



WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES

Celebrate & Create Workshops:

These workshops emphasize the Messy Church value of creativity. Learn creative ways to plan your Messy Church from activities to celebration.



Celebrate Our Values Workshops:

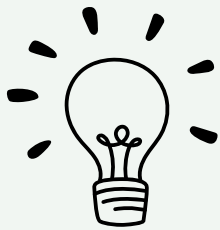
These workshops do a deeper dive into the core values of Messy Church: hospitality, all-ages, celebration, creativity, and Christ-centeredness.

Celebrate & Grow Workshops:

These workshops focus on growing your Messy Church community including ideas to reach new members of your community or to add new connections beyond a monthly Messy Church.



During the conference weekend, folks have the opportunity to attend at 4 different workshops. How will you and your team be inspired?



Messy Missions

Led by Ronda Bower

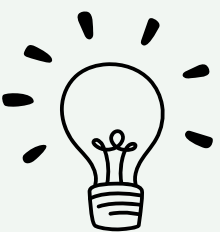
This workshop will look at the importance of having a mission aspect as part of your Messy Church, brainstorm ideas of what these mission components are and how to implement, and then the possibility of expanding missions outside a monthly Messy Church. Ronda leads Messy Church at Northfield UCC and currently serves as chair of the Messy Church USA Board.



Youth at Messy Church

Led by Jillian Mayer

In this workshop, we'll explore the different ways youth can participate and experience Messy Church. We'll look at the pros and cons of youth serving as volunteers as well as ways to make Messy Church a meaningful and engaging experience for junior and senior high students. Jillian is the Director of Christian Ed and Faith Formation at St Paul UCC in Waterloo, IL. She's a Messy Church trainer, writer and Ambassador.

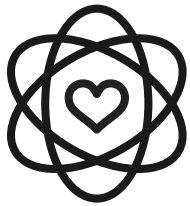


Prayer Stations at Messy Church

Led by Robin Cannon

Explore how to integrate interactive prayer into all parts of Messy Church. Learn how to create prayer stations. Engage in a few example prayer stations and discuss how prayer stations can help to bridge the gap between your Messy Church and Sunday morning congregations. Robin has been in Christian education for more than 25 years. She currently serves as the Social Media coordinator for Messy Church USA

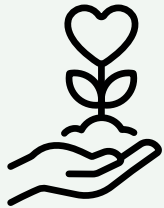
Intergenerational Discipleship



Led by Aike Kennett-Brown

What happens in Messy Church differs to traditional church, but the goal is the same: to make disciples of Jesus. Messy Church discipleship is about how we're moving towards Jesus and becoming Christ-like as individuals and as a community. This workshop explores intergenerational discipleship both within and beyond the gathering. Aike leads the Messy Church team for BRF, giving guidance for Messy Churches in the UK and around the world.

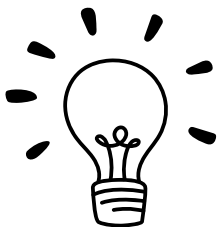
Equipping Your Messy Church for the Future



Led by Crystal Goetz

Our world is constantly changing. When our world changes and our faith practices don't, we risk that they won't endure. This workshop will focus on providing practical solutions that will enhance and help sustain Messy Churches well into the future. We will discuss eco-friendly resourcing practices that will help with shrinking budgets. We will have hands-on activities to help us visualize, transform and adapt Messy Churches and equip them for future planned and unexpected changes. In addition to leading a local Messy Church in the Auburn, Washington area, Crystal serves as a trainer for Messy Church USA and has been part of the conference planning team.

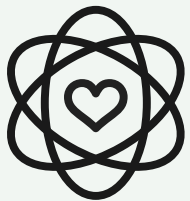
Unique Messy Church Themes



Led by Kelly Crespin

Are you looking for new Messy Church ideas or new and exciting themes? Learn how to think outside the box, brainstorm new theme ideas and coordinate themed food, music, preaching and activities all in one memorable Messy Church event! A background in teaching, Kelly has been on staff at Floris UMC in Herndon, VA for the past 10 years.

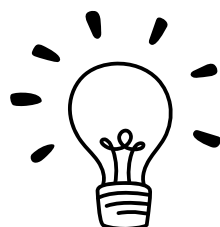
Messy Church IS Church!



Led by Trish Johnsen

How is Messy Church really church? In this workshop, explore what it means to be church and how Messy Church becomes its own faith community with its unique approaches to worship, sacraments, and discipleship. Trish is the associate pastor at First UMC in Michigan City, IN and the associate director of church development with the Indiana Conference. She's a Messy Church USA trainer and Ambassador.

A Long time ago, far, far away: Storytelling at Messy Church



Led by Jim White

We'll be looking at CREATIVE STORYTELLING tips, techniques, and mindsets to enhance your local Messy Church celebration time as we seek to communicate the greatest story ever told! Jim is the senior pastor at Palmdale UMC in California. A Messy leader for more than 10 years, Jim currently serves on the Messy Church USA board.

