

**Registration Form** (please print)

**2019**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs request \_\_\_\_\_

**Course Offerings (Check one only)**

Leading Worship

Let's Preach

Leading Prayer

Living Our United Methodist Beliefs

The Method of Our Mission

Spiritual Gifts

Basic

**Type of Study (Check one only)**

Self-Improvement

Certified Lay Servant

Certified Lay Speaker

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Fee Enclosed—\$20.00

*Make checks payable to:*

**MonValley District**

Return to: **MonValley District Office**

**309 Cleveland Avenue**

**Fairmont WV 26554**

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**MONVALLEY DISTRICT  
LAY SERVANT ACADEMY**



**March 30, 2019  
8:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

**8:00 am Registration  
Worship**

**8:30 am Class**

**11:30 pm Lunch**

**12:30 pm Class**

**4:30 pm Closing**

**Hosted by Life UMC  
3000 Technology Dr  
Fairmont, WV 26554**

Rev. Amy Shanholtzer  
District Superintendent

Mary Bane  
Lay Servant Ministries Director

MonValley District Office



Questions? Contact Mary Bane  
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## Types of Lay Servants

The United Methodist Church recognizes two types of Lay Servants—*Certified Lay Servants* and *Certified Lay Speakers*. Laity must make application and have approval of their Pastor and/or the Administrative Council of their church. Certified Lay Servants must complete the Basic Course. To become a Certified Lay Speaker, participants must complete the course of study provided by the Book of Discipline, complete the interview process, be recommended by the LSM interview team and approved at District Annual Conference. Both types of lay servants must submit annual reports to their Church Councils and take a refresher course every three years to maintain their status.

For further information see Discipleship Ministries website [www.umcdiscipleship.org](http://www.umcdiscipleship.org).

For additional course offerings, see the website [www.BeADisciple.com](http://www.BeADisciple.com).

MonValley District Lay Servant Ministries is in the process of developing a plan to meet the needs of our laity. Lay Servant Ministries is looking to the future by planning several enrichment/educational opportunities throughout the year. Please keep a lookout for opportunities through mailings (snail and email) as well as announcements through your local church.

## Course Offerings—2019

1. **LEADING WORSHIP** —Focuses on the importance of exercising servant leadership while developing skills to lead worship and small groups while remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices.
2. **LET'S PREACH**—Provides participants an opportunity to explore a call to preach, to review the elements of worship and the Christian year, and to recognize the lectionary as a preaching tool.  
\*\*\*Completion of the Basic Course is a prerequisite.
3. **LEADING IN PRAYER**—Provides the participant an opportunity to grow in confidence and skill to pray both privately and in public.
4. **LIVING OUR UNITED METHODIST BELIEFS**—explores the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that the United Methodist Church brings to the universal church, and how we got where we are today. *AKA United Methodist Heritage*
5. **THE METHOD OF OUR MISSION**—provides an overview of the structure and organization of the United Methodist Church. *AKA United Methodist Polity*
6. **SPIRITUAL GIFTS** –understand your spiritual gifts and how the church can use them to fulfill its mission and ministry. Participants will also learn what it means to be a spiritual leader and will be equipped to lead others in exploring and using their spiritual gifts.
7. **BASIC**—focuses on the primary aspects of lay servant ministry: leading, caring, communicating, and resources available.

*A course syllabus will be emailed or mailed upon registration.*

**COURSEWORK MUST BE TO INSTRUCTOR  
NO LATER THAN  
FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019**

## Statement of Purpose

### ALL LAITY ARE WELCOME

Anyone can attend **Lay Academy**. The courses presented will enrich your spiritual life and help you better serve your church.

The MonValley District **Lay Servant Academy** provides opportunities for all lay persons to nurture and enlarge their religious knowledge within a fellowship of Christian friends.

For lay persons seeking to be certified lay servants, courses are provided to complete those requirements. The courses help the laity to complement the clergy, not replace them. The school provides only the foundation for Lay Servants and it is recognized that additional training is needed.

### Requirements

1. Anyone can take any course for self-improvement/enrichment without any prerequisites or expectations of certification.
2. **Coursework must be submitted no later than March 15, 2019.** Class attendance is required.
3. Any person, a junior in high school or older, is eligible to attend. With a specific recommendation by their pastor, a younger person may be permitted to attend.
4. Only persons seeking to become lay servants must take prescribed courses.

***Registration forms due NO LATER than March 1, 2019***

***Questions should be directed to  
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