

PRAIRIE NORTH FALL 2026 LAY ACADEMY

Sat., November 7

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sun., November 8

1 to 4:30 p.m.



Cost: Lunch (Saturday only),
snacks, water and coffee
will be provided.

- \$20 before or on Sept. 30
- \$25 before or on Nov. 2

Roscoe UMC 10816 Main St., Roscoe, IL 61073

Class Options: (one course per academy)

1 United Methodist Heritage (Living Our United Methodist Beliefs)

This course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that The United Methodist Church brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today, and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21st-century church

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

2 United Methodist Polity (Life Together in the United Methodist Connection)

This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. A copy of the *Book of Discipline* is recommended for both the online and text version of this course.

Books: *The Method of Our Mission & Participant's Book* by Lacey C. Warner and
Polity, Practice and Mission of the United Methodist Church by Thomas E. Frank

3 Sacraments: Means of Grace

This advanced course with a leader's guide by Rev. Beth Galbreath crystalizes her unique focus in the online Be A Disciple courses on Baptism and Holy Communion. Here Rev. Galbreath combines her approach with the key insights of two books on our sacramental life: *By Water and the Spirit* and *This Holy Mystery*, by the late Gayle Carlton Felton.

Books: *This Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion* and *By Water and the Spirit: Making Connections for Identity and Ministry*, both written by Gayle Carlton Felton

4 Teaching Biblical Faith: Leading Small Group Bible Studies

This course is designed to help participants lead small groups through ten thoughtful approaches to scripture study. The goal is scriptural wisdom shaping both personal and congregational decision-making that shapes a more authentic, biblical faith.

Book: *Teaching Biblical Faith: Leading Small Group Bible Studies* by Jack L. Seymour

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

Register Online: Registration Deadline: Mon., Nov. 2

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