

Adult Worship Speakers

Tuesday Night, June 30 (Shared Worship)

Theme: Come Together on the Way

Scripture: Luke 1:1-Luke 24:3

Speaker:



Michelle Armster is a pastor, preacher and teacher. She currently serves as the Director for Mennonite Central Committee Central States. Throughout her career, she has provided resourcing, consulting and training for churches, agencies and communities on conflict transformation, and restorative justice. She has had many years of extensive training and experience in meditation, facilitation, conciliation, restorative justice, arbitration, victim/offender mediation, anti-racism and alternatives to violence. She graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary's Masters of Divinity program in 2007.

Equally as important, she is a creative soul, weaving song and drama through all dimensions of her life. She enjoys creative writing, acting, and singing.

Wednesday Morning, July 1

Theme: Amazed on the Way

Scripture: Luke 24:4-12

Speaker:



Hal Shrader is lead pastor of Trinity Mennonite Church in Glendale, Ariz., and was first drawn to Anabaptism when in college he first considered, "What if Jesus was really serious about what he said in the Sermon on the Mount?" He has a Master of Theology from Pepperdine University, Malibu, Calif.

Thursday Morning, July 2

Theme: The Word on the Way

Scripture: Luke 24:25-27, 45-48

Speaker:



Patricia Shelly is the current moderator-elect of Mennonite Church USA and professor of Bible and religion at Bethel College, where she has taught since 1985. She also served as campus minister of chapel and worship.

Patty graduated from Bethel and did graduate work at the Iliff School of Theology and the University of Denver, where she earned her Master of Divinity degree and completed her Ph.D. in biblical interpretation, with a doctoral thesis on “Amos and Irony.” Patty developed an interest in biblical geography and archaeology after eight months of study in Jerusalem, and has

been leading study seminars to Israel/Palestine ever since. She is an active member of Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton, Kan.

Friday Morning, July 3

Theme: Wondering on the Way

Scripture: Luke 24:23-24

Speaker:



Dale Schrag recently retired from a position as director of church relations and campus pastor at Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas. He came to Bethel College in 1984 as director of libraries. In 1992 he was appointed director of marketing and church relations. From 1996-2002, he served part-time as secretary of the Higher Education Council of the General Conference Mennonite Church. In addition to his bachelor’s degree from Bethel, Dale holds a Master’s of Library Science from Indiana University, and a Master of Arts in history from Wichita State University. Dale lectures frequently in area

churches on topics related to Anabaptism. Dale is married to Margaret (Margo) Loewen. They are members of the Bethel College Mennonite Church, and have two adult children and seven grandchildren, all of whom live within twelve miles of North Newton, Kan.

Saturday Morning, July 4

Theme: Catching Fire on the Way

Scripture: Luke 24: 31-32

Speaker:



Pastor Cyneatha Millsaps lives in Markham, Ill., and is the Pastor of Community Mennonite Church in Markham. She is married to Steven and together they have seven children and 19 grandchildren. Cyneatha is also a consultant for the Illinois Mennonite Conference.

Sunday Morning, July 5 (Shared Worship)

Theme: Catching Fire on the Way

Scripture: Luke 24: 31-32

Speaker:



Shane Claiborne graduated from Eastern University and did graduate work at Princeton Seminary. 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 Willow Creek, a “mega-church”. As a peacemaker, his journeys have taken him to some of the most troubled regions of the world – from Rwanda to the West Bank – and he’s been on peace delegations in 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. Shane writes and travels extensively speaking about peacemaking, social justice, and Jesus.

Music and Worship Leaders



As a teenager, Deb Roth began developing her passion for leading worship music at her home congregation, Sugar Creek Mennonite Church in Wayland, Iowa. Deb enjoys selecting and singing music from a variety of genres and is looking forward to the opportunity to unite in song at the Adult Worship Services in Kansas City. Presently a member of Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston, Kansas, she serves as a member of the Worship Planning Team and as one of the worship music coordinators. She and her husband, Clark, have been Kansans for 28 years where there have raised three sons and where Deb on the faculty at Hesston College in the Student Success Department.