

Risky Business:

2024 EAPCE Spring Event



Association of Partners in CE

Being the Church



April 29-May 1, 2024

Rhodes Grove Conference Center
7693 Browns Mill Road
Chambersburg, PA

“Risky Business: Being the Church”

centers around the Matthew
25 Q & A of

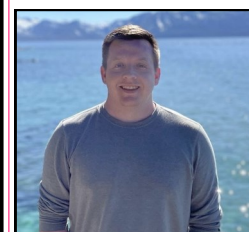
“When did I see you?” and
“Whatever you did for the
least of these...” and the
“riskiness” of fulfilling that call.

Worship Leader

Kathryn Johnston is currently serving as Senior Pastor/Head of Staff at Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church in south central PA. A New Jersey shore native, Kathryn has been calling south central PA home since she graduated with her MDiv from Princeton Seminary in 2000. Reverend Johnston is married to the Reverend Martha K. Spon (UCC). Together they have a blended family that includes adults and a college student, their significant others, grandchildren, and a couple of dogs.



Worship Musician



Oliver Page is the Director of Youth Ministry at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church in Severna Park, Maryland.

Risky Business: Being the Church



Dr. John R. Franke

Dr. John Franke, author of *Missional Theology*, will guide our consideration and discover of what it means to be the church these days. What is missional theology? "Missional theology starts in the life and witness of a community that believes in the gospel and is prepared to live by it," (p.91).

John Franke is theologian in residence at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. He also serves as affiliate professor of theology at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis and Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA.

John is married to Linda and is the proud father of a grown son, JJ, who works in suburban Philadelphia. He has spoken about Christian faith and witness around the world and is particularly interested in the formation of individuals and congregations for missional Christian witness. He is the author of eleven books, including *Manifold Witness: The Plurality of Truth* and *Missional Theology: An Introduction*, and over one hundred articles, reviews, and book chapters.

An avid sports fan, John is a Cincinnati Reds season ticket holder, a member of FC Bayern Munich, and a part-owner of the Green Bay Packers (even though he is a Minnesota Vikings fan). In addition to following sports, he enjoys reading, listening to the music of the 70's, and hiking in remote places.

**Tuesday Morning Workshops:
10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon**

Workshop #1: Taste and See: Discovering and Developing a Deeper Church Culture Through Biblical Foods

led by Karen Webster and Travis Webster, PCUSA Pastors and Co-Founders, Healthy Seminarians—Healthy Church, Murrysville, PA



Our faith practices and food practices are intertwined. Yet, many Christians don't think of their food choices as a function of discipleship. As a result, many people silo their food choices and the underlying individual/communal/environmental health consequences from their faith. We believe that conversations about our food practices as they relate to our biblical traditions and our Christian discipleship will lead towards greater health for all. This workshop will provide participants the opportunity to engage the interconnection between our physical and spiritual wellbeing through conversations about the role of plant-based Biblical foods in the teaching and praxis of our congregations

Workshop #2: Senior Savvy for Savvy Seniors

led by Sarah McC. Wilson (M.Div., M.A.C.E., M.S.), Interim Coordinator for Adult Education and Small Groups at Woods Memorial Presbyterian

Who are today's "seniors" and what experiences are they seeking for fellowship and Christian education? Sarah will share a format for programming with and for members over 60. Using the rich resources available, one can gather and provide information while developing meaningful relationships with and among the older adults of a congregation. Hear about how Savvy Seniors developed and share ideas for programs to help our life-long learners remain a vital part of your community.



Workshop #3: Engaging Children & Youth in Matthew 25

led by Jenna Campbell, CCE, Dir. of Children and Youth Ministry at FPC, Stillwater, OK

Explore a Matthew 25 emphasis for children's and youth ministry through creative ways to engage children and youth in Matthew 25:31-46. Leave with ideas to adapt for your context (and for adults too!) and materials for hosting a Pay It Forward challenge to empower young people as world-changers.



**Tuesday Afternoon Workshops:
1:00-2:30 PM**

Workshop #4: Young Justice Builders

led by Sara Pantazes, Director of Faith Formation, FPC of West Chester, PA



Justice is an important part of children's faith formation that is often neglected but deserves our attention. Do the kids of your church know that the God who promises to someday mend the entire universe cares about all who are suffering, and that participating in that caring work, individually and corporately, is an expression of our faith? This workshop will explore the why and how of having faith-based conversations with kids about injustices. We will think about what kids and faith communities might gain by diving into this area of faith formation, and how to anticipate and address challenges.

Workshop #5: When the Rubber Hits the Paper

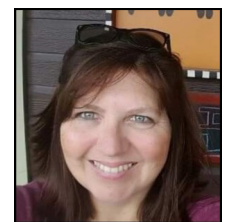
led by Priscilla Andre-Colton, CCE, retired, She is a past recipient of the APCE Life Achievement Award. She currently lives and stamps in Alexandria, VA, where she makes and sends about 400 birthday cards a year.



