

## Schedule:

Music begins at 1:40

- 2:00—2:45 Worship  
Chris Coleman
- 2:45—3:00 Break
- 3:00—3:45 Session I
- 3:45—4:00 Break
- 4:00—4:45 Session II
- 5:00—5:30 Communion

## Break-Out Sessions:

*Offer them Christ through...*

Story Telling

Technology in Ministry

Social Media

Youth Mission Trip—District

Children Ministries

Personal Invitation

Camping Ministries

Communication

**Story Telling** - Rev. Mary Kathryn Pearce, Illinois River District Superintendent

Jesus mastered the art of story telling. How did he do that? What could we learn from his style? How could we better articulate the message? How do we capture the attention of the listener and touch the heart? The message of the story teller must be able to "Give them Jesus" by impacting as many of the senses as possible. This break-out will focus on "the power of words."

**Technology in Ministry** - Rev. Ethan Carnes, Pastor at Glasford UMC

How does your ministry connect with people? Do your church's event flyers rival the side effects fine print text for a drug commercial? In a world of WIFI, how's your church's use of social media, website, and communication connecting to people? Learn steps and essentials for using technology with your ministry.

**Social Media** - Eric Wrigley, Director of Contemporary Worship at Pekin First UMC

Social media offers Christians an incredible medium through which to offer Jesus to people. This session will offer practical action steps for how to envision and implement a social media ministry in your church.

**Youth Mission Trip** - Rev. Greg Boylan, Pastor at Manito UMC

A week of mission can make a difference of a lifetime! It did for Pastor Greg and his guest speakers. Stop in and listen to stories of lives changed, faith enlivened, and discipleship energized. Learn more about youth district mission trips for 2018, and sign up to become more familiar with your district missions team. Don't miss this chance to learn how you can connect with God, with self, and with neighbor as you "offer others Jesus Christ."

**Ministries with Children** - Tim Price, Harvest Ministries

In this session, we'll learn effective techniques and strategies for offering Jesus to children. How do we "compete" with the thousands of options available to kids today? How do we share the old old story in new and wonderful ways in order to offer Jesus to new generations?

**Personal Invitation** - Ken Miller, Conference Lay Leader

Our theme for this Leadership Equipping event is John Wesley's own phrase spoken to people he was sending to America to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He said, "Offer them Christ." His intent seemed to be that people share their faith in Jesus with other people. As brilliant as Wesley was at organizing systems, his main thrust was that faith sharing happens person to person. In this session, we'll learn how to share our faith in ways that are natural, joyous, and that draw from who we are, not who we think we might need to be

**Camping Ministries** - Patrick Newton, East Bay Camp Staff

*Unplugging to Recharge* - In our ever-changing world, Camp and Retreat Ministry is perhaps more vital in the life of the Church than it has ever been. As a result, your Camp and Retreat Ministry is undergoing a variety of changes and moving in some new directions. Join us as we discuss ways to utilize this unique ministry as an extension of your local congregation and the power of engaging technology centered young people through intentional disconnection from media.

**Communication** - Sara Wanck, Associate Pastor at Crossroads UMC

"Hello? Hello? Is anybody there?! Trying to figure out if our congregations are getting the message is a tricky task! In a busy culture, where people are easily distracted, it's tougher than ever for churches to get the message out to their church family about ministry. Come think through ways to cut through the noise, and get the word out about ministry needs in a variety of effective ways. You'll leave with hope that your message is coming across loud and clear!"

*Keynote Speaker:*



**Chris Coleman, Director  
Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House**

We are delighted to present Christopher Coleman as this year's keynote speaker at the Illinois District Leadership Equipping Event. Mr. Coleman is the new President and CEO of Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House in East St. Louis. He has more than 17 years of experience in the social services and community development sectors and holds a Bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management, and Master's degrees in Business Administration from Lindenwood University-St. Charles Missouri. Currently, Coleman is a board member of Project Youth Impact of St. Louis, and has been seen by many as a charismatic leader, entrepreneur, advocate for social equality, visionary, and builder with divine purpose just to name a few. We are looking forward to his inspiring leadership on offering Christ to people any time, any place.

*"My prayer each day will be to effectively share God's love through service to all in need."  
Christopher Coleman*

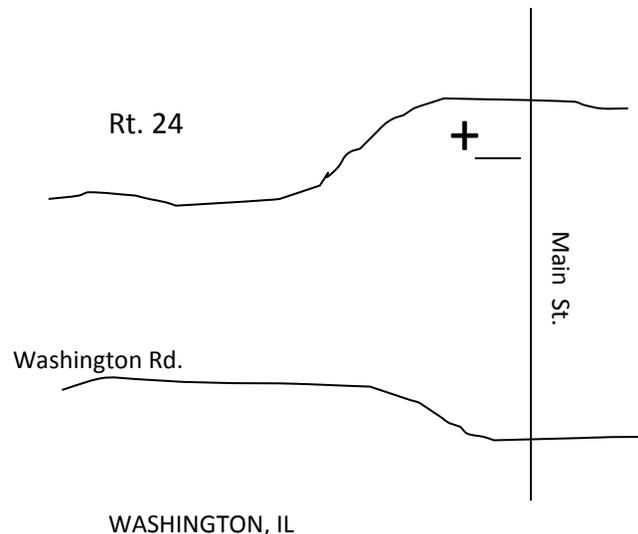
Pre-registration is not required  
but helps our planning.

Register at  
[Illinoisriverdistrict.org](http://Illinoisriverdistrict.org)



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in Washington, IL

Crossroads UMC - Intersection of Rt. 24 and Main St.



*Offer Them  
Christ!*



*"Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk. Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up..." Acts 3:6,7*

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LEADERSHIP EVENT**

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