

# Adirondack District



## Lay Servant Course Offerings Basic and Advanced

2023 Course Schedule  
June – December

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Required courses to be eligible for Lay Servant, or Lay Speaker certification will have an \* (asterisk) in front of them. Contact [arlenedschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:arlenedschmidt@gmail.com) for more information or to request a registration form. **Participants are responsible to purchase books for courses attending.** Books are listed below with course descriptions.

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#### **\*Basic Lay Servant Course**

Basic is the foundation for all Lay Servant courses. In this course, you will be 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 leadership team in mission and ministry in the community and in daily life.

**"Lay Servant Ministries: Basic Course Participant's Book."**

#### **\* Advanced Course: Discover Your Spiritual Gifts**

This course helps participants understand spiritual gifts and how the church can use them to fulfill its mission and ministry. Participants will also learn what it means to be a spiritual leader and will be equipped to lead others in exploring and using their spiritual gifts.

**"Each One a Minister" by William J. Carter**

#### **\*Advanced Course: Called to Preach**

Designed for those who have not completed formal preaching training, for pastors seeking a basic refresher course, and for others who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence. Called to Preach is a required preaching course in the lay speaker track of study.

**"From Pew to Pulpit" by Clifton F. Guthrie**

#### **\*Advanced Course: United Methodist Heritage**

This course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that The United Methodist Church brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today, and how our distinctive emphasis are still needed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. **"Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way," by Kenneth Carder.**

**\*Advanced Course: Polity-Life Together in the United Methodist Connection.** UMC Polity will help participants understand some of the questions about the governance of the UMC. It will help church leaders answer questions, help newcomers to the UMC to get their bearings, and

help longtime members consider the specific structural challenges the church faces in the 21st Century.

Why does the United Methodist Church do things the way it does? What are the rules - and why are they the rules? The purchase of the 2016 Book of Discipline is highly recommended for this course, and is available through Cokesbury.

**"The Method of Our Mission" By Lacey C. Warner.**

**\*Advanced Course: Leading Prayer:** Praying in public can be daunting, but prayer is something one learns. This course on praying in public will help the participant grow in confidence and skill in public prayer and enrich their personal prayer life. It may challenge some of your assumptions, test some of your preconceived ideas, stretch your thinking, and enrich your prayer life. At the very least it will present you with an opportunity to grow in the discipline of leading public prayer.

**"Shaping the Prayers of the People" by Samuel Wells & Abigail Kocher**

**\*Advanced Course: Leading Worship** focuses on the ministry of the lay servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship. The course will help participants understand the history of Christian worship, the development of current United Methodist ritual and ritual resources, the basic pattern of worship, the Christian year, and the Revised Common Lectionary. **"Worshiping with United Methodists" (revised) Hoyt Hickman**

#### **Advanced Course: Opening Ourselves to Grace: Basic Christian Practices**

This course will help leaders embrace and communicate a Wesleyan understanding of basic Christian practices (works of piety and mercy) as a means of grace. It is designed to help participants learn about grace and the practices that help us nurture our relationship with and watch over one another with love. **The text is a downloadable document emailed by the facilitator.**

#### **Advanced Course: Afire with God**

This course is designed to enable participants to reexamine their traditional, or at least comfortable, understanding of stewardship, as it relates not only to their church life but also to their daily life. During the session's participants will move well beyond a biblical understanding of stewardship and help them explore and delineate areas needing a changed perspective in their congregation's life and in their own.

**"Afire with God" Becoming Spirited Stewards by Betsy Schwarzentraub**

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Adirondack Lay Servant Ministries has scheduled the following courses from June to December 2023.

Please remember that **you MUST attend all class** times and dates to receive credit.

No refunds or credit for courses will be given. All registrations and course fees **MUST** be in by the date due.

**Advanced Course: Heritage: Living Our United Methodist Beliefs**

Registration opens May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mondays: June 12, 19, 26, July 10 & 17: 6-9pm

Zoom: Fee \$15

Facilitator: Pastor Bruce Hazard

**Basic Lay Servant Course**

Registration opens May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Thursdays: June 15, 22, 29, July 6 & 13: 6-9pm

ZOOM: Fee: \$15

Facilitators: Paula McMahon, CLM & Jacqueline Kim, CLM

**Advanced Course: Discover Your Spiritual Gifts**

Registration opens June 1<sup>st</sup>

Tuesdays: July 11, 18, 25, August 1 & 8: 6-9pm

Zoom: Fee \$15

Facilitators: Jacqueline Kim, CLM & Paula McMahon, CLM

**Advanced Course: Leading Worship**

Registration opens June 19<sup>th</sup>

Mondays: July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, & 28: 6-9

ZOOM: Fee: \$15

Facilitator: Pastor Bruce Hazard

**Advanced Course: Leading Prayer**

Registration opens July 13<sup>th</sup>

Thursdays: August 24, 31, Sept 14, 21 & 28: 6-9pm

Zoom: Fee \$15

Facilitator: Jacqueline Kim, CLM

**Advanced Course: Polity**

Registration opens July 25<sup>th</sup>

Tuesdays: September 5, 12, 19, & 26: 6-9pm

ZOOM: Fee \$15

Facilitator: Pastor Bruce Hazard

**Advanced Course: Discover Your Spiritual Gifts**

Registration opens August 24<sup>th</sup>

Thursdays: October 5, 12, 19, 26, & Nov 2: 6-9pm

Zoom: Fee \$15

Facilitator: Jacqueline Kim, CLM

**Advanced Course: Called to Preach**

Registration opens September 26<sup>th</sup>

Tuesdays: November 7, 14, 28, Dec. 5 & 12: 6-9pm

ZOOM: Fee \$15

Facilitator: Jacqueline Kim, CLM

*To request more information or to register for any of these courses please contact:*

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