Adventures in Storytelling

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Keynote Address

When God Changes Your Name

Our spiritual name is the name by which God calls us. The work of God in our lives helps us see ourselves as God does and to call ourselves by that name. Our personal stories become the way in which we experience God and share that experience with others.

Featured Workshop

Dancing with Words.

Story is one of the most effective tools of communication. Storytelling has remarkable value in teaching, preaching, and simply relating to those with whom God connects us. This workshop will examine storytelling, its use in offering healing, recovery, joy, and teaching.
Lisa Wright graduated from the Claremont School of Theology in 2005 with a Master of Divinity, taking many classes in Religious Education. Lisa has been the volunteer children’s ministry director at Moreno Valley United Methodist Church since 2006. Her motivation as a children’s minister is to provide such a nurturing experience for kids that they retain nothing but a positive memory of church when they become young adults capable of making their own decisions about church membership and attendance. She thinks one of the only ways to grow the Church is to invest in children.

Workshop
LOL IDK any stories!!! KWIM?

If you don’t know what the title means, this might very well be the class for you.
(Translation: "Laugh out loud. I don’t know any stories! Know what I mean?") The class will address using stories with and for youth and young adults. In today’s tech driven world where texting, Internet shorts like You-Tube, and blogging have become normal forms of communicating, what is the place, power, and purpose of story in the life of young people?

Workshop
Playwriting for Children

Children can create the most imaginative God centered stories. Hearing their stories come to life can tell us much about their lives, our current culture, and will inspire adults! Explore playwriting for kids centered around theological issues, all written, and created by children.

Workshop
Folktales for Preaching

We will explore the wisdom of ancient and not-so-ancient tales from many traditions, their connections with Biblical narratives, their use both within sermons and as stand alone presentations in worship services. We will also review some basic storytelling skills.