



# CATCH THE SPIRIT DISCIPLESHIP GATHERING

Niagara Frontier District of the United Methodist Church

**February 24, 2018**

8 am to 3:30 pm

Clarence United Methodist Church  
10205 Greiner Rd., Clarence, NY

**Our Theme for 2018 is *Living Abundantly***

***“A Super-Sized Life”***

***Scripture reference is John 10:1-10***

Workshops, Fellowship, Vendors, Lunch

**Don't Delay - Space is Limited**

First Come. First serve.

Please copy as needed

**Also don't forget the Laity Banquet date of May 20, 2018**

## **Registration Form Due February 16, 2018**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

\$20 each; Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check(s) payable to: UNYAC (must be included)

***Regular Lunch*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Vegetarian Lunch*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Gluten Free Lunch*** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Workshop selection**

Enter first and second choice workshop numbers

**Only one person per registration form please**

FULL DAY # \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate choice # \_\_\_\_\_

AM workshop # \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate choice # \_\_\_\_\_

PM workshop # \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate choice # \_\_\_\_\_

## **Full Day Workshops**

(select one and one alternative)

### **1- Lay Servant Course (Part 1 of 2)**

**Presenter Linda Barczykowski, CLM**

This 10-hour course is required in the 2016 Book of Discipline for anyone who would like to become a Lay Servant, Lay Speaker or Certified Lay Minister in their church. This class is the first four hours, followed by an **additional six-hour class** to be held at Pendleton Center UMC, 6864 Campbell Blvd, North Tonawanda, NY 14120. *All students in this class must complete both classes (CTS and Pendleton) to receive credit for the required 10 hours.* We will offer 2 or 3 options for completing the course. You can choose from 1- 6-hour session, 2 – 3 hour sessions or 3 – 2 hour sessions. We can split the group up to finish the course and dates and times will be decided at our CTS session. **There is a required book, *Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participant's Book*, (ISBN-13 9780881776263) and can be purchased at [WWW.cokesbury.com](http://WWW.cokesbury.com). Please read chapters 1 and 2 prior to coming to this class.**

### **2- Spiritual Disciplines**

**Presenter Rev. Dr. Karen Grinnell**

Spiritual Disciplines, such as Prayer, Service, and Worship, help us to become better disciples of Jesus Christ. In this class, we will examine and practice a variety of Inward, Outward, and Corporate disciplines. For Advanced Lay Speaker credit, 6 more hours of class time will be Required; date(s) to be determined by class members. **Please read: Richard Foster's book *Celebration of Discipline: A Path to Spiritual Growth* before the workshop. It can be purchased through any book store.**

### **3- Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts and Helping Others to Discover Theirs**

**Presenter Rev. Sherri Schaus**

This insightful workshop into the biblical authority of Spiritual Gifts, as well as the introduction of several Spiritual Gifts inventory tools will help you to discover the ways in which God has blessed you and how you might use these gifts to expand the Kingdom and help others to embrace and use their own spiritual gifts. For Advanced Lay Servant/Speaker Credit – 6 more hours of class time will be required; date(s) to be determined by class members.

**Please purchase "Each One a Minister" prior to class – available from Discipleship Ministries**

### **4-Understanding Addictions**

**Presenter Lori Jagow, CLM**

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.

### **5- Finding Jesus – Mini-Retreat for the Youth in your church**

**Presenter Scot Jaynes, CLM**

Come and experience a shortened version of a weekend youth retreat. The mini retreat to include the following:

- Get to know everyone attending the retreat
- Time of Devotion
- Learn, when does God want us to go on a retreat and why does God bless the time together
- Demonstrate, we'll spend some time during the retreat reinforcing the concepts with a craft or other activity
- Reflect, very important, taking a moment to reflect and focus any changes that need to be made in our immediate future
- Fun, let's make ice cream before ending our time together

### **6- Let's Go Bananas! – Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit**

**Presenter Julane Beck, CLM and company**

A light-hearted skit with teaching, discussion and personal reflection on the nine Fruits of the Spirit. You won't want to die on the vine after spending the day with us.

## Full Day Workshops (continued)

### 7-Safe Sanctuary Training

Presenter Rev. Bonnie LeValley

As we are made aware of the number of ways that our most vulnerable are abused and bullied, we must pledge ourselves to hold the highest measure to protect all of God's children. The Safe Sanctuary training will help us learn about the best practices for keeping our vulnerable children, youth and adults safe so that they may experience the fullness of God's grace. We will look at signs and symptoms of this important ministry. **Please look at and be familiar with your church's Safe Sanctuary policy. Each church must have a safe sanctuary policy.**

### 8- Advanced Handbell Techniques

Presenter Julie Maciejewski

This is for ADVANCED handbell techniques that are used in small groups, but can also apply to full choir ringing. You **must** have ringing experience for this course! It will *build* on basic skills to enhance your ringing. You will work on sharing, weaving, 4-in-hand, passing and visual appearance. Please bring your own gloves.

### 9-The Conversation

Presenters Barbara Saltarella and Beth Buckley

This course is an overall view of End of Life Issues. This workshop talks about Spirituality, how you can put together a funeral book for your congregation, palliative care, hospice care and the paper work that is needed for your care and wishes. There will be resources available for you to take and look at.

