

Upper Bucks Conference, SEPA presents:

Singing our Love of God and Neighbor



Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

**Tuesday, December 11th,
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9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
St. Michael's Lutheran Church,
Sellersville, PA**



Gathering for Rostered Leaders and Church Musicians

"Singing Our Love of God and Neighbor" combines Pastor Winfrey Gillette's personal story with examples of how hymns are a resource for spiritual growth. Whether used for personal and family devotions or congregational singing, these new hymns, often set to familiar hymn tunes, engage people in community, mission support, evangelism, and contemporary issues. Many speak both pastorally and prophetically in both weekly lectionary-based worship, and to specific issues facing the church and world. Come, sing, and explore these engaging new hymns with the Upper Bucks Conference. Each participant will receive a booklet of hymns with permission to use them in their local congregation.

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RSVP by emailing pastorchapman@trinityquakertown.org before December 1st.

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette is a popular hymn writer whose hymns are sung by thousands of congregations throughout the USA and overseas, at ELCA Churchwide Assemblies and Women of the ELCA meetings. Churches Uniting in Christ, Family Promise, Habitat for Humanity International, Interfaith Power & Light, National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, Organ Donor Sabbath and World Council of Churches are among the ecumenical groups that have promoted her hymns. Her hymns are in more than 20 books, magazines (Sojourners, Christian Century, The New Yorker and others), dozens of newspapers, featured on national PBS-TV three times and NPR and on thousands of web sites. Her biography by a Canadian scholar was added to The Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology in August 2018. Carolyn is a Presbyterian pastor who has served churches in New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania and who has also been a chaplain in a hospital and three hospices. Carolyn is a graduate of Lebanon Valley College and Princeton Theological Seminary. She and her husband Bruce (also a Presbyterian pastor) are the parents of three adult children; they have also been foster parents and are enjoying being first-time grandparents.

To learn more, check out these websites and articles:

New Hymns by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette to well-known hymn tunes. Enjoy over 400 new hymn texts based on biblical texts, theological beliefs, church year and contemporary concerns. Indices to scriptures, lectionary and topics. www.carolynshymns.com

[“Why We Sing”](#) by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette is the lead article in *Christian Reflection* (The journal of The Institute for Faith and Learning at Baylor University) in an issue on [“Singing Our Lives.”](#) This article is reprinted in [Songs of Grace](#).

[From Texas shootings to hurricanes, Overbrook pastor turns news into hymns](#) (Philadelphia Inquirer and reprinted in many newspapers).

[Hymns For Our Weary World](#) is a Sojourners video by JP Kennan and Kayla Lattimore; thanks to JP and Kayla for making this wonderful three-minute video on Carolyn's hymn writing.

