Clergy were not defrocked when they came out of the closet. In most situations lay leaders were not

removed because they were queer. (There have been some exceptions.) This is rather different from most faith communities.

The presentation will discuss the journey that began in the 1970's and continues to this day as being LGBTQ+ becomes less and less an issue for the vast majority of the church. The results of this struggle has led from the closet to being elected representatives on the convention floor of the church at large as well as at regional and local levels. This has resulted in the

ordination of openly LGBTQ+ deacons, priests, and bishops and lay leaders at all levels of the church.

**Episcopal | Friday | Noon****Community Formation 101 Experience**

Darlene Wright Van Dyke

How do we come together and create something larger than ourselves, that living breathing organism we recognize as "community"? What part do the dynamics of Trust and Fear play? What are some keys to becoming, creating, and allowing community to happen in a way that is relevant to each of us now, at this time in our lives, at this time in the growth of humankind? We will come together to share our experiences, our wisdom, and explore new possibilities. We will look at one model highlighting some key dynamics from a vision given through prayer to the facilitator, experience some tools and processes, share together our collective experience and support each other's vision. A Take-home Evaluation tool will be provided and explained. What would Wild Goose 24/7 look like in the land beyond the Festival?

**River | Friday | 5 PM****Confessions of a Recovering Pro-Lifer and Other Tales on Spiritual Abuse Recovery**

Pragya Jamie Marich

Trauma specialist, author, and expressive arts therapist Dr. Jamie Marich shares candidly on her experiences as a "recovering pro-lifer." Raised in both Catholic and Evangelical systems that confused her with their mixed messages about what it means to embrace life, Jamie now shares on her experiences of transformation as part of her larger teachings on spiritual abuse recovery. From the sharing of her own experience, Jamie will then lead an open forum discussion on the topic, inviting others to

share their experience, strength, and hope on how their beliefs may have been inspired to shift and transform as part of their spiritual journey.

**Landing | Friday | 10 AM**

## Contemplation in a World of Action

Cassidy Hall

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**Bridge | Saturday | 1 PM**

## Contemplative Prayer for the Chatty Brain

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#### **Conversations With America**

Randy Bell

This is a critical time of widely contrasting ideas and unsettling behaviors in America. We have decisions to make about what directions we will take in our future, based upon informed understandings and consideration of varying thoughtful perspectives. These decisions require new kinds of conversations among family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, and political and spiritual leaders. Conversations consisting of not just talking, but listening fully to what others are saying. Conversations that help develop each person's perspectives and opinions from a social, ethical as well as spiritual basis. Conversations that build new personal relationships upon which cooperative decisions can be made. In this session, we will discuss how one's perspectives are shaped, the need to see issues of conflict from broader vantage points, why new forms of conversations are required, and guidelines for how to discuss difficult social and political topics with others. If we are to make real social progress in upcoming years, it begins with building new bridges of connection among our people. For it is in community that there is not only strength but also a life greatly enriched. This session will include lecture, examples, group discussion, and Q&A.

### **Landing | Friday | Noon**

#### **Count Your Blessings: Gratitude as Spiritual Practice**

Micah Royal

Gratitude and thankfulness are not just putting on rose-tinted glasses to get a false picture of life. This presentation will explore the power of daily gratitude practices to help re-wire the brain, building reduced anxiety and increased spiritual peace. In addition to exploring these principles, we will introduce and practice some spiritual practices during our session.

### **Convo Hall 09 | Friday | 10 AM**

### **Convo Hall 09 | Saturday | 2 PM**

#### **Creating and Growing an Authentic Interfaith Community**

Women's Interfaith Alliance of Central Georgia

Jewish, Christian and Muslim women from the core leadership of the Women's Interfaith Alliance of Central Georgia will share their story of how they met for lunch nine years ago and moved from eight to eighty; from niceties to knowing; from sharing to service; from acquaintances to authentic relationships; from sharing recipes to studying scriptures; from welcomes and goodbyes to invocations and benedictions; from telling stories to transformation. Through hearing personal experiences, visual presentation and group interaction, learn the importance of FAITH and how it grows and enriches interfaith relationships, efforts, and work; and

how the WIA has impacted our community in tangible and intangible ways.

The Women's Interfaith Alliance of Central Georgia has been together for nine years and continues to grow. Our stated mission is: "We believe that people who live out their faith are positive contributors to their communities. We hope to promote understanding, respect, prayer, interaction and unity among the various faiths in central Georgia through education, dialog and service."

### **Bridge | Friday | 1 PM**

#### **Creating LGBTQIA+ Friendly Space**

Sarah Skinner, Cas Skinner

This workshop is for business owners and church leaders looking for ways to be welcoming to the LGBTQIA+ community, for family members or friends who want to be better allies, and for LGBTQIA+ community members (Hey, this is your space!). Event professional and queer spaces advocate Sarah Skinner will share ways that she has seen event spaces

transformed for queer-friendly events. Queer community leader Cas Skinner will give insights into the importance of queer spaces. You can take these insights back to your business, church, or community venue to create your own queer-friendly community space. We will dialogue about the intersection of diverse identity and the re-envisioning of physical spaces.

### **Convo Hall 08 | Friday | 1 PM**

### **Convo Hall 08 | Saturday | 5 PM**

#### **Creating Safe, and Sacred Space For Healing: How A Stranger Becomes A Neighbor**

Randy Evans

We will talk about what it looks like to engage the most vulnerable, and marginalized groups by creating brave, and sacred spaces. We will work through the idea's of Language, Mutuality, Radical Hospitality, Abundance, and Justice. The attendee will leave the session with particle, and tangible ways to open their lives, and communities to those who feel unwelcome, and unseen.

### **Convo Hall 02 | Friday | 10 AM**

### **Convo Hall 02 | Saturday | 2 PM**

#### **Creating the Lifesaving Church: Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention**

Rachael Keefe

I will invite participants to engage in conversation around mental health and suicidality in the church. The session will include parts of my story, what a lifesaving church looks like, and healthy responses to suicide/suicidality in the church community. Commonly held theology around mental illness and suicide will be challenged equally for traditionalists and progressives. It is time we stop being so heavily influenced by Puritanical theology that permeates our culture and look more deeply at the current needs for affirming spiritual communities. The issues around suicide are complex but by not talking

about them, the church's silence is killing people. It's time to break the silence and save lives.

**Convo Hall 10 | Friday | 10 AM**  
**Convo Hall 10 | Saturday | 2 PM**

### Creation Care as Neighbor-Love

Rachel L. Jones, MSW

As Christians, we should be leading environmental stewardship and ecological equality because we have been entrusted to care for the land and to love our neighbors. Social and environmental justice are interconnected, we must pursue both to impact either. To love our neighbors means living a just lifestyle that does not oppress or discriminate those we impact, yet

many Christian Americans do this daily as we make environmental choices that limit the well-being of others. To be effective stewards and neighbors we must be aware of the impact our decisions have and make changes to our lifestyles that cease unjust and oppressive practices. We must educate ourselves and others and hold one another accountable. This presentation will address creation care through a justice perspective, several pressing ecological issues and their social/ environmental consequences, and finish by highlighting key action steps for moving forward.

**Convo Hall 05 | Friday | 2 PM**  
**Convo Hall 05 | Saturday | 10 AM**

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## **Creation Care: Practicing Love-Practical Seeds for Change**

Rev. Scott Hardin-Nieri, Marian S Arledge, Susannah Tuttle

Not every faith community likes recycling or can afford solar panels. While many do seek to love God, love neighbors and see caring for the planet as an expression of this love they do not know where to start.

The Creation Care Alliance of Western North Carolina will offer a hands-on look at a variety of practical ways small and large communities can address poverty, climate change, food resilience, and creation care. This workshop will offer a discernment tool with a variety of entrance points into the creation care conversation, whether you or your congregation are just getting started or are ready to mentor other congregations, this workshop will provide an opportunity to grow more deeply into caring for neighbors and creation. Creative local acts are critical for this time in human history. This workshop will illumine current and future ways to encourage creation care in your context.

**Convo Hall 07 | Friday | 5 PM**

**Convo Hall 07 | Saturday | 1 PM**

## **Creative Tensions**

Victor Udoewa, Bianca Flokstra

Creative Tensions is an interactive dialogue, a physically active, collective conversation where participants indicate where they stand on a question or issue by the place they stand in the room. Instead of the audience watching a speaker or panel discuss a topic, the Creative Tensions format invites the entire audience into the conversation, through movement. An interactive way to approach group conversation, Creative Tensions is a method for inclusive conversation and a way to show both where our differences and similarities lie but with specificity and nuance. Creative Tensions prompts reflection, invites openness, and celebrates the rare moment when someone changes their mind. Most importantly it stokes curiosity, promotes optimism, and inspires real empathy in participants.

The way we practice it, we start in large room with a line down the middle, separating it in two parts. Everyone is standing while the moderator offers a prompt or question. The tension is created by two possible answers and the spectrum of answers in between. Participants then choose where to stand based on how they interpret the question, how they interpret the answers and where along the spectrum they believe they lie (or stand). At that point, the fun begins. The moderator gets a volunteer to tell why they are standing where they are standing and invites others to move in response to any shared answers (whether it changes their mind or enriches their position or causes them to understand the question or answer in a different light). From then on the moderator may ask others who move in response, why they moved, while allowing others to respond why they didn't, all while inviting others to continue moving in response to what they are hearing and sparking more and new conversations. All of this is facilitated with microphones so all can hear the openly shared responses.

We usually organize the prompts or questions around a theme so that some questions or prompts build on previous ones or provide a twist on a previous one. This allows an even greater depth of conversation than if we had questions and prompts on random topics, starting at the surface level with each one.

The physical form activates people viscerally, places them in close proximity to one another, and encourages eye-contact — all of which enhance one's ability to hear and absorb perspectives that may differ from one's own. The volleying nature of the conversation, which evenly engages audience and speakers alike, sparks a desire to hear from as many people as possible. Lastly, the invitation to move if one's perspective shifts during the conversation, opens participants to the possibility of change, a crucial step toward a growth mindset, learning, and adopting an optimistic point of view. Beyond being educational, it's also just fun and focuses and brings the body into connection with the heart and mind while navigating different issues.

**Workshop | Friday | 11 AM**

## **Cultivating Community: Gardening as an Opportunity for Community Building.**

Rev. Zac Morton

There is a growing interest in gardening and local food production, especially among younger generations. This workshop is designed to help you develop strategies to engage your community around gardening. We will explore how creating a community garden can create opportunities to bring people from diverse socio-economic and life situations together to form relationships that would not otherwise exist, and how to encourage those relationships to affect community change.

We'll talk a few basic how-to's for creating a garden space virtually anywhere - from edible landscaping to raised beds - and look at a few inspirational models from around the U.S.A. We'll also throw in some useful agrarian metaphors from the Hebrew Bible and New Testament and think about how love and justice can be expressed through community gardening.

**Convo Hall 11 | Friday | 11 AM**

**Convo Hall 11 | Saturday | 3 PM**

## **Cutting a Hole in the Roof: Welcoming Neighbors with Disabilities into Our Faith Communities**

Cynthia Johnson

"Why is it easier for a person with a disability to shop at Walmart than it is for them to worship at your church?" Cynthia uses her extensive experience working with individuals who are physically and intellectually disabled to increase awareness and provide practical, low budget solutions for accessibility and inclusion. Participants will be given the opportunity to simulate a physical or non-visible disability and will be provided with a framework to address related issues. Attendees will leave with information that can be put into practice when they return to their faith communities. With 1 in 5 Americans experiencing a disability at some point in their life, these individuals

comprise one of the top minority groups in the nation, one that continues to be marginalized. Just as the lame man was lowered from the roof to reach Jesus, it's time we also implement ways to welcome people of all abilities.

**Landing | Saturday | 11 AM**

### **Daring Compassion: Movement Chaplaincy and the art of spiritual accompaniment in social justice movements.**

Micky ScottBey Jones, Margaret Ernst

Just as hospitals and military have chaplains attending to the spiritual and emotional needs of those under stress, our social justice movements need people who are focused on the care and sustainability of activists, organizers and community leaders on the front lines of fighting for justice. Come chat with Micky, the Justice Doula and learn about this emerging vocation and find others who are the spiritual caregivers in their organizing communities.

**Library | Friday | 2 PM**

### **Dealing Shrewdly: H2A Guestworker Snapshots**

Joy Warren

This workshop, rooted in Exodus 1:8-14, begins by calling our attention to the fact that a shrewd king will want to preserve free labor by any means necessary. Following a broad overview of the H2A Guestworker Visa program, we will explore the topic through dramatic imagery. One or more of the participants will use others from the audience to sculpt a picture of an ethical challenge presented to us in the H2A program, and as a group we will reflect upon the image and work together to determine some possible changes to the image that make it more life-giving. The goals of the session are two-fold: 1) to increase awareness of this program and its current and projected impact and 2) to show the effectiveness of theatre exercises in collaborative social justice work.

**Landing | Saturday | 4 PM**

### **Dealing Shrewdly: Wimauma and the Empire**

Joy Warren

In Wimauma, Florida, generational migrant farm workers are being replaced by H2A workers who are housed in barracks-style buildings secured with a tall, barbed wire fence. The ramifications are deep and wide for the H2A workers treated as prisoners/property, the local displaced workers, the luxury community expanding nearby, and the produce counter at the local supermarket. In this conversation, we will discuss how Wimauma is an example of the way Empire deals shrewdly in order to tie workers to the land (Exodus 1:8-14). How might a faithful witness expand the program in a more life-giving way?

**Convo Hall 06 | Friday | 2 PM**

**Convo Hall 06 | Saturday | 10 AM**

### **Debra Lynn Rodriguez**

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Folk-rocker with a heaping helping of Appalachian Soul, she draws from a deep well of musical tradition as a singer and songwriter. Hers is an authentic voice that delivers powerfully and passionately each and every time she takes the stage. She leans heavily on and pays homage to her musical roots of blues, gospel, folk, and rock and roll to create a sound that is genuinely her own. It's these roots along with personal experience, life in community, and chasing the Big Mystery which most influence her songwriting.

**Café | Friday | 3 PM**

### **Debunking Hell - The Convo Edition**

Michael Camp

Claims of fake news dominate today's politics. Fact checking is key. But what if we used history to fact check the major faith claims of American Christianity? What would prove false? What would remain? What would we rethink? What does our country's religious views say about us, our concept of God, and the world we strive to build?

Michael Camp welcomes attendees to share their stories as he leads them on a fascinating, interactive journey that uncovers 12 harmful sacred claims of our day and explains why they are harmful. A recovering conservative evangelical & former missionary to Muslims, Michael uses good history to expose fake religious "news" and reveal a non-religious, inclusive path of Jesus that confronts hypocrisy with facts and love.

After retribution, total depravity, strict biblicism, misogyny, conversion therapy, end-time fears, etc. are exposed as divisive frauds, Michael cites contemporary examples of enemy-love to challenge us to pursue a new revolution: use fact-checked, respectful dialogue to seek harmony with all, whatever one's faith or lack, race, gender, sexual orientation, or politics.

**Convo Hall 09 | Friday | 1 PM**

**Convo Hall 09 | Saturday | 5 PM**

### **Debunking Hell, the End Times, Inerrancy, Conversion Therapy, and Other Fake Faith Claims: Why It Matters**

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**Portal | Friday | 11 AM**

**Disruptive Discernment: Are you crazy or called?**

Kathy Izard

We all have it. That little insistent voice urging us to do something that is almost always inconvenient, uncomfortable and out of our expertise. It makes us feel unqualified and even a little crazy to listen. After eleven years of listening to those whispers, Kathy Izard believes it is crazier not to try. In 2007, Kathy followed a series of disruptive nudges that transformed her life and ultimately, the lives of over one hundred chronically homeless men and women in Charlotte, NC. Kathy will be sharing her inspiring story to encourage all co-creators to Trust the Whisper. Join her to understand why to truly be changemakers, we must begin by changing ourselves.

**Landing | Saturday | 2 PM**

**Doing (Responsible) Theology in the Age of Trump**

Karen Bray, Jeffrey Robbins, Clayton Crockett

What can we learn from the last several years about the state of Christianity and the moral character of the evangelical Right in the United States today? More specifically, what can we learn — and what can we do — about the threat of white Christian nationalism? The facilitators of this session are both leading and emerging voices in the theopolitical resistance movement, emphasizing the importance of activism, understanding, and intersectionality. We recognize how the various forms of oppression interrelate to contribute to a vast, dynamic, and seeming impenetrable network of systemic injustice

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and marginalization. Politics, even in 2019, need not be played as a zero-sum game with a winner-take-all mentality; a critical theology is as urgently needed and as relevant now as ever. Presenters will touch briefly on their own work of dismantling white Christian nationalism in their contexts, and will lead participants through exercises and reflections meant to help them think critically and creatively about their own experiences of intersectionality. We will address how participants can utilize their experiences toward productive conversation and transformation.

**Workshop | Friday | Noon**

### **Dolly Parton's Colorful Coat, Rural Creativity, and You**

Jonathan LeMaster-Smith

Rural communities are often labeled as backwards waste places by much of society. However, within rural communities there lies a collection of values that, when embraced and infused with the Holy Spirit, can allow for a creative hope. Dolly Parton's "Coat of Many Colors" serves a model for a rural faith formation as well as personal spiritual formation that can foster resilience, imagination, and new understandings of human value. We'll listen to music, read the Bible, and dream ways to form faith that connects the Bible with the country.

**Youth | Friday | 4 PM**

**Convo Hall 10 | Friday | Noon**

**Convo Hall 10 | Saturday | 4 PM**

### **Down to the River to Pray**

Andrew Heintz

This is a service of Morning Prayer in the river using call-and-response chant and the prayers of Phyllis Tickle. In song and ritual, we welcome the morning and bless each other as we go on our way.

**River | Friday | 7 AM**

Dr. Larycia Hawkins with Barbara Brown Taylor

Dr. Larycia Hawkins, the first female African-American to be tenured at Wheaton College, was placed on "administrative leave" for posting photographs of herself wearing a hijab in solidarity with Muslims during Advent. The photographs were posted on her personal social media page. Less than a month later Wheaton began the process of terminating her and soon Dr. Hawkins, a tenured faculty member, and the school "decided to part ways."

**Living Room | Friday | 4 PM**

### **Drag. But Like, in a Church**

Joshua Hundl

So for the past however many months, Dyna with a D (Joshua Hundl), alongside other drag royalty, has been speaking and performing in Sunday morning church services. How? Why? What does this accomplish? Can these two often separated cultures find any way to meet? Also, do her feet hurt? All these questions and

more will be answered in this session. (And yes, her feet hurt very much.)

**Studio (Art) | Friday | 5 PM**

### **Drum Circle**

Tuf Francis

Come experience the community and passion of a drum circle at Wild Goose. Drumming together in a fluid and improvisational manner is an opportunity to form a group consciousness, to share our spirit, and to empower one other in the act of celebrating community and life through rhythm and music. We seek to create a new voice, a collective voice, that emerges from the group as we drum together. The Drum Circle is open to people of all ages and levels of musical expertise. All sounds and movement are welcome—feel free to come and sing, dance, clap, knock sticks together, or pick up a drum and play. Everyone who participates has something to offer the circle, and all are welcome. There will be extra drums for those who don't have them, though you are encouraged to bring your own to make sure we have enough.

**Portal | Friday | 6 PM**

### **Dying To Live**

Rev. Benjamin Collins

What if I could tell you five things that would unlock not only a better life, but a good death. Serving as a hospice chaplain for a year, I learned a five part model of coaching the grieving and dying to find peace. I hope to quickly teach you the model, share powerful stories of death, and invite you to practice the 5 things. Once we've learned and practiced, I'd like to help you to see these not only as the path to a good death, but as the path to a full life. This model happens to correspond with the Christian Liturgy and the values of many of the world's spiritual traditions, which will provide ample thematic jumping off points for our conversation about life, death and spirituality.

**Bridge | Saturday | 4 PM**

### **EleventyLife**

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### **Eleventyseven**

Eleventyseven is an electronically propelled synth rock explosion hailing straight out of the Carolinas. The group is known for their marriage of EDM, Pop and Punk influences as well as their unruly live performances.

**Mainstage Side | Saturday | 8:30 PM**

### **Embodying Christian Spirituality with Qigong**

David Harold

This session is bodily practice of contemplative principles such as: letting go, welcoming God's will, praise and gratitude for creation, opening the heart, loving our

enemies, non resistance to evil, and overcoming fear. This is an early morning follow along practice session, with some instruction, but mostly conducted in silence. Most of the movements originate in traditional qigong, but we will form our intention for each exercise in Christian language and principle. Movements are easy to follow and accessible to beginners.

**Landing | Friday | 7 AM**

**Landing | Saturday | 7 AM**

### Emily Musolino

Emily Musolino is a singer-songstress, producer and multi-instrumentalist from Durham, North Carolina. Her music is a mix of soul, rock, and blues that has been described as a "Soul Diva Mind Explosion." The depth of emotion in her voice is stunning and she shreds the guitar like nobody's business.

Mainstage | Saturday | 7:50 PM

### Empathy Circle - Todd Porter

Kairos Collaborative

This session begins with a 15-minute framing using Marshall Rosenberg's Non-violent Communication methodology. The remainder of the time is used in a conversation among participants (groups of 4 or 5) in which each person has the opportunity to give or receive empathy related to topics that emerge from the groups.