Making cards began as a hobby and has now become a spiritual practice. It is a way to express caring for another person. Using a variety of stamps, inks, papers and other materials, workshop participants will create hand-made greeting cards. Included will be heat embossing and dry embossing, two-step stamping, punches and die-cutting and creative card folds. Come play!

Workshop #5: Yours, Mine, Ours— Collaborating with the Church and in the Community

led by Kat Green, Dir. of Children's Ministry at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church, Severna Park, Maryland,



Come see and do! Walk through planning, building, and executing collaborative programs through partnership. The process is based on a process developed over 14 years with religious, educational, and municipal/govt. partners.

Case Studies:

- ⇒ There's a place for YOUTH in the Rwanda Partnership
- ⇒ Summer Chapel plan at Second Presbyterian
- ⇒ LibLand Collaboration at Illinois University

Spirituality Center

The 2024 EAPCE Spirituality Center is a place where, during free time, conference participants can choose to engage in stations that will provide opportunities for intentionality and reflection. The current EAPCE board members will collaborate to create stations and experiences to enrich your time and open your eyes to new possibilities for your own community.

Event Schedule

Monday	April 29	
1:00 pm	Registration and Check-In	
3:00-3:45 pm	Welcome and Community Building	
4:00-5:15 pm	Plenary	John Franke
5:30 pm	Dinner	
7:00-7:45 pm	Evening Prayer	Rev. Kathryn Johnston
8:00	Spirituality Center/Fellowship Time	
Tuesday	April 30	
7:30 am	Morning Prayer	
8:00 am	Breakfast	
9:00-10:15 am	Plenary	John Franke
10:30am-noon	Morning Workshops	
	#1 Taste and See	Karen Webster and Travis Webster
	#2 Savvy Seniors	Sarah McC. Wilson
	#3 Engaging Children & Youth in Matthew 25	Jenna Campbell
12:00 noon	Lunch	
1:00-2:30 pm	Afternoon Workshops	
	#4 Young Justice Builders	Sara Pantazes
	#5 When the Rubber Hits the Paper	Priscilla Andre-Colton
	#6 Yours, Mine, Ours	Kat Green
2:30-5:00 pm	Free Time	
4:00 pm	Byron's Book Picks	
5:00-6:30 pm	Dinner	
7:00-8:15 pm	Plenary	John Franke
8:30-9:00 pm	Evening Worship	Rev. Kathryn Johnston
9:00 pm	Educator Celebration	
	<i>One evening worship will be supper church, where we will share a meal and worship communally.</i>	
Wednesday	May 1	
7:30 am	Morning Prayer	
8:00 am	Breakfast	
9:00-9:45 am	EAPCE Business Meeting	Virginia Callegary
9:45-11:00 am	Plenary	John Franke
11:15 am	Closing Worship with Communion	Rev. Kathryn Johnston

Eastern Association of Partners in Christian Education



Electronic Event Registration here:

<http://tinyurl.com/EAPCE2024>

Deadline: April 5

Scholarships are Available!

<http://tinyurl.com/2yps563v>

Due March 10



Early Arrival Option

Are you looking for a little more downtime after a tiring journey to Chambersburg? Consider extending your Sabbath with our Early Arrival option!

\$105 includes breakfast and lunch on Monday and Sunday night's stay.

Please note: No meals are available on Sunday.

Hearts and Minds Bookstore

Books and resources will be available to purchase through Hearts and Minds Bookstore all 3 days of the event.

Join us as we recognize Retired Saint and Educator of the Year Honorees for 2024

EAPCE SPRING EVENT 2024 REGISTRATION

Name (as desired on your nametag) _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Church/Position _____

APCE Member? Yes _____ No _____

First time attendee? Yes _____

Are there any dietary or special needs? _____

WORKSHOP CHOICES: (circle one for each time slot)

10:30 AM #1 / #2 / #3 1:00 PM #4 / #5 / #6

Conference Fees:

(Includes Conference, Plenaries, Workshops, 2 nights lodging, 5 meals and snacks):

Early Arrival (\$105) _____

Double Room (\$425) _____

Single Room (\$490) _____

Commuter.....\$170 3 day (meals included) _____

.....\$125 1 day (meals included) _____

Add \$40 for non-APCE members _____

Conference Fee Total _____

Roommate Preference _____

May EAPCE use your image in publicity? Y or N?

May EACPE share your name & email with other attendees? Y or N?

Cancellations: Cancellations can be honored only if made 10+ days before the event.

Please complete and mail registration with check payable to APCE Eastern Region to:

Jennifer Newman, EAPCE Treasurer
PO Box 486

Washington, PA 15301

Deadline to Register: Friday, April 5, 2024

Questions: easternapce@gmail.com