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*Our mission is to equip leaders for ministry in a regionally based, Christ centered, culturally relevant context in ways that bear witness to the beliefs, heritage, and practices of the Church of the Brethren.*

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## Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center Upcoming Continuing Education Events

Dear Friends of Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center: Below are our current continuing education events that are open to all. To register, please follow the links provided or contact SVMC at [svmc@etown.edu](mailto:svmc@etown.edu).

### Kingdom Building in Worship

Saturday, April 2, 2022

Stone Church of the Brethren

Leaders: Cindy Laprade Lattimer, Marty Keeney and Loren Rhodes

*Sundays are relentless. Worship happens every...single...week. It is a spiritual, cognitive, emotional, and sensory experience. But without careful planning, worship can easily become stale, unimaginative, and bland. This seminar is designed for anyone who has a role in planning worship: pastors, music leaders, lay ministers. We will use both presentations and workshop components to support attendees in developing a process for planning worship that is meaningful, Christ-centered, cohesive, thoughtful, and sensitive.*

[Registration Link](#)

### Tangled Roots: Why Anabaptism and Pietism are not opposites and how they influenced the Brethren

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Elizabethtown College (Susquehanna Room)

Leader: Jeff Bach

*Jeff Bach explores the Anabaptist movement and the Pietist movement, demonstrating that they are not opposites, but have overlapping points of emphasis. He will show how the combined, mingled influences gave shape to the emerging Brethren movement.*

[Registration Link](#)

### Preaching and Spiritual Care

Monday, October 10, 2022

Juniata College (Sill Boardroom-von Liebig Center for Science)

Leader: Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm

*Through moments of spiritual reflection and opportunities for prayer and study, participants will consider how you may incorporate spiritual care into your sermon preparation and preaching. In addition to brief lectures and small group discussions, we will look and listen to God's presence with one another and there will be opportunities to draw from spiritual exercises in developing an upcoming sermon.*

[Registration Link](#)

More events are in the planning stages . . .