



## HERITAGE DISTRICT LAY SERVANT CLASSES

# SPRING 2023

Lay Servant Ministry classes provide laity with opportunities for personal growth by learning about the United Methodist Church and how to provide leadership in the church.

Classes are free to Heritage District congregations for 2023; there is a \$25.00 non-refundable fee for registrations from other districts. Registrations are due to the registrar by the due dates. There is a \$10.00 late fee for registrations received after the due date. Checks should be made payable to: Heritage District and mailed to the registrar. Payment on-line is not available at this time.

Registration can either be done through the online form at <https://forms.gle/d1sDBtwYq1abXJGU7> or this registration form (and any fees for those outside of the district) can be mailed to the registrar at:

Anne Marie Hanna  
P. O. Box 787  
Manchester, MI 48158

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**Questions about lay servant ministries or how to become a certified lay servant, speaker, or minister: contact a district Co-Director of Lay Servant Ministries, Anne Marie Hanna, (734-646-9046, [amhteaches@comcast.net](mailto:amhteaches@comcast.net)) or Colleen Croxall (313-520-1264, [ccroxall@emich.edu](mailto:ccroxall@emich.edu)).**

Additional copies of this flyer may be made to share with others!

## IN-PERSON

**COVID-19 Protocols for In-Person Classes Determined by the Host Church:** Information will be given to registrants by class facilitators prior to the first session. If necessary, the class may be cancelled or may become an on-line (zoom) class.

- Introduction to Lay Ministry (Basic)**  
*Class Sessions:* Wednesdays, March 8 (12:00 – 4:00pm), March 15 & 22 (12:00pm – 3:00pm)  
*Location:* Albion: First UMC, 600 East Michigan Avenue, Albion, MI 49224 | *Note:* Bring your own lunch  
*Registration Deadline:* February 22 | *Class Facilitators:* Erin Fitzgerald & TBD  
This class guides participants in discovering and developing their gifts of caring, leading, and communicating; putting their faith into action and representing Jesus Christ in their daily lives to love and serve God and neighbor. This class is required for those desiring to become a Certified Lay Servant.
- Called to Preach**  
*Class Sessions:* Saturdays: March 4, 11, 18, 25; 9:30am – 12:00pm  
*Location:* Ypsilanti: First UMC, 209 Washtenaw Avenue, Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
*Registration Deadline:* February 18 | *Class Facilitators:* Don Ferris-McCann & Gerry Conti  
This class guides participants in affirming their call to preach, assessing sermon resources, preparing a sermon, and presenting it. This class is required for those desiring to become Certified Lay Speakers.
- God's Mission...Our Journey**  
*Class Sessions:* Saturdays: March 4 & 11; 9:00am – 2:30pm  
*Location:* New Hudson UMC, 56730 Grand River Avenue, New Hudson, MI 48165 | *Note:* Lunch provided  
*Registration Deadline:* February 18 | *Class Facilitators:* John Pajak & Karen Monte  
This class guides participants in a better understanding of the biblical foundation for mission, why God calls them to engage in mission, how to live out their faith in mission, the relationship between gospel and culture, and the mission journey is lived out every day in all aspects of life.

## BY ZOOM

- Accountable Discipleship**  
*Class Sessions:* Saturdays: March 11 & 25; 9:00am – 3:00pm  
*Registration Deadline:* February 25  
*Class Facilitators:* Chris Butson & Colleen Croxall  
Participants in this class are provided with practical guidelines needed for walking with Christ in the world today based on the Bible and Wesleyan spirituality, accountable discipleship, concept of grace.
- Campus Ministry: Empowering Congregations to Support Students at College**  
*Class Sessions:* Saturdays: February 11 & March 11; 9:00am – 2:30pm  
*Registration Deadline:* January 28  
*Class Facilitators:* Rachel Dunlap & Lora Crombez  
Participants will explore the different kinds of higher education, the needs of students, how to support a student ministry, and make a plan for their local church to support students in higher education.
- Leading Public Prayer**  
*Class Sessions:* Wednesdays: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
*Registration Deadline:* February 15  
*Class Facilitators:* Mary Butler-Loring & Jill Sestok  
Participants will experience the elements of prayer, expansive language for God and people, and that word usage matters. This class is required for those desiring to become a Certified Lay Speaker.
- Tell Stories (Dancing with Words)**  
*Class Sessions:* Mondays: February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27; 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
*Registration Deadline:* February 13  
*Class Facilitators:* Reed Swanson & Steve Carey  
Participants in this class will learn what makes a good story, discover storytelling styles, learn the techniques of effective storytelling, and practice creating stories from their experiences.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark the circle above next to the class(es) you're registering for and return this whole page along with class fee (if applicable) to the address on the front. Don't forget to mark class dates on your calendar! We're glad you're attending a lay servant class. Thank you!