

REGISTRATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Email: _____

LOCAL CHURCH: _____

Special needs requests: _____

COURSE OFFERING:

Basic Course

Let's Preach

Leading Worship

TYPE OF STUDY:

Self-Improvement

Certified Lay Servant

Certified Lay Speaker

Certified Lay Minister

Fee per course: \$20

Make checks payable to:

MonValley District

Return to: MonValley District Office
309 Cleveland Avenue
Fairmont WV 26554

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER
AUGUST 16, 2019**



**MONVALLEY DISTRICT
LAY SERVANT ACADEMY**

**September 14, 2019
8:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

**8:00 am Registration
Worship**

8:30 am Class

11:30 pm Lunch

12:30 pm Class

4:30 pm Closing

**Hosted by First UMC
64 Rebecca Street
Shinnston, WV 26431**

Rev. Amy Shanholtzer
District Superintendent

Mary Bane
Lay Servant Ministries Director

MonValley District Office

Tel: 304-366-6811

Course Offerings—Fall 2019

1. **LEADING WORSHIP** —Focuses on the importance of exercising servant leadership while developing skills to lead worship and small groups while remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices.
2. **LET'S PREACH**—Provides participants an opportunity to explore a call to preach, to review the elements of worship and the Christian year, and to recognize the lectionary as a preaching tool. ***Completion of the Basic Course is a prerequisite.

BASIC—Focuses on the primary aspects of lay servant ministry: leading, caring, communicating, and resources available.

A course syllabus will be emailed or mailed upon registration.

**COURSEWORK MUST BE TO INSTRUCTOR NO LATER THAN
September 6, 2019**

Requirements

1. Anyone can take any course for self-improvement/enrichment without any prerequisites or expectations of certification.
2. **Coursework must be submitted no later than September 6, 2019.** 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.
4. Only persons seeking to become lay servants must take prescribed courses.

Registration forms due NO LATER than August 16, 2019

***Questions should be directed to
Mary Bane 304-692-0003
Crazymcb1@gmail.com***

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. To become a Certified Lay Speaker, participants must complete the course of study provided by 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 Church Councils 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.