**River | Saturday | 1 PM**

### Empathy in Collaboration

Jay Oldaker

Even the best people get caught up in the wrong things from time to time. When the stakes are high, and passions run deep, it is easy to overlook the emotional temperature of those around you. How can we stay focused, move toward our goal, and care about those around us all at the same time? Let's talk though some ideas for creating safe, collaborative spaces even in the craziest situations.

**Convo Hall 01 | Friday | 3 PM**

**Convo Hall 01 | Saturday | 11 AM**

### Engaging your Community: Charging Up your Activism

Lisa Stiller, Consistent Life Network: Advocates for a world without violence

Lisa has been offering community trainings in activism for the past two years. With 50 years of activism experience, with an emphasis on peace and poverty, and a lot of work around interfaith dialogue, Lisa draws on her experience with media, messaging, event organizing, and advocacy to customize trainings for activists and nonprofits. Her trainings also include facilitating conversations around polarizing and controversial issues (of which we have plenty!) This session will begin with asking participants who wish to share their organizations/ church, and what challenges they face with their activism work. After about 5 minutes there will be a discussion around messaging, using media to get your

message out there, event organizing and advocacy, for about 25-30 minutes (open to audience questions after each topic). Participants will then have a chance, alone or with a group, to work on their own messaging and media plan for about 10-15 minutes, and then for the last 5-10 minutes do some sharing. There will be handouts for each participant on the four topics covered, to help them develop their own messaging, media, event organizing, and advocacy plans.

**Landing | Saturday | 1 PM**

### Escaping the Violence of Bad Atonement Theory

P. Shannon Mullen

FIRST a lively conversation about the violence and destruction which is generated by bad atonement theory (after all, if your understanding of God requires a violent or wrathful or warrior God to work the dark magic of salvation, then it's okay for you to be a violent, wrathful, warmonger in God's name!) THEN, reflection on potential ways forward. We combine a brief presentation and a bit of role play with conversation - and maybe even non-violent, peaceful debate! This is not an "expert lecture" but a passionate offering to share and collaborate with others who are engaged in escaping the theology of a wrathful, angry, vengeful God which dominates so much of American Christianity today. A bibliography will be provided participants.

**Portal | Friday | 3 PM**

### Everything is Connected — Stories, Most Weird, Many True

Peterson Toscano

Experience the artful, playful, outrageously funny, and deeply moving storytelling craft of Peterson Toscano. Drawing on his bizarre personal experiences of conversion therapy along with references to history, literature, science, and the Bible, Peterson takes his audience on an off-beat mental mind trip. A shapeshifter, he transforms right before your eyes into a whole cast of comic characters who explore the serious worlds of gender, sexuality, privilege, religion, and environmental justice. Of Peterson's work, Chara Armon, Ph.D at Villanova University said, "His mixture of vulnerability and comedy enabled those of us in his audience to access our own authentic feelings about the predicaments of the 21st century. Peterson brings extensive knowledge, extraordinary people skills, dramatic talent, and poignant characters to his presentations" This performance will entertain, enlighten, and enliven you; it may even speak deeply into your life as you consider your role on this rapidly changing planet.

**Living Room | Friday | Noon**

### EVOLUTION, REVOLUTION, ECONOMICS, REVELATION

Brian McLaren

What do Charles Darwin, Adam Smith, and Karl Marx have in common? What does theology have to do

with economics? Why is a radical transformation of our economic system a gospel imperative for our time? Why is the gospel an economic manifesto?

**Forum | Friday | 1 PM**

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**Bridge | Saturday | 9:30 PM**

### **Faith in an Age of Tyranny**

Rev. Jennifer Butler

Authoritarianism and tyranny are on the rise in the United States and globally. Faith and theology are critical to the success of the resistance movement—particularly as the Right tries to hijack Christianity is highjacked for oppressive policies. This workshop will examine how resistance leadership work is at the heart of the Christian faith and how to organize effectively to respond to a steady barrage of threats to vulnerable communities. We will look at what we can we learn from past resistance movements as well as how faith communities are organizing now to advance human dignity and save democracy. From opposing President Trump's Cabinet of Bigotry and his Muslim Ban immigration bans based on faith or tradition at the start of the Administration to countering white supremacists in Charlottesville to saving the Affordable Care Act and protecting immigrant families, "the religious left" is faith leaders are making a definitive difference. Together we'll examine what we might need for the road ahead.

**Bridge | Saturday | 5 PM**

### **Faithful Christianity, Beyond Religion**

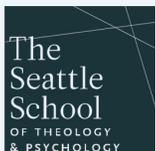
Pastor Tim Bupp

As our nation struggles with these politically and socially divisive times, I wish to present on understanding the evolution of righteousness to



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reconciliation in scripture - righteousness simply meant right relationships or how we live rightly with each other by caring for one another with hospitality and compassion, while reconciling simply meant restoring of those right relationships when they go wrong - and how that happens outside or beyond religion. Bonhoeffer's study on Religionless Christianity, "To be a Christian does not mean to be religious in a particular way" can help us not only understand that evolution, but apply it to our lives and churches. I want to share so many places in scripture where God revealed faithful righteousness beyond religion, and created room for reconciliation. After the presentation I will open the floor to those who wish to share stories and conversations where they have witnessed faithful actions happening outside of our religious restraints.

My dreams and visions are that if we, as the church, see ourselves as religionless Christians we can learn how to work with all people of faith, no matter what faith walk they are in or from.

**Landing | Friday | 3 PM**

### Finding Freedom from Sexual Shame

Carla Godwin and Dr. Tina Schermer Sellers

In this session, Dr. Tina Schermer Sellers will discuss the roots of sexual shame and the tools to dismantle it.

**Forum | Saturday | 5 PM**

### Finding God in the Ruins (How God Redeems Pain)

Matt Bays

A powerful story teller, Matt Bays presents an honest, raw, yet hopeful account of how we find God in the ruins of our lives.

The magic in this communicator's voice and way of looking at the world is that he is able to speak honestly about deep and tragic events while simultaneously illuminating beauty and hope.

- Be empowered to be honest with a God who has felt far off and hard to understand.
- Discover community with fellow broken travelers.
- Find the courage to shed the skin of an inauthentic Christianity that has promoted a healing process which is, in actual practice, unredemptive.
- Begin to understand how God is reaching out to you in unexpected and unique ways.

Matt joins the ranks of narrative spirituality writers/speakers such as Ann Lamott, Donald Miller, Rachel Held Evans, and Ann Voskamp in offering readers an honest, raw, creative, and insightful companion for sorting through the struggles of life with a measure of joy and hope.

**Library | Saturday | 5 PM**

### Finding Your Prophetic Voice

Connie L. Tuttle

A short reading of the opening chapter of my book on what it means to be a prophet followed by small group exploration of the questions:

What does it mean to be prophetic? Is God calling you to use your prophetic voice? What would it look like? Is there something stopping you from using your unique voice?

**Convo Hall 04 | Friday | 10 AM**  
**Convo Hall 04 | Saturday | 2 PM**

### Forgive for Love: A Secret Ingredient for More Loving Relationships

Lyndon Harris and Maria Lund

If you have a relationship that is conflict-free, this workshop is not for you. BUT, if you are wondering how to navigate the spectrum of conflict in relationship – everything from the daily irritations of dirty dishes in the sink or socks on the floor, to a nuclear level conflict such as betrayal – this workshop on forgiveness IS FOR YOU.

While forgiveness is at the heart of our faith, it is often misunderstood. It is often seen as letting someone off the hook. But forgiveness is rather a life skill that helps us enjoy more peace and love in our lives.

This is because 70 percent of what we argue about at the beginning of our relationships will never be fully resolved. In other words, our basic needs and behaviors don't change much over time. Either you find new tools to release your conflicts, or you stay in tension. Without forgiveness, grudges take root and diminish our relationships; but with forgiveness, we grow peace and deepen our love.

Come join us as we share practical insights on forgiveness based on Dr. Fred Luskin's groundbreaking book, *Forgive for Love*. Learn about his proven 7-step methodology of forgiveness for couples. You will leave our workshop with tools to enrich your relationships and increase joy in your life.

**Portal | Saturday | 2 PM**

### From Liability to Asset: Transforming Your Church Building

Roger Osgood

Church buildings are the albatrosses around the necks of many congregations of all faiths and denominations; but they don't have to be. Church buildings can also be used to provide income, and, even more importantly, service to the larger community. Come hear how one congregation is transforming their aging building into a place of ministry and outreach providing a home for other organizations serving the community while offsetting the cost of heat, light and maintenance. And bring your stories of how this is happening in your community so we can broaden our perspectives and share new ways to convert our buildings into mission centers.

**Convo Hall 08 | Friday | 2 PM**  
**Convo Hall 08 | Saturday | 10 AM**

## From Lost Cause to Found Cause: Christian Responses to Racist Symbols and Histories.

Benjamin Wright

Over the last decade, flags, monuments and even certain ways of thinking about the past have become central to an increasingly ugly debate about what America is all about. How should Christians respond as their local college campuses, court houses, and other public spaces become cultural battlegrounds where groups fight for control of the past? Drawing on my own work curating museum-based exhibits of removed confederate statues, this session will begin by addressing the history of those statues, the motivations of those who erected them, and the meanings/uses of confederate statues today. It will then broaden out into a more general discussion about how history, heritage, memory and ritual play out in the present.

We'll also discuss what a "Christian" response to these issues might look like and how that response might be different (and yet complimentary to) other liberal and progressive responses. Are Confederate symbols powerful, pathetic or both? Are they perpetrators of cultural trauma, symptoms of cultural trauma or both? Can Christians embody a ministry of reconciliation around these issues? Can mercy triumph over justice? Can American communities create new cultural

approaches that celebrate diversity and inclusion, while also celebrating the best of what the past passed on?

**Workshop | Saturday | 5 PM**

### Gathering The Goose

GooseHouse (house band)

**Mainstage | Thursday | 6 PM**

### Gathering the Goose with Otis Moss III and Others

Otis Moss III

The prophetic preaching of Otis Moss III, listed as one of the twelve most effective preachers in the English language (CNN, May 2018), calls us together and projects us into Wild Goose 2019! It's a time of greeting and centering and sensing the Spirit. OM3 will be joined by GooseHouse and others.

**Mainstage | Thursday |**

**5:15 PM Calling the Goose with The Pinkerton Raid**

**6 PM Celebration with GooseHouse**

**6:45 PM Gathering the Goose with Otis Moss III"**

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## Getting Our Hands Dirty: Stories of stardust, earthdust and just plain shit.

Shawna Bowman, Sarah Pressley

Join us Saturday afternoon for a Moth Style story slam in the Studio. The theme is: Getting Our Hands Dirty: Stories of stardust, earthdust and just plain shit. We're all created creatures and we've all created something. It's for you to say whether the results are cosmic or cosmically crappy.

To tell: Prepare a 5-minute, first-person, true story to tell without notes and come put your name in the hat.

To listen: Um, just show up!

Gather out of star-dust, Earth-dust, Cloud-dust, Storm-dust, And splinters of hail, One handful of dream-dust, Not for sale." ~Langston Hughes

**Studio (Art) | Saturday | 4 PM**

## Giving Ourselves The Privilege of the Doubt

Xavier Ramey

What does an encounter that lasted only a few moments have to say about the deep, invested manner that we engage each other's pain, even when that pain is historically predictable? In the Gospel narrative of Thomas, we find a demand for proof of pain from Christ that informs the same privilege we hold dear—choice, at any cost. But what is the literal human cost of our doubt in the presence of a pain and enduring suffering that has always been there, and who pays it? Xavier Ramey, a community activist, international public speaker, strategist, and poet will guide an interactive discussion on the privilege of doubt, a country swirling in a self-obsession with using interrogation as a form of relationship rather than compassion and faith as a guide, and how we continue to use ineffective tools to correct historical wrongs such as racism, sexism, and homophobia.

**Forum | Friday | Noon**

## Go Home America, You're Drunk : Is this our national rock bottom?

Laura Parrott Perry

Rock bottom is a place of utter despair – a spiritual crash and burn. It's when you look around at your life, examine the wreckage, and decide that the pain is finally so great the choice becomes to change or die. When you look in the mirror and don't recognize who you have become. When you've crossed lines you once considered unthinkable. To anyone watching the news and paying attention, this likely sounds familiar.

Rock bottom is horrible but it is also a gift, an opportunity for change and redemption. America has spiraled into a country we say we don't recognize, but the addictions that got us to this place - racism, misogyny, homophobia, privilege, power, and greed have always been a part of our story

A recovering alcoholic, Laura Parrott Perry knows a thing or two about rock bottom and the work required to recover. Applying the principles of recovery to the state of our union, Laura walks through the necessary steps for this country to get sober. Because the thing is, as dark as it is right now, this is only rock bottom if we get better. Rock bottom is just where we decide to stop digging.

**Bridge | Friday | 2 PM**

## Godly Play, Scripture and Wonder

Emily Griffin, Nancy St. John, Sally Thomas

Is it possible to play with Scripture? Godly Play invites imagination, stillness, and spirit to coalesce in a variety of ways. Inspired by Maria Montessori's deep trust of each

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\*\* Children are most welcome if accompanied by an adult!\*\*

**Kids | Friday | 4 PM**

### Goose in the Round

Terry Gonda and Kirsti Reeve, Alatheia, Will Retherford

So good we are doing it twice a day this year. This now legendary Goose tradition presents a showcase of some of the finest singer-songwriters the Goose has to offer this year in an in-the-round setting. Two different artists hosted by Terry Gonda and Kirsti Reeve will take turns sharing their songs and the stories behind them. Who knows what Wild Goose magic will happen when these talented performers take the stage together as community? Don't be surprised if a special guest just happens to show up as well...

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Kiya Heartwood, Ben Grace, Randi Driscoll

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**Great Father Whale**

A dreamy folk trio hailing from Raleigh, NC. dedicated to honest introspection and self expression through meaningful lyrics, and crisp sometimes haunting harmonies. Charlie Craichy, lead writer, guitarist and vocalist is joined by Bev Hartgrove(vocals) and Tess Mygatt(vocals/violin). True, authentic songs - with a flavor of hope, love, redemption.

**Café | Friday | 1 PM**

**Grief Recovery**

The Grief Recovery circle is an open invitation to anyone who has experienced loss, recent or long ago in any form—death, divorce, disappointments, or significant transitions and change identity, purpose, health, and faith. A space free from advice, comparison, or analysis. Connect with yourself in a deeper way and release pain.

**Studio | Saturday 6 PM**

**Heal on purpose**

Shikera Thomason

We all have diverse journeys, but no one is exempt from encountering the need to heal in some manner in order to overcome, grow, and encounter peace. When most of us intentionally pursue healing, it aids in staying the course. Healing is not just for you, but healing opens the path to greater potential!

**Convo Hall 09 | Friday | Noon**  
**Convo Hall 09 | Saturday | 4 PM**

**Hear Me**

Ben Tapper & Manon Voice

Participants will gather in small pods and respond to questions such as "where is your place of belonging," or "what is on Fire in your life."

**Bridge | Friday | 3 PM**

**Hear Us Now : Wisdom from the Wild Goose Youth**

This youth led and moderated session will be an opportunity for the youth of Wild Goose to share their wisdom and reflections, on the weekend and life in general. This session will offer adults the opportunity to listen and youth to be heard. All are welcome in the Youth Tent for this session.

**Youth | Sunday | 9 AM**

**Hillary McBride**

Hillary McBride

Embodied: Reclaiming the body as good and the site of creativity, identity, health, sensuality, and divine communion

**Library | Saturday | 2 PM**

**Holy Envy - Barbara Brown Taylor with Rob Wilson-Black**

Barbara Brown Taylor, Rob Wilson-Black

Barbara is a New York Times bestselling author, including Holy Envy, her most recent book, and she's among the greatest preachers alive (so says CNN). Perhaps more importantly to so many Goose community folks, her writing encourages us, holds us up, and helps us through. Rob Wilson-Black is CEO of Sojourners and a Wild Goose board member.

Barbara interviewed by Rob puts two very smart, very nice people together and promises a very good experience—a special treat.

**Mainstage | Friday | 11 AM**

**Holy Work: Healing and Connecting Through Meditation and Yoga**

June Avant

In a society plagued by divisiveness and discord, coming together to raise awareness and walk the path of healing as we connect with each other is truly holy work.

This session will combine metta (loving kindness)

meditation with the Ho'oponopono—a Hawaiian mantra for peace and forgiveness. Participants will first be led through a guided meditation that involves singing the Ho'oponopono, and then engage in a gentle, all-levels yoga flow to further embody the practice of walking in truth and compassion.

**Healing Arts | Friday | 10 AM**

### Homeless Service/Ministry Pop up PotLuck

Do you serve in a homelessness ministry? Do you work in a non profit with those on the streets? Do you want to meet others who do?

It's a pot luck pop up for anyone interested in meeting/ asking questions/connecting!

Bec Cranford

**Studio (Art) | Friday | 6 PM**

### Honoring Our Cloud of Witnesses, a practice of Visual Narrative Pastoral Care

Darci Jaret / Art in the Image

Rev. Darci will lead a group in a process of using the Visual Narrative Pastoral Care Model and we will produce a group mural. This workshop will engage participants in telling their personal and communal stories both narratively and visually through a pastoral care model rooted in the work of Karen Scheib and Shaun McNiff. This process prioritizes personal narrative and experience allowing equal time to speak and listen to each other and to create and show our stories through art making. Participants will use readily available photographic materials to create a group mixed-media art piece together with a focus on process, and will discuss ideas for replicating the experience in other community contexts. This workshop is an opportunity to practice creativity in community and no artistic precision is needed! We will create a group mural using mixed media and an image of a cloud of witnesses. The practice of Visual Narrative Pastoral Care allows us to tell our stories through image, practicing creative healing and respectful listening. The end product will show us our stories woven together, a picture of community.

### Outline

Introductions: Rev. Darci will introduce the visual narrative pastoral care model

Key Points: How and why creativity is spiritual. Introduction to narrative pastoral care and healing arts. Everyone will introduce themselves and speak about the image they chose. Include in your image introduction the color that draws you in and who in your cloud of witnesses is present in the photo.

Art making: Mixed media: We will cut up our images; our minds will complete the image- so be creative!

Painting: We will paint on the canvas, which has an abstract image of a cloud- keeping our design abstract

Reflection: Speaking about our experience of art making we begin reflecting our group narrative through looking at the piece of art and how it came together (i.e. "restorying")

**Studio (Art) | Saturday | 3 PM**

### Hospitality as Resistance

Jayme Reaves

In our current political and social climate, opportunities are available to resist empire by welcoming and protecting those who are encountering threat. This session will look at the Abrahamic traditions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam) and their prophetic heritage of resistance against abusive power, particularly in the theological and ethical imperatives of protective hospitality through the provision of sanctuary.

Through stories of hospitable communities such as Le Chambon (France), Baljvine (Bosnia), as well as the historic and the current Sanctuary Movement in the US, this session will explore protective hospitality as a tool

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for developing mutual relationships which serve to help build and/or strengthen communal stories of peace, co-existence, and shared life as an antidote to stories of hate, division, and conflict.

This session will be a mix of presentation and facilitated group discussion.

**Portal | Saturday | 1 PM**

### How to be an adult supporter of Student led activist groups

Steve Vellines

Students are energized these days to participate in social justice / activist groups.

Many of us adults have experience in this but when we try to help, if we are not careful, we can co-op the group into an adult led group. Not cool! It is very important to allow them to lead (even if we think we have a "better way") and also be available when they ask for our help.

**Convo Hall 08 | Friday | 11 AM**

**Convo Hall 08 | Saturday | 2 PM**

### How to Become a Badass: the Transformational Power of Vulnerability in Friendships

Rebecca Lauderdale

In the fall of 2014, a group of acquaintances made a risky commitment to meet together weekly to explore issues of vulnerability modeled after Brene Brown's work. Now, 4 years later, we have each experienced personal transformation beyond what we ever expected through the power of practicing vulnerability and supportive friendship. In this discussion we will talk about what it means to be vulnerable, our specific experiences of transformation, and how participants might form similar groups.

**Convo Hall 09 | Friday | 5 PM**



**Convo Hall 09 | Saturday | 1 PM**

### How to Become A Stone Catcher in Your Community

Reverend Cori Morgan

Jesus's presence and words often disrupted the systematic oppression of his day and time. When the woman who was caught in the act of adultery was brought to Him He used His words: "He who is without sin cast the first stone" to interrupt an unjust religious system's attempt to judge and kill the woman who was brought to Him. We can also disrupt and interrupt unjust systematic forms of oppression in our communities by engaging in pre-planned strategic activities you and I can become "Stone Catchers".

Rev Cori Morgan has written a song and developed a t-shirt as a way to promote the idea of becoming a Stone Catcher.

**Convo Hall 08 | Friday | 4 PM**

**Convo Hall 08 | Saturday | Noon**

### How to Get The Most Out of The Goose

Joy Wallis

How to maximize your Wild Goose Festival experience

**Living Room | Thursday | 4 PM**

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## How to Start a Ministry to the Poor in Your Community

Keith Giles

Practical ideas about how to organize and facilitate an ongoing friendship with people who live below the poverty line. Not outreach. Not ministry. Simply learning to love people for who they are and where they are without seeking to change them; instead allowing them to change you.

**Portal | Saturday | 4 PM**

## How to Start Your Own Beer and Hymns Chapter

Claire Clyburn, Chad Markley, Kristen Howerton, Nate Baker-Lutz

Do you wish you had a local beer and hymns chapter? Why not be the founder? Come learn how to start your own chapter, from how to enlist musicians to song choices to finding that perfect venue.

