

# Lay Servant Ministries

## Engaging Equipping Empowering

### Fall 2011 Training Event

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Enclosed you will find the information and registration form for the Fall 2011 Lay Speaking Ministries training event to be held at Saint Marks United Methodist Church in Daleville on Friday evening, September 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Your registration fee covers all materials, and a continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Scholarships are available.

I am excited to announce some advancements with the Lay Servant Ministries in the Virginia Conference. First and most notably, is the name change from Lay Speaking Ministries to Lay Servant Ministries as we strive to expand and welcome others into the Ministries. Secondly, we now are offering for all who are interested to attend the advanced courses offered. This opens the doors to many who may want to expand their knowledge, but have not taken the basic course yet. Attendees who are not Methodist Members or who have not completed the Basic course prior will receive a certification for Attendance for the Advanced Course. Finally, we are striving to expand our outreach and to share our event with others. Therefore, we will be providing information on our event to the other districts in Virginia and would welcome attendees from other parts of the state. In this effort, we would ask that anyone who is local to the Daleville area and would be willing to host an Instructor or Attendee for the night of September 30<sup>th</sup> to please contact me.

I am very grateful to the wonderful support I have received over the past year and I am inspired by the dedication so many of you have shown to supporting the wonderful work in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ performed by the Lay Servant Ministries. If you would like to assist in advancing our Ministries or if I can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Sherry Z. Dyer

Roanoke Regional Lay Servant Ministries Director



## CLASSES OFFERED

**The Lay Speaking Ministries Basic Course** (GBOD required course) -The first step in becoming a recognized Lay Speaker, this required orientation focuses on the three primary areas of Lay Speaking: leading, caring and communicating. The Basic Course includes a study of what it means to be God's called people and how we may be at work for God in our own communities. The guide for this course is practical, including checklists, outlines, and step-by-step plans. Exercises draw on the individual's personal experiences and on what they know about their communities.

The instructor for the course will be Rev. Danny Kesler, Pastor of Hebron UMC, Mount Pleasant and Pierce Chapel UMC. Danny began in Lay Speaking Ministries (LSM) over 12 years ago when he took his first Basic Class. He delivered the Message in his local church a couple times before continuing in LSM with various Advanced courses. Upon receiving his Certified Lay Speaker position, He was requested to speak in churches throughout the District. From here, he was called by God into Pulpit Ministry and has now been serving as a local pastor for 10 years.

Text: *Lay Speaking Ministries Basic Course* by Sandy Zeigler Jackson, Brian Jackson and your personal Bible. You will be asked to make a five minute presentation using the text and applicable topic of your choice.

## ADVANCED CLASSES

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGES:**

The Children's Sermon, often a favorite part of a church service, can provide our youngest worshippers with a clear understanding of the weekly topic. During this session, participants will consider how to involve children in worship and how to create meaningful messages for them. Youth are certainly welcome to join us!

Dr. Wanda Price is a retired educator who served as a classroom teacher, curriculum coordinator, and administrator in Montgomery County Public Schools. She was an adjunct professor in the School of Teacher Education and Leadership at Radford University for ten years, teaching classes and supervising block interns and student teachers. She is a member of Blacksburg United Methodist Church where she is a certified lay speaker.

TEXT: Handouts will be provided.

### **UNITED METHODIST HERITAGE:**

This advanced course enables lay speakers to understand the history and heritage of The United Methodist Church so that they can teach others.

Rev. Debra Copeland, Instructor for this course has been serving the United Methodist Church since 1984, first as a Youth and Music Director, and then as one called to Pastor. Rev. Copeland graduated with Masters of Divinity with a Specialization in Christian Education and has been appointed to the Lynchburg, Staunton, Farmville, and Roanoke Districts serving multiple churches in each charge. Rev. Copeland will be applying for Ordination in the coming year, and is excited to be a part of the Roanoke District. She has taken "Healthy Congregations" and "Academy of Servant Leadership" Training, as well as a year's study under Roberta Gilbert with Bowen System Theory. Rev. Copeland has experience teaching Disciple Bible Studies, This

