



PRAIRIE NORTH SPRING 2023 LAY ACADEMY

Sat., April 29th
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sun., April 30th
1:00 - 4:30 pm

Cost \$25

Box lunch (Saturday only), snacks, water and coffee will be provided.

Belvidere: First UMC
610 Bonus Ave
Belvidere IL

1 Basic Course: The Basic Course is the foundation for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship.

Book: *Basic Course-Lay Servant Ministries: Participant's Book* by Sandy Zeigler Jackson & Brian Jackson

2 From Your Heart to Theirs, Delivering an Effective Sermon: This course moves beyond the basics of public speaking and the foundations necessary for preparing an engaging sermon. It also includes types of sermons—from exegetical to topical to children's sermons—as well as how to find a story, how to use the hymnal, and how to move from communication on paper to beyond the paper. Book: *From Your Heart to Theirs Participants Book* by David Carroll & Tony Franks

3 Justice in Everyday Life: A Look at the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church: This advanced course takes an in-depth look at the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church – the church's attempt to speak on contemporary issues with which it is confronted today. The book covers topics such as the following: Natural World, Social Community, Economic Community, Political Community, Biblical Foundations of the Social Principles, and Teaching the Social Principles. It is for Lay Servants and anyone interested in studying the Social Principles.

Book: *Social Principles of The United Methodist Church 2017-2020* by United Methodist Church

4 Lay Servants Lead In Conflict Resolution: Every church deals with conflict, both healthy and unhealthy. And lay servants can be equipped and empowered to help lead through those times of conflict as a time of transformation. This course will guide lay servants seeking to be more empowered to lead their congregations toward vitality

Book: *The Spirit and Art of Conflict Transformation* by Thomas Porter

All books may be purchased at your favorite bookseller.
All class times must be attended to receive course credit.

QUESTIONS?

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Register Online:

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