

## Keynote Speaker: Tom Boomershine



**Tom Boomershine** is the founder of the Network of Biblical Storytellers, International. He and his wife, Amelia, lead GoTell Communications, Inc. whose mission is to equip people to discover and tell biblical stories as a spiritual discipline for embodying Jesus' way of peace in the world. As a professor of New Testament and Christianity and Communications at United Theological Seminary for 24 years, he developed methods for teaching people to become passionate witnesses to the power of the stories of God in the life of Israel, the early church, and the world today. Tom is the author of *Story Journey: An Introduction to the Gospel as Storytelling* and a series of scholarly and pastoral articles on the Bible as performance literature. Tom is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church and lives in Dayton.

## Creative Arts Ministry of Mt. Moriah

The Creative Arts Ministry of Mt. Moriah UMC is designed to bring Glory and Honor to God through the arts. By removing obstacles and providing opportunities, Mt. Moriah is taking an active role in providing families with arts activities and outreach programs.

By the end of 2013, we will have initiated almost a dozen arts programs. From providing musical instruments for families who need instruments for their children to a music share house to opportunities to worship and praise God, Mt. Moriah's Creative Arts program will continue to identify and fulfill the needs in the communities that we serve.

## The Mission of Mt. Moriah United Methodist Church

"We lovingly invite people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, to equip them with a faith in Him that works in real life, and then send them into the world for service in Jesus' name."

Mt. Moriah's Lead Pastor is Dr. Randy Lowe

## Directions to Mt. Moriah UMC

From I-275, take Exit #65 & turn East onto Beechmont Avenue/Ohio Pike/ST. RT. 125. Get into the left lane and turn left onto Commercial Drive (As you turn, you will see a PNC Bank on your right and Beechmont Ford on your Left.) When you reach the four-way stop, turn right onto Mt. Moriah Drive. Mt. Moriah Church is on your right at 681 Mt. Moriah Drive. Parking is available.

The Creative Arts  
Ministry of  
Mt. Moriah UMC



## Celebrating the Word through Biblical Storytelling

October 25 & 26, 2013

Mt. Moriah United Methodist Church  
Cincinnati, Ohio

An Epic Telling of Mark: 4-8  
Presented by the CinDay Guild  
of the Network of Biblical Storytelling



## Parables & Panacea: An Experience of Jesus' Teachings & Healing

Friday, Oct. 25, 2013  
7 — 8:30 p.m.  
Mt. Moriah UMC Sanctuary

Join us for an evening of an epic telling of selections from the Book of Mark, Chapters 4-8 (NRSV) presented by the CinDay Guild of the National Network of Biblical Storytellers. This special evening is free and open to all. You do not need to register for the Saturday workshops to attend Friday evening.

## Worship & Workshops

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013  
9 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.  
Mt. Moriah United Methodist Church

9-9:15 a.m.	Registration
9:15-Noon	Worship & Keynote: "Learning the Story" Tom Boomershine
Noon-1 p.m.	Lunch (Provided) & Networking
1-2:30 p.m.	Workshops

## Workshops

### Storytelling for Pastors Tom Boomershine

This workshop will introduce pastors to everything needed to start a Bible storytelling in your local church: (1) Learning a story yourself; (2) Teaching others to learn and tell; and (3) the relationship between internalizing the scripture and a more vital life in the congregation.

### A Light Shines in the Darkness:

A Christmas Eve Service of Story, Image & Music  
Janet Steele

This service of the nativity incorporates candles, hymns, music and prayer that is welcoming to all ages and accessible to church visitors not familiar to the story. Arranged to engage hearts, imagination and senses, Janet will walk participants through the story of Christmas using candles as the main characters. The complete service will be given as a handout to all participants with coaching on how to internalize the story in time for Christmas Eve.

### Beyond the Memory Verse:

A Biblical Storytelling Approach to Christian Education  
Amelia Boomershine

The goal of engaging children with scripture is not to teach either doctrine or manners, but rather to acquaint with the God who loves them through the stories of and about Jesus. This workshop will introduce basic concepts and practices for telling, teaching and enjoying biblical stories with children. We'll use the Parable of the Mustard Seed from Mark 4 to demonstrate various activities. You'll go home knowing that story and also with a handout describing more activities than we'll have time to try out in one workshop session.

### Staging the Story for Performance Brice Thomas

Telling a story from the Bible borrows many techniques from acting, yet in many ways it is quite a distinct art form. Instead of solely taking on one character, the storyteller describes the entire scene in the imagination of the audience. Because storytelling is usually done without many props or sets, this requires the storyteller to visualize the scene of the story in order to describe it physically while telling the story. A number of techniques will be used to do this: Locations, Reacting, Gesturing, Miming, Acting Out and Characterization.

## Registration

While the Friday, Oct. 25, evening event is free, attendance for the Saturday, Oct. 26 Worship & Workshops requires a **\$10 registration fee** per attendee.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Clergy  Laity  Christian Educator

### Workshop Choice (Select only one)

- Storytelling for Pastors
- A Light in the Darkness: A Christmas Eve Service of Story, Image & Music
- Beyond the Memory Verse: Biblical Storytelling for Christian Education
- Setting the Stage for Performance

**Please send this completed form with payment to:**

Mt. Moriah UMC  
681 Mt. Moriah Drive  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45245  
— OR —

Register on-line at [www.mtmoriahumc.org](http://www.mtmoriahumc.org).

**Please make checks payable to:**

Mt. Moriah UMC and write "Workshop" in the memo line. Attendees also may pay their \$10 fee in cash at the door the day of the event.



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