



Western Waters District Lay Servant Ministries Presents...

Spring Retreat

April 19-20, 2024

Cadillac United Methodist Church

Registration: Friday 4:30 p.m. | **Send-off:** Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Registration Cost: \$30 (includes two meals and snacks)

Class Descriptions:

INTRODUCTION TO LAY MINISTRY: THE BASIC COURSE

Pastor Jeff Swainston, Instructor

This course is foundational for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and 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 their discipleship. INSTRUCTOR: Pastor Jeff Swainston, Manton UMC.

ADVANCED COURSE: ACCOUNTABLE DISCIPLESHIP

Pastor John Messner, Instructor

This course focuses on the concept of the household of God, Scripture as divine revelation, Wesleyan understandings of grace, and the importance of the class leader in the development of the Methodist movement. INSTRUCTOR: Pastor John Messner, Ewart, Hersey and Avondale UMC.

ADVANCED COURSE: WESLEYAN HERITAGE

Pastor Mike Riegler, Instructor

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. INSTRUCTOR: Pastor Mike Riegler, Epworth/Brethren and Mesick UMC.

ADVANCED COURSE: DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Jody Pratt, Instructor

This course helps participants understand spiritual gifts and how the church can use them to fulfill its mission and ministry. Participants will also learn what it means to be a spiritual leader and will be equipped to lead others in exploring and using their spiritual gifts. INSTRUCTOR: Jody Pratt, Certified Lay Speaker, Middleville UMC.

Lay Servant classes are open to anyone regardless of the district in which your church resides.
Questions? Please contact Sara Wolfen at saraw1104@gmail.com or (231) 830-4092.

Tentative Schedule:

Friday:

4:30 p.m. Registration and Opening Worship
5-6:30 p.m. Class Session 1
6:30-7 p.m. Dinner and Q&A Time
7-8:30 p.m. Class Session 2

Saturday:

9 a.m. Opening Worship
9:30-12 p.m. Class Session 3
12-12:30 p.m. Lunch and Q&A Time
12:30-3:30 p.m. Class Session 4
3:30 p.m. Break
4 p.m. Closing Worship and Send-off

Overnight Accommodations:

Lodging is available at Comfort Inn of Cadillac, (231) 779-2900.

Western Waters District Lay Servant Ministries 2024 Spring Retreat Registration Form

One form per student, please.

Name: _____

Church: _____

Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____

_____ Email: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Class Choice (choose one):

- Basic Course (*ideal for new students*)
- Accountable Discipleship
- Wesleyan Heritage: Living our United Methodist Beliefs
- Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

DEADLINE: April 6, 2024.

Class size is limited. Registrations are taken on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Return this form with payment (check payable to "Western Waters District Treasurer") to:
Sara Wolfsen

7476 W. Orchard Circle
Fremont, MI 49412

Or register online at www.michiganumc.org.

A registration confirmation will be emailed to you with a link to order your book.