

Oneonta District Lay Servant Ministry School

The Lay Servant Committee for the Oneonta District is committed to offer required and advanced courses for certification as a Lay Servant or Lay Speaker. With that goal in mind, we are scheduling a “School” over two weekends in April. **To receive credit for the class, you must attend both classes, and they will only be offered in-person.**

Saturday, April 18th

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

We will begin with an opening worship.
Lunch will be provided for a fee of \$10.00

Saturday, April 25th

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Light refreshments will be provided
Lunch **will not** be provided

Sidney United Methodist Church
12 Liberty Street, Sidney, NY

This Spring Class Roster

The BASIC Course for Lay Servant Ministries

Facilitator - Pastor Brandilynne Craver

Book -*Lay Servant Ministries-Basic Course* by Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson

Living our United Methodist Beliefs

Facilitator - Vicki Stoodley

Book: *Living Our United Methodist Beliefs* by Kenneth Carder

Hymnody

Facilitator - Pastor George Gallandorm

No book is required, bring the UMC *Book of Worship* and your church hymnal. You can also access parts of the Book of Worship online at

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/book-of-worship>

Registration is required to plan for classroom space, materials, lunch

Deadline for registration is March 30, 2026

God calls us to a life of servanthood as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Have you ever wondered how best to be a disciple for Jesus? Your local church and pastor depend on you as a lay member to pursue and accomplish the work of making disciples. The United Methodist Church has developed the Lay Servant Ministry Program to assist lay members to learn more about their calling and how to be a better disciple. Lay Servant Ministries is the first step for many lay people in their faith journey as they strive for a fuller life with the Lord. There is no obligation for the lay person to serve in any capacity after taking one or more classes

How to Register:

E-mail or call Vicki Stoodley, chair of the Lay Servant Committee: vickisume@gmail.com or (518) 875-6309. Leave a voice message and Vicki will call back.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Church: _____

Pastor signature: _____

(Required for Basic class)

Students will earn Lay Servant Ministry Advanced class credit and a certificate for class upon successful completion.

***There is no charge for this class, participants are responsible for obtaining their books, there are no pre-requisites for taking these classes nor any obligation to participate further in the Lay Servant Ministry Program (but we hope you do!)**

Books can be purchased at

Upper Room (1-800) 972-0433) – Amazon

Certified Lay Servants

Is a professing member of a local church or charge or a baptized participant of a recognized United Methodist collegiate ministry or other United Methodist ministry setting who desires to serve the church and who knows and is committed to Scripture and the doctrine, heritage, organization, and life of The United Methodist Church. This is a person who has received specific training to witness to the Christian faith through spoken communication, to lead within a church and community, and to provide caring ministry.

The certified lay servant serves the local church or charge (or beyond the local church or charge) in ways in which his or her witness, leadership, and service inspire others to a deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship.

Certified Lay Speakers

is one whose call has been affirmed by the conference committee on lay servant ministries to serve the church in pulpit supply in accordance and compliance with ¶341.1

The certified lay speaker serves by preaching the Word when requested by the pastor, district superintendent, or committee on lay servant ministries.

Certified Lay Minister

is a certified lay servant or certified lay missionary who is called and equipped to serve as part of a ministry team with the supervision and support of a clergyperson.



Oneonta District Lay Servant Committee Members

Vicki Stoodley (chair)

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Linda Powell Owens

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