

MENNONITE
Arts WEEKEND
2025



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Engaging In The Mysteries

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Sharonville United Methodist Church
3751 Creek Rd. Cincinnati, Ohio

2025 Schedule of Events

Friday, February 7

6–9pm Registration open.....Main Lobby
 Art Gallery & Marketplace open
 (on display through Sunday at 12:00).....Main Lobby

7pm Introductions & discussion of theme
Reflection on Mary Oyer.....Sanctuary

Saturday, February 8

8:15 am Registration open.....Main Lobby
 Art Gallery & Marketplace open.....Main Lobby

MORNING SESSIONS

Room	9:00–9:45 am	10:00–10:45 am	11:00–11:45 am
Sanctuary	Steve Showalter	Leslie James & Joanna Pinkerton	Trevor Daughtery
Chior Room			Caitlin Lanctot Presentation Workshop
Room 209A	Julia Baker	Ron Headings	Julia Baker Workshop
Room 205A Library	Dona Park	Chris Janzen	Anna Trella Ruth Miller
Room 203A Upper Room		Dona Park Workshop	

11:45 am Lunch
(Catering by DelightMore).....Fellowship Hall

1:15–2:00 pm Hymn Sing with Kristin Kauffman.....Sanctuary

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Room	2:15–3:00 pm	3:00 pm
Fellowship Hall		The Dangling Particles
Choir Room	Janice Leppke Presentation Workshop	
Room 209A	Ron Adams	Ron Adams
Room 205A Library	Chris Janzen	Anna Trella Ruth Miller Workshop
Room 203A Upper Room	Dona Park Workshop	

5 pm Dinner
(Catering by DelightMore).....Fellowship Hall

7 pm Evening Performances

Sunday, February 9

9:30 am Art Gallery and Marketplace open.....Main Lobby

10:30 am Worship Service.....Sanctuary

Our Presenters

Ron Adams

Ron Adams is currently an assistant basketball coach for the Golden State Warriors. He has spent 30 years as an NBA assistant coach. Prior to joining the NBA, he coached on the college level for 20 years, including head coaching roles at Fresno State University and at his alma mater, Fresno Pacific University. Ron has a BA in history from Fresno Pacific, loves to read and occasionally writes poetry.

Julia Baker

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Trevor Daugherty

Trevor Daugherty is a creative entrepreneur located in Goshen, IN. A graduate of Goshen College, his art, writing, and creative efforts are informed by his Mennonite education and community. Trevor, along with his spouse Breanna are the owners of Daugherty Studio which publishes the award-winning Edible Michiana magazine. Additionally, Trevor has a studio practice focused on soda-fired ceramic art.

Ron Headings

Ron Headings began making wire trees as a teenager in Kansas. Inspired by his love of trees and the coaching of a local County Horticulture Agent, Ron has refined his work with wire tree sculptures in a wide variety of shelf and wall-hanging formats over the past 49 years. He holds bachelors degrees in Mathematics and Economics from Bethel College and an MBA in Marketing from Indiana University. He began selling his trees professionally in 2013. He loves to incorporate mathematics into his trees, including Fibonacci numbers and the golden ratio. He has done solo art shows at the St Rita Hospital Gallery in Lima, OH, and at Red Butte Gardens in Salt Lake City. For each wire tree he sells, Ron plants a real tree.

Leslie James & Joanna Pinkerton

Joanna has a degree in studio art and enjoys painting. Leslie works mostly in fiber and enjoys printmaking. Together they collaborate, drawing on their backgrounds, to envision, engineer, and create multimedia art to make visible the seasons of the church year and biblical series for congregational worship. Additionally, Joanna offers art making workshops as a pathway to healing and Leslie is co-author of *Proclamation by Design: The visual arts in worship*, along with lead author, Karmen Krahn, 2006, and now out of print.

Chris Janzen

Chris Janzen is a visual artist, musician, and composer. His multimedia projects and oil paintings have been exhibited throughout the US including the Contemporary Jewish Museum, San Francisco CA, the Fresno Art Museum, Fresno CA, Vestige Concepts Gallery, Pittsburg PA, and others. Janzen is Assistant Professor of Art and Instructor of Music at Fresno Pacific University where he teaches painting, drawing, 2D / 3D Design, and jazz guitar. He is a member of Fig Tree Gallery, Fresno CA.

Caitlin Lanctot

Caitlin Lanctot is a jewelry maker who creates metalwork and enamel jewelry, using Sterling Silver, Copper, and Brass. She likes quirky and unique design, nods to retro design elements and colors, and playful motifs. These things are all reflected in her enamel work. Her metalwork jewelry makes use of unique stones, hand-sawed elements, and stamped or roller printed textures. Caitlin is a Goshen College, and a member of the Goshen Jewelers Guild. She works and sometimes teaches from the guild, as well as her home studio. She has been making jewelry in Goshen for over 10 years. Caitlin is currently the Divisional Coordinator for Advancement at Mennonite Mission Network, managing projects and facilitating communication for the Marketing and Communications and Development teams.

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Janice Leppke

In her home studio, Janice works on traditional canvases using acrylic and watercolor paint to create contemporary works mostly inspired by California's Central Valley and its surroundings. She is a member of the Door Art Gallery in Fresno where her work is displayed and sold. Janice has a master's degree in education from Fresno Pacific University. A forty-foot extension pole with a handy hook on the end is Janice's favorite tool these days, as she works with volunteers to hang art installations from floor to ceiling at Willow Avenue Mennonite Church in Fresno, California. The soaring ceiling in the light-filled sanctuary has presented design challenges and artistic opportunities to engage the congregation in worship through the visual arts. In 2018 she was honored to receive the Horizon Award from the Fresno Arts Council for her work in service to her community.

Anna Trella Ruth Miller

Anna Miller is a freelance artist based in Portland, Oregon. She is a printmaker, painter, surface designer, and illustrator. Originally hailing from the rural farmland of southeastern Pennsylvania, Anna is firmly rooted in the history and folk art tradition of her regional birth community. In her Pacific Northwest home, Anna brings fresh life to Americana folk art in her contemporary patterns and designs. Anna is particularly inspired by the lifelong art practice of her grandmother, Roma, who taught her the Pennsylvania-Dutch folk art of "fraktur" as a child. While certainly not always traditional, Anna's flowers, leaves, birds, and patterns are often gestures to the classic fraktur motifs passed down to her through generations.

Dona Park

Dona Park is a Korean Canadian living in Abbotsford, BC. Born in South Korea, she grew up living in between Canada and the United States. After graduating from Goshen College with a BA in History and Fine Arts, she worked intensively on art for peacebuilding initiatives. Throughout her education and career, she has always dabbled in creating, from digital artwork reflecting on the trauma of immigration, to expressive, large murals for her city, and miniature fruit beads for her jewelry brand, Dinky Earrings.

Stephen Showalter

Showalter Guitars uses local wood, decades of craftsmanship and unique details to create heirloom guitars people want to grow old with.

The Dangling Particles

The Dangling Particles are a Lansing, Michigan-based indie folk band with an eclectic repertoire and a feel-good vibe. Their music features spirited duets, soulful harmonies, storied lyrics, and vibrant instrumentation. Austin Kaufmann anchors the group on guitar and shares lead vocals with Tamiko Rothhorn, who also adds cornet and ukulele. Tim Patterson (bass) and Dan Moreno (percussion) round out the rhythm section. With multiple songwriters composing across several genres, The Dang P's songs appeal widely, their lyrics drawing from the wells of literature, art, family, and relationships.

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