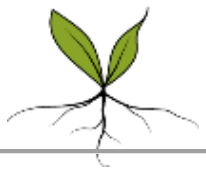
Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center offers
Continuing Education & Lay Leadership Events

The Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center is offering several workshops designed to strengthen congregational ministry and support lay leadership. Brief descriptions are listed below; click on each workshop title for full details and to register. Questions? Contact SVMC at SVMC@SvmcCob.org or 717-361-1450. We look forward to learning and growing with you!



Supporting Congregational Members with Chronic Health Conditions *(Specifically for lay leaders; no CEUs available)*

October 29, 2026 • 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Zoom • Led by Julie Guistwite. An interactive workshop on compassionate ministry with congregants living with chronic illness. Learn best practices from Idler's "doing" and "being" framework and build practical skills—through discussion and vignette analysis—for offering presence, nurturing connection, and supporting spiritual growth amid ongoing disruption.

Community Gifts – Discerning the Spirit Together

October 31, 2026 • 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren (No Zoom available, light lunch included). Led by Josh Brockway & Stan Dueck. The New Testament writers described the gifts of the Spirit as grace given to followers of Jesus for the ministry of the church. In this workshop, participants will explore scriptures outlining the gifts of the Spirit, practice discernment together, and engage a new denominational resource for gifts discernment. Light lunch will be provided.

Building and Empowering Lay Leadership (BELL) is a new program to strengthen lay leaders, offered by the Germantown Church of the Brethren. BELL is offering the following two sessions, both held at the Germantown Church of the Brethren from 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM. Registration includes a light lunch. Please note that SVMC is handling only the registration and CEUs; for information about BELL, contact Richard Kyerematen by texting 215-906-3128, or Jeff Bach by emailing bachja58@gmail.com.

1) **Introduction to Bible and Biblical Interpretation,** led Dr. Stephen Breck Reid on October 3, 2026
2) **Introduction to Theology,** led by Rev. Dr. Drew G. I. Hart on December 5, 2026

Understanding Revelation

January 27, 2027, 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM, Zoom Only – Led by Craig Gandy.

The book of Revelation is often misunderstood. What do all those visions and symbols mean? How should it be interpreted? This Continuing Education opportunity explores these questions, helping us to better understand Revelation in both its historical context and relevance for today.

Many more events are being planned for 2027. Please stay tuned for updates.