



PSNE Mosaic Banner Workshop

Saturday, October 17, 9:30 AM- 2:30 PM
Westminster Presbyterian Church
West Hartford, CT

OR

Sunday, October 18, 2 PM - 6 PM
Providence Presbyterian Church
Providence, RI

The Presbytery of Southern New England invites you to create and connect at a workshop with nationally known liturgical artist, **Grace Cox-Johnson**. Grace has designed pieces for churches around the country and has been the visual artist for a number of denomination conferences, including Presbyterian Association of Musicians conference at Montreat, NC, the United Methodist National Christian Educators Conference in Albuquerque, NM, and the United Methodist General Conference.

Ideal for groups of 5-8, in one day you will have the opportunity to create 1-2 banners, paraments or wall hangings for your faith community. Individuals may want to come learn the technique while creating a piece for our presbytery. You may use one of Grace's design (see more of her mosaic banners at www.color4thejourney.net) or create something of your own.



The basic process is: a design is drawn onto a base fabric which in the final design forms the mortar for the mosaic. With the sketch in place, spray glue is applied to the mortar fabric then small bits of fabric are used to fill in the design. The process is much like a broken tile technique but with fabric instead of ceramics. Once the design is in place with the bits of fabric then a layer of short lengths of color coordinated yarns are sprinkled over the fabric creating texture and further interest. After the yarns are sprinkled a layer of tulle is placed over the entire piece and this holds the design together until it can be quilted and the edges finished.



This is a simple process but can be as elaborate as the designer and creators would want. It can also be done with no image, just color, for a very effective piece. This activity is also fun and provides any small group an opportunity to share and experience the joy of completing an art piece together.

About the Artist



Grace Cox-Johnson holds a bachelor of music in vocal performance from Wheaton College Conservatory of Music and a master's degree in church music from Scarritt Graduate School. She has served as choir director and elementary music and art teacher. Grace is a fiber artist and dyer, whose company, Color 4 the Journey, specializes in art for worship settings. She has given workshops in the fields of church music, the use of symbols and colors in liturgy and worship, as well as many hands on workshops in various surface design techniques with fabric and dyes.

Grace is a nationally-known visual artist for conferences of many denominations. Her work has been featured at the United Methodist General Conference; United Methodist Annual Conferences including Wisconsin, Missouri, Northern and Southern Illinois and Kansas East and West. Grace has been the artist in residence for both the Presbyterian Association of Musicians conference in Montreat Assembly and the Fellowship of United Methodist Music and Worship Arts at Lake Junaluska as well as the national FUMMWA convocations in San Francisco and St. Louis. She also served as the visual designer for worship space at the United Methodist Christian Educators National Conference in Albuquerque NM. In addition her work has been featured annually at the Festival of Homiletics for over two decades.

This workshop is funded in part by the Joe Baker Memorial Fund at Valley Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Promise, and the PSNE Church Development Committee. Special thanks to Westminster Presbyterian Church and Providence Presbyterian Church for donating their space.

Please complete the registration form and return it with a check made payable to **Presbytery of Southern New England** with "**banner workshop**" in the memo, to Rev. Adele Crawford, Valley Presbyterian Church, 21 West Whisconier Rd, Brookfield CT 06804. Registration deadline is **October 7th** or when workshop is full. Space is limited! For more info or to register, contact Rev. Adele Crawford at 203-775-2624 (church) or at adelec23@gmail.com.

___ Sat, 10/17, West Hartford, CT, 9:30AM- 2:30 PM

___ \$50 individual

___ \$100 group (includes lunch and materials)

___ Number in group

___ Sun, 10/18, Providence, RI, 2-6 PM

___ \$35 individual

___ \$70 group (includes materials)

___ Number in group

Name of Church _____

Contact person: _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

Participant(s) _____

Dietary preferences: number of ___ Vegetarian/vegan ___ Gluten free ___ Dairy free

Once You've Registered

If you are part of a group, there are just a few things you need to do:

1. **Determine a size for your piece(s).** In the time allotted, your group will be able to cover a maximum of 6 yards of fabric either 45" or 60" wide.
2. **Select a color scheme.**
3. **Begin thinking of a design.** You can use one Grace has (see her work at www.color4thejourney.net) or you can create your own. Whatever you choose it should be simple, no more complicated than a little child's coloring page. It's also possible to make a banner without a set image, and do it more like a study in colors. If you would like to talk with Grace before the workshop about some ideas, I will put you in touch with her. She's happy to discuss.
4. **You do not need to bring any of your own fabric,** but if you have something from home or church you'd like to incorporate you are welcome to bring that. Fabric might come from old choir stoles, old children's pageant costumes, old paraments, etc.

Once you know the size and color, please let Adele know. Grace will prepare mortar (background) fabric for your piece and also bring fabrics in the colors you selected. In the workshop we will be able to complete one to two pieces, depending upon the number of artists in your group. The last step of the process is to quilt a layer of tulle (sheer netting) over the banner. You can contract with Grace to have her do this for you at a cost of \$50, and she will ship the banners back to you, or you can do this yourselves.

If you are coming on your own and want to help create something for the presbytery, you are welcome to bring cloth you'd liked to contribute but you don't have to. It is enough just to come.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. We look forward to creating with you!

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Altar cloth made in a workshop with a communion class and their parents



Happy banner makers!