

Summary of Lay Ministry Courses - Spring 2023

Title and Leader	District	Purpose* <i>(unless specified as Basic, all courses listed qualify as Advanced Courses)</i>	Dates
Basic	Greenbrier-Wesleyan	Basic	May 13 at a location TBA
Advanced Preaching	Greenbrier-Wesleyan		May 13 at a location TBA
Living our United Methodist Beliefs	Greenbrier-Wesleyan	UM Heritage	May 13 at a location TBA
Leading Worship	Greenbrier-Wesleyan	Leading Worship	May 13 at a location TBA
Leading Bible Study	Greenbrier-Wesleyan		May 13 at a location TBA
In Ministry with Boomers and Beyond	Greenbrier-Wesleyan		May 13 at a location TBA
Basic Course	Little Kanawha	Basic Course	April 14 (6pm-9pm) and April 15 (9am-3pm), Mt Pleasant UMC, Mineral Wells
Go Preach	Little Kanawha	Preaching	April 14 (6pm-9pm) and April 15 (9am-3pm), Mt Pleasant UMC, Mineral Wells
Polity	Little Kanawha	Polity	April 14 (6pm-9pm) and April 15 (9am-3pm), Mt Pleasant UMC, Mineral Wells
Leading Public Prayer	Little Kanawha	Public Prayer	April 14 (6pm-9pm) and April 15 (9am-3pm), Mt Pleasant UMC, Mineral Wells
Spiritual Gifts	Little Kanawha	Spiritual Gifts	April 14 (6pm-9pm) and April 15 (9am-3pm), Mt Pleasant UMC, Mineral Wells
Basic Course, Andrew Tennant	Nine Rivers	Basic	April 22 (10am-4pm) and April 29 (10am-4pm). St. John UMC, Teays Valley
Living Our Beliefs, Donna Hinkle	Nine Rivers	UM Heritage	April 22 (10am-4pm) and April 29 (10am-4pm). St. John UMC, Teays Valley
Leading Public Prayer, Robbie Parsons	Nine Rivers	Public Prayer	April 22 (10am-4pm) and April 29 (10am-4pm). St. John UMC, Teays Valley
Opening Ourselves to Grace: Basic Christian Practices, Sara Lamb	Nine Rivers		April 22 (10am-4pm) and April 29 (10am-4pm). St. John UMC, Teays Valley
Responding to the Opioid Epidemic, Barry Steiner Ball	MonValley		ZOOM – March 6 – April 3, 6:30 to 8:30
Strategic Ministry Planning, Ken Willard	MonValley		ZOOM – March 7 – April 11, 6:30 to 8:30

Basic Course, Amy Shanholtzer	MonValley	Basic	Feb 27 - March 27 (6:30 to 8:30) via Zoom
Living our United Methodist Beliefs, John Brosky	MonValley	UM Heritage	Apr 11-May 16 (6:30 to 8:30) via Zoom
Planning Worship, Judy Farley	MonValley	Planning Worship	March 25 (8 am to 4:30 pm) at First UMC, Shinnston
Polity, Ken Krimmel	MonValley	Polity	April 11 - May 2 (6:00pm - 8:30pm) via ZOOM
Spring Lay Academy	MonValley		May 6, First UMC, Elkins
Basic Course	Northern	Basic	April 22 and 29, First UMC, Sistersville
Living our United Methodist Beliefs	Northern	UM Heritage	April 22 and 29, First UMC, Sistersville
Leading Prayer	Northern	Prayer	April 22 and 29, First UMC, Sistersville
Discovering Spiritual Gifts	Northern	Spiritual Gifts	May 6 and 20, Wellsburg UMC
Preaching - From Pew to Pulpit	Northern	Preaching	May 6 and 20, Wellsburg UMC
United Methodist Polity	Northern	Polity	May 6 and 20, Wellsburg UMC
Communications, Deborah Coble	Potomac Highlands		March 25
Basic Course, Cheryl George	Potomac Highlands	Basic	April 18, April 25, May 3, May 9 and May 16 (6:00pm - 8:00pm) via ZOOM.
Leading a Congregation in Worship, Cindy Skinner	Potomac Highlands	Planning Worship	April 5, April 12, April 19, and April 26 (6:00pm - 8:30pm) via ZOOM.
Basic Course, Barbara Rexroad	Potomac Highlands	Basic	April 14 (5pm-9:30pm) and April 15 (8:30am-6:00pm) at First UMC, Keyser.
Preaching, Scott Ferguson	Potomac Highlands		April 15 (8:30am – 6:00 pm) at First UMC, Keyser. Homework prior to class.
Living our Beliefs, Mark James	Potomac Highlands	UM Heritage	April 14 (5pm-9:30pm) and April 15 (8:30am-6:00pm) at First UMC, Keyser.
Ministry for the Forgotten, Jane Arnold	Potomac Highlands		April 14 (5pm-9:30pm) and April 15 (8:30am-6:00pm) at First UMC, Keyser.
Local Church Communications, Deborah Coble	Southern		April 1 (8am to 5pm) at Bluewell UMC
Basic Course, Kevin Spicer and Gary Hartsog	Southern	Basic	April 1 (8am to 5pm) at Bluewell UMC
Preaching, Robert Baer	Southern	Preaching	June 17 (8am to 5pm) at Peterstown UMC
Rediscovering our Spiritual Gifts, Becky Romanello	Southern	Spiritual Gifts	June 17, Peterstown UMC
Polity, Ken Krimmel	Southern	Polity	April 24 - May 23 via ZOOM

Responding to the Opioid Epidemic, Barry Steiner Ball	Southern		March 6-April 3, 6:30 to 8:30 via Zoom
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For more information

To learn more about the above courses, contact the appropriate District Director of Lay Servant Ministries

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Greenbrier-Wesleyan	Jim Minutelli	minutellij@gmail.com
Little Kanawha	Marvin Trippett	mdtrippett@casinternet.net
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Nine Rivers	Fred Herr	hamagh@msn.com
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Potomac Highlands	Betty Rizer	btbrize@gmail.com
Southern	Gary Hartsog	alphaeng@earthlink.net

Training Certification Requirements:

1. Certified Lay Servant – Complete the Basic Course and any Advanced Course. In the chart above, all courses not labeled basic are Advanced Courses
2. Certified Lay Speaker – Complete the Basic Course and six specific Advanced Courses: Preaching, Public Prayer, Leading Worship, Spiritual Gifts, UM Beliefs, Polity. Courses which qualify for these specific advanced courses are labeled in the Purpose Column*.
3. Certified Lay Minister – First, be certified as a Certified Lay Servant OR a Certified Lay Speaker, and then complete Curriculum for Certified Lay Ministers. Contact Kim Matthews (kimmattews@umfwv.org), AC Director of Lay Servant Ministries, for more information.

There are additional, non-training, requirements for certification. A summary can be found at https://www.wvumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/LSM-CLM_InfoSheet2016.pdf