

## What is Lay Servant Ministry?

Lay servant ministry is a United Methodist method for lay leadership development. These courses are designed to help people develop their skills in leadership, communication, and care-giving. They also increase opportunities to be in ministry with others.

The school is not just for those looking to preach. Lay Servant Ministries strives to help disciples become aware of their particular gift or gifts by offering educational events to enhance and develop these talents. It is an excellent vehicle for anyone to develop servant ministry skills.

**Certified Lay Servant:** Serves in the local congregation and beyond

### Requirements:

- 1) Pastor and charge conference approval
- 2) Complete the Basic Course in LSM
- 3) Complete an advanced course
- 4) Request recognition of the position via the Lay Servant's annual report
- 5) Take a refresher or advanced course every 3 years

**Certified Lay Speaker:** Lay Servants who are certified to speak from the pulpit

### Requirements:

Meet all the requirements for certified lay servant. Must interview to (re)certify with the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries every 3 years and complete one course from each of the following subject categories:

- 1) Discovering Spiritual Gifts
- 2) Leading Prayer
- 3) Preaching
- 4) United Methodist Heritage
- 5) Leading Worship
- 6) United Methodist Polity

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## Pittsburgh District Lay Servant Ministries School Fall 2021

You Choice: Zoom or In Person at  
Coraopolis UMC, 1205 Ridge Ave,  
Coraopolis, PA 15108

Lay Servant Ministries is a program to provide training opportunities and experiences to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to realize and respond to their personal call to ministry. Since each disciple is 'gifted' with one or more spiritual gifts (skills given by the Holy Spirit for the express purpose of serving the body of believers and thereby God), Lay Servant Ministries strives to help disciples become aware of their particular gift or gifts by offering educational events to enhance and develop the skill level necessary for the full fruition of these gifts. It is an excellent vehicle for servant ministry skill development and has aided thousands of church members to be better servants of Jesus Christ, to become stronger church family leaders, and to more capably assist their pastors.

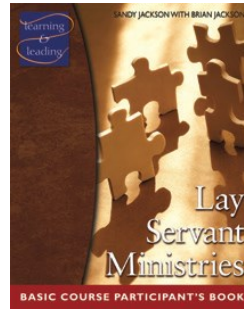
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- ◆ Classes are open to everyone, not just Lay Servants.
  - ◆ Class dates and times depend on the class; check the dates & times for your course carefully. You have the option of attending in person or via Zoom.
  - ◆ The cost per class is \$25, which includes the class book/materials. Please bring a lunch. If you need financial assistance, please contact your church or the Pittsburgh District Office.
  - ◆ Please register and pay no later than 2 weeks before your class begins — this will allow time for you to receive your book and prepare for class — you should read your book prior to attending class.
  - ◆ All Pittsburgh District Lay Servants must take a class by December 31 to maintain your Lay Servant status, unless you've taken a class in person or online in the last 3 years.

## The BASIC Course

Instructor: Rev. Matt Price

Saturday, 9/25, 9 am - 2:30 pm (bring lunch) and  
Saturday, 10/9, 9 am - 2:30 pm (bring lunch)

This course is foundational for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and 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 their discipleship.

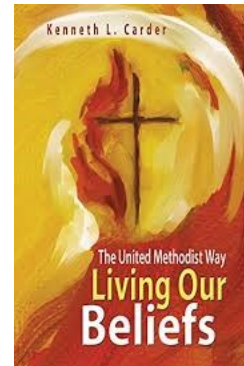


## Living Our United Methodist Beliefs

Instructor: Rev. Dennis Lawton

Saturday, 10/2, 9 am - 2:30 pm (bring lunch) and  
Saturday, 10/16, 9 am - 2:30 pm (bring lunch)

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.

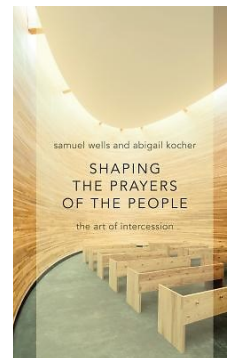


## Public Prayer

Instructor: Rev. Joshua Demi

Sunday, 10/3, 2 - 5:30 pm  
Sunday, 10/10, 2 - 5:30 pm and  
Sunday, 10/14, 2 - 5:30 pm

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.



## FALL 2021 PITTSBURGH DISTRICT LAY SERVANT MINISTRY CLASSES

You are welcome to register for more than one class. Register at least 2 weeks prior to the start of your class (giving time to receive/read your book before the class), at [wpaumc.org/pittsburghdistrictnews](http://wpaumc.org/pittsburghdistrictnews), or by using this form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Your District: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose Your Course(s):

- The BASIC Course (Saturdays, 9/25 and 10/9, 9 am - 2:30 pm)
- Living Our UM Beliefs (Saturdays, 9/18 and 10/2, 9 am - 2:30 pm)
- Public Prayer (Sundays, 10/3, 10/10 and 10/17, 2 - 5:30 pm)

I am taking this course:

- to become or remain a Certified Lay Servant
- to become or remain a Certified Lay Speaker
- for self-enrichment

Pastor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR PAYMENT SHOULD BE MAILED/POST MARKED NO LATER THAN  
TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE START OF YOUR GLASS**

Checks should be made payable to: "Pittsburgh District" and mailed with your registration to:  
Attn: Fall 2021 Lay Servant Ministries

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