

# Next Step Conference

## Breakout Session 1

### **Ways to Reach More People in Worship** - Lovett Weems

Learn how the worship experience can best be designed to attract and involve more people in your church.

### **Blended Worship – Both/And\*** - Jan Boehm

Worship which appeals to both the traditional and contemporary.

### **Getting Started with a Puppet Team, The Basics** - Avonda Row & Carrie Moton

Who- ages, supplies- curtains, stage options, puppets.

### **Increasing the Visibility of Your Church Using "Elbow Evangelism"** - Glen Hanson

Learn about the innovative, and sometimes daring, ways Iowa's newest United Methodist Church in Bondurant has made its presence known and attracted both the "unchurched" and "dechurched" in that community.

### **Caring Ministry Overview\*** - Jacque Coulson

Sharing ideas on all the ways we care for and nurture our church family.

### **Created By God for 4th-6th Graders** - Betty Stout

God created all humans—male and female. The “Created By God” program is designed for all 4th-6th graders and their parents to explore the Christian perspective of human sexuality.

### ~~**Social Media for the Local Church** - Kevin Evers~~

~~Come explore the latest technologies and trends in Social Media. Come learn ways in which your church can start using many of these resources that are free and available for your church to start using today.~~

### **How to Start (or Restart) a Youth Program** - Rick Webb

The basic steps to getting a youth program (grades 6th-12th) off the ground.

### **Building Youth Leaders\*** - Shelly Kubik

See how to use Discovery Weekend, a weekend retreat for 6th-8th graders, to build your 9th-12th grade youth into leaders.

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## Breakout Session 2

### **Creating Thematic Worship - Jan Boehm & Martha Ward**

Starting with scripture at the center, build a worship service where the Biblical text, sermon, prayers, visuals and music tie together thematically.

### **Resurrections in the Small Church - Cindy Hickman & Friends**

Hear from smaller rural churches who have experimented with new ministries and discovered new life.

### **Beyond Committees\* - Bob Ward**

Organizing around ministry teams instead of committees will greatly increase the number of volunteers. Learn the steps to take.

### **Sports Ministry - Let's get to work! - John Wagner**

A session on planning and implementing Sports Ministry in the next 3 months.

### **You've Got a Puppet, Now What - Avonda Row & Carrie Moton**

Lip synch, how to manage the arms, bring your own puppet [optional]. Hands on class.

### **Vacation Bible School for Every Church - Pat Crownover**

Explore the different ways your church can host a Vacation Bible School. From morning, evening, to backyard VBS—your church can reach out to the children in your church and community. (Covers pre-K thru 6th grade)

### **Disaster Training 101 - Trish Burket**

You will learn some basic ways to be equipped to help your family, church and community during a disaster and then have a keyhole look at some specialized trainings in which one can train to use your gift of service in the world of disaster.

### **Youth Ministry Round Table\* - Rick Webb**

This is your opportunity to discuss the challenges that you face along with other youth workers who are in the same boat. (Grades 6th-12th)

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## Breakout Session 3

### **Authentic Praise Leadership** - John Wagner

Prayer and Praise: Planning worship leadership by starting our knees.

### **More Resurrections in the Small Church** - Cindy Hickman & Friends

Hear from additional smaller rural churches who have experimented with new ministries and discovered new life.

### **Sermon-Based Small Groups** - Kate Pauly

Encouraging connection through study, learn how sermon-based small groups can jump start your small group program and allow for Christian connection and deeper study.

### **Making Chancel Choir a Relevant Part of your Worship Arts Ministry** - Melody Webb

Exploring your choir's relevance as defined by its music, membership, mission and ministry in worship.

### **From Marketing To Membership\*** - Bob Ward

An overview of the evangelism process at AFUMC, including Church Life 101 curriculum.

### **Multiply Your Mission Outreach to “The Least of These”** - Martha Ward & Friends

Explore how Matthew 25:35-36 came alive for Ankeny FUMC, using the ministry team model to reach out to neighbors in need, near and far away.

### **More than “Just for Fun” – Puppet Ministry with Meaning** - Avonda Row & Carrie Moton

Making Biblical messages central in your puppet performance.

### **Beyond Third Grade Bibles** - Pat Crownover

Discover new and exceptional ways to help your 3rd Graders understand and enjoy their new Bibles.

### **Working Yourself Out of a Job\*** - Shelly Kubik

How to recruit, equip, encourage and celebrate with your volunteers.

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## Ministry Sampler

### **Agape Garden - Craig Crist**

How to start a mission garden in your own backyard.

### **Prison-After Care - Thom Bryant & Terry Boehlje**

The “Why’s” and “How’s” of supporting persons released from incarceration for healthy re-entry into the community.

### **Power Point for Beginners\* - Jan Boehm**

Starting with the very basics for brand new power point users.

### **Prayer Stations: Mini Meditative Places - Jacque Coulson**

Creating personal worship spaces in the church environment.

### **Kids Can Be In Mission, Too! - Pat Crownover**

Kids want to help others. There are many ways that you can involve children with opportunities to share and be involved in missions.

### **Multiply Your Christmas Giving to Mission - Martha Ward**

The Advent Conspiracy and other holiday giving ideas.

### **It's More Than Money - Kathy Beyer & Pat Stofferahn**

Presenting your operating budget in missional form.

### **Financial Peace University\* - Kate Pauly**

Learn basic facts about Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, how to promote it, and how this critical life topic reaches beyond the church walls.

### ~~**ReThink Church at a Glance - Kevin Evers**~~

~~Come learn about the ReThink Church movement. Learn about this vital and exciting ministry resource. Learn ways to incorporate some of these ministry ideas and how to access many resources available to the local church.~~

### ~~**Becoming a Stephen Ministry Congregation - Carla Evers**~~

~~Learn how compassionate members of our congregation can expand the use of their gifts to encourage others, by participating in this ecumenical ministry of caring.~~

### **Capital Campaigns - Bob Ward**

Learn about two major approaches professionals use for capital fundraising and which might be best for your church.

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