**Centertown United Methodist Church**

335 W. Greenhill Rd.

McMinnville, TN 37110

**Participants will complete one course**, either the Basic Course or an Advanced Course.

**The Basic Course is a required pre-requisite** for all Advanced Courses**.**

***BASIC* COURSE–**This basic course is the foundation for other texts in the Learning and Leading series for lay servants/lay speakers. Participants are invited to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in discipleship. Instructor: Rev. *Josh Newberry*

**ADVANCED COURSES**

***Living Our United Methodist Beliefs***

Faithful Christian discipleship requires a foundation in the core belief and practices of the Christian tradition. Wesley's sermons and writing provide this stepping off point.  *Living Our Beliefs* offers a basic explanation of the beliefs and practices of The United Methodist Church as defined in Part II of The Book of Discipline.

Instructor:*David Hill, CLM*

**For the Common Good: Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts**

The Holy Spirit gives each Christian one or more spiritual gifts to be used for the common good. This course guides participants to discover their own particular gifts and learn to use their gifts to serve others by examining key passages in Paul's writings. Distinct spiritual gifts will be explored with scripture references on each one. After identifying their particular gifts, participants will learn how to apply them for the good of their church, community, and the world. Instructor: *Holly Neal, CLM*

***Leading Missional Small Groups***

This course teaches the Wesleyan way to form missional communities and congregations. It is based on the conviction that just as holiness of heart leads to holiness of life, it is communities of holy love that participate in God’s mission to the world. Drawing from John Wesley's own organizing abilities, this will better equip today's congregations to be more transformational.

Instructor: *Frances Eldridge, CLM*

**THIS IS A TWO-DAY EVENT!**

**SCHEDULE**

**Friday Night, September 30, 2022**

5:30-6:00 Gathering and Refreshments

6:00-6:15 Welcome, Teacher Introductions

6:15-8:00 Session 1

**Saturday, October 1, 2022**

7:30-8:00 Refreshments

8:00-10:00 Session 2

**10:00-10:15—Break**

10:15-12:15 Session 3

**12:15-12:45—Lunch**

12:45-2:45 Session 4

**2:45-3:00-- Break**

3:00-4:45 Session 5

**4:00-4:45—Break**

5:00-6:00 Closing Worship and Sending Forth

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**YOU are READY to BECOME a LAY SERVANT IF**

* You are willing to share your faith with those around you.
* You are willing to go wherever and whenever God calls.
* You will commit your time and energy to the service of your congregation, community, neighbor, etc.

Lay servants are active, supportive members of the United Methodist Church that are committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, care-giving ministries, listening, written & spoken communications, and are willing to use their gifts and talents and improve their skills for service involved in leadership roles within their church and community.

“Lay **Servant** Ministries” …**Serving God in many ways…**Lay Servant Ministries trains and equips Disciples to Transform the World.

**Lay Servants**

* Must be **recommended** by their **pastor** and **Church Council** or Charge Conference.
* Must **complete** the **Basic Course** for LSM
* **Serve**, and **support**, in their **local church**
* Submit an **annual report** of their activities
* **Every 3 years** must **complete** an approved **refresher** course.

**Certified Lay Servants**

* **Serve, support**, and **minister** in their **local church** and **beyond**; through district or conference projects and programs and community;
* Have taken at least one Advanced Course
* Submit an **annual report** of activities
* **Every 3 years** must **complete** an **Advanced Course t**o maintain **certification**.

**Certified Lay Speaker**

* **Same requirements as a Certified Lay Servant**
* **Plus** additional courses approved in the 2016 Book of Discipline and/or advanced courses approved by the Conference Lay Servant Ministries Committee.