

Full Day Workshops

(select one and one alternative)

1- Lay Servant Course (Part 1 of 2)

Presenter Rev. James Brown

A 10 hour course is required in the 2016 Book of Discipline for anyone who would like to become a Lay Servant at their church as listed in the new 2016 Book of Discipline. This class is the first four hours, followed by an **additional six hour class** to be held at Asbury UMC, 850 Dodge Road, Amherst (just off Millersport Highway) on March 18. *All students in this class must complete both classes (CTS and Asbury) to receive credit for the required 10 hours.* There is a required book, *Lay Servants Ministries Basic Course Participant*, (ISBN-10 0881776262) and can be purchased at WWW.cokesbury.com. Please read chapters 1 and 2 prior to coming to this class.

2- Conflict Transformation Skills for Church

Presenter Rev. Dr. Wilson Jones

This 10 hour workshop uses biblical accounts, personal exploration and role playing to help transform each individual's understanding of conflict and the part it plays in congregational life. Church leaders will gain perspective in the midst of current conflict and/or prepare to better manage themselves when conflict does occur. This qualifies as an Advanced Lay Servants Course. Topics covered include:

- The Nature and Role of Conflict
- Conflict in the New Testament
- Understanding and Improving Your Own Response to Conflict
- Interpersonal Peacemaking Skills: How To Stay Cool When Others Are Hot
- Congregational Conflict: Understanding Group Conflict and Ways to Manage It

Participants must purchase (through presenter) two resources that will be distributed at the workshop. Attendees will also need to attend an additional six hour session on March 4 (location to be determined). Materials Cost (in addition to CTS registration) is \$30.

3-Learning to Prepare a Sermon That Is More Than "Good"

Presenter Rev. Wayne West

This workshop is intended for those who want to expand their skills and techniques in the art of developing a sermon for publication or presentation. Participants will have the opportunity to walk through a series of significant steps each contributing to a well-developed, theologically sound and biblically based sermon. Beginning with an idea and/or scripture text, participants will learn and then apply what they have learned by beginning to develop a sermon as each step is taken. Have either an idea, theme and/or text in mind for a sermon prior to the workshop. Please use this opportunity to prepare a new sermon. This is a full day workshop. In addition, each person is to participate in a second day (date to be determined) to share their completed sermon and listen as others share theirs. Required Reading Prior to Workshop: "Your Heart To Theirs, Delivering an Effective Sermon" by Tony Franks & David Carroll. You can purchase from Discipleship Resources, PO Box 340003, Nashville, TN 37203-0003 or www.discipleshipresources.org.

4-Understanding Addictions

Presenter Lori Jagow

Without help, active addiction can totally disrupt friends and family that can cause harmful effects that can last a lifetime. This workshop will present an overview of help available for people who are suffering with an addiction and what friends and family can do to encourage a friend or loved one to get help. This workshop will explore Biblical & Family Systems applications as well as 2-step programs.

Full Day Workshops (continued)

5-God's Rescue Mission: A Wesleyan Look at Predestination

Presenter Rev. Dr. Greg Van Dussen

The doctrine of predestination says that God decided before creation that some people would be saved and others condemned. Nothing can change that pre-determined outcome. Therefore, Christ died *only* for those destined for salvation. Everyone else is without hope. John Wesley and his followers staunchly opposed this teaching, saying instead that God wants *all* people to be saved, that Christ died for *all*, that *all* can be saved, and that we can *know* we are saved. Today's resurgence of Reformed/Calvinist theology has made this a live issue among Christians in our own time. We will explore the reasons Wesley opposed the idea of predestination, and how we can be sure that God does indeed love everyone. I will have copies available of Jerry Walls' book, *Does God Love Everyone?* These do not have to be purchased prior to CTS. Cost of the book is \$14.

6-More Crafting for Causes

Presenter Ruth Cleveland

There will be new projects and organizations this year. We will exchange ideas and patterns during the morning session. In the afternoon, we will work on projects for specific organizations. All skill levels welcome.

Half Day Workshops – AM or PM

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7- Volunteers In Mission: Disciples

Presenters Donna & Roger Cullen

Today might be the most critical time for you to demonstrate what you believe by living in mission. Volunteers in Mission is often described as a grassroots movement. This obscures the nature of mission as central to Jesus' commandment for every disciple: you are to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ being God's love with your neighbors in all places. That is to say that your call to God's mission isn't voluntary or optional. In this workshop you explore the various avenues of discipleship through mission with emphasis on a team approach. You receive resources for connecting your call to relevant missions, finding training opportunities, and receiving support. Jargon is demystified. Learn how to become an active participant in God's activity in the world through mission and service. Recommended reading: *A Mission Journey – A Handbook for Volunteers*. Order your copy from [The Upper Room bookstore](#) or [Amazon](#).

8-Local Church Preparedness for a Disaster

Presenter Rev. Dr. Donald Weaver

What should the Local Church need to know about preparing the Church and its constituents for a disaster or a community emergency. Also, what are the things to avoid.