**Episcopal | Friday | 4 PM**

## I am Lost, and Finding My Way out of the Darkness

Zenaida Chandler

Titled, "I am lost, and finding my way out of the darkness." My presentation will focus on what it is like to be a healer, spiritual leader or community leader, and find yourself lost in depression or a negative headspace or similar, while others are still counting on you to help guide them on their path. It will cover a range of emotions we feel and experience, places we find ourselves in mentally and spiritually, ways to recharge ourselves as healers so that we can find our way out of the challenging spaces we may find ourselves in as "life happens." Offering techniques on how to pull out of the negative headspace and to help guide others out as well. Maintaining balance, taking time for regeneration and self care, and well as how to teach it to others. A heartfelt journey of words and healing that takes you down the path so many of us find ourselves in but are so afraid to talk about, let alone face...and how to find ourselves again on the other side.

**Healing Arts | Saturday | 11 AM**

## I Am She: A Womanist Chronicle of Black Womanhood

Blissful Authenticity

This spoken word performance brings an authentic experience of Black womanhood off the margins and places it at the center of the performance—which is an act of resistance and inspiration. As the poem chronicles my journey of orientation, disorientation, and reorientation as a Black woman of a certain socioeconomic status, it explores the public and communal implications. Placing Black womanhood at the center of this piece not only validates that our stories matter, but creates space to glean wisdom and insights for transformation through a womanist lens that interprets contextual implications at the intersection of the three

primary "isms" of racism, sexism, and classism—a triple threat to women of color. The idea is that truth-telling is healing, life-giving, and transformative when we choose to courageously confront and embrace the whole truth in all its shadow and light instead of giving in to the ego's programs of shame, guilt, and fear.

**Studio (Art) | Friday | 1 PM**

## Ideas & Action: Faith Communities and the Mental-Health Conversation

Rev. Jessica Stokes

Join us for structured, open conversation about mental health—particularly in the realm of faith communities. We will look at questions, including: what are faith-communities' role in mental health work and advocacy? How do we provide tangible help to those that seek it? How to get your faith community working on mental-health, emotional well-being, and wellness? This conversation will be dignity and whole-person driven, with examples of how to destigmatize mental illness in the church. Participants will feel empowered to share their empirical wisdom about: unmet needs they see involving mental health in their communities, models of what works, and ideas for helping the "unsolvable". There will also be a blessing to help center us and lift up all that are dealing with mental health concerns.

**Convo Hall 02 | Friday | 4 PM**

**Convo Hall 02 | Saturday | Noon**

## Immersion in the Holy Wild: movement practices to connect with sacred water.

Tevyn East / Holy Fool Arts

Take a river break and be lured to wakefulness! Starting at The River tent, we will migrate to the water and remember our baptisms, in all the many forms they have taken. With our bodies as our guides, we will build receptivity to the sacred gift of water and the holy presence of the wild within and around us! Sometimes playful, sometimes meditative, through individual explorations and group practices, we will build up skills to pray with our bodies, follow our curiosity, honor sacred space, and express our most honest joys and sorrows, allowing them to be released into the French Broad. This is for all folks ready to enter brave space and it does not require any previous experience with dance or a movement practice.

**River | Friday | 1 PM**

**River | Saturday | 2 PM**

## Improv Shaman

Keli Semelsberger

This interactive workshop will use improv exercises and philosophies to create a sense of oneness, collaboration & being present. It will inspire participants to re-activate their connection to joy and play instead of resistance and judgment.

**Healing Arts | Friday | 9 AM**

**Inhospitable**

Wesley Spears Newsome

Inhospitable tells the revealing and heartbreaking story of a North Carolina man's detention by ICE, and his community's fight to keep him from being deported. Inhospitable will be hosting a special live episode at Wild Goose 2019!

**GooseCast | Saturday | 10 AM****Invisible, Done, or Finally Here: A Woman Ages**  
Katie Kinnison

Life offers us new possibilities at every age, yet too often we experience only the lack, and we never tell each other the whole truth of where we are. Using personal experience, re-reading the story about the wise snake and "the Fall", and claiming a new relationship to the moon, we share what it means to move from one set of possibilities to another. Ritually claiming the status of crone, and dancing with the mystics, we will revel in the post-menopausal now. This is for women of a certain age, women who will be, and people who love them. This is for anyone interested in negotiating change with play, openness, creativity, and courage.

**Convo Hall 05 | Friday | 1 PM****Convo Hall 05 | Saturday | 5 PM****It's okay if you don't know: How to talk to your kids in the midst of your own deconstruction**

Abby Norman, Christian Norman

Abby Norman, an educator and someone who has long advocated for clear and concise communication with children, and Christian Norman a PhD in rhetoric and communication share their path of deconstruction and reconstruction of faith, sexuality, gender, and race while also parenting. As people who were not raised to believe the same things they do now, and often raised to not talk about tricky subjects Abby and Christian have pretty much been making it up as they go along while also parenting some extremely verbal children. They walk through the academic and educational theory that they use to talk to their kids, and also why it is important to tell your kids when you don't know, or when we are just making your best guess. If you are wondering what the heck to tell your kid about....then this is the place for you. We will figure it out together.

**Convo Hall 04 | Friday | 2 PM****Convo Hall 04 | Saturday | 10 AM****Jazz Vespers**

Greg Jarrell and Dawn Anthony

With a band of top professional jazz musicians in Charlotte, NC, we will perform a 45-60 minute concert and participatory liturgy in the manner of a jazz vespers service. This worship experience can be used in combination with a featured speaker/preacher, or independently as a stand-alone performance. We will draw on ancient Christian liturgy and prayers, using participatory songs from the tradition of Black gospel music, and featuring justice-themed solo performances,

this band will create a unique experience for Wild Goose festival.

**Café | Friday | 6 PM****John Pavlovitz****Living Room | Saturday | 2 PM****Joshua Long Live**

Joshua Long

A combination of songs from my personal journey, as well as, songs written for the purpose of worship. All music is composed by Joshua Long. This is an interactive performance with singing, clapping, and engaging the mind, heart, and soul.

**Café | Friday | 4 PM****Journey to your True Self**

Kristie Beth Ihde

Living from our True Self flows from a contemplative, mystical practice. Join me as we experience together the practice that I use to connect with my True Self amidst all the hustle and bustle of life. We will sit in circle together as I guide you along a simple path through the thoughts and feelings that fill your mind and heart each day, to your True Self. You will learn ways to cultivate greater love for yourself and others, and you will leave with practical tools for living with more peace, clarity and hope.

**Healing Arts | Friday | Noon****Justice Camp***Pre-Festival Event*

Dr. Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Erin C. Law

"What Does an Embodied Activist Theology Look Like?  
How can justice help dismantle supremacy cultures?"

Justice Camp is an invitation to adventure through the *Pre-Festival Event* terrain of our individual and collective moving bodies as we connect belief and action and understand harmony and justice at a cellular level.

Movement work is often organized by privileging the mind, but what happens when movement work is organized by practices of embodiment? What happens when the body becomes primary as we work for collective liberation?

Learning to translate thought to action creates conditions for an embodied activist theology. This year, Justice Camp will provide chances to participate in active learning through a series of conversations and somatic movement experiences. The work of embodying relational concepts of emergence, interdependence, and adaptability by exploring insights that emanate from our deep bodily wisdom is the primary work we will embark upon together as a learning community.

Listen carefully to the messages of the body – move, let go, and take risks in a co-creative environment. Explore the paradox of chaos and order as we flow between leading, following, tracking desire, and attending to choice.

Our bodies tell a story, and learning to weave together a collective embodied story will help us dismantle the reigning supremacy cultures that cause harm and disunity.

Through a strong sense of community, experience a simultaneous celebration of individual and group while

highlighting the beauty and power of our ever-emerging communal consciousness."

**Bridge | Thursday | 9 AM**

**Kate Hurley**

With influences like Patty Griffin and Tori Amos, Kate's spiritual singer/ songwriter music will remind you that

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## Consistent Life

*We are committed to the protection of life, which is threatened in today's world by war, abortion, poverty, racism, the death penalty and euthanasia.*

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you are deeply loved. An Enter the Worship Circle Artist, Kate's performances mix together spiritual roots and story telling. Her last album Sing Over Me was a concept album in which the songs were written from God's perspective as if he was singing them to you. It was voted one of the best albums of the year on Phantom Tolbooth. You may get to see her one-of-a-kind ability to play hammered dulcimer and piano at the same time, or sing a "song on the spot" where she spontaneously writes a song for someone in the audience.

**Café | Friday | 10 AM**

### **Ken Wilber's The Religion of Tomorrow: Waking Up, Growing Up, Cleaning Up and Showing Up.**

Kevin Bliss

Richard Rohr calls Ken Wilber the Aquinas of our age for his ability to pull together disparate fields of thought into frameworks that help us to make sense of things. The frameworks to be introduced and discussed in this session are particularly relevant to those of us drawn to the Wild Goose Festival in that they offer us a potential roadmap for navigating the challenges of our age in the context of Humankind's evolutionary past and future, both developmentally and spiritually. The source of these frameworks is Wilber's book, "The Religion of Tomorrow: A Vision for the Future of the Great Traditions". In particular we will be looking at and discussing his frameworks of Waking Up, Growing Up, Cleaning Up and Showing Up, with an emphasis on 'Growing Up' and 'Waking Up'. These two frameworks will be explained primarily through diagrams and discussion of each. The Growing Up framework will set forth the 'Stages or Levels of Development' and represents the horizontal (developmental) axis of human evolution. The Waking Up framework will set forth the 'States of Spiritual Growth or Awakening' representing the vertical (spiritual) axis of human evolution. Join Kevin for a lively and thought-provoking discussion.

**Convo Hall 12 | Friday | Noon**

**Convo Hall 12 | Saturday | 5 PM**

### **Kids Session (Ages 3-12)**

Emily Griffin, Nancy St. John, Sally Thomas

Using the Godly Play method as a foundation, we'll sing, share stories from Scripture (told BIG with objects), wonder together about what they mean for us, and have a time of free art response. While each session is self-contained, the stories do speak to each other. This year, we are focusing on what binds us as children of God, what we owe one another, and how we might reach across our differences. This is an opportunity for kids to build community with other kids, teens and adults at the Goose while creating and discovering meaning together.

**Kids | Friday | 9:45 AM**

**Kids | Friday | 2 PM**

**Kids | Saturday | 9:45 AM**

**Kids | Saturday | 2 PM**

### **Kids Session (Ages 6-12)**

Emily Griffin, Nancy St. John, Sally Thomas

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**Kids | Friday | 11 AM**

**Kids | Saturday | 11 AM**

### **Kiya Heartwood**

Performance

**Café | Saturday | 4 PM**

### **Knowing the Story: The Importance of History in Healing the Historical Harm of Racism**

Andi Cumbo-Floyd, Hannah Scruggs, Sharon Morgan

Three historians will discuss the importance of history in healing modern-day racism. The presentation will take the form of a roundtable with each presenter sharing highlights of her work and lessons she's learned about how confronting history can engender healing. We will demonstrate how racism and inequality in all key social indicators is a direct by-product of America's past as a nation whose economic, moral, and social foundation is built upon the disenfranchisement of people of color through genocide and slavery. We will discuss our work as genealogists and public historians, including examples from our personal family histories and community histories of places of enslavement.

Our hope is that those who attend will achieve greater understanding of how personal histories shape their attitudes and may contribute to ongoing disparities in the social fabric of America. We want them to consider how they can employ Christian values to become agents of change who inspire healing, reconciliation, and reparation in their families and communities.

We will end the session with audience participation.

They can ask questions, make comments, and/or witness personal experiences.

**Bridge | Friday | Noon**

**Youth | Friday | 10 AM**

### **La Mesa-A radically welcoming and inclusive space**

Nancy White, Rev. David Mateo, Madaline G. Allsup

So many people seek to be part of or create inclusive and diverse communities, especially in a church, but few are successful with this venture. Many don't know where to begin, how to continue through the time of doubt when attendance is low, or how to navigate the changing of their community. La Mesa is an example for what a multicultural, bilingual, and open-minded

spiritual community can look like. In the Winter of 2015, Rev. David Mateo began a small bilingual worship service at United Church of Chapel Hill. In the beginning, the worship service was led by primarily Rev. Mateo and a few other bilingual members of the congregation with a small attendance of sometimes only 10 people. Now, La Mesa has grown into a flourishing community with more than 50 people worshipping together each Sunday as well as sharing in meals and outside gatherings. La Mesa is a truly unique community in that all services are bilingual, radically inclusive, seeking to break down the barriers of racism, homophobia, classism, ageism, ableism, and much more. Join this session in order to hear about how and why La Mesa started and continues. Hear from Rev. Mateo as well as members of the La Mesa community about not only what this community means to them but also what it takes to start such a community as well as continue to ensure it grows and thrives.

**Convo Hall 10 | Friday | 5 PM**  
**Convo Hall 10 | Saturday | 1 PM**

### **Label Resistance – Tying Silk and Story**

Laura Norton

This is a participatory art experience and story sharing opportunity with the goal of addressing mistaken assumptions people make about us with our various identities, to create further understanding and empathy.

People who participate (artmaking storytellers!) will be invited to work with a strip of silk to complete the sentence: "Even though I am... (tall/queer/pregnant/a homeschooler/a grandpa/Asian/a teenager/undocumented/over 60/Muslim/tattooed/a Republican, etc.), I also ...." filling in the second blank with their truth which helps to resist a frequent or hurtful misconception.

The strips of silk can be written on with one's own handwriting, expressing each individual's uniqueness as a beloved child of God.

I envision 6 steps in this session:

- 1) Introduction of the Idea: Misconceptions of identity. Includes the reading of a poem which gives voice to and laments such a misconception.
- 2) Write: Participants feel and engage with their strip of colorful silk, contemplate its ability to move, its natural beauty, its strength despite delicacy; then write their own completed sentence, "Even though I am...I also..." on their silk. More color or designs may be added if desired.
- 3) Share Story: In small groups of 3-4, participants share their sentence (and if desired, a bit of their story).
- 4) Trust/Exchange: Each person may opt to let go and entrust their story to another person in their group, exchanging silk strips (or may instead keep their own strip).
- 5) Empathy/Valuing Another's Story: New small groups are formed, share the sentence (and perhaps, the story) from the point of view of the other participant whose silk strip you now hold (or one's own sentence/story once again), aiming to give voice and value to another's story.
- 6) Tie Together: All silk strips may be then tied together to

form a chain of stories or a weaving of true experiences. (In the tying, written words may be hidden, reminding us that everyone has stories which we can't know or "read" on the surface.)

**Studio (Art) | Friday | 3 PM**

### **Laments and Love Songs: Singing of Pain and Hope in the Church Today**

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Many churches enjoy singing praise songs, and there is certainly a place for them in our worship. But what about laments? The Psalms are full of the laments of the people of God. The world is full of reasons for lament— for crying out to God with our sorrow and pain. Yet laments often end with a glimpse of hope; the world will not always be filled with suffering and injustice. Join us for some reflection on the Bible, the hymns of the church— old and new— and our reasons for singing both our laments and our hope in God.

**Convo Hall 04 | Friday | 11 AM**

### **LeadNOW!**

*Pre-Festival Event*

LeadNOW is a pre-festival experience for select seminarians and first-call ministers and justice leaders.

LeadNOW offers emerging faith leaders a life-changing opportunity to connect with and learn from today's cutting-edge, transformational thinkers, authors and activists. Together, we will explore progressive tools and tactics of resistance, unity, and equity, and be equipped to create change NOW!

Who can participate?

LeadNOW is open to individuals who are currently enrolled in seminary or who have graduated within the past five years and are currently serving in a first-call ministry placement. There's no fee to participate.

**Portal | Thursday | 9 AM**

### **Learning to Love an Irrational Jesus: What a Fully Human Jesus Means for Fully Human People**

Ken Evers-Hood

We're pretty solid and Christ's divinity in the church—we've spent a lot of airtime on that. But what about his humanity? If we talk about Jesus' humanity at all it's often apologetically. Based on my work in *The Irrational Jesus* I make a fully throated pitch for using what we know about cognitive bias, what Dan Ariely calls our "predictable irrationality" to highlight areas of Jesus' full humanity. And we'll learn about common cognitive biases, including implicit racial, gender, and sexual identity bias, and learn how understanding more about our bias makes us better able to work well and play with others.

**Living Room | Saturday | 11 AM**

**Let's Talk About Sex**

Carissa Buursma

How high is your comfort level for conversations about sex? For many it is a topic that can be tricky to navigate—even with people close to us. Carissa is going to lead participants through a series of questions that will seek to expand our understanding of why this challenge might exist and possible approaches to work towards changing that. She'll be prompting answers from herself and participants to questions like, "In your childhood, how was the topic of sex and sexuality approached by the adults in your life?" "What was their attitude towards this topic?" "Was it a topic that was open for discussion in your family?" "What type of vocabulary is available to us today for having discussions about sex?" "Who or what in your life offers an example of a healthy approach to sexuality?" Participants will be invited (but not expected) to join the conversation. It is Carissa's hope that participants walk away from this session with a higher level of comfort in talking about sex and sexuality in general and perhaps even a higher level of comfort with their own sexuality.

**Convo Hall 06 | Friday | 3 PM****Convo Hall 06 | Saturday | 11 AM****Liberation Through Ecofeminism**

M. Laurel-Leigh Meierdiercks

The liberation of women has been, and should be, a central concern in social theology. Similarly, there has been a rise in ecological theology in response to our current environmental crises. In order to tackle these issues, we must recognize that the domination of women and the domination of nature are connected. In this presentation, I will trace the attitude of domination in western thinking in order to show this link. I will demonstrate that these and other systemic oppressions follow from the cultural tendency to divide the world into a series of false dualisms (man/woman, reason/emotion, mind/body, human/nature, etc.). These dualisms support the oppression of one half of the pair (i.e. the oppression of women, emotions, the body, and nature). This means that any attempt to liberate women through the feminist tradition requires also the liberation of nature. Dismantling these dualisms reveals a new truth: liberation depends on recognizing these links and Christian social theology offers us a useful lens. I will show in my presentation that systematic feminist theology, such as the work of Kathryn Tanner, challenges these dualisms and offers a new way forward.

**Convo Hall 07 | Friday | 1 PM****Lisbeth Melendez Rivera****Library | Saturday | 3 PM****Listening From the Heart- Mindful Listening**

Darryl Parker

We generally listen with the purpose of gathering information to provide answers, solutions, and opposition. We listen with the outcome in mind. This type of listening is not good or bad. It simply frames your listening to support

the outcome that you want to create. This is listening from the head.

Listening from the heart, however, has a different intention and purpose. Listening from the heart is the mindful practice of being in the present moment without judgement of what is being spoken. The intent is to simply listen and ask questions without being attached to any desired outcome. Listening from the heart is about active compassion for yourself and the person or people speaking in the moment. This brings an awareness that honors the sensations and emotions we are experiencing while honoring the experiences and emotions of the person or people speaking.

Listening from the heart creates the space for compassion and understanding.

**Convo Hall 09 | Friday | 11 AM****Convo Hall 09 | Saturday | 3 PM****Listening From the Heart- Mindful Listening**

Darryl Parker

We generally listen with the purpose of gathering information to provide answers, solutions, and opposition. We listen with the outcome in mind. This type of listening is not good or bad. It simply frames your listening to support the outcome that you want to create. This is listening from the head. This session is designed to complement the "Restorative Practices: Humans Being" session – and, each session is complete in its own right.

**Youth | Friday | 1 PM****Living Authentically: The Risk, The Cost, The Redemption**

Matt Bays, Laura Parrott Perry

The decision to live authentically often comes with a hefty price tag.

After the loss of a 23-year marriage, Matt Bays came out as a gay man. As a public figure (worship leader of a conservative mega-church of 7,000+ and nationally published author and speaker) the aftermath of this decision threw his life and career into a tailspin. While his book *Finding God in the Ruins: How God Redeems Pain*, was still lining the bookshelves of local Barnes and Noble booksellers, his publishers put his book out of print.

As Laura Parrott Perry, author of *She Wrote It Down: How A Secret-Keeper Became a Storyteller*, stepped fully into the truths of the demise of her marriage, her childhood sexual abuse, and her struggles with addiction, she found the ground constantly shifting under her feet. Friends fell away and the life she had been living became incompatible with her decision to live out loud.

Matt and Laura will discuss how to navigate and survive the grief of massive life change and what it is like to embrace the joy that comes from authentic living.

**Library | Friday | 10 AM**

## Living Contemplatively in a Chaotic World

Nicole Farley

Join us as we practice ways to be contemplative and intentional in any setting, at any time, and learn how to use these skills to build relationships for a more just world.

**Studio (Art) | Friday | 4 PM**

## Living Latinx LGBTQ+

LILA Latinx LGBTQ Initiative, Maddie Allsup, Alex Cordova, Alex Jose Ramirez, Rev. David Mateo

A panel of 3-4 individuals who each have different experiences related to living Latinx and LGBTQ including: Pastoring LGBTQ identifying people in a predominantly Spanish speaking space, identifying and overcoming hurdles during the fiance visa process, exploring an identity as a first generation Peruvian-American queer woman, and immigrating to the USA because of violence towards LGBTQ identifying people in El Salvador.