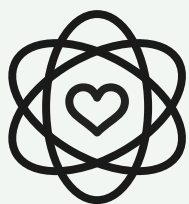
Messy Vintage - It's the New Thing!



Led by Andrew Scanlan-Holmes

Discover Messy Vintage and how it can be an excellent way to engage with a new section of your community. Learn how Messy Vintage has evolved from Messy Church and how it compares and contrasts with the core elements of both formats. Get a glimpse of how Messy Vintage is being offered in the USA. Learn about support materials currently available, including a sample Messy Vintage session that will help you get started. Originally from the UK, Andrew was part of Messy Church in its earliest years. He brought Messy Church with him when he moved to the US. He now serves as the senior pastor of Roberts Park UMC in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Truly Welcoming: Creating Environments for Unchurched People



Led by Brett DeHart

Every church thinks they are welcoming, even Messy Churches. Today's unchurched people have different ideas, though, about what it means to be truly welcoming. This workshop will cover three aims of modern hospitality: safe place, people matter, joyful energy. Brett is the senior pastor of Aldersgate UMC in Augusta, Georgia. He's been instrumental in starting several fresh expressions including Messy Church. Brett is a member of the Messy Church USA board.

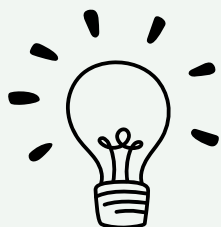
Reimagining Your Messy Church: Adapting to Your Context



Led by Leyla Wagner and Marty Drake

Context and Adapt are two words you will hear often when exploring what Messy Church might look like in your community. One of the unique qualities of Messy Church is its flexibility and over the past 4 years, we've seen the Messy Church Values and Components being successfully carried out as a take home ministry, online ministry and in-person ministry. In this workshop, we'll explore together how Messy Church is adaptable to any context, why Messy Church should be adapted and what Messy Church might look like in your unique setting. Leyla and Marty are founding Messy Church USA Board Members and have co-led a monthly Messy Church in Huntington Beach, California for the past 10 years. Leyla is also part of the Messy Church USA staff as membership coordinator.

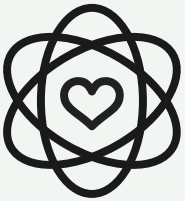
Secular Draw, Scriptural Focus



Led by Carrie Antczak

Learn how you can attract new folks to your Messy Church experience by using a secular theme to draw them in and then share with them how the things they already love connect with God's story. Carrie is an ordained deacon in the United Methodist Church. When she joined the staff at her UMC in Berea, Ohio, she "stumbled upon" Messy Church and discovered a whole new world of possibilities.

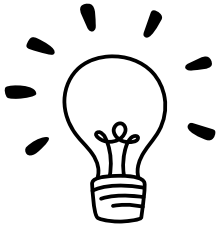
Buckets to Bibles!



Led by Mary Judkins

Do you long for intergenerational discipleship? For all members of the family to learn from one another? Come and see if our family buckets would work for you and how team members can support the learning. This “bucket” approach to Messy Church may be especially helpful if you are short on volunteers! Mary joins us from Lelant, England (near St. Ives in Cornwall). She’s the Messy lead in the Cornwall area and serves in a variety of ways with the Messy Church team.

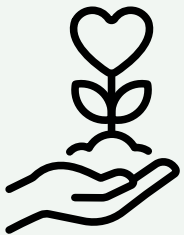
Being More Intentionally Intergenerational at Messy Church



Led by Chris Barnett

Messy Church is about being a multi-age discipleship community. Great in theory, but how do we foster this in practice? This workshop will assist you and your team in becoming more intentional about being intergenerational at Messy Church. Chris joins us from Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, where he serves as the Executive General Manager of Intergen, an interdenominational organization focused on fostering best practice in ministry with children and their families.

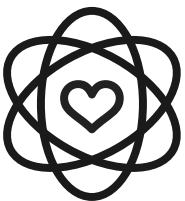
Share the Light (Compartir la Luz) - Bilingual Messy Church



Led by Jill Elsemore

Together, we can share the light of Christ through Messy Church in another language. If you’ve ever considered hosting a bilingual Messy Church, this is a workshop for you. Learn from the Messy Church at the United Methodist Church of Thousand Oaks and their bilingual experience. Jill has worked with the Messy Church of Thousand Oaks, California, for 10 years. This Messy Church is in both English and Spanish.

Creativity & Contemplation: Opening the Bible together in Messy Church



Led by Stacey Wilson

This workshop offers participants a chance to explore the use of contemplative and creative practices to engage with scripture in every part of a Messy Church. Using the principle of “ako” that recognizes the wisdom and creativity present in the room we will ponder some deep questions about church and leadership as we reflect on our own context. Stacey joins us from Melbourne, Australia, where she has over 20 years of ministry experience including leading intergenerational communities. Stacey was part of the Australian Messy Church roundtable.