

GENERAL INFORMATION

Everyone is asked to have your Bible.

As always you must attend all sessions to receive credit.

FAQ's

1. By coming to an Academy are you committing to speaking from the pulpit? **NO**
2. Anyone can take any course for self-improvement/enrichment without any prerequisites or expectations of certification.
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 "Certified" must take prescribed courses.

Deadline for registration

Friday, April 14, 2023

Mail registration form to:

Nine Rivers District
P. O. Box 866
Charleston, WV 25323

Fax form to or call:

304-342-2493 fax / 342-8843 office

Email form to:

jimgoldizen@wvumc.org

Links to order books for the courses:

Living Our United Methodist Beliefs:

Book: Living our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way

Book cost: \$13.00

<https://store.upperroom.org/Search?q=dr571>

Leading Public Prayer: Let the Whole church Say Amen

Book: Let the Whole Church Say Amen

Book cost: \$19.99

<https://store.upperroom.org/Search?q=ab9077>

Opening Ourselves to Grace

Book: The Means of Grace and Discipleship

Book cost: FREE it's a printable PDF. I can print and mail it to you for \$5.00

https://s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/gbod-assets/generic/Opening_Ourselves_to_Grace.pdf

Basic Course Lay Servant Ministries

Book: Lay Servant Ministries

Book cost: \$12.00, but for \$10 you can pick it up at the District office.

<https://store.upperroom.org/product/lay-servant-ministries-basic-course-participant-s-book>

****We encourage you to read your book prior to the first session.****

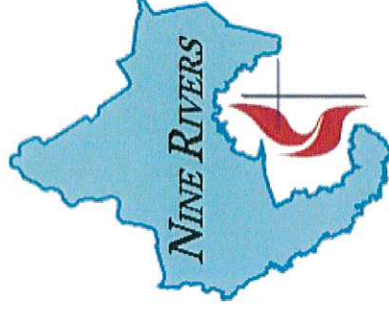
Schedule for the 2 Saturdays:

We will gather for worship, and conversation in the Gym. Lunch will be provided also in the gym.

For additional information or questions, please contact the District Office at

304-342-8843/ jimgoldizen@wvumc.org

Nine Rivers Lay Servant Academy



Start Date:

April 22, 2023

10am-4pm

End Date:

April 29, 2023

10am-4pm

Advanced Lay Servant Classes

Living Our United Methodist Beliefs: UMC Heritage

Class Leader: Rev. Donna Hinkle

This class will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that The UMC 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. **Participant's Guide:** "Living our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way" by Kenneth L. Carder

Leading Public Prayer: Let the Whole Church Say Amen!

Class Leader: Robbie Parsons, CL Speaker

This course may challenge some of your assumptions, test some of your preconceived ideas, stretch your thinking, and enrich your prayer life.

Participant's Guide: "Let the Whole Church Say Amen!" by Laurence Hull Stookey

Opening Ourselves to Grace:

Class Leader: Rev. Sara Facemyer Lamb

This course will help lay servant leaders embrace and communicate a Wesleyan understanding of basic Christian practices (works of piety and mercy) as means of grace. **Participant's Guide:** "The Means of Grace and Discipleship" by Steven W. Manskar.

Basic Lay Servant Ministries

Class Leader: Rev. Andrew Tennant

Lay Servant Ministry Basic Course by Sandy Jackson. Cost of text is \$12. + shipping at The UpperRoom. **Participant's Guide:** Should be purchased & reviewed PRIOR to the class. Several are in the District office for \$10. This is a pick up only special.

LAY ACADEMY INFO:

All courses will be taught in person. **Class sizes will be limited.** We have room for **15 participants per class**, so get your registration back as soon as possible.

Our host church for the 2 Saturday classes will be:

*St. John UMC
4536 Teays Valley Rd.
Scott Depot, WV 25560*

You will receive an email notifying you that your registration has been received. You will get more info when you arrive at the Academy.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION:

April 14, 2023

Classes & Lunch are **FREE** this time!!

You will need to purchase your own book from the internet. The District office does have 15 copies of the Basic Course books for \$10 (pick up only). The District office can print the Opening Ourselves to Grace participant book and mail it for \$5.00 each. Just let us know.

LAY SERVANT ACADEMY RESERVATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Church _____

Email _____

Please enroll me in the following:
(select only one):

_____ Living Our United Methodist Beliefs

_____ Leading Public Prayer

_____ Opening Ourselves to Grace

_____ Basic Lay Servant Ministries

Lunch (Please select one):

Yes _____

No _____

Dietary restrictions: _____