

REGISTRATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Email: _____

LOCAL CHURCH: _____

COURSE OFFERINGS:

_____ Leadership 101 (Basic) **Community UMC, Morgantown**

Advanced Courses:

_____ From Your Heart to Theirs (Preaching) – **LIFE UMC, Fairmont**

_____ Living Our Beliefs the UM Way (Heritage) – **LIFE UMC, Fairmont**

_____ Planning Worship – **LIFE UMC, Fairmont**

_____ Rediscovering Your Spiritual Gifts - **Community UMC, Morgantown**

_____ Dancing With Words - **Community UMC, Morgantown**

_____ God's Mission...Our Journey – **LIFE UMC, Fairmont**

Coursework due to the instructor by September 23rd 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 September 9th to:

MonValley District Office
PO BOX 307
Kingmont, WV 26578

Or email to: sestep@wvumc.org



**MONVALLEY DISTRICT
LAY SERVANT ACADEMY**

**October 1, 2022
8:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

(Bring your own lunch)

DEADLINE TO REGISTER September 9, 2022

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 — Fall 2022

- 1. LEADERSHIP 101 (BASIC)** - Focuses on the primary aspects of lay servant ministry: leading, caring, communicating, and resources available. Location: [Community UMC, 1966 Grafton Rd., Morgantown](#) - taught by Carolyn Bolyard. Text: *Lay Servant Ministries – Participant’s Book*. ISBN #: 978-0881776263
- 2. FROM YOUR HEART TO THEIRS (ADVANCED PREACHING)** -Moving beyond the basics of public speaking and the foundations necessary for preparing an engaging sermon, this course also includes types of sermons—from exegetical to topical to children’s sermons—as well as how to find a story, how to use the hymnal, and how to move from communication on paper to beyond the paper. Location: [LIFE UMC, 3000 Technology Drive, Fairmont](#). Taught by Rosemary Snodgrass. Text: *From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon* by Tony Franks and David Carroll. ISBN #: 9780881775365
- 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: [LIFE UMC, 3000 Technology Drive, Fairmont](#). Taught by Rev. John Brosky. Text: *Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way*, by Kenneth L. Carder. (Participant’s Book). ISBN #: 9780881775716
- 4. PLANNING WORSHIP** - This course builds on the course Leading Worship, and it is grounded in the principles and practices of worship planning. Location: [LIFE UMC, 3000 Technology Drive, Fairmont](#). Taught by Judy Farley. Text: *The Worship Workshop: Creative Ways to Design Worship Together* by Marcia McFee. ISBN #: 9780687046348
- 5. REDISCOVERING OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS** - This course helps participants understand spiritual gifts and how the church can use them to fulfill its mission and ministry. Participants will also learn what it means to be a spiritual leader and will be equipped to lead others in exploring and using their spiritual gifts. Location: [Community UMC, 1966 Grafton Rd., Morgantown](#). Taught by Pamela Todd. Text: *Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts* by Charles V. Bryant. ISBN #: 9780835806336
- 6. DANCING WITH WORDS (Advanced “other” 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: [Community UMC, 1966 Grafton Rd., Morgantown](#). Taught by Mary Bane. Text: *Dancing with Words – Storytelling as Legacy, Culture, and Faith* by Ray Buckley. ISBN #: 9780881774078
- 7. GOD’S MISSION...OUR JOURNEY (Advanced “other” 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 Rev. David Stilgenbauer. Text: *A Mission Journey: A Handbook for Volunteers*. ISBN #: 9780835817868

Deadline - Registration forms due Friday, September 9, 2022

A course syllabus will be emailed or mailed upon registration. **Coursework is due to your instructor by September 23rd unless otherwise noted on the syllabus.**

Questions should be directed to:

Mary Bane 304-692-0003; crazyymb1@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)
- ***LUNCH WILL NOT BE PROVIDED. Water and coffee will be provided, but everyone will need to bring their own lunch.**

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.