

2022 COURSE CATALOG - Session 1

The August 2022 Laity Academy is being offered as in-person classes at Cedarville UMC in Pottstown, PA.

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BASIC

BASIC COURSE – The Journey Begins

Ready to explore God's call in your life? Take the first step in the Christ Servant Ministry program with others who want to follow Christ's commandment to love one another with caring and love.

The Basic Course provides a firm foundational understanding of God's presence in our lives, the meaning and mission of the church, and insight into how and where you can apply the gifts you have and will receive from our Lord. You will learn about the need for servant ministries in our world and what it means to be a servant for Christ. The Basic Course is also the first step towards further development as a Certified Lay Speaker or Certified Lay Minister

Participants in this course must request the recommendation and approval from their Local Church and submit it with their registration. Registrants are required to complete assignments from a Basic Course Manual prior to attending the Laity Academy. There is an additional \$5 fee included for a Basic Course Manual.

Instructor: Judy Ehninger, Certified Lay Minister

In-Person Offering:

Cost: \$60 includes electronic course material
Number Students 18
Prerequisite: student must have ability to view/print study guide to be emailed prior to class
homework will be assigned prior to class equivalent to 2 hrs of instruction

Class schedule:

NLT Aug 3 rd	email completed homework to instructor	
Friday	Session 1	6:30 – 9:00
Saturday	Session 2	9:00 – 12:00
	Lunch / program	12:00 – 1:30
	Session 3	1:30 – 4:00

SPEAKING

SPEAKING 101: Preaching to be Heard

Speaking 1 is the basic course for those who wish to preach or to enhance their speaking abilities. This class will look at the focus of our preaching, share ideas on the development of sermons, and create an opportunity for each participant to develop and present a “mini” sermon to the group. An important part of this experience is the sharing of feedback in a supportive and safe setting so that all who wish to preach can benefit from the group. The expectation is that our time together will be one of joy and excitement. For CSM participants, this course is recognized as an advanced course in speaking. Successful completion of Speaking 1 is one of the requirements to receive Certified Lay Speaker credentials.

Instructor: Rev Harold Burkett

In-Person Offering:

Cost:	\$60
Number Students	15
Prerequisite:	homework will be assigned prior to class equivalent to 2 hr of instruction
Class schedule:	
NLT Aug 5 th	prepare and practice a 10 minute sermon for Friday evening
Friday	Session 1 7:00 – 9:00
Saturday	Session 2 9:00 – 12:00
	Lunch / program 12:00 – 1:30
	Session 3 1:30 – 4:30

SPEAKING 203: Preaching CAREfully

In the early church, the pastor was called to be a “shepherd of souls,” a role which included both preaching and caring. But after the Reformation, those roles were often separated with the titles “pastor” and “preacher” referring to separate tasks of ministry. Since true preaching is always pastoral, this course will help those who speak on Sunday mornings learn how to reclaim being a “shepherd of souls.” Participants need to read "I Am the Lord Who Heals You" by G. Scott Morris before the class.

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Lloyd F. Speer III, OSL,

In-Person Offering:

Cost:	\$60
Number Students	14
Prerequisite:	Participants need to read "I Am the Lord Who Heals You" by G Scott Morris. Additional instructions will be sent after registration. Homework will be equivalent to 2 hrs of instruction
Class schedule:	
Friday	Session 1 6:00 – 8:00
Saturday	Session 2 9:00 – 12:00
	Lunch / program 12:00 – 1:30
	Session 3 1:30 – 3:30

Homework:

Participants will need to prepare a sermon according to the guidelines given in class. Email to instructor NLT Saturday August 13th. Homework will constitute 2 hours of instruction.

LEADING

DISCIPLE-MAKING SMALL GROUPS: The Who, What, When, Where, How and Why

Disciple-Making Small Groups is a class for anyone who is interested in beginning a small group at their church, or who now participates in a small group and wants to grow the group into a disciple-making ministry . Outside readings and exercises totaling 2 hours will be required prior to the in-person sessions, and participants will be expected to share their findings in both class and break-out sessions. All materials will be sent to the participants in .pdf or print format upon registration. At the end of the class, participants will have the necessary tools to offer and facilitate disciple-making groups tailored to the needs of their own congregations. Participants who are already members or facilitators of groups will be able to share their experiences with others, as well as learn new ways to use their ministries for disciple-making. Additional resources will be introduced from Discipleship Ministries as well as other sources for learning more about starting and leading disciple-making small groups.

Instructor: Brenda Bins, CLM

In-Person Offering:

Cost: \$60
Number Students 20
Prerequisite Assignment will be emailed after registration and must be returned to instructor prior to class. This assignment is equivalent to 2 hrs of instruction.

Class schedule:

Friday	Session 1	6:00 – 8:00
Saturday	Session 2	9:00 – 12:00
	Lunch / program	12:00 – 1:30
	Session 3	1:30 – 4:30

GAMING: Generating Intense Bible Study Games for Adults

Using game theory, multiple intelligences, interactive teaching methods and scripture participants will explore creative ways to create bible studies. Gaming and playing games is a common connections all people have – games are ways we learn and experience life and share our thoughts and feelings. Playing games isn't for children or "geeks and nerds" – playing games is for everyone at all times. During this highly interactive workshop participants will explore the principles of game theory, instructional design, and interpreting scripture and create games that are bible studies. Each participant will leave with at least one game frame to use in bible studies and one game designed during the workshop. Join us as we take bible studies to the next level.

Instructor: Rev. David Piltz

Cost: \$60
Number Students 20
Prerequisite Assignment will be emailed after registration and must be returned to instructor prior to class. This assignment is equivalent to 2 hrs of instruction.