**Landing | Friday | 9 AM**

## Living Outside the Box

Sistah Soul

There is much transition going on as it relates to Christianity. The old church model is that folks come to a gathered space to worship. This model is no longer an effective model. I would look at the history of the church which has gone through four stages and is trying to transition to a fifth. Living outside of this fourth model means that we must not move into our world but it is hard changing paradigms and often the church comes up with new ideas but uses this same model. The church must find ways to be present in our world. Jesus last words were one of commissioning the disciples to go into the world and respond to real hunger. This class would involve reflecting on how we can transition from an old ineffective model of church to living outside that box. The church is still very much needed it's just how we live out that need.

**Convo Hall 03 | Friday | 2 PM**

**Convo Hall 03 | Saturday | 10 AM**

## Living with Doubt (Like We Have a Choice)

Pete Enns

Doubt isn't sexy, trendy, rebellious or cool. It's hard, unsettling, and sometimes feels like so much stress and dissonance are hardly worth the effort of keeping up appearances. Sooner or later, and for whatever reason, we all experience constant background noise "Do I really believe any of this?" And yet we've been conditioned to ignore our experience, or even shamed into believing that the Creator is disappointed at our performance, and if we just get in line, all will be well. So is that it?! I don't believe so. Not only is doubt a normal experience throughout history, not only is it part of the biblical tradition, but doubt does something FOR us that nothing else can. Doubt is a gift, a means of grace, that helps us get out of our own way.

**Mainstage | Friday | Noon**

## Living Your Values: The Radical Jesus and the Spiritual Self

Westar Institute & Praxis Forum

An interactive workshop on how the radical life and teachings of the historical Jesus inform our personal values. Along with one of Westar's pre-eminent scholars and members of Westar's Praxis Forum, Stephen Tickner and Julia Khan, we will explore how our lives align with our values and identify places in our lives that are in need of growth or change. Participants will leave empowered to return to their specific communities with a renewed sense of love and justice to live out into the world.

**Landing | Friday | 5 PM**

## Love in our Bones: BeLoved Asheville's Homeless Street Medics

BeLoved Asheville

Street Medics: Discovering the power of healing in unexpected places. After the death of a friend on the street, BeLoved Asheville's Homeless Voice created the first homeless Street Medic team in the nation! Come experience a story of love, empowerment and vocation. Hear holy healing stories from homeless street medics. Learn some of the nuts and bolts of creating and operating a street medic team. Discover the amazing prophetic imagination that develops when you walk the road together in mutuality and create new alternative solutions to some of our toughest societal struggles.

**Landing | Saturday | 5 PM**

## Love in a Dangerous Time

Russ Jennings

With thousands of migrants languishing at the border, children taken from their parents, and desperate people dying in the desert, we have to see that our country is committing crimes against humanity. There is a great need for people to take a moral stand and stop these atrocities. This program will look at some of the history and a lot of the inspiring activism that is going on at the border, and in many cities across the country. I will be joined by a panel of Christians who are active in the work. GooseCast | Saturday | 1 PM

## Low and Slow: An End Times BBQ

Zack Hunt

As a teenager growing up in the buckle of the Bible Belt, I was convinced the rapture would happen at any moment. If I didn't want to be left behind, I had to be ready and that meant never missing church, never sinning, and always listening to nothing but Christian music. But when the rapture didn't happen, my tightly wound faith began to fray. After all, if I had been wrong about the rapture, what else about my faith had I been wrong about? The story of faith lost and found again is the subject of my upcoming book, Unraptured: How End Times Theology Gets It Wrong.

Part memoir, part tour of the apocalypse, and part call to action, Unraptured traces how the Church's focus on escaping earth for heaven has it mired in decay.

Teetering on the brink of irrelevancy in a world rocked by refugee crises, climate change, war and rumors of war, the Church cannot afford to focus on escape in the future when there is so much to do and so many to serve in the here and now. By reimagining what it means to live in the end times, Unraptured uses these signs of the times to help readers reorient their understanding of the gospel around loving and caring for the least of these.

And there may be no better way to talk about this apocalyptic way of life than with BBQ.

Now, I know what you're thinking: What in the world does BBQ have to do with apocalyptic theology?

The answer is a lot.

At the heart of Unraptured, is the idea that Christianity isn't about escaping earth for heaven; it's about bringing the kingdom of God down to earth as it is in heaven. Likewise, being a disciple of Jesus isn't something that begins and ends in a moment of intellectual assent at an altar, nor is following Jesus about waiting around to get zapped away in the twinkling of an eye. Being a follower of Jesus is about living a life of love and service to others, particularly the least of these. It's a way of life lived low (on earth, for the least of these) and slow (day to day over a lifetime, not just in a moment of conversion).

Combining my love for BBQ and passion for reimagining the faith, my presentation will weave a narrative around the process of making BBQ and the principles of authentic Christian living during the "end times" by actually cooking BBQ while I speak.

As I demonstrate to the audience how to make great BBQ, I'll use those techniques to draw out various lessons on faith and the apocalypse. For example, the myth that rubs penetrate deeply into meat sets us up to talk about the importance of myth throughout the Bible. The way a handful of lit charcoals slowly spread and light a pile of unlit charcoal lets us talk about authentic Christian discipleship and the process of bringing the kingdom of God to every corner of creation. The beginnings of BBQ in the American South where the very least of these were given unwanted cuts of meat by their oppressors and found ways to transform them into something truly special opens the door to talk about the subversive nature of apocalypse in the Bible and the book of Revelation's central call to social justice. And, of course, BBQ is if nothing else a communal event, often in the cooking process, but always in the eating, which allows us to talk about the communal call of Christianity and the often overlooked eucharistic themes found in apocalyptic theology.

My presentation will culminate in a contest in which the audience will be broken up into several groups and tasked with designing a more helpful, healthy, and theologically accurate version of the infamous "The End Is Nigh!" signs based on what they've learned from the presentation. The winners will get to eat the BBQ I make during the presentation and will also be given a bottle of my homemade BBQ sauce, as well as a copy of my book.

**Portal | Friday | 1 PM**

## **Making Modern Ritual**

Rev. Dr. Chris Davies

Come and learn about the art of ritual! This workshop will introduce ritual as a methodology of making meaning and making magic. From the witchy to the religious, sacred to the secular, ritual is for all people along their spiritual path—and anyone can lead it. Participants will walk through potential elements of ritual, and practice creating their own. Some materials will be provided.

**Portal | Saturday | 11 AM**  
**Youth | Saturday | 4 PM**

## **Mama Bear Den - Campsite #431**

Mama Bear Den

The stories of parents disowning their LGBTQ+ 'kids' are numerous and heartbreaking. Stories like these inspire these Mama Bears and allies, to stand in the gap, affirming and embracing our LGBTQ+ kids and the community.

We're are thrilled to have the opportunity to do just that at this year's Wild Goose, and we couldn't be more excited! We've created a space in campsite #431 we're calling the "Mama Bear Den." During the weekend, Mama Bears and allies will be available to listen, provide encouragement, give hugs, offer homemade cookies, and have cold water available.

Just like all attendees, we look forward to taking part in all the Goose has to offer, so if we're not at the site when you stop by, we'll try to leave word of where you might find us. The Mamas and allies will also be donning identifying pins shirts throughout the weekend, and are always ready to hug on the fly!

The Mama Bear Den crew is thrilled to be Co-Creators at this year's Wild Goose!

Whether you're a hugger, a high-fiver, or a fist-pumper, we're looking forward to meeting you! The Mama Bear Den is located in campsite #431

**Mama Bear Den | Friday and Saturday**  
**(Open all day)"**

## **Marianne Williamson hosted by Diane Butler Bass**

Marianne Williamson

Ken Medema will provide an improvised musical response.

**Mainstage | Saturday | Noon**

## **Mark Miller**

**River | Saturday | 5 PM**

## **Mattering Circle**

Karen Mueller

I will facilitate a circle process which will encourage participants to share stories discovering who matters to them and to whom they matter. The circle process is very structured with a beginning and ending. It is modeled after processes used by native cultures. In the short

session, participants will get a taste of the restorative nature of sharing stories of self in a circle. Participants will leave the circle with new connections and ideas for applying circles to family meetings and other communities.

**Convo Hall 11 | Friday | 4 PM**  
**Convo Hall 11 | Saturday | 10 AM**  
**Youth | Saturday | Noon**

### **Medicine Wheel and Mandala Healing Ceremony**

Shaman Nar (aka Pastor Nar)

The Medicine Wheel is an ancient practice which has been utilized by many of the world's indigenous cultures, including my own Mexican heritage.

The Medicine Wheel is a universal symbol and archetype. It represents the natural cycles of life and encompasses our physical, relational, psychological, emotional, and spiritual realities as we move forward on our path of personal growth and realization.

Medicine Wheel Ceremonies have proven to be powerful experience in which to find balance and inspiration and direction through engagement with Spirit and Earth, the Cardinal Directions, and the Classical Elements.

**Healing Arts | Friday | 1 PM**

### **Meditations of the Heart—Mystical, Personal, and Spiritual Wisdom**

Lerita Coleman Brown

Mystic and theologian, Howard Thurman (1899-1981) cherished silence and stillness. He found in quietness an opportunity to commune with the Eternal that he believed lies deep within the heart. He shares these insights in his book, *Meditations of the Heart*. The conversations in the book, *When the Heart Speaks, Listen-Discovering Inner Wisdom* (Lerita Coleman Brown) illustrate how our hearts overflow with divine guidance. With both books, there is an invitation to engage in deep inner listening and each points to a heart that is always available for solace and guidance. This session will be punctuated with recorded meditations, silence, discussion, and guided moments of active imagination designed to tap the mystical heart and its wealth of spiritual wisdom.

**Library | Friday | 5 PM**

### **Michael Gungor**

God As Us: Exploring a Non-Dual Christianity

**Workshop | Friday | 4 PM**

### **Mike Morrell**

**Portal | Saturday | 3 PM**

**Convo Hall 06 | Friday | 1 PM**

### **Military Metaphor and the Gospel of Peace**

Jon-Phil Winter

Much of the language that used in the scriptures and the hymns can cause a lot of consternation to the modern

follower of Christ. This presentation will look at reclaiming the language rather than be offended by it. Tackling the military terms, blood, sacrifice etc and finding a way that it can propel us forward in faith rather than be a stumbling block.

**Convo Hall 04 | Friday | 4 PM**  
**Convo Hall 04 | Saturday | Noon**

### **Ministry with and of the transgender community. (Transgender Ministry)**

The Rev. Gwen Fry

This panel discussion touches upon current issues and trends of ministering with the transgender/gnc community and the ministries of trans clergy within and outside the church.

**Episcopal | Friday | 11 AM**

### **Mothering: An inclusive table for all who connect with expressions of mothering**

Grace Love Whaley

In this conversational session, we will explore the diversity of mothering. Join us to share and validate the experiences beyond the stereotypical expectation of a heterosexual cisgender marriage, followed by 2.5 perfect biological children, and a white picket fence. Whether you are a mother who has suffered loss or longing, a nurturer of the earth, a supportive professor, an animal advocate, a queer mama, or you connect with the idea of mothering, you have a place at this table. Let's explore with gratitude and openness all of the magnificent, challenging, and worthy expressions of the spirit of mothering.

**Convo Hall 03 | Friday | 10 AM**

### **Mothering: An inclusive table for all who connect to expressions of mothering**

Grace Love Whaley

In this conversational session, we will explore the experience of mothering, specifically non-traditional mothering. We will join together to share and validate the experiences that often don't fit the stereotypical mold of heterosexual cisgender marriage, followed by 2.5 perfect biological children, and a white picket fence. Whether you are a mother who has suffered loss or longing, a nurturer of the earth, a supportive professor, an animal advocate, a queer mama, or you connect with the idea of mothering, you have a place at this table. Let's explore with gratitude and openness all of the magnificent, challenging, and worthy expressions of the +++spirit of mothering.

**Convo Hall 03 | Saturday | 2 PM**

### **Music Revolution**

Pre-Festival Event

Mark Miller, Bryan Sirchio

What Does an Embodied Activist Theology Look Like?  
How can justice help dismantle supremacy cultures?

Justice Camp is an invitation to adventure through the

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terrain of our individual and collective moving bodies as we connect belief and action and understand harmony and justice at a cellular level.

Movement work is often organized by privileging the mind, but what happens when movement work is organized by practices of embodiment? What happens when the body becomes primary as we work for collective liberation?

Learning to translate thought to action creates conditions for an embodied activist theology. This year, Justice Camp will provide chances to participate in active learning through a series of conversations and somatic movement experiences. The work of embodying relational concepts of emergence, interdependence, and adaptability by exploring insights that emanate from our deep bodily wisdom is the primary work we will embark upon together as a learning community.

Listen carefully to the messages of the body – move, let go, and take risks in a co-creative environment. Explore the paradox of chaos and order as we flow between leading, following, tracking desire, and attending to choice.

Our bodies tell a story, and learning to weave together a collective embodied story will help us dismantle the reigning supremacy cultures that cause harm and disunity.

Through a strong sense of community, experience a simultaneous celebration of individual and group while highlighting the beauty and power of our ever-emerging communal consciousness."

**Library | Thursday | 9 AM**

### **My Body, Your Body, Our Bodies : Youth Forum on Bodies and Relationships**

Dr. Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Kevin Garcia, Taleese Morrill

This youth only forum will focus on body, relationships, and how we think of our bodies and boundaries within relationships. The conversation will largely be guided by questions the youth raise and will be facilitated by Taleese Morrill, JP Morrill, Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, and Kevin Garcia.

**Youth | Saturday | 5 PM**

### **Nadia Bolz-Weber**

**Living Room | Friday | 5 PM**

### **Nadia Bolz-Weber and Otis Moss III – In Conversation**

Otis Moss III, Nadia Bolz-Weber

Challenging assumptions and thinking imaginatively – Nadia Bolz-Weber and Otis Moss III, two of the world's most creative thinkers and most accomplished communicators, will "talk it out" in a public space.

**Living Room | Friday | 1 PM**

### **New Writers Workshop**

*Pre-Festival Event*

Brian Allain, Barbara Brown Taylor, Kate Rademacher, J. Dana Trent

Make plans now to attend our New Writers Workshop. Enjoy the mountain air and sit under the tent with Barbara, Brian, and some of today's gifted wordsmiths to glean wisdom, share in some laughs, and explore your talent as a new writer.

**Workshop | Thursday | 9 AM**

### **Nine Beats Collective**

An international collective of troubadours, poets, rebels, provocateurs, sages, and activists on the trail of the ancient Bible sayings known as 'the Beatitudes'. These ancient sayings,

spoken by Jesus, offer a nine-statement manifesto for a new world order.

Across three continents, a group of world class musicians, songwriters, artists, theologians, creatives, activists, and storytellers has collaborated on 'Nine

Beats to the Bar'—a concept album of music, spoken word, and soundscape that searches for the essence of the 'nine beats' of the Beatitudes.

Nine Beats to the Bar is a haunting. A cry. A new beat.

**Mainstage | Friday | 8 PM**

**Café | Saturday | 11 PM**

**River | Saturday | 3 PM**

### **No Turning Back: The Gift of Aging**

Sistah Soul

The baby boomers are here. There are more and more people living longer. The health care field is overtaxed. And yet our world is all about being young. Our marketing and values are all about youth and staying young. We sell it youth. And yet if we live we get older. This workshop will take a strength based approach to aging. We rarely talk about it. This class will honor some of the challenges of aging (physical and mental health - personality stages) while celebrating the gift of aging which are (1) nothing to prove; (2) comfort in one's own skin; (3) less judge mental and (4) and boundless wisdom we are willing to share with others. No one is marketing aging but we are a group that invaluable to the human race. There is a real injustice to those who are older.... discarded as if they have nothing to offer when they are very much a bridge to our future sustainability.

**Bridge | Saturday | 2 PM**

### **Noonday Centering Prayer**

Therese Taylor-Stinson

On Friday and Saturday at Noon, gather with me for centering and silence. If it is your first time, learn this modernized ancient practice for grounding oneself in Mystery. If you are a long-time practitioner, join us in intentional community and share a bit of wisdom with us. All are welcomed, and in a festival packed with action and deep confrontation of the issues of our time, this

Noonday centering will be a welcomed respite for the overwhelmed and a soothing drink for the thirsty.

**Chapel | Friday | Noon**  
**Chapel | Saturday | Noon**

### **Normal is Overrated: Finding Jesus in the Weirdness of Humanity**

Ray Waters

Ray begins with the assumption that weirdness is not a bad thing but is beautiful, engaging, and even holy. That perspective has shaped his ministry for the last 30 years.

Ray teaches as faith matures, people become more empathetic and open-minded. Then they start embracing diversity wherever they find it. They realize labeling people is not helpful. And, they begin to understand that 'normal' is seriously overrated. And what does NORMAL even mean?

Ray is known as the pastor for people who have no pastor. That description has shaped his life and ministry. Hear Ray's perspective as he shares his experiences as a progressive pastor in Atlanta. Hear him talk about his journey towards embracing everyone - even the people some might say are a little weird.

**Portal | Saturday | 5 PM**

### **OK UMC, What Now?**

Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye, Helen Ryde, Florence Sapp Martin

What happened at General Conference and how we can be the church God has called us to be in these times? This session will start with a short presentation with much time for table talk, so be prepared to engage conversation. What's next for our organizing? What are ways to break through to all that God has in store for us? Panel consists of a deacon, a reconciling ministries organizer and a lay person all dreaming of an inclusive future.

**Convo Hall 06 | Friday | 4 PM**  
**Convo Hall 06 | Saturday | Noon**

### **Open Studio**

**Studio (Art) | Friday & Saturday | 10 AM**

### **Opening Session**

Let's all meet and get to know each other!

**Youth | Thursday | 5 PM**

### **Organizing in Communities of Color**

Maddie Allsup, Alex Cordova, Alex Jose Ramirez, Rev. David Mateo, Michelle Peedin, LILA Latinx LGBTQ Initiative

A space to discuss differences and similarities of organizing and community building in communities of color. We want to share our experience working in predominantly Latinx communities vs. predominantly white communities. We would like to focus on differences of culture, communication, networking, relationship building, and event planning styles. We invite attendees

to share organizing and community building experiences in their own communities and other spaces of color.

**Convo Hall 09 | Friday | 4 PM**  
**Convo Hall 09 | Saturday | Noon**

### **Organizing the Kingdom: Community Organizing as a Model for Church Planting and Rejuvenation**

Jason Butler

What is the goal of the Kingdom of God? Looking at the mission of Jesus it seems that the goal is human flourishing, or Jubilee. Thus, all "missional" activity and church planting should be centered around facilitating and empowering flourishing both of the faith community and the surrounding neighborhoods. By providing three key missiological elements, community organizing offers a parable of what the church can be when the church is at its best and offers hope for the church in a post-Christian culture. In this session, we'll ask what it means to be "missional," look at the connection between the Kingdom of God and community organizing, and converse around the implementation of these three principles in your context to both plant new churches and rejuvenate existing ones.

**Forum | Friday | 5 PM**

### **Outlander Soul Podcast**

Rev. Terry Menefee Gau, Jayme Reaves

Join Dr. Jayme Reaves and Rev. Terry Menefee Gau for a live, interactive opportunity to participate in an Outlander Soul Podcast. We will discuss the series Outlander by Dianna Gabaldon from a narrative and feminist theological lens, fielding questions and comments from participants. The podcast will be released on the Outlander Soul website and other podcast channels.

**GooseCast | Saturday | 11:30 AM**

### **Parenting from the Edges**

Heather Morgan

Parenting and long-term relationships are hard at the best of times, but when life throws us curve balls, what then? Heather Morgan has spent 20 years (this weekend!) doing family life and faith from the edges - trauma, autism, disability, infant loss, two LGBTQ kids and a mixed orientation marriage along with a faith deconstruction/reconstruction journey that has taken her from purity culture to progressive Christianity. So often it can feel like we face these high stakes challenges with no road map or clear idea of which way we should go forward, but the solution always seems to be found in digging deeper into connection and community. This interactive workshop will combine storytelling with coaching and practical ideas to help you navigate whatever 'edges' you are parenting from.

**Convo Hall 08 | Friday | 10 AM**  
**Convo Hall 08 | Saturday | 3 PM**

## Parenting While in a Major Faith Shift (Panel)

Daneen Akers, Micky ScottBey Jones, Brian McLaren

Faith shifting, deconstruction, possibly reconstruction in fits and stages of some sort, is a challenging, exhausting, and slow process under any circumstances. Doing so while also parenting children can feel utterly overwhelming. Are we hurting our children? What about their spirituality and friends at church? How do we navigate the often suffocating pressure from well-meaning family members who worry that it isn't just our eternal salvation that is now at risk but also our children's? We parents in a faith shift need to connect and hear from each other that we aren't alone. We need to share our resources, ideas, hearts, and space to be on this journey together. Come for a parent support session facilitated by Daneen Akers, Brian McLaren, and Micky Scottbey Jones

**Living Room | Saturday | Noon**

## Pattern-Making as Meditation

Kate Elliott

I will lead participants in using the supplies I bring, along with any found objects or tools, to relax through the process of pattern-making. In 2018, I undertook a yearlong art project of making a new design each day. Through it, I learned how meditative and calming time spent drawing abstract patterns could be. I'd like to share that journey with others and encourage people to find ways to exercise their creativity daily.

**Studio (Art) | Friday | 2 PM**

## Playing Church: Game Theory and Social Justice

Ken Evers-Hood

Games create revelatory spaces in which we can discover stronger, more resilient, more creative, and more vital selves able to tackle the hardest issues around us. I'll make the connection between gameful thinking, Paul's subversive leadership (Paul was highly connected to the gaming industry of his day); and show practical ways how social organizers like BUILD (Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development) use game theory to bring about desperately needed change. (Plus...along the way we'll play social games sometimes fun, sometimes disturbing, but always enlightening.)

