

**Certified Lay Speakers** serve by preaching the Word when requested by the Pastor, District Superintendent or Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries in accordance and compliance with ¶1341.1. They also:

- ◆ Provide program leadership, assistance and support.
- ◆ Lead meetings for prayer, training, study and discussion.
- ◆ Conduct or assist in conducting services of worship, preaches the Word, or give addresses.
- ◆ Provide congregational and community leadership and fosters caring ministries.
- ◆ Assist in the distribution of the elements of Holy Communion
- ◆ Teach the Scriptures, doctrine, organization and ministries of The United Methodist Church.

#### **Requirements for Certification**

- \* Must already be a Certified Lay Servant.
- \* Pastor and Church Council or Charge Conference recommendation.
- \* Completion of a track of study as defined in ¶267.3 Discovering Spiritual Gifts, Leading Worship, Leading Prayer, Preaching, United Methodist Heritage, United Methodist Polity

\*Approval of the Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries after interview, and recommendation from the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries.

#### **Requirements for Renewal**

- ◇ Annual report and renewal application.
- ◇ Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation.
- ◇ Lay Servant Ministries advanced course in the last three years.
- ◇ Approval of the Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries every three years after interview, and recommendation from the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries.

#### **Who to Contact**

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#### **BASIC COURSE OFFERINGS**

**Web/Registration title:** Basic

#### **Introduction to Lay Ministry: The BASIC Course**

Instructor: Rev. Sarah Schlieckert  
Location: **Calvary UMC, 3235 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601**

Dates and Time: Tuesdays, April 30-May 28, 7-9 p.m.

**Registration Deadline: Tuesday, April 16, 2019**

**OR**

Instructor: Rosalind Pinkney, District Lay Leader  
Location: **Nottingham-Myers UMC, 15601 Brooks Church Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772**

Dates and Times: Friday, May 10, 6-9 p.m. **AND** Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Registration Deadline: Friday, April 26, 2019**

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.

**Required Text: Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course; Sandy Ziegler Jackson and Brian Jackson, ISBN: 9780881776263 \$11.00**

#### **ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS**

**Web/Registration title:** Leading Worship

#### **Leading Worship**

Instructor: Rev. Dorothea Stroman  
Location: **Clinton UMC, 10700 Brandywine Rd., Clinton, MD 20735**

Dates and Times: **Wednesdays, April 24-May 22, 7-9 p.m.**

**Registration Deadline: Wednesday, April 10, 2019**

This course focuses on the ministry of the Lay Servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship. **Leading Worship is the required preaching course in the certified lay speaker track of study.**

**Required text: Worshiping with United Methodists (REVISED). Hoyt Hickman. ISBN: 9780687335268 \$11.99**

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**Web/Registration title:** Justice

#### **Justice in Everyday Life**

Instructor: Pastor Kermit Moore  
Location: Providence-Fort Washington UMC, 10610 Old Fort Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744

Dates and Times: **Friday, April 26, 5 – 9 pm and Saturday, April 27, 9 am –3 pm**

**Registration Deadline: Friday April 12, 2019**

This course examines at the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church.

**Required Text: Social Principles of the United Methodist Church 2017-2020. ISBN 9781501835773 \$3.99 (Cokesbury)**

**Web/Registration title:** Storytelling

#### **Dancing With Words**

Instructor: Deborah Johnson CLM  
Location: Clinton UMC, **Clinton UMC, 10700 Brandywine Rd., Clinton, MD 20735**

Dates and Times. **Wednesdays, April 24-May 22, 7-9 p.m.**

**Registration Deadline: Wednesday, April 10, 2019**

**OR**

Instructor: Pastor Ruth Dixon  
Location: **Trinity UMC, 90 Church St. Prince Frederick, MD 20678**

Dates and Times: **Wednesdays, April 24-May 22, 7-9 p.m.**

**Registration Deadline: Wednesday, April 10, 2019**

Participants in this course will learn what a good story entails, discover storytelling styles, learn the techniques of effective storytelling. Participants will also, practice creating stories from their experiences.

