

# Adult Worship Speakers

## Tuesday Night, June 30 (Shared Worship)

**Title:** Come Together on the Way

**Scripture:** Luke 1:1-Luke 24:3

**Purpose:** To draw people together in expectation. To celebrate the fact that God is doing something great in our midst!

**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

**Title:** Breaking Bread on the Way

**Scripture:** Luke 24: 28-31

**Purpose:** Recognizing Jesus in hospitality and the breaking of the bread

**Speaker:**



**Isaac S. Villegas** is the pastor of Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship in North Carolina. He serves on the Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA and on the Governing Board of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

## Wednesday Evening, July 1

**Title:** Wondering on the Way (1st Questioning Service)

**Scripture:** Luke 24: 13-24

**Purpose:** To create space where our stories of confusion and doubt are acknowledged and brought before God.

**Speaker:**



**Michele Hershberger** has been serving the Mennonite Church for over 25 years. She's been a youth pastor, speaker, playwright and teacher. She now serves as Chair of the Bible and Ministry Department at Hesston College, where she teaches Bible and Youth Ministry....and loves it! Michele has written extensively, including the books *God's Story*, *Our Story* and *A Christian View of Hospitality*. Recently she spent a year teaching Bible in Klaipeda, Lithuania at LCC International University. Michele is married to Del Hershberger and they have three young adult children.

## Thursday Morning, July 2

**Title:** The Word on the Way

**Scripture:** Luke 24: 25-27; 45-48

**Purpose:** To emphasize the importance of scripture in our lives and to articulate the hope that can be found in Christ.

**Speaker:**



**Lesley McClendon** serves as the youth pastor at Calvary Community Church, Hampton, Va. She gets excited about teaching the word of God and restoring hope and passion in people's lives. She is an inspirational speaker, dream and life coach and basic brand consultant. Her goal in life is to show people their true nature and teach them how to love God completely, love themselves correctly and love others compassionately. She's making the best of her 20s, and just completed a master's degree at Regent University.

## Friday Morning, July 3

**Title:** Amazed on the Way

**Scripture:** Luke 24: 4-12

**Purpose:** To embrace the power and promise of the resurrected Christ for each of us.

**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.

## Friday Night, July 3, 2015

**Title:** Catching Fire on the Way

**Scripture:** Luke 24:31-32

**Purpose:** To accept and/or recommit to Christ as “the way.”

**Speaker:**



**Glen Guyton** is the COO of Mennonite Church USA. Glen is a modern day renaissance man who loves life and helping people become their I.D.E.A.L. selves. He is passionate about families and mentoring leaders.

## Saturday Morning, July 4, 2015

**Title:** What is the Way Forward?

**Scripture:** Luke 24: 33-36

**Purpose:** To recognize that we're changed and Jesus is with us. What does that mean for our lives? How are we different?

**Speaker:**



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## Saturday Night, July 4, 2015

**Title:** Witnessing Along the Way

**Scripture:** Luke 24:36-49

**Purpose:** To inspire people to share the Jesus's good news with others.

**Speaker:**



**John Valenzuela** has been a coach for 30 years. He has been in the Final Four in Texas as a head basketball coach three times. His teams have been ranked #1 in the nation by CBS Sports and #5 in the nation by ESPN. He is a longtime church planter, and was a preaching pastor at the 17th largest church in the nation, and is currently the senior pastor at 210 Church in San Antonio. He is also on staff for Fellowship of Christian Athletes in South Texas. John is married to Rosanne Valenzuela. He has 5 children: Moses, Meagan, Brian, Timmy, and Sean.

## Sunday Morning, July 5, 2015 (Shared Worship)

**Title:** On the Way

**Scripture:** Isaiah 43:18-19; Hebrews 11; Luke 24:25-26

**Purpose:** To call Mennonite Church USA to engage the world in ministry.

**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.

## Worship and Music Leaders



**Jeremy Kempf** will be returning as the band leader for his fifth Mennonite Church USA convention. He is originally from Shickley, Neb., but now lives in Glendale, Ariz., with his wife, Erin, and their two rowdy kids. He is the director of worship at Trinity Mennonite Church, and loves music, football and following Christ.



**Kim Litwiller** serves as Associate Conference Minister for Illinois Mennonite Conference. She is a seasoned youth sponsor and pastor, having worked in youth ministry for 12 years. She has a strong passion for helping individuals move from “mere believers in Jesus” to “active followers of Jesus.” She is married to Marc and has been blessed with three children.