**WDC ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2016**

**WORKSHOPS**

Workshops are 50 minutes in length. Most workshops are located on the 2nd floor (elevator available) of the James A. Will Family Academic Center. Some workshops are offered twice.

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| **TITLE / PRESENTER** | **WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION** | **Workshop #1**  **1:15** | **Workshop #2**  **2:30** | **Workshop #3**  **4:00** |
| **LEARNING TO STAY GROUNDED**  (Brad Roth) | *We move a lot in our society – for school, work, and hipper digs and mountain vistas. But what if all that movement has left us rootless – maybe even disconnected from God? This workshop explores how “abiding” can restore a sense of place in us.* | Rm 210 | Rm 210 |  |
| **RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE**  (Marty Troyer) | *When you walk out your front door, what do you see? Wherever Jesus went he knew exactly what people needed. His location seemed to shape his mission. How can this be true for your church? We’ll talk about seeing your community through the eyes of God and discovering how the gospel is already present right next door to where you already are.* | Rm 214 |  | Rm 214 |
| **CREATIVE CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER**  (Joanna Harader) | *You will be led through a prayer practice that involves paper and colored pencils – as well as the mind, heart, and spirit. Resources will be provided for those who want to explore further options for creative contemplative prayer.* | Rm 209 |  | Rm 209 |
| **“COME AND SEE” ISRAEL/PALESTINE LEARNING TOUR REPORT**  **(**Heidi Regier Kreider, Anita Kehr) | *Tour participants from WDC will share reflections, stories and pictures from their trip in April co-sponsored by Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Central Committee.* | Rm 208 |  |  |
| **JUSTICE FOR UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE**  (Sandra Martinez) | *Undocumented people face many difficulties in our country. This presentation will consider how we as the church can lovingly act justly as we walk alongside undocumented people in our churches, neighborhoods and communities.* | Rm 213 | Rm 213 |  |
| **RURAL MISSION IS ALIVE AND WELL: CREEK CROSSINGS (**Brett Klingenberg) | *Rural churches are well defined by the “geographic features” that sustain them: family history, traditional cuisine, and long-held friendships. But as rural churches experience numerical decline, how do we live into our geography while welcoming outsiders at the same time?* | Rm 216 |  | Rm 216 |
| **MAKING SANCTUARIES SAFE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**  **(**Melissa Hofstetter) | *This workshop will introduce participants to the primary components in a layered approach to child safety and prevention of sexual abuse for children and youth in the congregation. (Note: This workshop does not substitute for a full training in child safety.)* |  | Rm 214 |  |
| **EVERENCE: THE POWER OF STORY (**Mitch Stutzman) | *This presentation focuses on stories as commodities. We can choose to use our stories to further the kingdom and walk with others, or choose to keep them to ourselves. This presentation focuses on stewardship of our testimony.* |  | Rm 208 | Rm 208 |
| **KAUFFMAN MUSEUM TOUR** | *The Kauffman Museum is a local treasure. There will be an introductory audio visual program at 2:35, an organ demonstration at 2:45, and then free time for you to explore the great riches of the museum!* |  | Museum is located west of Bethel College across Main Street |  |
| **RURAL MISSION IS ALIVE AND WELL: THE MISSIONAL PUMPKIN PATCH** (Kristi & Brandon Unruh, Brett Klingenberg) | *The Unruh family will share about their journey – how God has led them into doing creative missional work through their pumpkin patch. Brett Klingenberg will join them to help facilitate group discussion.* |  | Rm 216 |  |
| **JEWISH HISTORY: A WINDOW INTO MENNONITE LIFE (**Ryan Koch) | *Last summer, Ryan spent part of his sabbatical exploring the parallel structures between Jews and Mennonites in the early modern period. This session will explore how entering into Jewish history can better help us understand everyday life for early modern European Anabaptists/Mennonites.* |  |  | Rm 213 |
| **A WALK IN THE WOODS (**Richard Rempel) | *The Sand Creek Trail has been designated a National Recreational Trail by the U.S. Interior Department. Explore the trail and hear about its history, plants and animals.* |  |  | Trail is located east of Voth Hall. |