**Required text: Dancing with Words. Ray Buckley. ISBN: 9780881774078. \$14.00**

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**Web/Registration Title:** Prayer

#### **Leading Public Prayer (new course)**

Instructor: Linda Flanagan, CLM  
Location: **Good Shepherd UMC, 305 E. Smallwood Dr., Waldorf, MD 20602**

Dates and Times: **Friday, Aug. 2, 6-9 p.m. AND Saturday, Aug. 3, 9 a.m.-4 pm**

**Registration Deadline: Friday, July 19, 2019**

**OR**

Instructor: Pastor Joan Jones

Location: **Trinity UMC, 90 Church St. Prince Frederick, MD 20678**

Dates and Times: **Wednesdays, April 24-May 22, 7-9 p.m.**

**Registration Deadline: Wednesday, April 10, 2019**

Praying in public can be daunting, but prayer is a learned skill. This course will help participants grow in confidence and skill in public prayer and enrich their personal prayer life. **Leading Public Prayer** fulfills the required prayer course in the certified lay speaker track of study.

**Required text: Shaping the Prayers of the People: The Art of Intercession. Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher. ISBN: 9780802870971 (Available at Amazon.com)**

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**Web/Registration title:** Preaching

**Called to Preach**

Instructor: Rev. Timothy West

Location: **Westphalia UMC, 9363 D'Arcy Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774**

Dates and Times: **Mondays, April 29-May 27, 7-9 p.m.**

**Registration Deadline: Monday, April 15, 2019**

This course is designed for those who have not completed formal preaching training, for pastors seeking a basic refresher course, and for others who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence. **Called to Preach** is the required preaching course in the certified lay speaker track of study.

**Required Text: From Pew to Pulpit. Clifton F. Guthrie.**

**ISBN: 9780687066605 \$10.79 (Cokesbury)**

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**Web/Registration title:** Conflict Resolution

**Lay Servants Lead in Conflict Resolution**

Instructor: Vernona Colbert, CLM

Location: **Mt. Hope UMC, 145 Dalrymple Road, Sunderland, MD 20689**

Dates and Times: **Friday, June 7, 6:30-9:00 pm AND Saturday, June 8, 9 am-4:30 pm**

**Registration Deadline: Friday, May 24, 2019.**

Every church deals with conflict, both healthy and un-

healthy. This course is designed to equip and empower lay servants to help lead through those times of conflict as a time of transformation.

**Required text: The Spirit and Art of Conflict Transformation. Thomas Porter. ISBN: 9780835810265. \$25.00**

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**Web/Registration title:** Polity

**Life Together in the United Methodist Connection**

Instructor: Pastor Joan Jones

Location: **Westphalia UMC, 9363 D'Arcy Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774**

Dates and Times: **Mondays, April 29-May 27, 7-9 p.m.**

**Registration Deadline: Monday, April 15, 2019**

This course provides participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. **Life Together in the United Methodist Connection** is the required polity course in the lay speaker track of study. (A copy of the 2016 Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church is recommended for this course.)

**Required text: The Method of Our Mission. Lacey C. Warner. ISBN: 9781426767173 \$23.00**

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**Web/Registration title:** Meditate Like Jesus

**Meditate Like Jesus**

Instructor: **Rev. Kendrick Weave**

Location: **Union UMC, 14418 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772**

Dates and Times: **Friday, March 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 30, 9:00a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**Registration Deadline is March 23, 2019**

Meditative practices exist in every religious tradition. Although many are familiar with techniques such as mindfulness, few are aware of the meditative practice of Jesus. In this dynamic, thought provoking class, you will learn The Hebraic meditative tradition that shaped Jesus, unique principles of Jesus' meditative approach, practical meditative methods, which will deepen one's personal life and spiritual community. **This course count as an Advanced Lay Servant course for Certified Lay Servants and Certified Lay Ministers, but is open to all persons who are interested.**

To purchase a copy of the book go to: <https://wipfandstock.com/meditate-like-jesus.html>.

**Washington East District Lay Servant Academy**

**Course Offerings 2019**



**Certified Lay Servants** serve the local church or charge (and/or beyond). Specifically, they:

- ◆ Provide program leadership, assistance and support.
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\*Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation.

\*Lay Servant Ministries basic course.

\*Lay Servant Ministries advanced course.

\*District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval.

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**Requirements for Renewal**

◇Annual report and renewal application.

◇Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation.

◇Lay Servant Ministries advanced course within the last three years.

◇District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval (¶668.3).