

2019 Punxsy Lay School Registration

All courses are \$25.00. Please make checks payable to Indiana District Union and write "Lay Servant School" on the memo line. Applications due August 28th, 2019. Classes with fewer than four students registered by this date may be canceled.

Please indicate your first and second choice course.

	Basic Course
	Preaching
	United Methodist Polity
	Conflict Resolution
	Accountable Discipleship

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Church: _____

Recommendation/Signature of Pastor (Please Print Name and Sign)

Mail check and application to: Jenny Gordon
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Lay Servant Ministry School First UMC Punxsutawney

Sundays 2:30 –5:30 pm
September 8th-October 13th 2019



What is Lay Servant Ministry?

- ◆ A Lay Servant is a professing member of a United Methodist Church desiring to serve the church, community, and the world.
- ◆ A Lay Servant is well-informed on and committed to Holy Scripture and the doctrine, heritage, organization, and life of the United Methodist Church
- ◆ A Lay Servant has received training in witnessing the Christian faith through speaking, leadership, and caregiving ministries.
- ◆ A Lay Servant is active in support of the local church or charge.

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Classes offered at Punxsy Lay School

Basic Course - 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.

Preaching - This is a course required for Lay Servants seeking to become Certified Lay Speakers. This course focuses on resources, processes, and techniques for writing and preaching a sermon for pulpit supply during an absence of the pastor.

Life Together in the United Methodist Connection - (United Methodist Polity) 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 recom-

Accountable Discipleship - 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.

Lay Servants Lead in Conflict Resolution - Every church deals with conflict, both healthy and unhealthy, and lay servants can be equipped and empowered to help lead through those times of conflict as a time of transformation.

Lay Servant Ministries

Lay Servant Ministries is one of the most significant lay leadership development programs available within the United Methodist connection. Through this equipping and empowering system, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who then go and make other disciples.

Recognized levels of Lay Servant Ministry

Lay People are able, and encouraged, to serve in their local churches without any formal designation.

Certified Lay Servant - Certified Lay Servants are to serve in any way that will inspire the laity to deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship, including the interpretation of Scriptures, doctrine, organization, and ministries of the church. Certified Lay Servants may serve within and beyond the local church. Ministry may extend to the community or other UM Churches.

Required: BASIC Course + one advanced course in area of ministry interest

Certified Lay Speaker - May provide pulpit supply in local church or other UM Churches as called by the District Superintendent

Required: BASIC Course + Advanced Lay Speaking Course + Leading Worship + Leading Prayer + Discovering Spiritual Gifts + UM Heritage + UMC Polity

Indiana District of the Western PA Conference

District Superintendent - Rev. James Pond

District Lay Leader - Corona McKee

District Co-directors of Lay Servant Ministries -

Jenny Gordon & Edmund Bach

District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries - Rev. Kendra Ballait, Patricia Ann Blose, Linda Boyer, Butch Brunner, Bonnie Carrodus, Rev. Daniel Cunkelman, Deb Decker, Andrew Lefcowitz, Rev. Katrina Laude, Kristen Mabon, Rev. Deb Marshall, Paul Morelli, Robert Penrose, Rev. Corben Russell, Rev. Brenda Summerville-Schall, Rev. Erica Wellner, Doug Wolfe