

REGISTRATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ H or C

Email: _____

LOCAL CHURCH: _____

Pastor: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

COURSE OFFERINGS:

_____ Leadership 101 (Basic)

Advanced Courses:

_____ For the Common Good (Spiritual Gifts)

_____ Leading Public Prayer

_____ Living Our United Methodist Beliefs (Heritage)

**Coursework due to the instructor by April 5th
unless otherwise noted on the syllabus.**

**Fee per course: None - order your own book
(see course offerings for titles and ISBN's).**

Return by March 22nd to:
MonValley District Office
3000 Technology Drive
Fairmont, WV 26554

Fax: 304-333-0224

Email: sestep@wvumc.org



**MONVALLEY DISTRICT
LAY SERVANT ACADEMY**

**April 13, 2024
8:00 to 4:30 p.m.**

**LIFE UMC
3000 Technology Drive, Fairmont
(Lunch will be provided)**

DEADLINE TO REGISTER March 22, 2024

**Classes will follow the host church's guidelines for
COVID-19 safety protocols.**

**Rev. Amy Shanholtzer
District Superintendent**

MonValley District Office
Phone: 304-366-6811
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**Mary Bane
Lay Servant Ministries Director**

Phone: 304-692-0003;
crazymcb1@gmail.com

Course Offerings — Spring 2024

1. **LEADERSHIP 101 (BASIC)** - Focuses on the primary aspects of lay servant ministry: leading, caring, communicating, and resources available. Taught by Pastor Pam Todd
Text: *Lay Servant Ministries, Participant's Book* by Sandy Ziegler Jackson and Brian Jackson. ISBN #: 9780881776263
2. **FOR THE COMMON GOOD (Spiritual Gifts)** – This course offers a scriptural understanding of spiritual gifts as always given “for the common good.” By helping participants identify and link their gifts, abilities, and sense of calling, laity will learn the powerful connection between spiritual gifts and vocational discernment in the context of the mission of their local church. They will also learn how to make spiritual gifts discernment a part of their congregation’s culture and commitment to equip mission-focused leaders who make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Taught by Rosemary Snodgrass, Certified Lay Minister
Text: *For the Common Good: Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts* by Christine Harman. ISBN #: 9780881779585
3. **LEADING PUBLIC PRAYER** - Prayer is something we learn; it is something that can be taught. For many, however, the only teaching about prayer they ever receive is modeled in Sunday worship. This course may challenge some of your assumptions, test some of your preconceived ideas, stretch your thinking, and enrich your prayer life. It will, at the very least, present you with an opportunity to grow in the discipline of leading public prayer. Taught by Pastor Sam Haught
Text: *Let the Whole Church Say Amen* by Laurence Hull Stookey. ISBN #: 9780687090778
4. **LIVING OUR UNITED METHODIST BELIEFS (Heritage)** – This course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that The United Methodist Church brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today, and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21st-century church. Taught by Rev. John Brosky
Text: *Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way* by Kenneth L. Carder. ISBN #: 9780881775716

.Registration Deadline - Friday, March 22, 2024

A course syllabus will be emailed or mailed upon registration.

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Questions should be directed to:

Mary Bane 304-692-0003; crazymcb1@gmail.com

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There is no charge for the class but you will need to order your book from Amazon, Cokesbury, or the Upper Room – many are available in kindle or e-book format. PLEASE ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME FOR DELIVERY. See class description for book title and ISBN.

Requirements

1. Anyone can take any course for self-improvement/enrichment without any prerequisites or expectations of certification.
2. 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.

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.

Courses are also provided for those seeking to be Certified Lay Servants. 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.

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 and one advanced course. To become a Certified Lay Speaker, participants must complete the course of study outlined in 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 charge conference and take a refresher course every three years to maintain their status.

For further information see Discipleship Ministries website www.umcdiscipleship.org. For additional course offerings, see the website www.BeADisciple.com.

MonValley District Lay Servant Ministries is developing a plan to meet the needs of our laity. We plan several enrichment/educational opportunities throughout the year. Watch for opportunities through mailings (snail and email) as well as through your local church and the district website <http://www.monvalleyumc.org/> and newsletter. Check the conference calendar at <https://www.wvumc.org/calendar/> for courses being offered by other districts, often available online.