



Rappahannock River District Lay Servant Ministries Training

Lay Servant Training can help anyone who is interested in learning more in their pursuit of being a better leader and servant for Christ's church. These classes can be used as tools in discerning God's call for your personal walk and ministry.

If you are a Lay Servant, you must attend the **ENTIRE** course in order to receive credit for certification or recertification. Recertification is required every three years for both Certified Lay Servants and Certified Lay Speakers.

MAY 4—5, 2018

Basic Course Offered

The **Basic Course** – This course is the foundation for all other Learning and Leading courses. In this course you are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended. 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 their discipleship. This course offers guidelines for best practices as a church leader and in mission and ministry in the community and in daily life. **Leader—Debbie Dietrich. Book: Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course. Books provided by a Rappahannock River District Grant - **No Charge for book!****

Advanced Course Offered

In Ministry with Boomers & Beyond

Latest statistics show that our average member is 59 years old and 1/3 of our membership is 65+. In addition, 50 million American Boomers are unchurched. This course is a practical guide for building these ministries with three goals: (1) gain a greater understanding of the issues and concerns of aging, (2) become informed about intentional ministries with midlife (age 50) and older adults, and (3) increase knowledge of developing intentional, comprehensive ministries with midlife and older adults in your congregation. **Leader—Martha Stokes, Book: Aging and Ministry in the 21st Century: by R.H. Gentzler, Jr., ISBN: 978-0-88177-540-2**

Advanced Course Offered

Teach us to Pray

For many of us, prayer remains a mystery, and praying in public is a test of faith left to the "professionals" of the church. This course on praying in public will help the participant grow in confidence and skill in prayer, both public and personal. **Leader—Kevin Elmore. Book: Let the Whole Church Say Amen! By Laurence Hull Stookey ISBN: 978-0-6870-9077-8**

Advanced Course Offered

Preaching From Your Heart

Every preacher and Lay Servant, from the novice to the most experienced, needs fresh inspiration to build new skills and to inject creativity into their sermon preparation. A Sermon Workbook addresses the essentials for effective preaching in our multi-taking, multi-ethnic, sound-bite society. It offers theological clarity about why we preach, and what matter most. **Leader—Janine Howard. Book: A Sermon Workbook, Exercises in the Art and Craft of Preaching" by Thomas H. Troeger and Leonora Tubbs, ISBN 9781426757785.**

Training Location: Warsaw UMC, 287 Main Street, Warsaw

Call 804.333.3220 for directions

Registration/Check in Friday, May 4, 6:00 pm

Class: Friday 6:30pm-10:00pm, Saturday: 8:00am—4:30pm



Warsaw UMC

May 4—5, 2018



Registration/Check in Friday, May 4 at 6:00 pm

Please submit no later than April 30, 2018**Snacks and Lunch are preordered, so no refunds or credits can be given after April 30, 2018**Available Courses (Please check one)

The Basic Course _____

Teach us to Pray _____

In Ministry with Boomers & Beyond _____

Preaching from Your Heart _____

Your \$15 Charge includes snacks Fri evening & continental breakfast Sat morning, Sat lunch, and a host church honorarium

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Should you have trouble getting a book, please let the District Office know before the April 30 deadline. We look forward to seeing you!

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Name: _____ Church: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please make \$15 checks payable to Rappahannock River District UMC and mail check along with this form by April 30, 2018 to: Rappahannock River District Office, PO BOX 100, Lady-smith, VA 22501. NO CASH PLEASE.

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