9-Safe Sanctuary Training

Presenter Rev. Bonnie LeValley

This workshop will cover the why, what, who, how's and when of keeping our churches safe for our children, youth and vulnerable adults. This is the nuts and bolts of creating a policy that your church can live into and implement so that all might know God's safe all-embracing healthy love. Safe Sanctuary training is required for all who are working in churches with any of these individuals. ***Please bring a copy of your church's Safe Sanctuary policy.***

10-One Church's Journey Toward Health

**Presenters Rev. Jennifer Schaus Green &
Mr. Bob Comstock**

The people of Hilton United Methodist will share their story of the prayer, work, and vision of continual work to become a healthy congregation. This seven year process has led to an increased spiritual vitality, more vibrant worship, and a small group ministry. We will share our process; including pitfalls, struggles, joys, and answered prayers along the way. We will also share with you the several congregation and leadership studies we have done to help lead us to our current reality. We will not have any reading assignments before the workshop, but we will offer a bibliography of reading materials we have used on our journey.

AM ONLY Workshops
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11-Youth – The Church of Today!

Presenter Rev. Sherry Mahar

An open discussion about different approaches to youth ministry, using the example from Pendleton Center UMC. What are the goals of youth ministry, and what systems and tools may be used to reach those goals.

12-Facing Life Head On – Life and Death Issues

Presenters Leslie Wagner & Sue Hilts

In this session, participants will have the opportunity to consider their own attitudes about death and dying, to share thoughts about care-taking of loved ones, and the transitions necessary in the face of loss. The difference between pain and suffering, the difference between grief and mourning and how family members may handle it uniquely.

13-Charles Wesley: A Man of Singing Faith

Presenter Rev. Dr. John Tyson

This seminar will examine the faith pilgrimage and work of Charles Wesley, in order to ascertain the motivation behind his authorship of more than 9,000 Wesleyan hymns and sacred poems.

14-Records, Archives and You

Presenter Rev. Jim Barnes

This workshop will discuss which records need to be kept by open churches, what items should be turned over to the Commission on Archives and History and how the CAH can be a resource for the local congregation. Ideal for church historians. Participants are encouraged to look at the website of the General Commission on Archives and History. Guidelines will be handed out at the workshop.

15-Vacation Bible School “Hero Center”

Presenter Deb Coatsworth

Coming to you in the summer of 2017 is *Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!* This curriculum is from Cokesbury. The workshop will include discussion, ideas, and creative thinking particularly geared with *Hero Central*. Deb will have a team of leaders with her who will specifically speak on the areas of Bible Stories, Science, Snack, Craft, Recreation, Music and Mission. *Hero Central* will “take kids on awesome adventures alongside their favorite Bible heroes and discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God!”

16-United Methodist Women: Making a Difference

Presenter Ellen Klock

We will explore the goals and outreach of the United Methodist Women with an emphasis on what we, as individuals, can do to make a difference in the world.

17-Intro to Handbells and Chimes

Presenter Julie Maciejewski

Try your hand at ringing handbells and/or chimes. We will play a piece in worship! Come learn about bells and how they can be used in worship. This will be easy to medium difficulty, depending on participants. You do not need to be able to read music! *For teens and adults.*

18- Pastoral Support Is More Than Salary!

Presenter DS Rev. K. Wayne Butler

The task of the S/PPRC is to connect the pastor, staff and congregation. This workshop will focus on how the S/PPRC can be more effective in their ministry by developing an effective ministry team, connecting in supportive ways with the pastor and staff and providing encouragement for the ministry of the laity.

PM ONLY Workshops
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19-Climate Justice

Presenter Ellen Klock

Climate change is about more than just the weather. We will be participating in a role playing exercise designed to help us understand some of the concerns of the environmentally degraded community.

20-End of Life Planning – Don't Put It Off

Presenter Linda Stravalaci Grear

This workshop will deal with end of life planning and will be led by Linda Grear, Estate Planning & Elder Law Chair with The Hogan and Willig Law Firm. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about wills, health care proxies and other important ways to assure one's wishes are honored and that loved ones are provided for.

21-Catch the Stewardship Spirit

Presenter Celinda McQuiston

Join us as we present different types of Stewardship Plans for discussion. Please come prepared to share your stewardship success stories.

22- Missions with Purpose: How to Engage in Missions and Create a Long Term Positive Impact

Presenter Joe Peters

What does it mean to be a missional church? How can your church help others without causing harm? What are ways in which your church can have a long term impact in local and international missions? This workshop will incorporate the experience of the presenter and the audience to identify what it means to be missional and how your church can create a long term impact through missions. We will also discuss concepts from recent literature on these topics.

23-Handbell & Chimes Techniques

Presenter Julie Maciejewski

For teens and adults who want to learn more about ringing and some advanced techniques. For ringers and directors, come and work on your ringing skills without any pressure. Also, you take what you learn back to your own group!

Remember the Laity Banquet date of May 21, 2017

Schedule

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017

8:00 am	Registration, coffee & Danish
9:15-11:15 am	Workshops
11:30 am	Lunch
12:30 pm	Worship
1:30-3:30 pm	Workshops

Please visit vendors before workshops and during lunch hour

**Please select (1) full day or (2) half day workshops
from course selections in this brochure.**

Catch the Spirit
February 25, 2017

Catch the Spirit Discipleship Gathering
Niagara Frontier District
The United Methodist Church
247 Cayuga Drive, Suite 70
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

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10205 Greiner Rd., Clarence

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