

PRAIRIE SOUTH FALL 2026 LAY ACADEMY



Sat., October 10

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Sat., October 17

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Cost \$40

Cost includes light lunch

Youth may attend at no cost as long as they are accompanied by an adult taking a class

Mt. Morris: Disciples UMC 102 North Maple Avenue, Mt. Morris

Class Options: (one course per academy)

1 Lay Servant Basic Course

Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future lay leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being a part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship.

Book: *Lay Servant Ministries, Basic Course* by Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson

Instructor: Kevin Mason

2 Called to Preach

This course is designed for those who have not completed formal preaching training and for those who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence. Learn basics of pulpit supply speaking as well as "diving in" to get "hands on" practice.

Book: *From Pew to Pulpit* by Clifton F. Guthrie

Instructor: Marcia and Clifford Peddicord

3 Opening Ourselves to Grace (Video Series)

This video-based course helps lay servant leaders embrace and communicate a Wesleyan understanding of basic Christian practices (works of piety and mercy) as means of grace.

Book: *Opening Ourselves to Grace: The Means of Grace and Discipleship* by Steven W. Manskar (pdf)

Instructor: Janet Becker

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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