

# PRAIRIE CENTRAL SPRING 2026 LAY ACADEMY



**Sundays,  
March 1, 8, 15, & 22      Cost \$40**  
**2 to 5 p.m.**

All class times must be attended  
to receive course credit.

Cost includes needed books  
as well as snacks.

**Schaumburg: Our Saviour's UMC** 701 E. Schaumburg Road

## **Class Options:** (one course per academy)

**1 Basic Course:** Foundational to all Lay Servant Ministries courses, the Basic course encourages participants to discover their own journey and build strong spiritual practices; it is required before completing certification in Lay Servant Ministries.

Instructor: Roger Curless

**2 Living Our United Methodist Beliefs (Heritage):** This course explores how we got where we are today beginning with John and Charles Wesley through the circuit riders; it continues the journey of social holiness taught by John Wesley.

Instructor: Peggy Hansen

**3 Called to Preach:** This course is a "how to" guide of the resources, preparation process and practice of preaching for those called upon to preach in a pastor's absence or without formal training.

Instructor: Rev. Becky Nicol

**4 Dancing with Words:** This course will help participants learn what constitutes a good story, discover storytelling styles and practice creating stories in class.

Instructor: Marlene Stratton

## **Register Online:**

[umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-central-lay-academy-spring-2026](http://umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-central-lay-academy-spring-2026)

## **QUESTIONS?**

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