

Schedule

Friday Evening

6:00 p.m.—Registration

7:00 p.m.—Organ concert by

Michael Bedford (free-will offering)

Reception to follow

Saturday

8:30 a.m.—Registration

9:00 a.m.—Opening Worship

9:45 a.m.—Morning Break

10:00 –11:30 a.m.—Class Session I

Bedford—Reading Session

Ritchie—Always in Rehearsal

Children Activities for 3rd-6th grades

10:00-10:30 Activity I

10:30-11:00 Activity II

11:00-11:30 Activity III

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.—Business meeting, lunch and browsing.

12:30—2:00 p.m.—Class Session II

Bedford—Demo with children

Ritchie—A Little Child Shall Lead Them

2:00-2:45 p.m.—Closing worship

with children.

2:45 p.m.—Browsing

(exhibits close at 3:30 p.m.)

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The Fellowship

of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts



Dr. Michael Bedford, Clinician

A full-time church musician since 1973, Michael currently serves as organist/choirmaster of St. John's Episcopal Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he plays the organ and supervises

a full graded choir program including three singing choirs, one handbell choir and a chamber ensemble. He has held similar positions in Texas and Colorado.

Dr. Bedford has published choral music for children's, youth and adult choirs, as well as organ collections and handbell pieces. Through Choristers Guild, Coronet, Hinshaw, Harold Flammer, Augsburg, Concordia, Abingdon, AGEHR, Broude, World Library Publications and St. James Music Press he now has over 100 titles in print. He also serves as workshop leader and clinician for children's and youth festivals, handbell choir festivals and organ workshops throughout the United States.

ndbell Ringers. In 1984 his bio was featured in Outstanding Young Men of America, and in 1989 it appeared in the International Who's Who in Music.

A quote: "It has often been said that children and youth are the future of the Church. This is a true statement, but only if children and youth are the "present" of the Church as well. If they are not taught to serve in leadership capacities in the worship and daily life of today's Church, there will be no future. We need only to examine our own parishes to discover that the young people who continue to attend worship regularly are the same ones who are allowed to participate in leadership capacities. We must continually enable this to happen."

The Rev. Dr. James H. Ritchie, Jr., a

REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Church _____

Preferred E-Mail _____

Fees for Fellowship Members:

_____ \$40 on or before June 20, 2009

_____ \$45 after June 20 and on or before July 20, 2009

_____ \$60 after July 20, 2009

_____ **\$10 Choral Packet (17 octavos!!)**

Fees for Non-Members:

_____ \$45 on or before June 20, 2009

_____ \$50 after June 20 - and on or before July 20, 2009

_____ \$65 after July 20, 2009

_____ \$10 per child for all day activities. (Grades 3-6)

_____ \$5 per child for just the Bedford choir class.

_____ I am applying for .5 CEU (available only for those who attend the entire event).

Make check payable to "Arkansas Chapter, The Fellowship"

Send registration forms to:

Carol Goddard

27 De Soto Circle

North Little Rock, AR 72116



Dr. James H. Ritchie, Jr., Clinician

clergy member of the Western PA Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, is under extension ministry appointment to *Ritchie Faith Span Ministries*, providing leadership, resources, consultation, and training in

the area of multigenerational ministries. From 1994 until 2002 he was associate pastor/minister of Christian education at Monroeville UMC as and from 1987-1994 was a children's curriculum editor at The United Methodist Publishing House. Prior to this he served in Bradford, PA (Hill Memorial United Methodist Church, 1976-1981) and in Brush Valley, PA (1981-1986).

The Pittsburgh, PA native received his B.A. from Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio; M.Div. from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio; and Ed.D. in religious education from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN (Dissertation: *Liturgical Community: A Vision and A Focus for Religious Education and Children*). He regularly teaches on the subjects of children and worship, music and education, multi-generational ministries, and human sexuality education for children, and writes for and about the preteen/middle school audience. Since 1991 he has taken over 1700 young persons and their parents through the *Created by God* study.

Following a 2000 study tour, "Hope for the Children of Africa," Dr. Ritchie served as a mission ambassador throughout Western PA, doing presentations on children and children's missions in Angola, South Africa, and Zimbabwe. In 2001 he coordinated a team of 20 persons and took the first-ever vacation Bible school to the Aleutian island of Unalaska. In 2008 he was a keynote speaker, worship leader, and preacher at "The Heart of Worship," in North Wales sponsored by The Methodist Church in Great Britain.