

LAITY ACADEMY – SPRING 2024:
SCRANTON WILKES-BARRE SUPERVISORY AREA
FIVE CLASSES, BY ZOOM

The Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area Laity Academy is for all laity interested in growing in their faith journey. Both basic and advanced classes are available for those who need recertification or want to begin the Lay Servant process. **HOWEVER**, participants do not have to be a lay speaker or lay servant to take courses. All laity are welcome!
(Note: Pastors may attend classes as well and will receive CEUs.)

Cost per Course: \$35.00 (plus the purchase of your own books*)
Pre-registration is required. Three ways to register:

1. Go to sign-up at: (and mail a check)
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2024SpringLayAcademyClassbyZoom>
2. Scan and e-mail registration to scrantonwilkesbarre.org (and mail a check)
3. Check the class you are registering for on the form, fill out the information below and send registration and payment to:

Scranton Wilkes-Barre District Office UMC
40 Knob Hill Road
Trucksville, PA 18708
(Check made payable to: SUSUMC)

Registration is not complete until payment is received.

I would appreciate a scholarship for class payment.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Best Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Home Church: _____

* Required books are listed with each class. Please indicate the following:

I will purchase my own book(s).

Please purchase the book(s) for me and I will mail payment once received.

I would appreciate a scholarship for book purchases.

REGISTRATIONS DUE BY MARCH 1, 2024

O Basic Lay Speaking

Dates: Thursday Evenings, March 7, 14, 21 & April 4, 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Instructor: Becky Boran, Certified Lay Servant

Lay Speaking is the first step to begin your faith journey. It will give you many opportunities to serve the local and greater Church. This class will familiarize you with all areas of ministry and provide an opportunity to explore them. Many journeys of service to the church begin with this class.

Required Books: [Lay Servants Ministry Basic Course; Bible](#)

<https://store.upperroom.org/product/lay-servant-ministries-basic-course-participant-s-book>

O The Secret Power of Kindness

Dates: Sunday, March 3 (5:30-6:30), 10, 17 & April 7, 14, 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Instructor: Patsy Gesford, Certified Lay Speaker

I am excited about sharing this book with everyone. I have been enjoying taking this class myself. When I saw the title, I'm like what is the secret to kindness???? You just do it! It is part of our human nature. Be nice / do kind But I was curious to see if maybe I could be a better person by doing this study. So, as we read this book together, we will find there are many pieces to make this happen. There are many ways we can "unlock" things inside of us to be a better, kinder person. In a broken, hurting world we can show the Love of God one act of kindness at a time.

Required Books: ["The secret power of Kindness" by Greg Atkinson. \\$7.04 on Amazon.](#)

<https://www.amazon.com/Secret-Power-Kindness-Unlocking-Capacity/dp/1953495710>

O Spiritual Gifts Class

Dates: Saturday Evenings, March 16, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4 from 6:30 to 8:00PM

Instructor: Linda Rockwell, Certified Lay Speaker

Pastor Laura Kincaid, Pastor, First New Milford/South Montrose UMC

A class designed to help you discover your unique spiritual gifts and how they can be used in ministry.

Required Books: [Each One A Minister: Using God's Gifts for Ministry by William J. Carter. 2002](#)

[Discipleship Resources and Your Spiritual Gifts Inventory by Charles V. Bryant; Upper Room Books \\$14.00](#)

O Reviving the Wesleyan Small Groups

Dates: Saturday Mornings, April 6, 13, 20 from 9:00am to 12:20 PM

Instructor: Pastor Michael Fotta, Pastor, Lake Como /Shehawken /Hancock Emory UMC

The rapid and sudden rise of 19th century Methodism can be explained, historically, as the result of lay leadership within a lay movement, the undergirding of such were Methodist "Class Meetings" (small groups). Discover how this system of discipleship and accountability can begin transforming even the smallest of churches when people share their failures, temptations, spiritual struggles, as well as glorifying God for the progress seen each week. As John Wesley observed of the Class Meeting, it aided Christians with personal growth within the context of intimate fellowship; accountability for spiritual stewardship; "bearing one another's burdens"; "speaking the truth in love"; and that the only condition for those who wanted to be a part of the Class Meeting was a desire "to flee from the wrath to come, to be saved from their sin."

Required Books: [Watson, Kevin M. The Class Meeting: Reclaiming a Forgotten \(and Essential\) Small Group Experience. Franklin, Tennessee: Seedbed, 2014](#)

[ISBN-13 : 978-1628240580; Amazon \\$16.95](#)

O Leading Worship

Dates: Tuesday Evening, April 2, 11, 16, 23, 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Instructor: Pastor Eric Luczak, Pastor, Court Street /Embury UMC

Planning Worship

Required Books: [The Worship Workshop Creative Ways to Design Worship Together By Marcia McFee; Amazon \\$17.10-Paperback and \\$9.99-Kindle](#)