

# Nine Rivers District Fall 2024 Lay Academy Courses



## **Living Our United Methodist Beliefs: UMC Heritage**

*Class Leader: Rev's Darick & Cindy Briggs Biondi*

This class will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that The UMC brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today, and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21st century church.

**September 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm via Zoom and October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm – 7:45 pm via Zoom**

**October 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm via Zoom or in-person at WVUMC Conference Center (TBD)**

**Attendance at all sessions required**

### **Participant's Guide:**

"Living our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way" by Kenneth L. Carder Book cost: \$13.00

<https://store.upperroom.org/Search?q=dr571>

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## **The "HOW and WHY" of a small group!**

*Class Leader: Sheila Radochio, LLP*

In this short class, you will learn how to set up a small group, whether it be online, in person or in a hybrid setting. You will also learn why having a small group is so important to your faith walk. **Handouts will be sent closer to the class date!**

**September 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am -11:00 am via Zoom. No Credit for this course.**

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## **Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course**

*Class Leader: Rev. Andrew Tennant*

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. **The course is 10 hours, 2 hours are to be home study. Please obtain your book early.**

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm via Zoom.    October 5<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am – 12:30 pm in-person at Kenova UMC**

**503 15th St, Kenova, WV 25530. Attendance at all sessions required.**

**Participant's Guide:** Lay Servant Ministry Basic Course by Sandy Jackson. Book cost: \$12.00, but for \$10 you can pick it up at the District office. <https://store.upperroom.org/product/lay-servant-ministries-basic-course-participant-s-book>

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## **Ministry with the Forgotten: Dementia through a Spiritual Lens**

*Class Leader: Sheila Radochio, LLP*

In this course Pastors and congregations will be better equipped to minister with people affected by dementia, receiving their gifts and responding to their unique needs. They will learn how people with dementia contribute to the community and the church's life and mission, discovering practical ways those contributions can be identified, nurtured, and incorporated into the church's life and ministry.

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**Participant's Guide:** "Ministry with the Forgotten: Dementia through a Spiritual Lens" by Kenneth L. Carder Book cost: \$15.49 <https://www.cokesbury.com/Ministry-with-the-Forgotten>

**October 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm via Zoom. October 12<sup>th</sup> 8 am - 5 pm in-person, Forrest Burdette UMC, Hurricane, WV. Attendance at both sessions required**

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**Leading Public Prayer: Let the Whole Church Say Amen!**

*Class Leader: Cheryl Davis, CLM*

This course May challenge some of your assumptions, test some of your preconceived ideas, stretch your thinking, and enrich your prayer life.

**Participant's Guide:** "Let the Whole Church Say Amen!" by Laurence Hull Stookey

Book cost: \$19.99 <https://store.upperroom.org/Search?q=ab9077>

**October 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, in-person, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm, Cross Lanes UMC 5320 Frontier Drive, Cross Lanes, WV, 25313**  
(Bonus CLUMC UWF Craft Fair October 19<sup>th</sup>)

Attendance at both sessions required.

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**Polity, Practice, and the Mission of The United Methodist Church** *Thomas Edward Frank*

This course is required for Certified Lay Speaker track. **Dates and times to be announced.**

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**FALL 2024 LAY ACADEMY  
RESERVATION FORM  
PLEASE PRINT**

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Church \_\_\_\_\_

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**Fax form to or call:304-342-2493 fax / 342-8843 office**

**Email form to:[jmgoldizen@wvumc.org](mailto:jmgoldizen@wvumc.org)**

**Please enroll me in the following: Check One**

\_\_\_\_ Living Our United Methodist Beliefs      \_\_\_\_ Leading Public Prayer      \_\_\_\_ How and Why of a Small Group

\_\_\_\_ Ministry with the Forgotten      \_\_\_\_ Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course

\_\_\_\_ Interested in; Polity, Practice, and the Mission of The United Methodist Church