Class schedule:

Friday	Session 1	6:30 – 8:30
Saturday	Session 2	9:00 – 12:00
	Lunch / program	12:00 – 1:30
	Session 3	1:30 – 4:30

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Jesus Christ was the greatest leader of all time. In the span of roughly four years, Jesus gathered, then led, 12 diverse individuals on a journey unlike they, or the rest of the world, could image. Because of the strength of Jesus' leadership, Christianity grew from only a few hundred followers at the time of the Ascension to nearly 2.5 billion Believers around the world today.

But what made Jesus a great leader? What was it about Jesus' approach to leadership which made Simon Peter and his brother Andrew to answer the call of "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men"? And what was it which enabled them, along with James and John and the other Disciples, to grow into a team which carried on a mission long after Jesus physically departed from them?

The answer lies in the concept known as Servant Leadership. Servant Leadership was not unique to Jesus, but Jesus exemplified it in his ministry on Earth. In fact, Jesus himself imparted to his Disciples his take on his role as leader when he said, in Matthew 20:28, "the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve". But what does that mean? What does Servant Leadership look like? Are we, who serve within our church and community, leaders who "come to serve and not to be served?"

Servant Leadership is not new and we can see its characteristics as far back as Moses, if not earlier. However, in the realms of business and academia, Servant Leadership is as young as the 1970's when Robert K. Greenleaf coined the phrase. According to Greenleaf, "Servant Leadership", is "...a philosophy and set of practices that enriches the lives of individuals, builds better organizations and ultimately creates a more just and caring world". Servant Leadership, like traditional leadership, still focuses on the vision and goals of the organization but emphasizes the leader placing people first. Its goal is helping them to develop, thrive, and perform to their fullest. When this occurs, the success of whatever we are doing will naturally follow through commitment, empowerment, and engagement.

This class will provide an overview of the concept of Servant Leadership with a goal of getting students on a leadership journey like that of Jesus and many others who came before, and after Him. As the laity leaders - whether by title, position, or situation- in the United Methodist Church, it is imperative we adopt a style which will nurture Christian followers, give them what they need to succeed, and, like Jesus, allow our churches' mission and vision to continue and flourish long after we are no longer in charge.

Instructor: Joseph Skarbowski

In-Person Offering:

Cost:	\$60
Number Students	20
Prerequisite	none

Class schedule:

Friday	Session 1	6:30 – 9:00
Saturday	Session 2	9:00 – 12:00
	Lunch / program	12:00 – 1:30
	Session 3	1:30 – 4:30

Homework: Homework will be assigned after class equivalent to 1.5 hr of instruction

Assignment must be returned to the instructor NLT 6PM August 13th to receive full credit

CARING

FINISHING STRONG: Empowering, engaging and nurturing our aging congregations

“Finishing Strong” - empowering congregations to recognize and minister to the needs of aging members, maximize their engagement and honor their contributions to the Body of Christ.

This course will encourage you to appreciate the gifts and contributions of older persons, no matter what stage of life they are in. It will help you to recognize the physical, spiritual, and social needs of these members so that your church can be more effective in older adult ministry and continue to benefit from the faith and wisdom of these individuals.

Lessons incorporate large and small group discussion, problem solving with real life scenarios, sharing of scriptures that relate to aging, humor, and use of multimedia. Written and online resources will be provided so that participants can share material with their pastor and church members.

Content includes: Physical, social and spiritual attributes of aging and the impact on congregations, discussion of how our churches can adapt environment and ministry to meet these needs, recognition of normal memory loss vs dementia, the importance of considering views about health issues and the advantages of communicating end of life wishes with family/close support persons. There is also attention to the role of Christian faith in helping us to finish strong, no matter what age we are when God calls us home.

Instructors: Margie Krut and Celeste Schiller

In-Person Offering:

Cost:	\$60
Number Students	20
Prerequisite	Assignment will be emailed after registration and must be returned to instructor by July 31 st . This assignment is equivalent to 2 hrs of instruction.

Class schedule:

Friday	Session 1	6:00 – 8:00
Saturday	Session 2	9:00 – 12:00
	Lunch / program	12:00 – 1:30
	Session 3	1:30 – 4:30

Homework: none

MAKING PRAYER COUNT: Making Every Prayer Count: Moving from ME to WE

Have you ever had trouble connecting with God? Praying for Others? This course is designed to be a powerful resource aimed at making your personal prayer life more effective (**ME**) and equipping you to be a person of impact within your church and community (**WE**). We will begin our journey focusing on “me”. Diving into areas of God given identity and the impact that our belief system has on every aspect of our life. We will explore how we grow in intimacy with Jesus, our belief system and the importance of forgiveness. As we look at “WE” we will dive into developing a prayer ministry at the local church, learn some simple but effective prayer models (salvation, blessing, healing etc.), and explore what it means to be a people who call others into a vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ. This course is full of laughter, hand’s-on activation, Q&A, and God surprises!

Instructor: Pastor Ruth Hendrickson

In-Person Offering:

Cost: \$75 includes access to online video training and a book to be distributed in class

Number Students 30

Prerequisite online video to watch prior to class

Class schedule: an email containing Zoom links will be sent to each registrant prior to class

Friday Session 1 6:00 – 8:00

Saturday Session 2 9:00 – 12:00

Lunch Break 12:00 – 1:30

Session 3 1:30 – 4:30

Homework: Homework will be assigned after class equivalent to 2 hr of instruction
Assignment must be returned to the instructor to receive full credit