

WILLIAMSPORT DISTRICT FALL CLASSES

Certified Lay Servants, Certified Lay Speakers, CLM's and others interested

OCTOBER 5 and 19, 2019

Calvary UMC, 6 Franklin Street, Lawrenceville, PA

OR

Muncy First UMC, 602 South Market Street, Muncy, PA

9:30 am- 3:00 pm

Cost - \$25 Please bring your own Lunch

CLASSES AT CALVARY UMC, LAWRENCEVILLE

"FAMILY SYSTEMS" - Pastor Rebecca Cuddeback, Instructor

The body of Christ is a family. There are times our churches begin to take on our nuclear families' brokenness, that can be a lot to sort out. How, as leaders, can we better recognize the brokenness and model healing and restoration before the church does harm, to herself and the community? We will explore Bowen's Family Systems theory and diagram or individual genomes to bring awareness to what we too bring to the church. We will be utilizing Ronald Richardson's book Creating a Healthier Church. It is available on Amazon in print and also in digital format.

"DANCING WITH WORDS" - Pastor Richard DeMarte, Instructor

Participants will learn what constitutes a good story, discover storytelling styles, learn techniques of effective storytelling and practice creating stories from their own experiences. Participants will need to purchase the book "Dancing with Words" by Ray Buckley and read prior to the class so that material presented is supplemental rather than a summary. The book is available through Amazon and Cokesbury.

CLASSES AT MUNCY FIRST

"PURPOSEFUL PREACHING" - Rev. Helen Learn, Instructor

Of course, you're preaching! It's part of the call-in ministry...every Sunday, twenty minutes, three illustrations... But what if preaching was more than something to do? What if your preaching had relevance, purpose and passion? This class will offer encouragement and guidance as we look at ways to approach planning for sermons and sermon series, how to set aside the time needed for preparing a sermon and how to look at preaching as part of the faith path of a seeker or an established disciple. Though we will talk about sermons we have done, you will not be required to preach a sermon. This course will use Adam Hamilton's book "Unleashing the Word" to discover how to improve sermon planning, preparation and presentation. You are encouraged to bring a notebook and ideas. The book is recommended but not required. It is available through Amazon and Cokesbury.

"SOCIAL CHANGES IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH" - Rev. Joe and Kacie Hopkins, Instructors

What issues matter in our churches and communities? How can we make a positive difference in the lives of our neighbors? This class is designed to equip you with social justice practices that you can apply to your local setting. During this community building and creative class, we will be exploring our role as disciples of Jesus Christ who work for the transformation of the world.

We will explore the following areas: United Methodist Social Principles; Mobilizing People for Social Change; Learning to Read the Strengths and Needs of Your Community; History of World Transformation by Methodists; Theological Reflection and Bible Study; and focusing on hope and love instead of fear and anger. We will use the following books: "United Methodist Social Principles, 2017-2020" and "Three Simple Rules: a Wesleyan Way of Living". Both are available through Cokesbury.

REGISTRATION FORM

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Please check **one class** that you desire to take. You must attend both Saturdays to complete the required 10 hours.

Calvary UMC, Lawrenceville

Muncy First UMC, Muncy

_____ Family Systems

_____ Purposeful Preaching

_____ Dancing with Words

_____ Social Changes in the United Methodist Church

Please make check for \$25 payable to "Williamsport District UMC" and mail with registration form **by September 27** to: Sue Heyler, Registrar, 317 Linck Hill Road, Morris, PA 16938

NAME: _____

CHURCH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____