

# PRAIRIE SOUTH SPRING 2026 LAY ACADEMY



**Sat., April 25th**

**8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Sat., May 2nd**

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**Cost \$40**

Cost includes light lunch

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

**Ottawa: First UMC** 100 West Jefferson, Ottawa

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

### **1 For the Common Good (Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts)** (required class)

This course helps participants identify their spiritual gifts, abilities and calling.

Book: *For the Common Good: Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts* by Christine Harman

Instructor: Jeany Gewin

### **2 Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (UM Polity)** (required class)

This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church.

Book: *Polity, Practice and Mission of the United Methodist Church* by Thomas Edward Frank

Instructor: Karen Newby

### **3 Leading Public Prayer** (required class)

This course on praying in public will help the participant grow in confidence and skill in public prayer and enrich their personal prayer life.

Book: *Shaping the Prayers of the People: The Art of Intercession* by Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher

Instructor: Marcia Peddicord

### **4 Congregational Care Ministry**

This new advanced course equips participants with tools for deep listening and grows their capacity to care in difficult situations of loss - all within healthy boundaries and thoughtful awareness.

Book: *The Caring Congregation Ministry: Implementation Guide* by Karen Lampe and Melissa Gepford

Instructor: Buzz Wheeler

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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