

Carthage United Methodist Church

608 Main Street
Carthage, TN 37030

NOTE

Participants will complete one course, either the Basic Course or the Advanced Course. **The Basic Course is a required pre-requisite** to the Advanced Courses.

BASIC COURSE in English – This basic course is the foundation for other texts in the Learning and Leading series for lay servants/lay speakers. Participants are invited to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in discipleship. Instructor: *Rev. Josh Newberry*

ADVANCED COURSES

POLITY, PRACTICE, AND THE MISSION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. A copy of the 2016 Book of Discipline is also recommended for this course. An online version is available.
Instructor: *Rev. Monica Mowdy*

GROW SPIRITUALLY THROUGH DAILY DISCIPLINE

Structured around Wesley's "means of grace", this study covers, among other topics, prayer, Scripture, the Lord's Supper, and fasting-all major features of John Wesley's devotional life. Participants will learn how they can apply Wesley's ministry to their own life.
Instructor: *Rev. Sharon Austell*

LEADING IN LAY PASTORAL CARE

This course offers insights into the life span and the dynamics of contemporary life to help church leaders reach out with God's love and care to others.
Instructor: *Michael Lorange, District Lay Leader*

THIS IS A TWO-DAY EVENT! SCHEDULE

April 28, Friday Night

5:30-6:00 Gathering and Refreshments
6:00-6:15 Welcome, Teacher Introductions
6:15-8:00 Session 1

April 29, Saturday

7:30-8:00 Refreshments
8:00-10:00 Session 2
10:00-10:15—Break
10:15-12:15 Session 3
12:15-12:45—Lunch
12:45-2:45 Session 4
2:45-3:00-- Break
3:00-4:45 Session 5
4:00-4:45—Break
5:00-6:00 Closing Worship and Sending Forth

YOU are READY to BECOME a LAY SERVANT IF

- You are willing to share your faith with those around you.
- You are willing to go wherever and whenever God calls.
- You will commit your time and energy to the service of your congregation, community, neighbor, etc.

Lay servants are active, supportive members of the United Methodist Church that are committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, care-giving ministries, listening, written & spoken communications, and are willing to use their gifts and talents and improve their skills for service involved in leadership roles within their church and community.

"Lay **Servant** Ministries" ... **Serving God in many ways...**Lay Servant Ministries trains and equips Disciples to Transform the World.

Lay Servants

- Must be **recommended** by their **pastor** and **Church Council** or Charge Conference.
- Must **complete** the **Basic Course** for LSM
- **Serve**, and **support**, in their **local church**
- Submit an **annual report** of their activities
- **Every 3 years** must **complete** an approved **refresher** course.

Certified Lay Servants

- **Serve**, **support**, and **minister** in their **local church** and **beyond**; through district or conference projects and programs and community;
- Have taken at least one Advanced Course
- Submit an **annual report** of activities
- **Every 3 years** must **complete** an **Advanced Course** to maintain **certification**.

Certified Lay Speaker

- **Same requirements as a Certified Lay Servant**
- **Plus** additional courses approved in the 2016 Book of Discipline and/or advanced courses approved by the Conference Lay Servant Ministries Committee.