**Convo Hall 01 | Friday | 1 PM**

**Convo Hall 01 | Saturday | 5 PM**

## Politics, Religion & the Dinnertable: Having Hard Conversations

Elizabeth Hagan

Is it true that politics and religion can never mix at the dinner table?

While it's true that our individual views on immigration or climate change, our experiences of mental illness, infertility, infidelity or our frustration about our uncle who voted for Trump might keep us quiet to the real stuff of life over a meal, it doesn't always have to be this way.

Come explore practices that can both keep you grounded in your own truth and emotional safety and

open up new pathways for authentic sharing and empathy. You'll leave this session with new confidence for how to bring your whole self courageously into difficult conversations and know when walking away is truly necessary.

**Convo Hall 11 | Friday | 5 PM**

**Convo Hall 11 | Saturday | 1 PM**

## Pop Divas Eucharist

Atlanta Bar Church

Join Atlanta Bar Church for a "liquid liturgy" as we celebrate the Eucharist with the music of pop divas: Cher, Britney, Adele, Gaga, and Pink! Who says there's a line between the sacred and the secular? Featuring musicians and vocalists from Atlanta Bar Church and Albany Beer and Hymns, sermon by the Rev. Karen Stephenson.

**Café | Friday | 11 PM**

## Practicing Lament

Terra McDaniel

Seasons like this one, with the ongoing debate about asylum seekers and caravans and walls and what exactly constitutes a national emergency, are precisely why I am suggesting this session. It is vital that those of us who are working toward justice and mercy and kindness in a chaotic and polarized culture, have practical ways we release the grief and anger at all that's broken and harmful around us.

The old testament is full of embodied practices of lament and we are in desperate need of renewing those practices for our time. Anguish is a natural and reasonable response to toddlers in cages and a legally obtained weapon coolly used to end the lives of five people on a weekday afternoon.

I'll talk about the Biblical history of lament along with spiritual and psychological reasons it's important and then suggest some accessible practices for people to engage either as a private spiritual practices or in community.

**Convo Hall 11 | Friday | 2 PM**

**Convo Hall 11 | Saturday | Noon**

## Privilege: Somebody Else's Story

Jennifer E. Ould, Abby Norman, Pete Enns, Xavier Ramey

Privilege is hard to talk about. We can feel confused by the idea, put on the spot, responsible for things we have no control over, fearful, and instinctively defensive. But what if recognizing our privilege (or lack of it) is really about hearing other people's stories? Understanding the ways other people and their lives are different from us and our lives? Stories can take something big, abstract, and systemic and make it specific and personal. They let us see others and ourselves more clearly. And stories of interruption and transformation can make us ask new questions of ourselves and consider new possibilities for our lives.

**Forum | Saturday | 11 AM**

**Prophetic Voice or Civil Discourse**

Christy Berghoef, John Pavlovitz, Brian McLaren

A time for urgency, a time for patience. A time for shouting against injustice, a time for patient listening as a means to understand. When and where is each of these voices appropriate? Join Brian McLaren, John Pavlovitz and Christy Berghoef as they dialogue about their experiences trying to promote justice using both prophetic voice and civil discourse.

**Mainstage | Sunday | 9 AM****Pub Theology Live**

Bryan Berghoef

Join Bryan Berghoef of Pub Theology Live for a conversation on life and faith, meaning and identity. Bryan and friends take current events and theological questions and explore while enjoying a favorite craft-brewed beer. Stop on out to add your voice to this live recording!

**GooseCast | Friday | 5:30 PM****Publishing in Color**

Brian Allain

Publishing in Color is a series of conferences for groups of spiritual writers who are currently under-represented in terms of the number of books being published. These include African Americans, Asian Americans, Latinx Americans, and Native Americans. The goals of these conferences are to:

Foster relationships between under-represented groups of prospective spiritual writers and representatives of spiritual book publishing companies and spiritual magazines

Provide networking and educational opportunities so that prospective writers can learn more about how to work with these publishers and magazines

Result in an increased number of books and articles published by under-represented groups

In this session learn more about Publishing in Color conferences—when, where, who—and how you can get involved.

**Convo Hall 12 | Friday | 1 PM****Queer Poetry & Art Open Mic**

Cas Skinner, Sarah Skinner

Come one, come all! Calling anybuddy who is in want or need of a space to share and celebrate our existence in this strange and beautiful world. This open mic and arts n' crafts session is open to all of our queer friends and ally pals. To create, share, explore, and revel in our wonderful and queer experiences of life through art, poetry, story, dance, and song is a pivotal piece to our history. Come continue the tradition and share art with your queer brothers, sisters, and siblings! Bring your art and yourself, and together we can celebrate and create our unique and amazing experiences.

**Portal | Friday | 10 AM****Queerology: A Podcast on Belief and Being**

Queerology

How might we live better as queer people of faith and allies? Matthias Roberts brings together theologians, psychologists, poets, thinkers, and change makers for conversations around belief and being. Previous guests include Jennifer Knapp, Julien Baker, Jen Hatmaker, Bishop Gene Robinson, Dr. Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Trey Pearson, and many others. In this live recording, join Matthias and a guest as they explore intersections of identity, faith, and queerness.

**GooseCast | Friday | 2:30 PM****Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation**

Bread for the World

There are many ways of talking or thinking about race. Feeling uncomfortable with the topic can be a barrier to engaging in conversation. Yet these conversations are essential, especially if we are going to end U.S. hunger and poverty. Bread for the World has developed an interactive tool, the Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation, that helps people understand the connections among racial equity, hunger, poverty, and wealth. It is geared for people entering the conversation at all levels, it's a great introduction to structural inequity, a support tool for those who want a deeper understanding, and a data-driven resource for those who want to dig deep.

**Bridge | Saturday | 3 PM****Randi Driscoll**

Randi is an award winning singer/songwriter whose music has been featured in film, popular television shows and a commercial directed by Spike Lee in which Randi also appeared. Randi's live shows weave humor and real-life drama together accompanied by an original soundtrack of piano-driven empowerment songs.

**Café | Saturday | 3 PM****Re-Tune-ing Religion**

Sheri D. Kling

The power of music is undeniable. What we sing sinks more deeply into our being than words we merely read or hear from a speaker and this is as true in faith communities as it is in popular culture. Despite the emergence of contemporary theologies, most people in the pews continue to believe and express only classical theology, in part because that is what they have been singing for years. Eco-feminist and process theologies have been flourishing for decades, yet most people in the pews seem to be relatively unaware of the way such ideas as the goodness of embodiment, the inherent value of all beings, and the radical incarnation of God in creation have shaped current theology since the early 20th century. In this session we'll learn and sing four new hymns composed by the presenter: We All Are Related; Spirit of God, Spirit of Life; Love is Perfect Power; and I Am Human.

**River | Friday | 10 AM**

## Reclaiming Death in our Families and Communities

Michele Skeelee, EOLD and Home Funeral Guide

We have an opportunity and responsibility to engage in conversations related to illness, death, funerals, and grief. Tools are available to help us make meaningful plans for the end of life. Together we will explore options for end of life care at home or in a facility, review living wills and healthcare power of attorney documents, and learn about state laws regarding funeral choices and “green” alternatives, funeral consumer and end of life organizations, and ways to move through grief and loss. Much as a birthing class can give us tools for the emergence of new life into our families, a “deathing” class can empower us to create end of life experiences that enrich our families and communities.

We CAN reclaim death-care as part of the circle of our families and communities.

**River | Friday | 11 AM**

## Reclaiming Our Roots: Advocacy in the SBC

James and Lacey Mai Isehower

During WGF 2017, James began pondering the implications of what “progressive flight” has done to create conservative echo-chambers in the American church by eliminating diversity in thought and theology. Specifically he felt concerned for members of the LGBTQ+ community, past and present, who seemingly have no allies in the churches they are raised in. James and Lacey Mai, both ex-pats of Southern Baptist churches, have spent the last two years re-entering the Southern Baptist community with the intention of advocating for the marginalized while building bridges with our conservative brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Convo Hall 11 | Friday | 3 PM**

**Convo Hall 11 | Saturday | 11 AM**

## Recovering from Revival: Deconstruction and Love for the Jesus Freaks

Recovering from Revival

In 1995 in the panhandle of Florida a spiritual awakening occurred that came to be known as the Brownsville Revival. A school was formed and thousands of passionate young adults left their comforts to bring light to the world. Despite their intentions many students found their life reeling unable to reconcile their systems of belief with their genuine encounter with God. Thanks to social media many of the graduates from this school have reconnected 20 years later and formed an online community to support the deconstruction process (including storytelling therapy affirmative listening) for one another.

Over the past 20 years, many of those in the group have experienced symptoms of spiritual abuse and trauma. A major goal of this online group has been to normalize diverse experiences and give opportunity to share stories and experiences many have not shared in two decades.

As part of this presentation, a group of graduates will be share their perspectives on the impact of revival,

stories of what being “sold out” for Jesus looked like, events that triggered recognition of spiritual trauma and deconstruction, and how the group has worked to create the space for one another to work through their own experience in a supportive and respectful online community.

**Landing | Saturday | 10 AM**

## Red Letter Christians

Tony Campolo

**Mainstage | Saturday | 11 AM**

## Red Letter Revolution: Living Like Jesus Meant the Stuff He Said

Shane Claiborne

It has been said that Trump did not change America... he revealed America. The same is true of evangelicalism. Trump has surfaced some very troubling things in American evangelicalism. And Jesus is the best corrective to where we've gone wrong. This is a session about Jesus. And it's about discovering a Christianity that acts more like Jesus again

**Workshop | Saturday | 3 PM**

## Registration for Kids Tent

Emily Griffin, Nancy St. John, Sally Thomas

Registration: Thursday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Ages: Kids Ages 3 to 12 (must be potty-trained)

Morning Sessions Friday and Saturday: 9:45 a.m. and (repeated at) 11:00 a.m.\*

\*No programming for kids ages 3–5 at 11:00 a.m. session

Afternoon Session Friday and Saturday: 2:00 p.m.

In the Kids Tent we focus on creativity and finding our place in the larger stories of God's people. Using the Godly Play method as a foundation, we'll sing, share stories, wonder together and have a time of free art response.

Equipped with a secure check-in system, the program is facilitated by a team of volunteers, all of whom have received background checks. Each family will be assigned a number to be written on their wristbands upon registration. All adults with matching numbers will be able to pick up their child(ren). Wristbands MUST be worn by the whole family in order to drop off and pick up kids.

Sessions are limited capacity, so parents should register Thursday night or (as possible) sign up for the following day's sessions by the end of that afternoon's session. A limited number of slots may be available for those with day passes.

Fun, age appropriate activities are offered, but this is anything but a babysitting service. The kids will enjoy intentional community with other kids and adults while playing and discovering meaning together.

NEW THIS YEAR:

Workshop on Godly Play, Scripture and Wonder—Friday at 4 p.m. in the Kids Tent

\*\* Children are most welcome if accompanied by an adult!\*\*

**Kids | Thursday | 4 PM**

### Reiki Basics & Journey Meditation

Dirk van der Duim

Curious about Reiki? This will be a chance to explore a bit about Reiki as a spiritual practice that helps with healing and stress reduction, including origins and how someone becomes a practitioner. Most of the session, though, will be spent on a meditation journey, where we will welcome the energy of compassion to work in and through us — to heal us and help us heal the world around us!

**Healing Arts | Saturday | 3 PM**

### Reiki Session

Donald Guffey Reiki Practitioner

Reiki session

**Healing Arts | Saturday | Noon"Reiki Session**

### Donald Guffey Reiki Practitioner

Reiki session

**Healing Arts | Saturday | Noon**

### Relating as a Spiritual Practice

Aline Defiglia

In this unique workshop, you'll connect with others as an exploration of God and the divine. Whereas most spiritual practices are a retreat into solitary prayer or meditation, relating has us look for God by putting attention on relationships...on each other and the spaces between us.

**Portal | Friday | 2 PM**

### Relating as a Spiritual Practice

David Bollt

In this unique workshop, you'll connect with others as an exploration of God and the divine. Whereas most spiritual practices are a retreat into solitary prayer or meditation, relating has us look for God by putting attention on relationships, with each other and the spaces between us. In addition to deepening our spirituality we also cultivate real world relational skills that help us meet others with greater presence, clarity, compassion and understanding.

**Library | Friday | 11 AM**

### Release: A Charismystical Dance Worship Experience

Morgan Guyton, Bec Cranford

Many people who come to Wild Goose have had some kind of history with charismatic/Pentecostal Christianity. Usually this history is a mixed bag: charismatic Christianity is often toxic, manipulative, and heteropatriarchal, but it can also involve powerful spiritual encounters that we miss when we have left it behind. Release is an opportunity to experience a non-scary charismatic

spirituality in a completely new mystical paradigm that is liberating, radically inclusive, and non-manipulative. It will take the form of a dance party in which improvisational electronic dance music is complemented by spontaneous singing, poetry, prophecy, and other spiritual acts as we are led. You don't have to be charismatic or even Christian to enjoy it, and you don't even have to dance. It's a judgment-free space where you have absolute permission to move your body and spirit exactly as you feel led.

**River | Friday | 3 PM**

### Restorative Practices: Humans Being

Mike Phillips

This session is designed to complement the "Listening from the Heart" session – and, each session is complete in its own right. The intended outcome of this Restorative Practices session is that each participant connects with another person's story on a gut level and that even though the specific circumstances of our stories are different, we can relate to the humanity in others' stories, allowing us to be with their humanity as well as our own.

Utilizing the intentionally open-ended restorative questions and a structured witnessing process, a safe space will be created such that a storyteller can explore their own story in a new way. Often, the story teller has an experience of being heard at a deeper level than they have been heard before. Participants will leave with a deeper sense of relatedness and a concrete process of inquiry for understanding.

**Youth | Friday | 2 PM**

### Rev. PrEP: Keeping HIV/AIDS in Focus

Rev. Adam Lawrence Dyer

You are invited into a conversation about HIV/AIDS prevention in your faith community. Even with advances in treatment and prevention over the last 15 years, new infections continue to challenge black and brown communities and preventive medication can be totally out of reach for those most vulnerable. How does your church or organization make space for people to bring their HIV stories into the life of the community including and regardless of status? What is needed to empower people to seek education, testing, treatment, available resources and to encourage everyone to participate in thoughtful and even spiritual safer sex practices? How can faith communities move from condemnation, hesitation or reluctance to action and compassion. Faith leaders of color are particularly encouraged to join this conversation.

**Convo Hall 12 | Friday | 2 PM**

### Reverend Sex & the Gospel of the Erotic

Reverend Sex

Desire is a very powerful gift from the Divine that we each possess, but it has long been vilified as shameful and dangerous. In the legacy of Audre Lorde's work on the Power of the Erotic, Reverend Sex (aka Rev. Alba Onofrio) introduces the Gospel of the Erotic as a way to facilitate deep connection to ourselves, to each other, and to the Divine through practices of Spiritual Discipline.

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The Erotic is deeply threatening to systems of domination that seek to control our bodies through guilt and shame, through coercion and violence. So how do we name and claim our desires in the face of spiritual domination and build our practice of noncompliance to evil? Let's find out together.

Note: This space is open to everyone, but it centers the experiences of Queer and Trans People and People of Color.

**Workshop | Friday | 1 PM**

### Rise with Dance! Flash Mob Dance!

Dancers and Non-Dancers alike come learn a powerful, fun and easy dance to the song "This is Me". non-performance based—open to all ages and genders.

Learn and then join us to dance a Flash Mob Dance during the Wild Goose!

We dance to Rise together in solidarity for Respect, for Justice. We Rise in dance together to support each ones journey of healing and courage and come together in strength and joy. We dance in honour the Holy Spirit that breathes through our bodies and heals our souls!

Venue and time to be determined. Watch the website, Facebook, and the meetup board at the Village.

**Roger Wolsey**

**Library | Saturday | 4 PM**

### Role Playing for a Healthy Planet-Climate Interactive

Rev. Scott Hardin-Nieri, Susannah Tuttle

The World Climate Simulation is a role-playing exercise of the UN climate change negotiations for groups. In partnership with NC Interfaith Power and Light, the Creation Care alliance will offer this unique experience using an interactive computer model to rapidly analyze the results of the mock-negotiations. We will invite and encourage conversation and awareness about social location, ecological health, justice and spirituality throughout. All the materials and tools for World Climate are available for free and many are available in multiple languages. The World Climate Simulation builds climate change awareness and enables people to experience some of the dynamics that emerge in the UN climate negotiations. The exercise is framed by current climate change science, using the interactive C-ROADS computer simulation which allows participants to find out how their proposed policies impact the global climate system in real-time.

**Bridge | Friday | 9 AM**

### Rooted In Belovedness: Jesus, MLK, and You

Tony Caldwell, LCSW

When counteracting the evils of this world we are subject to burnout, grief, and despair. We can also become dragons while slaying dragons if we succumb to anger and bitterness. When facing the backlash, discouragement, and disillusionment we often experience in the work of social justice, self-esteem is not enough,

affirmation is not enough, a strong will is not enough to get us through, to keep us going, to keep us healthy. We must find our identities from higher and a deeper places. The paths of Jesus and King were filled with joy and suffering. The conditions for happiness were often absent. Like them, we must suffer and we must dig deeper for joy.

**Forum | Saturday | Noon**

### S'mores and Bonfire

**Youth | Saturday | 7 PM**

### Sabbath as Resistance

Amy Vaughan & Julie McElmurry

We will explore how holy rest can nourish the soul of the activist, teacher, preacher and soul seeker.

How does holy respiration fill us so that we may be MORE?

- more inspired
- more creative
- more motivated
- more transformed?

Julie and Amy will lead participants as we explore wisdom writers who have used ancient practices of Sabbath-keeping to fuel their work and lives. Time spent in regular practices of keeping the Sabbath has shaped the lives of those who have moved throughout the centuries to advocate and conspire to interrupt and transform oppressive socio-political practices of their times. Participants will use prompts from many sources to explore rest in the midst of social justice work to support sustainable and positive change.

**Convo Hall 06 | Friday | 10 AM**

**Convo Hall 06 | Saturday | 2 PM**

### Sabbath: A Day in The Life of Jesus

DREW WILLARD

This performance is based on my original paraphrase of Mark 2-5 which describes a 24 hour period that begins with the Sabbath and follows the "adventures" of a day in the life of Jesus. It begins with food and ends with food. It begins with crowds and ends with a family reunited. It begins with hardened hearts and ends with hearts made open. I welcome conversation afterwards: "What did you hear? What did you hear that was different? Do you agree? What do you suggest?"

**River | Saturday | 11 AM**

### Sacred Galaxy Tour

Cristina Seaborn

Improvisation inspired by readings of sacred texts from many traditions

**Studio (Art) | Friday | 10 AM**

### Same God (Panel)

Dr. Larycia Hawkins, Linda Midgett, Michael Mangis

If you enjoyed your sneak preview of the award-winning documentary "Same God" - or even if you missed it -

don't miss this opportunity to hear directly from Director Linda Midgett, Dr. Larycia Hawkins and Dr. Michael Mangis. They will discuss the process and challenges of filming, and answer any questions you may have about the film, what this experience has been like and "where they are now." Curious minds welcome!

**Workshop | Saturday | 2 PM**

### **Seated Gentle, Embodied stretch and breath prayer (AKA Chair yoga)**

Thom Buchanan

It's actually quite simple to connect mind and body—conscious breath! Come by to melt some of the heart's debris. Leave feeling refreshed and fueled with some simple tools to continue your own at home, wholeness-making practice. We are all busy and not often sure of what to add to our prayers and meditations—these stretches and breath practices are sure to bring vitality and release tension. My hope is they also open up space to greater intimacy with the Living Spirit of Christ's healing power and love.

**Healing Arts | Friday | 2 PM**

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### **Seeking Refuge: Faith-Based Approaches to Forced Migration**

Jennie Belle, Sarah Clark-Farnell

The role of religion in domestic refugee and immigrant integration, particularly in the US government-sponsored resettlement program, is important, complex, far-reaching, and understudied. Most refugees and asylum seekers identify as religious, and the majority of refugees in the US are resettled by faith-based organizations, yet there have been no systematic studies to address the interplay of religion and resettlement. The workshop looks at immigration and refugee resettlement in the United States and explores how people of faith may engage in these processes at a local level. It will include an interactive simulation as well as a time for employees of Church World Service to share their experiences with a variety of ways that churches can respond to refugees and immigrants including direct services, Sanctuary, and advocacy.

**Bridge | Saturday | 10 AM**

### **Sending the Goose with Yvette Flunder and Others**

Yvette Flunder, Beth Nielsen Chapman, Ken Medema

Bishop Flunder, one of the world's best loved, most called on, and most anticipated preachers will fan the flames of the Spirit in our "going out, sending off" finale. Serendipity will likely show up dressed in Wild Goose clothes. Bishop Flunder will be supported by Beth Nielsen Chapman, Ken Medema, Wild Goose House Band, and others. Goose community leader Gwen Fry will lead us in the celebration of communion and then we'll begin to hug our way home.

**Mainstage | Sunday | 11 AM**

### **Setting the Captives Free: Conversation with International Justice Mission**

Holly Burkhalter, Jeff Hancock

Around the world tens of millions of the most vulnerable people are left without protection from the injustice that marks their everyday. Whole communities of the world's poor are left to fend for themselves as a plague of violence robs them of their freedom, dignity, and agency. One of the starkest examples of this is the reality of modern-day slavery. Today 40 million people fashioned in the image of God languish in the evil of slavery.