## Half Day Workshops – AM or PM

(select one and one alternative)

### 10- Circuit Riders and Their World

Presenter Rev. Dr. Greg Van Dussen

We will look at the faith, personalities, quirks, and accomplishments of early circuit riders in the Methodist/Evangelical/United Brethren tradition in America. How did they survive the frontier? How were they educated? What battles did they fight? What motivated them? Were there women preachers? From rough hewn frontiersmen to college presidents, circuit riders were God's instruments in spreading Scriptural holiness over the land. It would be good to read the Autobiography of Peter Cartwright, which is available on Amazon, starting around \$10. Reading the book in advance is not required, but helpful – and extremely enjoyable!

### 11- Volunteers in Mission: God's Mission: Our Journey

Presenters Donna & Roger Cullen

Today is a critical time for you to demonstrate what you believe by living in mission. The nature of mission lies central to Jesus's commandment for every disciple: you are to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ being God's love with your neighbors in all places. Your call to God's mission isn't voluntary or optional. In this workshop, you explore 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. Explore how you can become an active participant in God's activity in the world through disaster response, mission and service.

**No reading assignment or text is required. Recommended is UMC Global Missions' handbook: A Mission Journey ISBN 0881776696 available from Cokesbury, Amazon, and other vendors.**

### 12-What is a New Faith Community?

Presenter Rev. Gregg Stierheim

There has been a lot of talk about new faith communities in the Upper NY Conference recently. What exactly is a new faith community? How might they differ from existing congregations? Are they really necessary? Let's get together and see what we can learn about this potential partnership. I'll share some insights from my work at Wesley's Place, a new faith community near the Buffalo/ Niagara Medical Campus.

*Half Day Workshops – AM or PM (continued)*

**13- INREACH – Connecting to your less active and inactive families**

**Presenter Wendy Evenden**

If you have ever looked at a pew or at your church directory and thought “I haven’t seen xyz in a while” and then wondered how best to connect with them; this might be the workshop for you. Come prepared for a presentation that will include open minded discussion and **active participation** to work together to set plans to take home to your church!

Please come with a roster/directory of your church family highlighted by the following categories:

Pink: Active members

Yellow: Less Active – have not seen as much as we have in the past

Blue: Inactive – have not seen in a few years

Please provide a total of all households and the number in each category

**14- Organizing a Mission- The Missional Church**

**Presenter Rev. Katie Zettle**

We hear a lot about "The Missional Church" but what does that mean? In this program we will look at the mindset of the missional church, and begin to formulate some ways to for individual churches to be in mission. Part of being a disciple of Jesus Christ is service. God’s mission for the church is for men and women to join together doing the work of God. Since no two churches are alike, the hope is that each person will take the ideas and share them with their mission team, their Administrative Board or the pastor.

**--Please bring a list of ministries your church is presently involved in.**

**--Please have an idea of number of people in your church – age range-and a short description of the community your church is in.**

**AM ONLY Workshops**

(select one and one alternative)

**15- S/PPRC: More Than Salary!**

**Presenter DS Rev. 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.

**16- Technology in Worship**

**Presenter Adrian Almeida**

What computer? What software? Projector or TV? We will take a look at how you can use and improve the technology in your worship, without taking away the worship experience.

**17- The Role of Laity in the Leadership of the Church**

**Presenter Jessica White, CLM & District Lay Leader**

This workshop will review what responsibilities there are as a lay leader of the local church and what the role of Laity in the leadership of the church is, and how to partner with clergy brothers and sisters in living the mission of the Church.

**Guidelines Lay Leader/Lay Member**; Publisher: Cokesbury; ISBN 13: 9781501829727; Publication Date: 11/2016

**PM ONLY Workshops**

(select one and one alternative)

**18- Respite programs are a blessing to all!**

**Presenter Lisa Rood**

Respite programs are a blessing to caregivers of the memory impaired, giving them a much needed break; to their loved ones with dementia who enjoy a day full of fun, stimulating activities AND to the volunteers that supervise and provide companionship to these folks. Come learn about this rewarding respite program ministry from Lisa who has helped to start more than 18 respite programs in WNY. Could YOUR church start the next one?

**19- Help! I’m a Sunday School Teacher!**

**Presenter Barbara Weaver**

Primary focus group – Pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. Creative and seasonal activities designed to make our Sunday School ministries fun for both teacher and student. Come prepared to share “What is YOUR favorite Bible story?” Leave prepared to enable OTHERS to share and live their stories of faith.

Remember the Laity Banquet date of May 20, 2018

## Schedule

**Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018**

Clarence United Methodist Church  
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<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Registration, coffee &amp; Danish</b>
<b>9:15-11:15 am</b>	<b>Workshops</b>
<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>1:30-3:30 pm</b>	<b>Workshops</b>

**Please visit vendors before workshops and during lunch hour**

**Cost is \$20 per person**

**Cost includes workshops, lunch and worship  
No discount given for a single ½ day workshop**

- 1) Select one full day or 2 half day workshops from course selection in this brochure
- 2) Please fill out the Registration form completely – ***one per person***
- 3) Make check payable to UNYAC
- 4) Send check & registration form to:  
Jessica White                      716-536-1820  
175 Main St Apt 3  
Attica NY 14011

We will have a **FREE BOOK** table this year. Pastors can bring in books from their personal libraries that they wish to share with the laity or younger clergy of the church. If you would like to donate books, please drop them off at the District Office, or **bring them to Clarence United Methodist Church Friday, February 23 (the evening before Catch the Spirit) between 7 & 8pm.**

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