

Course Descriptions:

Intro to Lay Ministry Basic Course

Pastor Brian Boley, Instructor

This course is for persons discerning a call to proclaim the presence and power of God through Lay Servant Ministries. Basic principles of proclaiming the Word of God through worship leadership, preaching, witnessing, teaching, leadership, and service form the framework for the class. This class will include leading a 5-10 minute devotion during the afternoon. There will be a pre-course preparation sheet sent along with the course book when you register.

This course is foundational for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship. This course is required for anyone looking into becoming a certified lay servant/speaker or certified lay minister.

Advanced Lay Servant Preaching Course:

From Pew to Pulpit (formerly Go Preach!)

Rev. Helen Oates, Instructor

This course takes into account the needs of those for whom preaching is not their sole or primary occupation and begins by emphasizing what every preacher brings to the pulpit: an idea of what make a sermon particularly moving or memorable to them. From there, the course moves into how to choose an appropriate text or sermon topic; learning how to listen to one’s first impressions of what a text means, moving from text to topic to the sermon itself while keeping the listeners needs in mind, making thorough and engaging use of

stories in a sermon, and delivering with passion and conviction. Helpful suggestions for resources, including Bibles, commentaries, other print resources, and websites will also be discussed.

Additional Lay Servant Advanced Courses:

To keep your certification current one advanced course is needed every three years.

NEW: Becoming Spirited Stewards

Rev. Mary Ellen Finegan, Instructor

An advanced course in Lay Servant Ministries giving participants the tools to enable their churches to become stewards-in-action in all God has entrusted to them. Members go beyond thinking in terms of dollars contributed to see stewardship as becoming living examples of the gospel.

"Real stewardship is radical, which means going to the roots of our faith. If we take stewardship seriously - and joyfully - it won't be just another addition to the same old programs we've been doing in our congregations. It will change our thinking, acting and imagining."

Certified Lay Minister Training Program:

Certified Lay Minister – Module 3, continued

Jim Minutelli, CLM, Instructor

This course is a continuation of Module 3 which began on September 26th. The purpose of this module is to provide a basic understanding of leadership, administration, and congregational development and to offer tools for maximizing leadership, organization, and resources for faithful and fruitful ministry. This class continues to build on the experiences and insight that each participant brings to the table, individually, and collectively as part of the UM connection.

LAY SERVANT ACADEMY REGISTRATION

September 29, 2018

(Early registration is required for effective planning!)

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____

STATE_____

ZIP_____PHONE_____

E-MAIL_____

LOCAL CHURCH_____

PASTOR_____

CHOICE OF COURSE (Choose One):

_____ **Intro to Lay Servant Ministries (Basic)**

_____ **From Pew to Pulpit (formerly Go Preach!)**

_____ **Becoming Spirited Stewards**

The cost for the Lay Servant Ministry Training is \$30.00, which includes the materials, book, and lunch, plus snacks.

Please complete this registration form and return it to the address below with your payment no later than **September 7, 2018**. You will then be mailed your materials for completion of pre-class work.

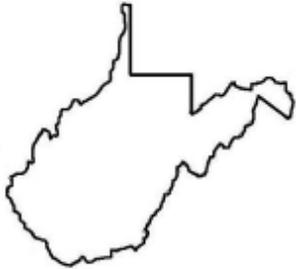
Wesleyan District Office

P. O. Box 230

Buckhannon, WV 26201

Make check payable to: **Wesleyan District**

Wesleyan District Lay Servant Ministry Training Schedule



September 29, 2018

**Chapel Hill United Methodist
88 S. Kanawha Street
Buckhannon, WV 26201**

- 7:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:00 a.m. Opening Worship & Communion
- 8:45 a.m. Morning Class Session
- 10:15 a.m. Break for 15 minutes
- 10:30 a.m. Continue Class
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch and Q&A Session
- 12:45 p.m. Afternoon Class Session
- 2:00 p.m. Afternoon Break
- 4:30 p.m. Dismissal

“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself.” Matthew 22:37

One class is equal to 10 contact hours (includes pre-session homework).

Questions regarding your journey?

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You can also visit our District website at www.wesleyandistrictumc.org for important lay ministry info in our District, info throughout our connection and to view our District Calendar of Events.

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Lay Servant Ministries

is an outreach of United Methodist Church Discipleship Ministries. For worship and leadership resources, visit <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/>.

Lay Servants are to serve the local church or charge in any way in which their witness or leadership and service inspires the laity to deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship. This includes the interpretation of scriptures, doctrine, organization, and ministries of the church.

WESLEYAN DISTRICT LAY SERVANT MINISTRY ACADEMY Fall 2018



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Methodist Church
Buckhannon, WV**