But this is not who they are- they are not statistics and their stories are not of victimhood alone. They are Cassie: who after years being sold online has risen to use her voice as one of her nation's leading advocates for children trafficked online. They are Kumar: whose years in backbreaking slave labor in a brick kiln did not kill his desire to learn and who is getting his masters in social work. They are Jyoti: who is breaking the cycle of violence that she suffered in a Mumbai brothel by leading IJM's teams back into the brothel district and aiding in the rescue of 40 other young girls.

Cassie, Kumar, Jyoti point us towards the truth that violence and injustice don't get the last word. Hope and dignity and justice are possible- not only for individuals but for systems and nations. The work to get there belongs to all of us.

**Bridge | Friday | 11 AM**

### **Sex, Pleasure & Recovering from Purity Culture**

Micky ScottBey Jones

What does post-purity culture desire, pleasure & sex even look like? Is it possible? Are there limits? How can we talk about & experience sex, pleasure & desire in ways that are authentic, loving, creative and full of the inherent goodness our bodies and souls? Let's explore that together in this conversation!

**Convo Hall 12 | Saturday | 2 PM**

### **She Is Called So Where Is She? Women in Leadership in Progressive-Evangelical Churches**

Carla Godwin

While most progressive or post evangelical churches hold egalitarian doctrines, there are still very few women leading in those churches. This session explores how purity culture and complementarianism continue to impact women in faith leadership by looking at the core tenants and history of these two ideas to create context for current gendered struggles in churches.

**Forum | Friday | 11 AM**

### **Shelter, Courage, and the Common Good**

Gareth Higgins

Storytelling is one of the most powerful resources for good and ill in the world. Healing the trauma of violent conflict requires a variety of interventions, but one of the most important is reframing the story we tell, inside and out.

Join Gareth for a conversation about storytelling: how to change your story without losing yourself; find fuel for the journey; and make a better world, right here, right now.

**Workshop | Saturday | 4 PM**

### Silent Disco

After a day of existential aeronautics, joining the joys of justice journeying, art appreciating, and dirt on your feet; mash that dirt into life-giving clay with this year's late-night dance party. Step off the soapbox and strap on the headphones for a night of musical emancipation as you dance among a flock of sibling geese! Silent Disco 2019.

**Workshop | Thursday, Friday, Saturday | 11:15 PM**

### Singing New Songs: The Courage to Be

Ken Evers-Hood

This is a spoken word/story telling set based mostly on my own poetry lifting up power, pain, and challenge of courageously leaning into the robust vulnerability becoming ourselves requires. Using a mix of spoken word, and ambient music created in Ableton live, I create word journeys sharing where these words came from and the questions they pose for hearers who are invited to find their own meaning in the work.

**Studio (Art) | Friday | Noon**

### Sitting Birdsong Meditation

Ian Lynch

Sitting meditation is difficult for those of us with busy, loud monkey minds. The idea of a sitting birdsong meditation is to use the challenge of picking out birdsong to toss a banana to the monkey mind allowing other, deeper thoughts and connections to the divine have some room. The urban setting makes it challenging but that also makes the reward greater. It helps to expand our sense of place and realize the movement & perhaps call to the chase, that is happening all around us all the time.

**River | Saturday | 7 AM**

### SkyBlew

SkyBlew uses his sincere, substantive lyrics & colorful sound, to breathe life into music, and the world. A down to earth ColorfulDreamer who doesn't RAP... He Paints The Sky,Blew!!! This world is in dire need of LOVE & that is exactly what he represents... SkyBlew stands firm on his beliefs and he PROMISES to be the VOICE, that this generation is lacking. Life is an experience... Make the most out of it!

**Mainstage Side | Friday | 7:35 PM**

### Slaying Dragons Together

Greg Feightner

No one slays dragons alone, after all, who helps tell and remind one of the tale. There is a masculine path woven around and amidst living the "lone ranger"/#MGTOW mentality, unconsciously fitting into society's systems, or hiding when storms rage internally and externally. Informed by cultural myths, the "self-made man," and "compassionate activist" path can share the same pitfalls

of dismissing vulnerability and preferring a lonely path. It doesn't have to be so.

This session explores ways that men are coming together and sharing their fullness with each other and, from there, impacting the wider world. Some ways are new and some are rediscovered and remixed ancient traditions. All value rituals, unconditional individual support, accountability to commitments, vulnerability without shame, and collective wisdom.

This session won't solve the problems of toxic masculinity or even seek to develop a unified understanding of healthy masculinity. Rather, this is a glimpse and an invitation into spaces for those identifying as men, to support, share, and tell each other's tales in order to transform individuals and communities.

**Bridge | Friday | 7:30 AM**

### Sleepytime Yoga

Tarik Carey

Yin Yoga frees the body of deeply held tension - allowing the muscles to relax, and mind to quieten. Sleepytime Yoga artfully weaves Yin poses with pranayama, Yoga Nidra, and mindfulness meditation, inviting you to taste the power of these combined practices designed to calm your nervous system, open your heart and mind, and cultivate your own inner peace.

It is the perfect class to wind down, dissolve tension, and melt away the stresses of the day. This practice starts with sweet gentle poses followed by deep "yin" floor stretches. Enjoy and prepare to sleep after this one!

Yin Yoga is a slow and meditative practice that allows the student to cultivate Yin qualities such as compassion, introspection, patience, sensitivity, stillness, and surrender.

**Healing Arts | Thursday, Friday, and Saturday | 10 PM**

### Snowflake Survival Tips: being liberal in a conservative church

Shannon LeMaster-Smith

Do you identify as a liberal/progressive but live/serve/work in a conservative environment? This workshop will explore tips and strategies for how to survive \*and thrive\* in a conservative environment. Utilizing creative design strategies and John Wesley's three simple rules, we will create a toolbox of methods to take home with you.

**Convo Hall 01 | Friday | 11 AM**  
**Convo Hall 01 | Saturday | 3 PM**

### Social Justice Begins Within

Kristie Beth Ihde

In this interactive presentation, I'll guide people to pay attention to their bodies, minds and emotions as we consider some of the hot issues of our day (abortion, gun rights, immigration, etc). In creating a space where we can listen to our inner worlds (our personal reactions to these topics), we can begin to slow down our reactions that bring about the divisiveness of our times. I'll share a simple framework for understanding your reactions and increasing your (self) compassion and curiosity. As we have tools and practical methods to deal with our own

inner reactions, we bring justice within ourselves, in effect, healing generational trauma and pain. This healing flows out into the world with a ripple effect, opening the space for societal injustices to be made right. If you want more compassion for yourself or others, this is the place to be!

**Healing Arts | Friday | 11 AM**

### **Soft Approaches for Hard Topics: Creating Ministries About Mental Health**

Our Brother Legion

This is both a dispositional as well as a practical enterprise.

(1) The majority of people still struggle to discuss mental health, trauma, or substance abuse. So much stigma, true, but also so much guilt and pain. This discussion will start from a place of pastoral care for people willing to dive into the ideas of these ministries. I have a caveat about this idea of "ministries." I really don't advocate another committee doing another task of social justice. I advocate for ways to fold this kind of strengthening into all aspects of the church as part and parcel of our proclamation and religious education. I will also linger on boundary making, showing the difference between the practice of pastoral care to others that is non-clinical and safe for average lay people. It's not about trying to equip folks to talk somebody off a ledge; it's about doing a lot of things well to avoid people climbing up there. (2) I'm writing a book, Pentecost Rising: Practical Ministry in the Nation of Mental Health Crises. The book will be finished by July but already I have chapters of small ideas and big ideas for congregations discerning faithfulness and change. (3) If you are a person living with mental illness/ trauma/ substance or if you are a person who loves people with any combo of those three, the devil is in the endurance. Relapsing and remitting is exhausting, spiritually exhausting. Fundamentally rooted in the supply of G\_d, we can sustain the hard times and live into better times. That's my Jesusification central to the Legion enterprise. (4) I don't have a laptop but if I can work that out, I would show proxy ministries of how to use emoticons, legos, and PaperDolls as tools, props, and proxies for teaching. A goofy lego makes the idea of talking to teenagers about sexual assault a lot less icky and terrifying.

**Portal | Friday | Noon**

### **Soma Spiritus**

Lauren Levwood

Our bodies are divine miracles, the place from which we breathe our first breaths and witness all of life and creation. This interactive experiential movement journey will take us deep into the terrain of our own divine landscapes, where we can connect with the miracle of ourselves and witness the wonder of each other. As "the personal is political," from these embodied encounters with self and other we will bridge to engage in actively dismantling internalized oppression. Participants will be invited to confront internalized microaggressive tendencies and re-story their personal mythos on what it is to have a body and be part of the body of God.

**Healing Arts | Saturday | 5 PM**

### **Song writing workshop with children/youth on the topic of the intersection of spirituality, arts and social justice**

Rustic Riders

Song writing with children/youth Process Description (45 minute process)

**Youth | Saturday | 3 PM**

### **Songs for Empowered Trauma Healing**

Annie's Hope Center for Growing and Healing

Come listen to songs written and powerful discussion to help women who have survived domestic or sexual violence. Share in ways to rebuild life through faith and working with the land.

**River | Friday | 4 PM**

### **Songwriting Workshop**

Beth Nielsen Chapman

Beth's workshops on songwriting and voice celebrate the power of dropping into the heart and listening to the guiding voice of spirit. Beth, interspersing songs with story and insights, explores creative expression from the perspective of Divinity in action.

Her unique and inspiring teaching style springs from her own experiences with the creative flow. She will open us up to explore this place within ourselves where the possibility and the power of creative spirit begins. Beth's songs touch deeply into all the stuff of life from grief to joy to resilience. Hearing her talk about the creative process, trusting the path of "not knowing", and connecting to the limitlessness of intuition is an inspiration not only to those who want to be better writers, but also those who have yet to discover the depth of their own inborn talents.

The miracle of creative flow comes from the same source no matter what's growing. The great song, like the flower, is a divine expression of creativity. The brain has to get out of the way and allow the heart and soul, the subconscious wells of creativity, to flow and work their magic. Chapman balances the importance of balancing the craft, analysis and editing with the inspiration and flow. You'll experience some great insight on how to maximize the whole spectrum of what you can bring to your writing after a BNC workshop!

**River | Friday | 2 PM**

### **Vocal Presence Workshop**

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**River | Saturday | 4 PM**

### **Songwriting For Christian Songwriters Who Hate Christian Music**

Workman Song

If you're like me, Christian music is not on your Spotify playlist. And yet, as a songwriter, when you sit down to pen the next of our generation's anthems, you know you want to let that little light shine! How to write songs from your faith without it turning cliché, trite, saccharine, or — worst — dishonest.

**River | Saturday | 9 AM**

### **Soul Care for the Caring Soul**

suzanne l. vinson

Soul Care for the Caring Soul is the perfect fit if you have been giving your all but haven't taken the needed time to fill your cup. If you long to find balance between the energy you offer and the energy you receive, come. If you long for a peace-filled space where breathing in and breathing out are the measure of success, come. If you want to practice rituals of healing and release, rest and renewal, come. We will attune our full selves to creating a rhythm of receiving and releasing in the spirit of gratitude and peace. Through practices of guided meditation, mindful creativity, and sacred conversation, we will inhabit restorative sacred space and wholeness #soulcarefortheCARINGSOUL.

**Convo Hall 03 | Friday | 4 PM**

**Convo Hall 03 | Saturday | Noon**

### **Soulforce Vacation Bible School for Adults: The Wonderful World of God's Queer Creation**

Soulforce

Did you know that there are unicorns in the Bible? We at Soulforce believe that many of us take the Bible way too seriously and do not take God seriously enough. Join us for a session of Soulforce Vacation Bible School, where we will take a seriously playful look together at just a few of the wild and magical creatures in God's Good Queer Creation. The wild and wonderful creativity of our Creator will help us discover some of the sacred truths about what is possible for our own sex, gender, and sexuality within LGBTQI+ identities and experiences.

128 **Workshop | Friday | 5 PM**

### **Spinning Gold From Rejection**

Frances Cutshaw with Eddie Cutshaw

Frances Cutshaw, experienced ministry and social justice leader co- presents with her husband of 15 years, Eddie Cutshaw. The two invoke a casual style to share their epic stories of rejection and overcoming by grace. Their stories are remarkably different and yet woven together. Frances grew up in opportunity and privilege and Eddie grew up in poverty and defeat.

Inspiring, bridge-building and interactive, this couple will encourage and bless their listeners with a new way forward in faith through the dark.

The interactive component of this presentation will include a brief meditation on hero stories which have always touched the participants thus finding themselves in those stories to help them move forward, trusting God in the hardest places. The goal of this talk is to relieve people of the blaring volume associated with rejection, so that compassionate wild-goose attendees can take home new tools to be empathetic servants in situations which stretch them.

God honoring, remarkable and even quite miraculous, these stories build bridges for those who have church experience (good or bad) or none at all.

**Convo Hall 02 | Friday | Noon**

**Convo Hall 02 | Saturday | 4 PM**

### **Spiral Dynamics and The Intergenerational Church**

Caitlin Allyn White

“The mark of a successful church in the twenty-first century is having enough resources to keep everyone separate.” - Rev. Melissa Cooper. An intentional shift toward intergenerational spiritual community is underway. Amid the divisive, dualistic nature of our culture, the time is ripe for dialogue and wisdom-sharing across generations. But how do we have spiritual conversations with children and youth, who come from diverse spiritual backgrounds or from no faith at all, in a way that respects their family's journey? How do we do deconstruction with kids? The theory of spiral dynamics has transformed the way I introduce children and youth to spiritual practices, teach religious literacy, and help them to articulate their own faith and theological language, and I believe this theory holds great promise in parenting, education, spiritual communities, and beyond.

**Convo Hall 10 | Friday | 3 PM**

**Convo Hall 10 | Saturday | 11 AM**

### **Spiritual Direction (Friday)**

Linda Serepca, Carol Hassell, Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, Ladale Benson, Lucinda Clark, Chet Amalean, Terra McDaniel, Therese Taylor-Stinson, Marshall Jenkins

Spiritual Direction is the ancient practice of a “soul friend” who accompanies others on their spiritual journey, helping them to notice, discern, and claim their own experience of God. It is likely that you will encounter the “Wild Goose” in a variety of ways during the next several days. The WGF Spiritual Direction Team is available

throughout the weekend to companion folks for spiritual exploration, processing, conversation, companionship, and/or prayer during 45 minute individual sessions. Signups are at the Spiritual Direction tent where there are also self-led contemplative practices sponsored by the Charlotte Spirituality Center.

The Spiritual Direction team will be available to all festival attendees throughout the weekend.

In addition to spiritual direction, the Charlotte Spirituality Center's tent provides a space for rest, prayer, and creative expression via self-led contemplative activities throughout the festival.

### **Spiritual Direction | Friday, Saturday (All day)"**

#### **Spirituality & The ART of Daily Living**

suzanne l. vinson

Your life is art, a living work of art that is messy and true. You are seen. You are known. You are loved. Yet, daily life is hard when you're not fully seen, when you don't feel known, when you need to be reminded you're loved because you've forgotten. Life is good, except when it isn't. Life is that messy mix of hopes, dreams, kindness, trust, mistrust, disappointment, falling down, getting up again, weeping with joy, boredom, and all the stuff between. We're not airing our laundry, but framing life anew. Weaving guided meditation, creativity, poetry, prayer, and story, we will create together through our shared experience. You will experience creative rest and release and share wisdom and insight in #theartofdailyliving.

**Youth | Friday | 5 PM**

#### **Stan Mitchell**

The Good News You Never Needed (and the Great News You Never Heard)

**Mainstage | Sunday | 10 AM**

#### **Standing in the gap- why I went to breakfast with Trump**

Sarah Heath

This year has provided me all kinds of weird and unexpected opportunities to be in conversation with people I totally disagree with. From appearing on BuzzFeed with a Baptist to being invited to President Trump's prayer breakfast I have had lots of facetime with people that many would deem "The other side." I am also the only main line and female leader in my town's "lead pastor group." As you can imagine we don't see eye to eye. What I am discovering is that I need these relationships even more than I need the people who agree with me. These are the very people that if I just relied on their online presence I would detest, or even be afraid of. These relationships are helping me be a better person and teaching me about the heart of God. I want to share ways that we can all engage the other and how this is the only way that any change is going to happen in our own lives and in the world. I believe that the only way we are ever going to overcome the huge divide in our country and world is if some of us stand in the gap. This

will be a workshop and conversation about what it looks like to be in difficult relationships.

**Library | Friday | 4 PM**

#### **Staying Grounded in Sabotage**

Barb Lemmel and Betsy Waters -Get Real Gals

Justice work.

Revitalizing and/or planting churches.

Community Engagement.

Dealing with our own families.

Each of these settings often involves deep changes that inevitably trigger resistance, even sabotage. Systems theory offers an approach to anticipate, understand, and counteract the anxiety stirred by change, so that new practices can be adopted and fully integrated into a healthy, life-giving whole. Best of all, this systems approach helps leaders not just survive sabotage, but thrive in the challenging, fertile work of deep change.

This workshop will apply the basics of family system theory to the complexities of adaptive change, providing specific leadership practices and skills. This systems approach doesn't require fancy tools; instead, it untangles stuck situations and offers directions forward that are consistent, engaging, and cost effective.

Complementary personal coaching at another time can be arranged after the workshop.

**Convo Hall 05 | Friday | 3 PM**

**Convo Hall 05 | Saturday | 11 AM**

#### **Stories We Wish We Could Take Back**

Robert Lee

All we have are our stories, they weave a legacy of grace and disaster. In this session we will seek to re-frame the stories that make us who we are and find grace amidst the fray. After losing his job, and reflecting on life with the South's most treasured name, Rev. Robert Lee will seek to paint a different picture of how "What was intended for evil, God intended for good."

**Library | Friday | Noon**

#### **Story-Based Activism**

Anna Golladay, Dr. Robyn Henderson-Espinoza

There remain radical differences between movement work and academic spaces. Most are hierarchical and do not lend themselves to the kind of relationship building that is necessary. What does it look like when we dismantle these hierarchies through activism molded by storytelling? There is both action and deep emotional connectedness involved when we take to the streets to engage in the movement. But if we stop with ONLY the movement, we miss out on the growth that is sparked when we are pragmatic and not simply visionary. This dynamic team of storyteller activists will engage with the audience in the practical and honest ways that movement meets academia and the creative ways that activism meets story.

**Studio (Art) | Saturday | 1 PM**

**Storytelling & Somatics: Re-Storying Our Body**

Dr. Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Erin C. Law

Storytelling is one way to chart our histories, and it can sometimes feel disconnected when we privilege our thinking over our body, which is historically the manner in which all life is lived. In this session, we will learn how to re-story ourselves through somatic practice.

**Workshop | Saturday | 11 AM****Storytelling for Change: Bringing Our Lived Experiences to Congress**

Alannah Boyle

This workshop will focus on the power of story-centered lobbying. Politicians have their talking points, but they cannot deny our experiences, so how can we connect our stories to policies being voted on to impact our lawmakers? We will build up the power of communicating the real, human impact of policies as opposed to impersonal data and theoretical arguments. We will explore the new and vital perspective that we each bring to our elected representatives. This workshop is led by staff of NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice who will share best practices and lessons learned from more than 40 years of story-centered lobbying.

**River | Friday | Noon****Stress, Trauma and Conflict Communication**

DS Leiter, Assertive Spirituality

There's a lot of conflict management advice out there, but very little of it actually acknowledges the place of stress, trauma, shame, and burnout and how those factors underlie and impact conflict. Especially with recent awareness of the impact of things like purity culture and other spiritual abuses on trauma, information on these subjects and how these kinds of factors tie into and affect our conflict management styles is more and more key for us to discuss openly in progressive spiritual spaces. This session will take us into the "underbelly" of conflict, uncovering how we can tell if we or others are acting out of stress, trauma, burnout, or shame impulses and how to deal with that when we identify these verbal and nonverbal signs. There's no way this session will be comprehensive, but handouts, activities, and storytelling from audience members will hopefully help us work through a few of these difficult issues.

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**Youth | Friday | Noon****Subversive, Anticapitalist, and Community Building: Hows and Whys of Growing Your Own Food Even in Small Spaces**

Alexandria Skinner

This session will consist of a brief introduction to the "why's" of growing your own food, followed by practical suggestions about how, especially in small suburban and urban spaces. Lots of photos and ideas, presented in visual and hands-on format, will inspire those who wish to get started on the path to healthier, more sustainable, and deeply connecting life changes in how we relate to the earth, to our community, to food, and to our bodies. Growing food is literally a down-to-earth way to democratize food production, fight industrial agriculture, pursue a more sustainable lifestyle, build community, and engage in contemplation. But how can a beginner get started, when the ancient skill of growing food is a praxis handed down from person to person? Alex began gardening as a toddler helping in her family's kitchen garden. But when she moved to the city, she had to learn how to utilize small spaces for growing food: microgreens in the kitchen, vertical techniques for patio and terrace, straw bales for places where there was no dirt, square foot gardening, straw bale gardening, cold frames and greenhouses. Alex offers to get people started with practical ideas and suggestions that can be used in any space and in any climate.

**Convo Hall 08 | Friday | 5 PM****Convo Hall 08 | Saturday | 1 PM****Swimming/Hiking**

Walk as a group to the nearby swimming hole or hiking trail. Begins at 2 pm, goes to 4 pm.

