

REGISTRATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Email: _____

LOCAL CHURCH: _____

COURSE OFFERINGS:

_____ Leadership 101 (Basic) **Bruceton Mills UMC**

_____ Leadership 101 (Basic) **Corley UMC, Belington**

_____ Leadership 101 (Basic) **First UMC Shinnston**

_____ Leadership 101 (Basic) **LIFE UMC**

_____ Leadership 101 (Basic) **Reedsville UMC**

_____ Living Our Beliefs the UM Way (Heritage) – **Bruceton Mills UMC**

_____ Leading Public Prayer - **Corley UMC, Belington**

_____ Worshiping with United Methodists - **First UMC Shinnston**

_____ Transformational Leaders - **LIFE UMC, Fairmont**

_____ Dancing With Words - **Reedsville UMC**

_____ Leading Public Prayer – **Reedsville UMC**

Coursework due to the instructor by March 25th unless otherwise noted on the syllabus.

Fee per course: No Fee – Order your own book (see course offerings for titles and ISBN #s).

Bring your own snacks, beverages, and lunch. NO FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED.

Return by March 4th to:

MonValley District Office

PO BOX 307

Kingmont, WV 26578

Or email to: sestep@wvumc.org



**MONVALLEY DISTRICT
LAY SERVANT ACADEMY**

**April 2, 2022
8:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

DEADLINE TO REGISTER MARCH 4, 2022

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

Location – SEE CLASS LIST

These are in-person classes. Classes will follow their host church's guidelines for COVID-19 safety protocols.

Rev. Amy Shanholtzer
District Superintendent

Mary Bane
Lay Servant Ministries Director

MonValley District Office

Tel: 304-366-6811

Course Offerings—Spring 2022

- 1. LEADERSHIP 101 (BASIC)** - Focuses on the primary aspects of lay servant ministry: leading, caring, communicating, and resources available. Locations: [Bruceton Mills UMC, 142 Union St., Bruceton Mills](#) - *taught by Sheila Marks* [Corley UMC, 10842 Barbour County Hwy, Belington](#) - *taught by Rev. Jon Fox* [First UMC Shinnston, 64 Rebecca St., Shinnston](#) - *taught by Rev. Cindy Boggs* [LIFE UMC, 3000 Technology Drive, Fairmont](#) - *taught by TBA* [Reedsville UMC, 106 S Robert Stone Way, Reedsville](#)— *taught by TBA*
Text: *Lay Servant Ministries – Participant’s Book*. ISBN #: 978-0881776263
- 2. LEADING PUBLIC PRAYER (ADVANCED – 2 LOCATIONS)** - 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](#) (Rev. Sam Haught) and [Reedsville UMC, 106 S Robert Stone Way, Reedsville](#) (Rev. Lisa Fox) Text: *Shaping the Prayers of the People: The Art of Intercession* by Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher. ISBN #: 9780802870971
- 3. LIVING OUR BELIEFS THE UNITED METHODIST WAY (ADVANCED HERITAGE)** - This course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that The United Methodist Church brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today, and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21st-century church. Location: [Bruceton Mills UMC, 142 Union St., Bruceton Mills](#). Taught by Rev. Tim Edin. Text: *Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way*, by Kenneth L. Carder. (Participant’s Book). ISBN #: 9780881775716
- 4. WORSHIPING WITH UNITED METHODISTS** - This course focuses on the ministry of the lay servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship. Location: [First UMC Shinnston, 64 Rebecca St., Shinnston](#). Taught by Judy Farley. Text: *Worshiping with United Methodists (REVISED participant’s book)* by Hoyt Hickman. ISBN #: 9780687335268
- 5. DANCING WITH WORDS (Other advanced course)** – 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: [Reedsville UMC, 106 S Robert Stone Way, Reedsville](#). Taught by Rev. David Freeman. Text: *Dancing with Words – Storytelling as Legacy, Culture, and Faith* by Ray Buckley. ISBN #: 9780881774078
- 6. LAY SERVANTS AS CHRISTIAN TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERS (Other advanced course)** -This course provides participants guidance while seeking to be more empowered to lead their congregations toward vitality. [LIFE UMC, 3000 Technology Drive, Fairmont](#). Taught by Larry Buckland. Text: *Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders*, Marc Brown, Kathy Merry, John Briggs. ISBN #: 9780881778816

Deadline - Registration forms due NO LATER than Friday, March 4, 2022

A course syllabus will be emailed or mailed upon registration. **Coursework is due to your instructor by March 25th unless otherwise noted on the syllabus.**

Questions should be directed to:
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 restrictions and group size limits of 2 – 12 persons. **See class description for location.**
- Classes will follow the host church’s guidelines for COVID-19 safety protocols.
- **There is no charge for the class but you will need to order your book** from Amazon, Cokesbury, or the Upper Room – many are available in kindle or e-book format. **PLEASE ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME FOR DELIVERY.** See class description for book and ordering information. Scholarships are available - please let Mary Bane know (304-692-0003)
- ***NO FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED. Everyone will need to bring their own snacks, drinks, and lunch, unless other arrangements have been made –instructors will let their students know.**

Requirements

1. *Anyone can take any course for self-improvement/enrichment without any prerequisites or expectations of certification.*
2. *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.*

ALL 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.

Courses are also provided for those seeking to be Certified Lay Servants. 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. We plan several enrichment/educational opportunities throughout the year. Watch for opportunities through mailings (snail and email) as well as through your local church and the district website <http://www.monvalleyumc.org/> and newsletter. Check the conference calendar at <https://www.wvumc.org/calendar/> for courses being offered by other districts, often available online.