

REGISTRATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Email: _____

LOCAL CHURCH: _____

Special needs requests: _____

COURSE OFFERINGS:

- _____ Leadership 101 (Basic) - **Corley UMC, Belington**
- _____ Leading Public Prayer - **Corley UMC, Belington**
- _____ United Methodist Polity - **Valley Chapel, Fairmont**
- _____ Transforming Evangelism – **Valley Chapel, Fairmont**
- _____ Accountable Discipleship – **LIFE UMC, Fairmont**
- _____ Dancing With Words - **Mt. Vernon UMC, Reedsville**

REMINDER: You need to order your own book or borrow a copy.
Bring your own snacks, beverages, and lunch. NO FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED.

_____ I have ordered my own book (or am borrowing a copy)

Please return this form to the:

MonValley District Office
PO BOX 307
Kingmont, WV 26578

Or email to: **mvdumcoffice@gmail.com**

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: Friday, Feb. 26, 2021



**MONVALLEY DISTRICT
LAY SERVANT ACADEMY**

**March 20, 2021
8:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FEBRUARY 26, 2021

**8:00 AM Class begins
11:30 AM Lunch (1 hour)
(Bring your own)
12:30 PM Class resumes**

Location – SEE CLASS LIST

Rev. Amy Shanholtzer
District Superintendent

Mary Bane
Lay Servant Ministries Director

MonValley District Office

**Tel: 304-366-6811
mvdumcoffice@gmail.com**

Course Offerings—Spring 2021

- 1. LEADERSHIP 101 (BASIC)** - Focuses on the primary aspects of lay servant ministry: leading, caring, communicating, and resources available. Location: [Corley UMC, 10842 Barbour County Hwy, Belington](#). Taught by Rev. Jon Fox. Text: *Lay Servant Ministries – Participant’s Book*. ISBN #: 978-0881776263
- 2. LEADING PUBLIC PRAYER (ADVANCED)** - Praying in public can be daunting, but prayer is something one learns. This course on praying in public will help the participant grow in confidence and skill in public prayer and enrich their personal prayer life. Location: [Corley UMC, 10842 Barbour County Hwy, Belington](#). Taught by Rev. Sam Haught. Text: *Shaping the Prayers of the People: The Art of Intercession* by Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher. ISBN #: 978-0-8028-7097-1
- 3. UNITED METHODIST POLITY (ADVANCED)** - This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of the United Methodist church. Location: [Valley Chapel UMC, 1511 Pleasant Valley Rd, Fairmont](#). Taught by Rev. Cindy Boggs. Text: *The Method of Our Mission* by Lacey C. Warner. ISBN #: 978-1-4267-6717-3. A copy of the 2016 Book of Discipline is also recommended.
- 4. TRANSFORMING EVANGELISM (ADVANCED HERITAGE)** - This course leads participants to learn from John Wesley how to practice relational evangelism. They will discover that evangelism involves not only sharing our faith with others but also welcoming people into a community where they can grow in faith. Location: [Valley Chapel UMC, 1511 Pleasant Valley Rd, Fairmont](#). Taught by Bobby Boggs and Judy Farley. Text: *Transforming Evangelism* by Henry H. Knight III and F. Douglas Powe, Jr. (Participant’s Book). ISBN #: 978-0-88177-485-6
- 5. ACCOUNTABLE DISCIPLESHIP (ADVANCED HERITAGE)** – This course focuses on the concept of the household of God, Scripture as divine revelation, Wesleyan understandings of grace, and the importance of the class leader in the development of the Methodist movement. Location: [LIFE UMC, 3000 Technology Drive, Fairmont](#). Taught by Rev. Larry Buckland. Text: *Accountable Discipleship* by Steven W. Manskar (Participant’s Book). ISBN #: 978-0-88177-339-2
- 6. DANCING WITH WORDS (Advanced “Other”)**– Acquaints lay speakers with the history, art, selection, preparation and presentation of stories in a variety of settings with the goal of preparing lay speakers for ministry through storytelling. Location: [Mt. Vernon UMC, 5333 Kingwood Pike, Reedsville](#). Taught by Rev. David Freeman. Text: *Dancing with Words – Storytelling as Legacy, Culture, and Faith* by Ray Buckley. ISBN # 978-0881774078

Deadline - Registration forms due NO LATER than Friday Feb. 26, 2021

A course syllabus will be emailed or mailed upon registration.

COURSEWORK MUST BE SUBMITTED TO INSTRUCTOR NO LATER THAN MARCH 13, 2021

Questions should be directed to our District Director of Lay Servant Ministries:

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

LAY ACADEMY in the time of COVID-19

- Classes will be taught at different locations, to accommodate social distancing restriction. Classes will be limited to 10 participants. **See class description for location.**
- Masks will be required.
- There is no fee for the class but you will need to order or borrow the book for your course, (available on Amazon and Cokesbury). Please **ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME FOR DELIVERY**. See course descriptions for book information. If you need assistance with ordering, please contact Mary Bane or the district office.
- **NO FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED. Everyone will need to bring their own snacks, drinks, and lunch since we are not at the point to allow for sharing food.**

Requirements

1. Anyone can take any course for self-improvement/enrichment without any prerequisites or expectations of certification.
2. Class attendance is required; coursework is due to instructor by March 13, 2021.
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.

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.

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. 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.