**Youth | Friday & Saturday | 2:00 - 4 PM****Taizé Together**

Oakhurst Taizé Ensemble, Taizé Baltimore

Taizé Together:

"Nothing is more conducive to a communion with the living God than a meditative common prayer with, as its high point, singing that never ends and that continues in the silence of one's heart when one is alone again. When the mystery of God becomes tangible through the simple beauty of symbols, when it is not smothered by too many words, then prayer with others, far from exuding monotony and boredom, awakens us to heaven's joy on earth." (Brother Roger of Taizé)

The Oakhurst Ensemble and Taizé Baltimore have joined together to offer two evening prayers at Wild Goose this year. After a busy, high-energy day at the Goose, these

vesper services offer an opportunity to slow down, enter a silence with others through meditative singing. Taizé prayer is repetitive sung chants accompanied by flute and guitar, reading of Scripture and silence.

Tonight's prayer begins with a brief introduction to the Taizé Community in France.

**River | Friday | 6 PM**  
**Café | Saturday | 6 PM**

### **Tarot, marginalized icons, and all the swear words: A ritual creation experience**

Jessi Knippel

You're invited as we create an art piece with liturgy, tarot cards, queer and feminist icons, and other visual imagery. Help us create, and possibly discover, new religious iconography and reclaim what has often been villainized by the church.

**Studio (Art) | Saturday | 2 PM**

### **Tattoo Stories: Art that Intersects the Spiritual and the Physical**

Micah J. Murray

Tattoos mean a lot of different things to different people. Some commemorate a special place in time, Others are a physical reminders of the emotional or spiritual, but all have a story. In this session you are invited to show off your ink, and share your own story.

**River | Saturday | 10 AM**

### **Taylor Hagbo**

Taylor writes folk and pop songs about the Gospel and life in the 21st century. His music sparks authentic joy and is sure to lift you up. Taylor Hagbo is the Intern Pastor at The Bridge Market and Faith Community—a coffeehouse/church in Saint Charles, Missouri, associated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**Café | Saturday | 2 PM**

### **Tech that Looks Like the Kindom of God**

Katie Jo Suddaby and Rachel McGuire

Every church, social justice organization, and not-for-profit needs a way to share its knowledge. While we are getting better at putting our knowledge on the internet, most systems available are shaped not by community patterns and needs, but by the profit potential of big data sales, micro-targeted advertising, paid premium placements, and tiers of access. What would it look like, instead, for our education technology to match our visions for a better world? If you are a blogger, podcaster, online-sermon-publisher, religious educator, or activist, the ethics of HOW you communicate is just as important as WHAT you communicate. In this session, we will be asking the important questions: Where are community creators and teachers located and how can they be supported and served? What sources do you trust and how can that trust be spread equitably? In a world where 80 percent of humanity earns less than ten dollars a day, how should community knowledge be paid for, organized and stacked for maximum access for all?

These are questions that presenters Rachel McGuire and Katie Jo Suddaby have been wrestling with at The Community Learning Lab. We are excited to offer our discoveries and to generate a vibrant conversation about designing the best community learning tools for people who are transforming the world.

**Convo Hall 08 | Friday | 3 PM**  
**Convo Hall 08 | Saturday | 11 AM**

### **The Liturgists**

Michael Gungor, Mike McHargue, Hillary McBride, William Matthews

The Liturgists Podcast Live

**Living Room | Saturday | 5 PM**

### **The “Right” Age Leader**

Rev. Sandra Summers

She is too young to be a minister. He is too old to lead worship. What is the magical median age of church leadership? What is our hangup with age and generations in our culture? Join us for an honest conversation about the relationship between age and leadership in the church. We will look at scripture and history, with a time to share our own stories. The goal will be to leave with tangible ways we can continue to lead in the church, no matter our age, and to support others doing the same. Whether you have been told you are too young or too old, this is a conversation for you.

**Convo Hall 10 | Friday | 2 PM**  
**Convo Hall 10 | Saturday | 10 AM**

### **The 701 Club with Helen Holy**

Helen Holy

Brothers and Sisters, let me personally invite you to spend an hour with me in my program, THE 701 CLUB. While this title may sound slightly familiar from religious programming circles, let me assure you that my program is just a LITTLE bit better. Many have asked what to expect from this program. Overall, it will be a ministry of laughter and blessings. I will offer my Christian perspective on current events and the news of the day. You will hear special guests share their testimonies. There will be a time where I get to minister to many of you individually. I will share insight on scripture. And finally, you will have an opportunity to ask me anything on your mind which needs my inspired response. Lives will be changed. People will be touched. Decisions will be made. Hallelujah!

**Workshop | Saturday | Noon**

### **The Improvising Community**

Greg Jarrell and Dawn Anthony

In the heat of oppression, oppressed people improvise. Improvisation is not “making stuff up,” but rather a discipline honed in tight restrictions to create something beautiful out of the materials available. The traditions of the Blues and jazz, birthed from the Black experience in America, is one of the most fertile areas of improvisation in our culture. In this conversation, we will explore the

idea of improvising within community and ministry as a way of making something beautiful and life-giving in the midst of empire.

**Bridge | Friday | 4 PM**

### The Keep

An eclectic indie-folk duo from the mountains of East Tennessee, The Keep sings of hope in broken places and love in a vengeful world. With care-filled harmonies reminiscent of Simon & Garfunkel and a dynamic intensity akin to contemporary folk duos like The Civil Wars and The Oh Hellos, they weave sonic stories that are bound together not so much by genre or style as by a common vulnerability and sincerity.

**Café | Friday | 5 PM**

### The LGBTQ-Friendly Bible Hour

Peterson Toscano

For over a decade Peterson Toscano has engaged in a creative and very public dialogue with the Bible. He has unearthed gender non-conformists in the Bible through his presentation, Transfigurations—Transgressing Gender in the Bible. Peterson takes this work a step further. Turning to unexpected places in the Bible, he explores six different LGBTQ themes: coming out, gender outlaws, and drag and disguise, queer and chosen family, allies and co-conspirators, and non-procreative sex positive stories. You will walk fresh ideas on how you can approach Bible stories with LGBTQ lenses

**Studio (Art) | Saturday | Noon**

### The liturgy of the neighbourhood

Drew Brown

Being present in one's neighbourhood can seem difficult. How can we be intentional about the practice and posture of love with those around us? How can we best love across differences... especially when our neighbour can seem like our enemy? In this session... we will talk about the work that needs to take place in our neighbourhoods and how it can improve not just our spaces but also our own lives.

**Convo Hall 02 | Friday | 2 PM**

**Convo Hall 04 | Saturday | 3 PM**

### The Making of a Christ Sangha

Bushi Yamato Damashii, on a journey spanning over two decades, once again offers us a closer walk with the Christ, through the teachings of the Buddha. Now as an authorized Tibetan Buddhist teacher and yogi, he offers us a more intimate examination, and opportunity to journey with him as he brings us closer to the edges of understanding the human dynamic of Jesus' life and teachings. The Making of a Christ Sangha is an opportunity for participants to explore Christian faith, will paralleling the journey with Buddhist Wisdom interwoven. Bushi will offer Buddhist transmission to those attendees who wish to follow more closely this practice community of both Christian and Buddhist adherents. This will be the emergence of a Christian Sangha. For decades Bushi has

walked the edges of human and religious experience across many religious plains, and now he brings his journey home to the Wild Goose Festival to share and offer openly the gifts of being a fully immersed Buddhist/Follower of Christ.

**Healing Arts | Saturday | 4 PM**

### The Moral Imagination: Cultivating the Empathy Necessary for Resisting the Empire

Derek L Penwell

One of the most dispiriting aspects of our current political life is the profound lack of empathy for the way others experience the world. The purpose of human life in the new reign Jesus signals entails a commitment to recognizing the relationship between a system that produces basic inequality as a matter of design—and not as a matter of coincidence. But such a recognition requires a properly formed moral imagination, one capable of imagining what the disadvantaged might feel like to be victims of a system perpetually stacked against them. In other words, empathy—the ability to see and feel the world as another does—is necessary in the pursuit of faithfulness.

But empathy alone isn't enough either; it must prompt us to act. This workshop investigates the way that followers of Jesus can cultivate empathy, and then how to put that empathy to work.

**Bridge | Friday | 5 PM**

### The Pinkerton Raid

The Pinkerton Raid has played every Wild Goose Festival except the first one and in 2017 when songwriter Jesse James DeConto had to be in Minnesota. It is one of the highlights of every year for the band. They'll play songs from their four full-length albums, especially the most recent WHERE THE WILDEST SPIRITS FLY. That collection examined relationships at the macro level, between races, political persuasions and with the earth itself. Jesse's latest batch of yet-to-be recorded songs, being developed with bassist Jon Depue and drummer Scott McFarlane, mines the most intimate relationships, among children and parents, siblings, grandparents and friends won and lost, for that elusive sense of human belonging.

**Mainstage Side | Friday | 7 PM**

### The Poor People's Campaign—A Public Conversation

Jacqui Lewis, Otis Moss III, Brian McLaren, Marianne Williamson, Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II

Hosted by Rev. William Barber with Otis Moss III, Brian McLaren, Jacqui Lewis, and Marianne Williamson, this panel of thought leaders and activists will delve into the ways and means of the Poor People's Campaign and challenge the Goose community to engagement.

**Mainstage | Saturday | 10 AM**

## **The Relational Intersection Between Farming, Ecology, & Theology**

Hill Family Farm

Sherri and Chris Hill from Hill Family Farm are dedicated practitioners of cultivating and maintaining the relational intersection of farming, ecology, and theology. They believe the land should be treated with the kind of care that creates sustainable environments for all. As such, they engage farming practices that work toward minimal waste, e.g., recycling farming materials, zero pesticide use, and provide education around farming practices and work with their community to help create access, for all people, to farm fresh food. Chris and Sherri also believe that, not unlike humans, animals are created in the image of god. Because animals are created in the image of god, they should have access to many of the creaturely comforts that humans need: Food, water, shelter, nurturing care, the ability to roam freely outside, and, above all – love. Sherri and Chris believe it's important to work alongside the community and their neighbors to help bring awareness to sustainable farming, especially the interconnected relationship that we all have with the earth, animals, and each other.

**Convo Hall 05 | Friday | Noon**

**Convo Hall 05 | Saturday | 4 PM**

## **The singles scene for a progressive person of faith**

Ingrid Schmidt

Typical singles venues and apps don't work for many of us, especially in a society where strong faith is often assumed to mean conservative views. So how do we find and connect with people of like mind and like heart? This participatory session will be about sharing ideas, tips, obstacles, concerns, and support, with an eye on what guidance is available within our own respective faith traditions. How can we support each other on the journey, as individuals or in our church families and communities, whether we are actively seeking a partner or just looking for ways to feel connected as single people of faith? Perspectives from a range of gender identities and sexual orientations will enrich this conversation for all.

**Convo Hall 02 | Friday | 11 AM**

**Convo Hall 02 | Saturday | 3 PM**

## **The Spiritually Grounded Activist: Myth or Real-Life Movement Unicorn?**

Jacqui Buschor

You care about social justice - not in spite of your faith but because of it - but you've been in the fight long enough to know that your outrage alone can't sustain you. You know that building "Beloved Community" takes more than thoughts, prayers and self-care, but protesting and social justice warrior-ing have started to leave you feeling drained and wondering about real impact. Ritual and spiritual practices can be healing, but can also feel selfish in the face of so much injustice around you. You're too contemplative for your activist friends and too restless and angry for the mystics. Is there really such a

thing as spiritually grounded activism? How do we fiercely advocate for the oppressed without losing our own souls? Come explore ways to advocate without being adversarial, to stand in solidarity without demonizing the other, and learn tools, methods, and practices that feed our souls for the long journey ahead.

**Portal | Saturday | 10 AM**

## **The story of living soil.**

Farmer John

How to plant a successful garden to feed your family and community (and your soul).

The nuts and bolts and the mental attitude in one presentation.

How and what we eat is a justice issue.

We can participate in ancient eternal systems with a modern understanding and a sense of reverence.

We will have a thoughtful and informative conversation on growing food and herbs and how this affects us.

**Convo Hall 04 | Friday | 3 PM**

**Convo Hall 04 | Saturday | 11 AM**

## **The Table is Bigger than you Think: A Queer Guide to Reconstructing Faith After Destruction**

Candice Czubernat

So many of us who are LGBTQ and Christian experienced deconstruction of our faith in the process of self acceptance. Part of this deconstruction occurred because of the hurt and harm that other Christians did in the name of "being a good Christian", or "loving you as Jesus would call me to do." Not only do our old ways of believing and experiencing God not feel so applicable anymore, but there's also the challenge of separating out the harm other Christians have done to us, from God. Deciphering what is a persons doing and what is Gods is essential in beginning to recreate a faith. So we are left wondering, now what?

In this breakout session we'll explore where to begin in the reconstruction of our faith. I believe our experience of the Bible, relationship with God and sense of the spirit in our lives will be even more vibrant, alive and embodied after the deconstruction of old beliefs and healing from wounds caused by the church. It takes work for us queer people to grieve the harm that has as done and yet to not stop there and see what God still has for us. We'll explore where and how to experience God in our lives and the beauty that comes when we open ourselves to seeing and experiencing the divine in more than just the church pews. We'll also explore how to begin to think about the Bible and trust there is still deep meaning in it even after we've left a way of seeing it in a traditional fundamentalist way of encountering the scriptures. There is hope to be LGBTQ and still have a whole and deep spiritual life.

**Convo Hall 01 | Friday | 10 AM**

**Convo Hall 01 | Saturday | 2 PM**

**The Transformation of a Mom to an Activist**

Pamela Anderson

I have a confession to make: I thought I was this progressive, theologically liberal clergy woman taking a stand for justice and that I was doing all that I could. Then I had a wake up call. I realized that I was barely scratching the surface. If something wasn't "my issue", I wasn't showing up to a rally or an event because it wasn't "mine". It has now clicked in my brain that just because it isn't "my issue" doesn't mean that it isn't my issue. It is my issue. Why? Because somebody's hurting my brother/sister/sibling and it's gone on far too long. It's gone on far too long and I won't be silent anymore. Therefore, that's why I am showing to a Black Lives Matter Rally, a Transgender Rights March, a Pride parade with drag queens, a press conference on immigration at the Cal-Mexico border and doing direct action with the Poor People's Campaign. Let us share our stories of transformation, our sermon ideas for a revolution of hope and brainstorm how we can strengthen our communities through showing up for justice. Silence is violence and it is no longer an option to stand on the sidelines. Today is the day to get in the game. Today is the day to take a stand.

**Portal | Friday | 4 PM****The Weaponization of Social Media—The Threat to American Democracy—And How to Fight Back**

Joseph McLean

Joe's extensive experience in persuasive communications, and his relationships with U.S. national security officials, provides an in-depth look at how our social media platforms are being used against us.

Our adversaries, Russia, Iran, China - as well as home-grown threats such as white-supremacists, neo-Nazis, anti-vaxxers and climate deniers are using our own technology against us. They have discovered how easy it is to sow dissent and confusion in America's free society. Freedom of Speech, perhaps our greatest strength, is laughably easy to turn against us. How do our enemies weaponize misinformation on platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Reddit, etc.? What are they trying to accomplish? How can you recognize the deliberate lies? And how can we all fight back.

**Landing | Saturday | 3 PM****The Weight of Carbon Dioxide and Chihuahuas**

Peterson Toscano

Through comedy, storytelling, and inspiring success stories, performance artist Peterson Toscano, hones in on a gallon of gasoline—where it comes from, where it goes once combusted, and the many different ways it weighs on us all. Oh, and you will learn a lot about chihuahuas too!

**Mainstage | Friday | 2 PM****The Wild Goose Gathering Party with The Collection**

The Collection

It's opening night – it's coming home – it's greeting old friends and making new ones – it's a high energy, high hopes, dance until your feet are too dirty to clean good time – it's Wild Goose favorite The Collection!

NPR says The Collection is uplifting and Wild Goose knows that's true. Get lifted up! The Collection will bring new meaning to the term BRING IT!

**Mainstage | Thursday | 8:15 PM****The Womanly Art of Alligator Wrestling**

Ana Tampanna

This is an interactive presentation for women. Through individual story telling and paired sharing, we will share stories around the following themes:

- When we "outwitted" the "enemy" or used humor as a coping tool during extreme stress;
- The power of angry women;
- When we overcame major adversity (cancer, disabilities, incarcerated family members, etc.) and where we found our strength.

We will create our "Tribe" of women who fight similar adversity.

**Convo Hall 01 | Friday | Noon****Convo Hall 01 | Saturday | 4 PM****The World In Lights**

The World In Lights is wife-husband progressive folk duo Dani Rocca (also of Avalon) and songwriter Joel Herbert of Syracuse, NY. They write and perform melodically compelling and lyrically rich pop-acoustic sort of pieces with a lot of relationship drama and a sprig of spirituality thrown in. Seasoned songwriters and performers who love telling stories and sharing life with new humans along the way!

**Mainstage Side | Saturday | 7:30 PM****Theology and Time Travel: Free Will & Destiny in Narrative**

Rev. Terry Menefee Gau, Jayme Reaves

Modern time travel stories must answer this question: Were we to travel to the past, could we change it, and in so doing, change our present? This question is inextricably linked with our view of God's sovereignty, God's agency, and the free will of the creation. It also touches on the question of where God exists in time: Does God experience time with God's creation? Does God act outside of time? Does God know all of time in its entirety, and if so, why does God not prevent world tragedies? This workshop will be lead with a presentation, then group conversations to discuss the nature of God in our time travel tropes.

**Convo Hall 05 | Friday | 4 PM****Convo Hall 05 | Saturday | 2 PM**

## Theosophia

Theosophia Podcast

A platform for women's voices in theology and religion.

**GooseCast | Friday | 1 PM**

## Thinking About Race

Therese Taylor-Stinson

This will be a facilitated group with four questions that inquire about our experience of race. The purpose is to begin a contemplative dialogue about race within ourselves and with others that assists us in becoming more conscious of our own and others' orientation with racist ideas.

**Landing | Friday | 11 AM**

**Youth | Saturday | 10 AM**

## Through Palestine to Justice Centered Intersections

Tarek Abuata

Abuata will discuss the importance of Palestinian justice in understanding the prophetic, and the importance of the prophetic's praxis to political struggles and challenges facing communities of color in the U.S. today. He will do so by bringing a better understanding of communities of color's intersections, and highlighting the importance of educating and activating young scholars, activists, thinkers, and doers who see the need to create an historical consciousness around the issue of oppression, economic subjugation, exploitation, and racism.

**Convo Hall 11 | Friday | 1 PM**

**Convo Hall 11 | Saturday | 5 PM**

## Touch Podcast: Conversations of Spirit and Body

Ryan Clark and Nathan Novero, the creators of Touch Podcast, are bringing season 1 to YouTube with the docu-series: PURITY: True Love Waits & A Legacy of Sexual Shame a show that explores how Evangelical Christian leaders constructed a multi-million member teen movement that preached abstinence. While this movement set out to protect teenagers, it also resulted in unintended consequences, primarily the destruction of sexual intimacy for thousands of people by instilling a deep sexual shame.

Participants are invited to screen an episode, join an interactive discussion on the aftermath of the purity movement and connect with resources to help those still struggling with sexual intimacy.

**GooseCast | Saturday | 2:30 PM**

## Tracy Howe Music Set

Come for a special performance by Tracy Howe, featuring music born out of movement work and radically changing life circumstance, her new project, Things That Grow," and more. "I was born both addicted and blind to the privilege and power that global exploitation, militarism and racism hold in place for a few. Thank God I had music. My early touring career brought me

across the continental United States and many parts of Central and South America. The songs opened pathways of relationships and the relationships seeded new songs about the lived realities of people in many different places and the struggles for life and justice everywhere. Now 20 years after I started writing songs for public performance and community building I feel some responsibility as an artist to document what I see happening to demonstrate and declare the movements of liberation alive in the world. I am a songwriter seeking to cultivate my own humanity and the humanity others through lyrics and melodies harmonies and stories of liberation."

**Café | Saturday | 10 AM**

## Transformation Stories

Rev. Louise Green

How do we tell the deep stories of what changed us, over time? How can we honor transitions and celebrate growth?

Come share a transformational tale, as a way to meet others, and find a gem of change in your own life.

We will dialogue, write, and create prose poems together. Come with a story in mind that you are willing to share with others.

Transformational stories are how we make meaning, and making it with others is a gift.

**Convo Hall 09 | Friday | 2 PM**

**Convo Hall 09 | Saturday | 10 AM**

## Transformative Conversations to Bridge Divides

Catherine Gillette

In our increasingly polarized society—with political parties, differing ideologies, and even religion driving wedges between us—it can be challenging to maintain relationships with the people we care about who have different perspectives. It can be tempting to avoid a topic altogether rather than engage in difficult conversations. Yet we know that meaningful relationships and dialogue are necessary ingredients for changing hearts, minds, and votes. In this interactive workshop, participants will learn new skills and share best practices for engaging in transformative conversations to bridge divides.

**Convo Hall 02 | Friday | 1 PM**

**Convo Hall 02 | Saturday | 5 PM**

## Transgender Memorial Service

The Rev. Gwen Fry

Come and gather with the transgender/gnb community as we remember those whose lives have been taken from us at the hand of others and celebrate their contributions to the world. This liturgy includes a Holy Eucharist.

**Episcopal | Friday | 2 PM**

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**Youth | Friday | 6 PM****Troubadours of Divine Bliss Musical Performance**

Eclectic acoustic music about courage of the heart and revolution of the Spirit. Female duo with heavenly harmonies, guitar and accordion who sing uplifting songs of living from the heart. We played at Wildgoose in 2013 to a wonderfully receptive and responsive crowd.

