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Church \_\_\_\_\_ Charge \_\_\_\_\_

My course preference: 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Any class no having five registrations by the deadline will be cancelled. If your first choice becomes unavailable, please list two alternative selections:  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

I have a handicap which prevents me from walking steps \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
Food restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Deadline: October 12, 2018**



*Equipping and Energizing for Ministry*

sponsored by  
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District Board of Laity**

***October 19 - October 20, 2018***

***First United Methodist Church  
32 N. Davis Street  
Keyser, WV 26726***

***Handicap equipped***

## Class Summary

### 10-hour classes

1. Basic Lay Servant
2. Preaching
3. Sign Language
4. Polity-Living Our Beliefs
5. Spiritual Gifts
6. Membership to Discipleship

To become a Certified Lay Servant you must:

1. Obtain recommendation from your pastor and charge conference.
2. Complete the "Introduction to Lay Ministries: The BASIC Course."
3. Complete an advanced Lay Servant Ministries course.

To maintain status as a Certified Lay Servant, you must:

1. Submit an annual report and renewal application to the charge conference.
2. Obtain recommendation for renewal your pastor and charge conference.
3. Complete a lay servant ministries advanced course in the last three years.

To become a Certified Lay Speaker you must:

1. Be a Certified Lay Servant.
2. Obtain recommendation from your pastor and the charge conference.
3. Complete a track of study including courses on leading worship, leading prayer, discovering spiritual gifts, preaching, and United Methodist heritage and polity.

To maintain status as a Certified Lay Speaker you must:

1. Submit an annual report and renewal application to the charge conference.
2. Obtain recommendation for continuing recognition as a Certified Lay Speaker from your pastor and charge conference.
3. Complete a lay servant ministries advanced course in the last three years.

All Classes have  
been approved for  
Certification!

### *Fee*

*\$25.00/person*

*Make checks payable to*

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*Fee includes snacks, Saturday lunch  
and registration*

*Certain courses may recommend or  
require additional resources*

### *Schedule*

#### *Friday, October 19, 2018*

*5:00-6:30 p.m. Registration*  
*6:30-6:50 p.m. Opening worship*  
*7:00-9:30 p.m. Classes*

#### *Saturday, October 20, 2018*

*8:30-8:50 a.m. Opening worship*  
*9:00 a.m.-Noon Classes*  
*Noon-12:45 p.m. Lunch*  
*12:50-5:20 p.m. Classes*  
*5:30 p.m. Consecration*  
*6:00 p.m. Dismiss*

# Class Descriptions



**Basic Lay Servant**  
Rev Vickie Minnich

Necessary for persons wanting to become a local church lay servant and for those who have not had a Basic or Advanced class in over 3 years.

The Basic Course includes a study of what it means to be God's called people and how we may be at work for God in our own communities. There is more to lay servant than speaking. The course provides learning opportunities in three areas of service for lay servant: leading, caring and communicating.

What is your calling?



**Spiritual Gifts**  
Rev Harry Coleman

What makes a gift spiritual? Look in terms of Jesus' ministry and of St. Paul's ministry. Can gifts be divisive? Are spiritual gifts as relevant today as in days of St. Paul? Does St. Paul favor one gift over the others? What are the fruits of the spirit? What part do they play in spiritual gifts?

**Sign Language**  
Mary "Cookie" Gerstell

Students in this class will not only learn the basics of American Sign Language (ASL) but will also receive some advance training. Students will gain knowledge of the alphabet, hand positions, basic communication skills and the ability to enjoy the beauty of sign language. They will gain the knowledge and background of another language.



**United Methodist Polity: Lift Together in the United Methodist Connection**  
Rev. Matthew Paugh

Why does the United Methodist Church do things the way it does? Why is our pastor being reassigned? Why don't we get to vote on our new pastor? How do we get things done, like renovating our building or starting a new ministry? What are the rules and why are they the rules? And what does any of this have to do with trying to be a people that embody the Kingdom of God? This overview of the structure and the organization of the UMC will help newcomers get their bearings and longtime members consider the specific challenges the church faces in the 21st century  
**Required Text:** *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016.* Nashville: United Methodist Publishing House, 2016 ISBN: 978-1-501-83321-2

**Recommended Text:** *The Book of Resolutions of the United Methodist Church, 2016.* Nashville: United Methodist Publishing House, 2016. ISBN: 978-1-501-83324-3



**Preaching**  
Rev Scott Ferguson -  
District Superintendent

Dig deeper into the art of preaching. What's the motivation for preaching? Learn ways to listen for God in the scripture. How can you avoid preaching a BLOB sermon? -- Outlines, Illustrations, and Applications. Bring your Bible and a notebook.

**Membership to Discipleship**  
Rev Les Fish

An interactive workshop approach to examine how we can move from the membership model to a discipleship pathway. This is an invitational discipleship process that develops a pathway to help individuals take the next step (with several inroads) to move toward spiritual maturity  
**Part 1 - The Membership Dilemma (Fri.)**

- \* The Membership Model
  - \* World View of the Church
  - \* Back to our Roots
  - \* Will the Real Disciple Please Stand Up
- Part 2 - Discipleship Strategies (Sat. morning)**

- \* Phase of Discipleship
- \* Discipleship Movements
- \* The Process of Making Disciples that Make Disciples

- \* Growing to Maturity
- Part 3 Implementing and Sustaining (Sat. afternoon)**

- \* Key Elements of a Discipleship Pathway
- \* Leadership Development
- \* Telling Our Story
- \* Sustaining the Process
- \* Measure and Celebrate