Holy Mystery, Transformed Giving, and First Place bible studies as well as leading New Member Classes and Confirmation Classes. She follows the teachings of John Wesley and desires to enrich all Methodists' lives with the knowledge of their tradition and rich heritage. Worship Service is the highlight of the week with both congregations celebrating the Great Thanksgiving every Sunday. She loves to teach, but acknowledges that she learns much and is blessed by those she is in conversation with in teaching and conference situations. She prays that God will use her to inspire praise and thanksgiving in all congregations she is appointed to serve, and that there will be a vision of transforming Disciples in all ministries done in the name of our Lord Jesus.

TEXT: *Lay Speakers: Interpret to Others Our United Methodist Heritage* by: Chester E. Custer

**LAY SPEAKERS TELL STORIES:**

Lay speakers will learn what makes a good story, discover their own style as a storyteller, study the techniques of effective storytelling, and practice creating stories from their own experience.

The class will be taught by the Reverend Dr. Stan Thompson, current Minister at Belview UMC in Radford. From the moment he arrived in the New River Valley, he has shown great interest in bringing knowledge and insight to the Priesthood of Believers. His great love of empowering the laity has been an outstanding gift to many and is something we are looking forward to share with many more.

TEXT: *Lay Speakers: Tell Stories* by: Ray Buckley

Class materials for the basic and advanced classes may be picked up weekdays in the Roanoke District office (closed 12-1). Deadline for registration is WEDNESDAY, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please be in prayer for the LSM event and what this ministry can mean in doing God's work and spreading God's Word. Lay Speaking Ministries can be a driving force in your church for the future. If you need further information about scholarships or the event, please don't hesitate to call me at 540-254-3128 or email me at [sdyerlsm@live.com](mailto:sdyerlsm@live.com).



**SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE**  
**CALL 540-254-3128 OR EMAIL [sdyerlsm@live.com](mailto:sdyerlsm@live.com)**

**ROANOKE DISTRICT FALL LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES RALLY  
AND TRAINING EVENT  
SAINT MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
19 Cedar Ridge Drive, Daleville, VA, 24083  
September 30<sup>th</sup> AND October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

**SCHEDULE:**

**FRIDAY, September 30, 2011**

6:30-6:45 PM-Check In and Fellowship  
6:45-7:00 PM-Orientation and Devotions  
7:00-8:30 PM-Session 1  
8:30-8:40 PM-Break  
8:40-9:30 PM-Session 2

**SATURDAY, October 1, 2011**

8:30-8:55 AM-Continental Breakfast  
8:55-9:10 AM-Devotions  
9:15-10:45 AM-Session 3  
10:45-10:55 AM-Break  
10:55-12:30 PM-Session 4  
12:30-1:15PM-Lunch  
1:15-3:20 PM-Final Session  
3:20-4:00 PM-Closing Worship

**Note: It is necessary to attend both the Friday evening and Saturday sessions to receive the certificate indicating completion of the course.**

**Please Return the Following Registration Information**

Registration fee \$25 for Basic Class and \$30. for Advanced Class. Check payable to Roanoke District United Methodist Church (Memo: Lay Speaking Event) Fee includes Saturday breakfast, lunch, and literature)

Mail to: Carole Click, UMC Roanoke District Office, 4502 Starkey Road, Suite 101, Roanoke VA 24018 or (fax 540-989-0672)

(For additional information call Sherry Dyer, 540-254-3128/529-8707 or email: [sdyerlsm@live.com](mailto:sdyerlsm@live.com) or call the Roanoke District office, 989-3335)

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**Registration form for Lay Speaker Training, September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

**DEADLINE: FRIDAY, September 23, 2011**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email or cell# \_\_\_\_\_ Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark one of the following courses:

**Basic Class** \_\_\_\_\_

**Advanced Courses Offered:**

Children's Messages \_\_\_\_\_

Lay Speakers Interpret To Others Our United Methodist Heritage \_\_\_\_\_

Lay Speakers Tell Stories \_\_\_\_\_