They sing eclectic truths gathered from gypsy journeys and mystic wanderings. They inspire our bliss with a philosopher's touch and a poet's grace. They sing of bold justice that rattles dark corners and brings light to deep spaces. They harmonize deep peace that knits together divided hearts. They fill every space with a love with that sings loud. I've heard it said that you can heal the world with a song, and when the Troubadours sing, I believe this." Rev. Marcy Bain

They break open our hearts... then guide us through the depths of our sacred wounds to the expanse of our inspired gifts... they mend our hearts again and leave us stronger than ever – knowing that this life is indeed extraordinary! Rev Kristin Powell

**Café | Saturday | 1 PM****Underground Economies, Radical Politics, and Unconventional Loves: Life in the Sex Trade**

Meg Vallee and Lia Scholl

Throughout history, those who have traded sex have been the object of judgment, exclusion, and violence, and religious people have been their biggest accusers. Even today, with laws like FOSTA (Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act) and SESTA (the Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act), PEPFAR (the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, the primary funding for HIV/AIDS prevention in the world, which contains an anti-

prostitution pledge) sex workers are simultaneously treated as both offender and victim, and barred from banks, using the internet for business, and receiving help from HIV prevention programs.

In acts of both resistance and defiance, sex workers create alternative communities, substitute economies, and harm-reduction strategies aimed at keeping them safe. Join Meg Vallee and Lia Scholl as we seek to understand the ways of sex worker communities, and what Christian communities might learn from them about radical acceptance, non-traditional trade, and life-saving harm reduction techniques.

Can sex workers communities teach us how to be the Kingdom of God?

**Landing | Friday | 1 PM****Unique Messengers for the Common Good**

Sister Quincy Howard, OP

Come meet one of NETWORK's "Nuns on the Bus," a politically active group of religious Sisters who lobby at a federal level and speak truth to power as they traverse the country on a bus. Derived from encounters along the bus trips, the goal of the session is to explore how you can capture your unique power to influence policies impacting those who have repeatedly been left at the margins. We will discuss unexpected political success that can be realized when unique faith voices boldly speak the truth that we ARE our brothers' and sisters' keepers. In today's political climate, it is people of faith who must hold our nation to its moral commitment to the common good, enshrined in the Constitution.

**Workshop | Friday | 3 PM****Using Experiential Education To Reimagine The Church As A Circle (Rather Than A Triangle)**

Chris Boeskool

The tradition, hierarchical model of church-communities has led to centuries of spiritual abuse, stagnation, and fear. It has embraced a triangle shape — both theologically and with members of their communities — and I believe that this was never the intention...

Organizationally OR Theologically. If the church is ever going to be anything worth being a part of, it needs to be a CIRCLE rather than a triangle. I plan on discussing Experiential Ed philosophies (facilitation vs. direction, the importance of circles, processing experiences, seeking out fun and adventure, etc...), and talking about ways to implement those tools in spiritual communities. Based on the size of the crowd, there are a number of different Experiential Ed activities that can be done with the folks in attendance to use as examples.

**Portal | Saturday | Noon**

## Using Talking Circles to Nurture Communication and Understanding Across Divides

Scott Bass

Talking Circles are a simple process for creating a safe and brave space for all to speak, be heard, be valued and listen deeply. Circles have been used for centuries to build community, resolve conflicts, nurture connections and solve problems. In this workshop, you are invited to experience a Talking Circle & learn how you might use this process back home. Bring yourself, what is stirring for you at WGF, & whatever else is on your mind & take advantage of this opportunity to encounter your best self in relationship with others. Scott Bass has more than a decade of experience with Circles & brings extensive experience as a group facilitator & as a therapist with individuals, couples & families. Jon Powell, Director of the Restorative Justice Clinic at Campbell Law School, uses Circles and other restorative justice practices in prisons, schools and other community settings. Perlie Davis has participated in various Circle trainings and has facilitated Circle Processes around issues of race, political and social issues, and sexual violation.

**Library | Saturday | Noon**

## ValLimar Jansen

Spirit-filled performances of original and covers of blues, jazz, and sacred music from this international touring singer-songwriter and recording artist. You will be lifted up in Wild Goose style. Winner of two 2008 UNITY Awards for Best Gospel Album and Best Gospel Song ValLimar composes all her music with her husband Frank. They live in Southern California.

**Mainstage | Saturday | 7 PM**

## Voices from the Holler, Fire on the Prairie: A Rural Roundtable with NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice

Meg Olson

Talking to grassroots leaders across the country, it is clear that rural communities are feeling ignored, misunderstood, and left behind in our nation's politics and culture. When we look at statistics, this make sense: in rural America healthcare is failing, educational and economic opportunities are limited, and towns are literally going extinct. And yet we know that there is more to the story, a greater truth. NETWORK is spending 2019 listening to stories of people from diverse rural communities to learn about their lived realities and better inform our federal advocacy. If you live in a rural community, we invite you to participate in this Rural Roundtable and share your experiences of healthcare, jobs and wages, poverty, and also faith, church, and community. Your voice will help NETWORK bridge the divides and mend the gaps in income inequality in our nation.

**Convo Hall 04 | Friday | Noon**

**Convo Hall 04 | Saturday | 4 PM**

## Waking The Goose with Charles Pettee and Folkpsalm and Diana Butler Bass

Charles Pettee & FolkPsalm, Diana Butler Bass

Wild Goose favorites open the day for us on main stage. FolkPsalm is a collective of renowned acoustic musicians, performing beautifully arranged instrumentals, featuring sweet harmony vocals. The group now boasts four full length albums.

**Mainstage | Friday | 8:30 AM**

## Waking The Goose with William Barber

Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II

Wake Up Wild Goose – Rev. William Barber and special guests bring the Poor People's Campaign – a National Call for Moral Revival to the Wild Goose. Music that moves us, stories from people on the ground that compel us, and inspired preaching that points our way – calling the Wild Goose to unify in challenging systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation, and our nations distorted morality.

**Mainstage | Saturday | 8:30 AM**

## Weaving Your Heart to the Heart of God through Centering Prayer

Jill Schneider Smith

When God seems like background noise and faith becomes pretense, an ancient/new prayer practice may get your spirit singing again. It is not about speaking or doing anything the 'right' way... it is learning to quiet your mind and open it to God's Spirit. It is simply, beautifully, making your heart open to God's heart – with no worry, fear or judgment. This is about shared joy. Like seeing an old friend when words are not necessary, Centering Prayer is a mind/body/soul connection with the Creator. The brief time in this session will be a primer on connecting to God in a way you never thought possible. Meant to be practiced every day Centering Prayer brings inner healing, wholeness, and self-acceptance. If you long to find delight in God and know God's delight in you, this is one possible path. All faith traditions are welcome.

**Convo Hall 06 | Friday | 11 AM**

**Convo Hall 06 | Saturday | 3 PM**

## What Can Nature Teach us About Life?

Elizabeth Jeffries

Dr. Elizabeth Jeffries finds that the most reducible, predictable and concrete aspects of human life—cells—are also the components that bear the most profound meaning, especially in the absence of theological certainty. Cell behaviors serve as metaphors for aspects of the human experience, such as reciprocity, community, seasons of life, sensitivity and creative problem-solving. In this session, Elizabeth will foster a conversation about ways that nature guides us toward a sense of meaning.

Elizabeth will facilitate a discussion of ways that nature helps us affirm our lives. Materialism, the notion that nature is no more than randomly arising interactions and forces, suggests that anything concrete and

reducible is only as meaningful as our measurements and observations. Through her experience as a Ph.D. laboratory cell biologist, Elizabeth has found that the concrete aspects of nature only tell part of the story. This conversation is an invitation to consider the deeper, fuller aspects of nature—the stories that are found within biology that help us to affirm our lives.

**Convo Hall 05 | Friday | 11 AM**  
**Convo Hall 05 | Saturday | 3 PM**

### **Whatever Happened to the Emerging Church?**

Brian McLaren, Diana Butler Bass, Mike Clawson

Authors Brian McLaren and Diana Butler Bass, and religious historian Mike Clawson discuss the rise, evolution, and now seeming disappearance of the provocative Emerging Church Movement, offering their insights both as scholars/observers and as first-hand participants and leaders in the movement.

**Forum | Saturday | 2 PM**

### **Why General Seminary? Why now?**

Logan Nakyanzi Pollard

Find out how this journalist ended up at a seminary and in the process reconnect perhaps with what your faith calls you to do. In this talk, we'll discuss the exciting new emerging strategies The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church is undertaking, as it, and the broader Church, face challenges of "a rebuild" at all levels. And rediscover how you too can be deeply committed to service and also feel a sense of power in your ability to shape and lead as The Good Lord directs you.

**Episcopal | Saturday | 11 AM**

### **Why Should I Walk in Circles?**

Tessi Muskrat Rickabaugh and Cory Rickabaugh, Cory Rickabaugh

What is a Labyrinth? Why would I want to walk one? Isn't that just some kind of pagan practice anyway? Find the answer to all these questions and more in this crash course on the history and practice of labyrinth walking. Tessi and Cory Rickabaugh, builders of the annual Wild Goose Labyrinth, will be offering this workshop for anyone curious to know more about what a labyrinth is and how it can enrich their lives. They will share personal stories of labyrinths they have walked around the world, and invite participants to engage in the Wild Goose Labyrinth for themselves.

**Chapel | Friday | 2 PM**

### **Why Theological Education Must Change or Die**

Mike Clawson

Seminaries and divinity schools continue to perform a vital function for the existing church. As denominations continue to decline, however, many are struggling with challenging realities, not least of which is that they may be preparing clergy for the kind of church that may not exist for much longer. As the Christian church continues to adapt and evolve in the twenty-first century, theological

education needs to change with it - becoming more accessible to a wider range of students and more adaptable to the unique needs of diverse and rapidly-changing ministry contexts. This workshop will be a facilitated open conversation about the specific needs that theological education must adapt to fill in the twenty-first century church, the strengths and weaknesses of current approaches, and the pros and cons of innovative/experimental models that have recently arisen.

**Convo Hall 11 | Friday | Noon**  
**Convo Hall 11 | Saturday | 4 PM**

### **Why Would Anyone Still Be Christian?**

Josh Scott

There's a lot of conversation around the idea of deconstruction. For many of us, the categories that we inherited for understanding the world and our place in it are no longer convincing. The restlessness created by this destabilization has led to rethinking and reformulating our faith. The basic content of words, like God, Jesus, and Scripture, has been transformed. One key reason for this shift is the loss of fear as a motivator. We've discovered that not attending Church or not reading the Bible doesn't mean we will contract an illness or get a flat tire. So, why would anyone still be Christian? If hell and damnation are no longer the motivation for engaging and participating in this tradition, why would anyone want to do so? In this session, Josh will explore these themes and share his own reasons for (still) being Christian.

**Forum | Saturday | 1 PM**  
**Forum | Friday | 3 PM**

### **Why Yes, You CAN Start a Progressive Church in the Deep South!**

Wendy Hudson-Jacoby

In March 2018, Two Rivers Church, a United Methodist faith community, launched in Charleston, South Carolina, a city that epitomizes the racial, historical, political, gender, sexual and social realities of the Deep South. Against all odds (and advice from "experts"), their leadership team discerned over many months that what Charleston needed wasn't another mainline church masquerading as an evangelical faith community but a radical, bold, church that was avowedly anti-racist and fully LGBTQIA+ inclusive. A year after starting, this new church is thriving in ways that we never expected - we are mostly in our 20s and 30s, full of young children, and a hospital for people who have experienced significant spiritual trauma in past churches.

In this presentation, we will share the process we used to start a church that bucks conventional wisdom, the obstacles to planting and the surprises along the way. We will answer questions and experience some of the practices that make our community unique.

**Convo Hall 12 | Friday 10 AM and Saturday 1 PM**

## Wild Goose Virtual Cinema

Michael Jackson Chaney Jr

Virtual Reality has frequently been labeled as “the ultimate empathy machine”. The Wild Goose Virtual Cinema provides an opportunity to virtually experience stories in immersive environments that take us out of our comfort zone and into worlds that show us another way of looking at things. Sign up for a spot and take a deep dive into some extraordinary experiences.

**Virtual Cinema | Friday and Saturday (All day)**

## Will Retherford

Will Retherford is a spiritual artist collaborating with the sounds of dance and Anglican mass, what some may call “Neo Spiritual Pop”. Seeking the ecstasy in melody thought and bond; Will looks to use the power of music and symbolism to unite people together.

**Café | Friday | 2 PM**

## William Matthews

William is known around the world as a singer songwriter and popular recording artist who for the past decade has extensively toured and performed all across the U.S, Europe, Australia, South Africa, Brazil & Asia. During that time William wrote and performed many popular songs that appeared on several Bethel Music compilations, many of which debuted at number 1 or highly charted on Billboard including his first record Hope's Anthem. His songs are sung in churches all over the world.

**Café | Saturday | Noon**

## Wisdom Camp: Play, Power, and Perseverance

*Pre-Festival Event*

Mike Morrell, David Bollt, Bushi Yamato Damashii, Aline Defiglia, Rainier Wyld, Cassidy Hall, Lerita Coleman Brown

Afraid, sad, angry, exhausted...does this sound like you?

For those of us involved in the 'good struggle' for a more loving, equitable planet, political upheaval, ecological devastation, racial oppression, social disintegration, and spiritual despair seem to be clocking in at record speeds, often sapping our energy, momentum, and sense of well-being.

How can we continue working in our vital vocations — be we minister, artist, activist, teacher, parent — without losing our souls?

Is it possible to slow down and nourish ourselves and what truly sustains, even as we continue feeding others?

At Wisdom Camp, we think so...and on the morning of the Wild Goose Festival launch day, we intend to spend a day together exploring the play that gives us access to genuine power and perseverance!

Drawing on time-tested streams of contemplative wisdom — from the spirituality of Jesus, the compost of Christianity, interspiritual and trans-racial lineages of Buddhism and Quaker practice, and more — this year's Wisdom Camp brings us water from deep wells.

Join us as we set the table for:

Divine communion – Genuine play – Seeing and being seen – Healing silence – Resting in our bodies – Telling better stories

**River | Thursday | All Day**

## Women Experiencing Faith—A Conversation

Janel Apps Ramsey

What happens when you ask the question, “What does it mean to be female and have faith?” Using excerpts from the book *Women Experiencing Faith*, we will have a round table discussion about being female and practicing faith. Perspectives will include topics around embodiment, church abuse, equality, calling, faith transitions, and liturgy. Everyone is welcome to join.

**Convo Hall 08 | Friday | Noon**

**Convo Hall 08 | Saturday | 4 PM**

## Workman Song

Workman Song, singer-songwriter and itinerant preacher Sean McMahon is a storyteller with the soul-stirring voice. The singular thread of McMahon's work is an urgent, homiletic poetry whose rugged vulnerability and disarming honesty reaches into the soul of anyone who has ears to hear.

**Café | Friday | 11 AM**

## Wrapping Humanity Around the Abortion Narrative

Kori Meyers

No matter where you find yourself on the political spectrum, abortion is an incredibly polarizing topic. This issue isn't as black and white as both sides make it seem. It's complicated and nuanced. But often, we leave no space for women (and men) to openly discuss their complicated stories around abortion, or for others to listen with open minds and hearts. We've created such a stigma around this issue that it becomes easy to lose sight of the real people among us with real stories. These stories are often kept secret, but secrets make us sick.

I want to create a space for people who have experienced abortion to come together to tell their stories without shame or fear of judgment. Not a space to judge and argue right and wrong, but simply a space to be – to be seen – to see others – to see ourselves. As Brené Brown says, “People are hard to hate close up... move in.”

I'll open the conversation by sharing my own story and then inviting others to share theirs. Topics for discussion include: the pro-life movement's hyper-focus on the pregnancy and not the woman; the effects of evangelical purity culture; the need for authentic sex education; the shame created by the church around sexuality; the lack of female empowerment; the ways in which the church has weaponized shame and the abortion issue; how women are shamed for having sadness or grief about their experiences with abortion (which can be quite common regardless of ones beliefs); the damaging effects of disenfranchised grief; and how even women who are totally fine with their decision still

find it hard to share their stories with others due to the stigma placed by our culture.

**Convo Hall 09 | Friday | 3 PM**

**Convo Hall 09 | Saturday | 11 AM**

### Writing for Your Life

Brian Allain

Are you passionate about spiritual writing? Writing for Your Life is here to help you gain inspiration and knowledge to empower your writing.

We offer a wide variety of practical free resources and paid services to support spiritual writers, including our popular free weekly email newsletter that includes articles and video clips about spiritual writing. We partner with leading spiritual authors and publishing industry experts to provide in-person writing conferences and online webinars. Authors discuss and teach about various aspects of spiritual writing. Industry experts offer advice on how to get published and how to market. We cannot guarantee that you will become a best-selling author, but we will help you take your best shot. Learn to tell your own story; write for your life!

Our conferences have a reputation for very high quality speakers and strong collegiality, and have been consistently ranked 4.5 or higher on a scale of 1 to 5.

In this session learn more about Writing for Your Life resources, conferences, and services—when, where, who—and how you can get involved.

**Library | Saturday | 11 AM**

### WTF Is Happening in the United Methodist Church?

Austin Adkinson

United Methodists made headlines earlier this year for doubling down on anti-queer policies and efforts to purge those who welcome LGBTQIA+ participation at all levels. The majority of United Methodists in the US support inclusive polity, so the “traditionalist” international level decision heightens the stakes for schism. Or are we watching a sequel to the Southern Baptist Convention takeover of the 80s? As a leader of the Queer Clergy Caucus Rev. Austin Adkinson has had a front row seat to the struggle before, during, and after the shenanigans in St. Louis. They and friends from the UM queer liberation movement (TBD) will share about the fallout from the vote and help make sense of what might emerge from all this ugliness. We’ll explore the complicated dynamics that led to this point, the possibilities ahead for one of the country’s largest denominations, and why you should care even if you’re not a Methodist. (Hint: The last time Methodists split was over slavery.)

**Convo Hall 04 | Friday | 1 PM**

**Convo Hall 04 | Saturday | 5 PM**

### Yes AND

Rev. Sandra Summers

You know that person—that person you don't talk to because they just make you feel some kind of way. Maybe it's someone in your school, a family member, or someone in your neighborhood. It won't make sense right away, but we will first learn some basic improv theatre skills to figure out what to do in these awkward and tense interactions. We will harness our power of saying YES AND to others, without saying NO BUT to ourselves.

**Youth | Friday | 11 AM**

### Yeshua and the Goddess

Munira/Elizabeth

How was the Divine Feminine, the Feminine Face of God, expressed and experienced in the first century Middle East? How might Jesus have known her and expressed her Presence through his life and ministry. And what relevance does that have for us today? This will be a presentation (with a bit of chant thrown in) and discussion on the power and presence of the Great Mother throughout all of time. She gives birth to all, since the beginning of time (check out Proverbs for an alternative creation story with Hokhmah present for the entire scene).

**Convo Hall 07 | Friday | 3 PM**

**Convo Hall 07 | Saturday | 11 AM**

### Yoga, LSD, and the awakening of American Consciousness

Emily Gail Wimbish

What role have psychedelics and the people who experimented with them and proliferated them had in shaping American culture as we know it? Why are LSD and Magic Mushrooms still so popular despite being highly illegal? Could these things really have had that great an impact on our history, much less still be crucial to our present? Together we will explore a brief history of psychedelics in the US, the people and events that are the reason you know about them, the spiritual masters who emerged from this period of rapid ego dissolution, and why it matters today.

**Convo Hall 03 | Friday | Noon**

**Convo Hall 03 | Saturday | 4 PM**

### You Are Here: Welcoming Today, Evolving Tomorrow

Beth Scibienski

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In the gospel of John, Jesus said, “In this world we will have trouble.” Sometimes that seems like an understatement. We experience trouble within us and all around us. But Jesus didn't leave it at that, he continued by saying, “Take heart; I have overcome the world.” How do we tap into the overcoming nature of Jesus' life as we face our various trouble? Change is inevitable. Change

is the path to how we evolve. And when we evolve, we will find ourselves free, liberated to move faithfully into our future with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. This session provides an opportunity for us to come together as community and discern the way forward.

How? First, we must face HERE. And that's rarely easy or clear.

Using the tools of journaling and meditation, attendees will:

- \* Identify some of the obstacles before them.
- \* Describe the physical, emotional and/or spiritual aspects of the obstacles.
- \* Imagine a future on the other side of the obstacles.
- \* Create a plan to move forward, including 2-3 first steps.

**Convo Hall 10 | Friday | 1 PM**

**Convo Hall 10 | Saturday | 5 PM**

## Your (Disabled) Place in the Story

Heather Morgan

A chance to wrestle with disability, being sidelined and the process of creating a new space for (our) disabled bodies in the Story called life. A chance to talk about the good, the bad and the awesome, share tips and tricks, encourage each other and hopefully leave with a new perspective on our place in the Story whether we are temporarily able-bodied or feeling the impact of disability in our daily lives.

**Youth | Saturday | 1 PM**

## Your Empowered Pelvis

Ruth Elliot

Women identified participants only please. The body tissues literally become a storage space for the emotions, beliefs, and paradigms we work with every day. Learn a new way to work with your body that will bring the Light of Spirit to your pelvis to finally shift long standing physical conditions.

**Landing | Friday | 2 PM**



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