



Western Waters District Lay Servant Ministries Presents...

Fall Retreat

September 27-28, 2024

Cedar Springs UMC

140 Main St., Cedar Springs, MI

Registration: Friday 4:30 p.m. | **Send-off:** Saturday 4:00 p.m.

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

Class Descriptions:

INTRODUCTION TO LAY MINISTRY: THE BASIC COURSE

Sarah Zachow, Instructor

This class 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: Sarah Zachow, Certified Lay Speaker, East Nelson UMC.

ADVANCED COURSE: LIFE TOGETHER IN THE UNITED METHODIST CONNECTION (UM POLITY)

Pastor Jeff Swainston and Jody Pratt, Instructors

This is a required course to become a Certified Lay Speaker and will give participants an overview of the structure and organization of the United Methodist Church. Instructors: Pastor Jeff Swainston, Manton UMC and Jody Pratt, Certified Lay Speaker, Middleville UMC.

ADVANCED COURSE: AGING AND MINISTRY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Pastor Terri Cummins, Instructor

This important course offers a rich learning experience that includes knowing more about the aging process and the developmental stages of midlife and older adulthood and how we can best shape our ministry. Instructor: Retired Pastor Terri Cummins.

Lay Servant classes are open to anyone
regardless of the district in which your church resides.

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
- 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 p.m. Class Session 4
- 3 p.m. Closing Worship and Send-off

Overnight Accommodations:

Lodging is available on your own at Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Cedar Springs, (616) 696-0450.

**Western Waters District Lay Servant Ministries
2024 Fall 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*)
- Advanced Course: Life Together in the Connection (UM Polity)
- Advanced Course: Aging and Ministry in the 21st Century

DEADLINE: September 13, 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.