

Workshops It's a Tell-a-bration!



Effective Storytelling – Rev. Bill Wildey (1B & 2B)

William Wildey, interim pastor at Zion UCC in South Bend, took early retirement from Church World Service in May 2015 following 31 years of service. He has been described as a master storyteller, able to effectively engage and motivate audiences of all ages. He has spoken in front of audiences as large as 5,000. Venues have included churches, colleges and universities, convention centers, television and radio.

Wildey has taught workshops on effective public speaking, storytelling, major gift fundraising, and more. His natural sense of humor and easy-going manner help participants relax and enjoy his training sessions.

Wildey graduated from William Paterson University in New Jersey with a degree in communications. In the late 70's, he worked with singer/songwriter Harry Chapin in his efforts to address global hunger. Throughout his career he has worked with various performers, including Pete Seeger, Lou Rawls, Noel Paul Stookey (Peter, Paul and Mary), Tim Janis, and others.

More Than Words – Presenters TBA (1C & 2C)

Art and photography tell stories without words. They tap into our memories, our emotions, and our imagination. Congregations have found creative ways to use existing spaces to tell their stories through these mediums- seasonal art galleries from members, photo exhibits, and community involvement.

Connecting the Dots- Presenters TBA (1D & 2D)

How do we connect with our community and beyond? Sunday bulletins and monthly newsletters are effective and preferred by many. Social media: Facebook, Twitter, websites, and blogs are also excellent ways to communicate with one another.

The workshop will cover, in step by step directions, how to keep your congregation's events and outreach current and safe.

Do's and Don'ts of Social media will be covered.

IKC Budget- Finance and Budget Committee (1E)

Last year the IKC adopted a four year budget. The finance chair and treasurer will be available to answer any questions about the preparation in this process.