

The United Methodist Church has established three categories for laypersons in the area of lay servant ministries to develop, prepare, and engage principled Christian leaders for the mission of making disciples for the transformation of the world:

- Certified Lay Servant
- Certified Lay Speaker
- Certified Lay Minister

Certified Lay Servants who wish to develop their skills further may choose a track to become certified as **Lay Speakers** (those who are called specifically to pulpit supply) or as lay ministers (those who are called to long-term, intentional ministry as part of a ministry team). Interested in Being a Lay Servant? Have you felt God calling you to develop your teaching and leadership skills within your local church?

Want to know more?

- Talk to your Pastor
- Ask someone that is already a Lay Servant

Resources for Books:

www.cokesbury.com—Under the UMC Tab—Lay Ministry
www.amazon.com
<http://bookstore.upperroom.org/>

If you are unsure of which book to order for your course, please contact the district office for assistance.

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2018 Lay Servant Courses
Offering Basic,
Advanced and
Refresher Courses

Please visit www.unyumc.org and click on the ministry tab at the top of the page to select Lay Ministry for more information.

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Courses

Basic Course

This course is the foundation for all of the 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 a part of a group that holds members accountable on 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.

Spiritual Gifts: Begins with a six-session study of Ephesians. Carter engages the reader in discovering the meaning of church, ministry and gifts - from the early church up to the present. As a follow-up to the Bible study, readers and study groups look at ways in which Gods gifts are practical as well as spiritual. Four ministry categories, closely connected to the congregational primary task (receive, relate, equip, send), are identified. Scripture readings, activities and ways to implement specific ministries are suggested. Designed to encourage individuals to discover Gods call to ministry in their own lives, Each One a Minister leads toward practical ways of using gifts in ministries in our congregations and in our communities.

Heritage: Structured around Wesley's "means of grace," this study covers, among other topics, prayer, Scripture, the Lord's Supper, and fasting - major features in John Wesley's devotional life. Participants will learn how they can apply Wesley's ministry to their own life.

Conflict Resolution: Every church deals with conflict, both healthy and unhealthy, and lay servants can be equipped and empowered to help lead through those times.

Flemingville UMC

Friday, September 7th

5:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday, September 8th

8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Heritage – Rev. James Stevens



Park Terrace Community UMC

Friday, September 28th

5:45 to 9:00 pm

Saturday, September 29th

8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Basics – Paul Reed

Required book - *Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participant's Book* by Brian Jackson, Sandy Jackson

Spiritual Gifts – Rev. Bill Prentice

Required book - *Each One a Minister*
William J. Carter Participant's Book

Endwell UMC

Tuesdays & Thursdays

October 16th -18th -23rd - 25th

6 pm to 8:30 pm

Polity - Rev. Mark Kimpland

2016 Book of Discipline –
2017-2020 United Methodist Church Handbook -
"Therefore, go....." available at the district office

Conflict Resolution – Rev. Mark Marino

Required book - *The Spirit and Art of Conflict Transformation* by Thomas Porter

Course Registration & Sign up for:

- Heritage – Flemingville UMC
- Basic – Park Terrace UMC
- Spiritual Gifts- Park Terrace UMC
- Polity _ Endwell UMC
- Conflict Resolution – Endwell UMC

Name: _____

Address: _____

Church: _____

Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Pastor's Signature (required for Basic)

Pastor

**Make checks payable to UNYAC
Please mail checks and registration to:
Binghamton District Office
53 McKinley Avenue
Endicott, NY 13760**

Course Fees: \$10.00

Late Registration: \$15.00

Financial assistance may be provided for books and course fees.

You may order your own book(s) or you may purchase them from the district office
For a list of book sources, look under Resources for Books on page 1.