

**Centertown United Methodist Church**  
**335 WEST GREENHILL ROAD**  
**MCMINNVILLE, TN 37110-5442**

**NOTE**

**Participants will complete one course**, either the Basic Course or the Advanced Course. **The Basic Course is a required pre-requisite** to the Advanced Courses.

**BASIC COURSE in English** – 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. Monica Mowdy*

**ADVANCED COURSES**

**LIVING OUR UNITED METHODIST BELIEFS (UM HERITAGE)**

This course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that the UMC bring to the church universal, how we got where we are today and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21<sup>st</sup>-century church. Instructor: *Rev. Steven Lee*

**FROM YOUR HEART TO THEIRS: DELIVERING AN EFFECTIVE SERMON**

Moving beyond the basics of public speaking and the foundations necessary for preparing an engaging sermon, this course includes types of sermons -from exegetical to topical to children's sermons- as well as how to find a story, use the hymnal, and how to move from communication on paper to beyond the paper. Instructor: *Rev. Josh Newberry*

**LAY SERVANTS AS CHRISTIAN TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERS**

*This course will guide lay servants seeking to be more empowered to lead their congregations toward vitality.* Instructor: *Michael Lorange, District Lay Leader*

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

**October 6, Friday Night**

5:30-6:00 Gathering and Refreshments  
6:00-6:15 Welcome, Teacher Introductions  
6:15-8:00 Session 1

**October 7, Saturday**

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

**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** to 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.