

PRAIRIE CENTRAL FALL 2026 LAY ACADEMY



Sat., November 7

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sat., November 14

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost \$40

Cost includes needed books
as well as snacks.

Lombard: First UMC 155 S. Main St., Lombard

Class Options: (one course per academy)

1 Sacraments: Means of Grace

What are the two sacraments the United Methodist Church celebrates? And why? Deepen your experience of Communion and Baptism through scripture, church history and United Methodist theology. Discover how these sacraments shape and renew our lives and beliefs.

2 Spiritual Gifts: Serving From the Heart

This course leads participants through assessing their spiritual gifts, talents, abilities, resources, individual style, dreams and experiences...all adding up to an enhanced capacity to serve God and neighbor. A journey of self-discovery, students will learn how the Body of Christ is to function and what that means for each believer.

3 Building the Beloved Community

This course is a follow up to "Becoming the Beloved Community". It will cover the central issues in fighting racism, especially racism's systemic nature. It will help us fight against racism and tyranny and encourage us to find things we as individuals and churches can do to build Beloved Community.

Register Online:

umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-central-lay-academy-fall-2026

QUESTIONS?

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All class times must be attended
to receive course credit.

