

Harrisburg District Lay Servant Ministry Class Offerings – Winter/Spring 2024

All courses meet the requirements for an advanced course for continued certification as a Lay Servant and Lay Speaker.

NEW! – Leading Bible Study: Journey to Bible Interpretation

Facilitator: Rev Denise Haskins

Bible interpretation is vital for sermon preparation as well as leading effective Bible study. Come and join in the discussion of using the Bible most effectively as you serve as a lay servant and lay speaker.

What: 5 2-hour Zoom sessions **Monday** evenings (6:30-8:30 pm)

When: **Monday, January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5**

A self-professed Bible nerd, the Rev. Denise Haskins is thrilled to share time with others in meaningful conversation about God's love, grace, and mercy. Whether it's through Bible study or prayer or any number of other spiritual practices, Denise longs to commit herself daily to live as a devoted disciple of Jesus and invites others to join her. She currently serves as pastor to churches in Middletown and Steelton and produces a daily video devotional posted to Facebook called "Wannabe Disciples," which encourages viewers to engage with the Bible. Denise was awarded Wesley Theological Seminary's Interpretation Award for Excellence in Biblical Studies, 2016.

Purchase the text before the class: *Biblical Interpretation: A Roadmap*, by Sharon H. Ringe and Frederick C. Tiffany. Abingdon Press, 1996.

Lay Servant Ministry Team Partner: Fred Miles

Leading Public Prayer

Facilitator: Rev Denise Haskins

What: 5 2-hour Zoom sessions **Thursday** evenings

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Leading public prayer is a key expectation of the role of the lay servant leader. It can be an intimidating and scary part of the role. This course will provide key components of public prayer that provide a basis for authentic prayer that honors God and comforts and inspires His people.

When: **Thursday, January 11, 18, 25 and February 1, 8** - in order to end before Lent.

Purchase the text before the class: *Shaping the Prayers of the People: The Art of Intercession*, by Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher. Eerdmans Publishing Company (ISBN 9780802870971)

Lay Servant Ministry Team Partner: JoAnne Konick-McMahan

Called to Preach

Facilitator: Rev Denise Haskins

What: **Hybrid course** including 3 2-hour Zoom sessions Monday evenings and an in-person class on Saturday April 27 from 10a-2 pm.

This course provides the structure needed to create sermons and messages that inspire the people of God. Called to preach coursework will provide an opportunity to put the learning into action as you present a sermon to the class during the final in person session.

When: **Monday, April 8, 15, 22 (6:30-8:30 pm)** and **Saturday, April 27 (10am-2pm)** for the in-person presentations at Centenary UMC; 1010 Orchard Dr; Harrisburg.

Denise received the Maryland Bible Society Award for Proficiency in Biblical Preaching, 2016, and offered the sermon at Wesley Theological Seminary's Graduate Eucharist service the same year.

Required text to purchase before class: *From Pew to Pulpit: A Beginners Guide to Preaching* by Clifton

F. Guthrie (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2005)

Recommended but not required text: *Speaking Well: Essential Skills for Speakers, Leaders, and Preachers* by Adam Hamilton (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2015)

Lay Servant Ministry Team Partner: TBD

Growing the Beloved Community is an online course available on the Portico website and provides the needed CEU for recertification. Register on the [Portico website](https://susumc.myabsorb.com/) here:

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Harrisburg District Lay Servant Ministry – Winter/Spring 2024 Classes Registration Form

Complete and mail this form with payment (\$25).

Mail to: Harrisburg District Office, 303 Mulberry Drive, Mechanicsburg PA 17050

Include a check for \$25/per course, made payable to “Susquehanna Conference” with Harrisburg District Lay Servant Ministry (noted in memo)

Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

My Lay Servant Status Is: _____

(NEW, Certified Lay Servant, Certified Lay Speaker, Certified Lay Minister)

Class I Wish to Take:

- Leading Bible Study:** Journey to Bible Interpretation – Zoom link will be mailed to you.
- Leading Public Prayer** – Zoom link will be emailed to you.
- Called to Preach** – Zoom link will be emailed to you for the first 3 classes.
The final class will be in-person.

Questions? Contact JoAnne Konick-McMahan, 610-209-2929, text or call.