

Registration Fee: \$25.00
DEADLINE: February 1, 2012

WALK-INS: \$30.00
FIRST SESSION ONLY

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Class Offerings

Basic _____
Preaching 1 _____
Preaching 2 _____
Preaching 3 _____
Bible _____
Church Conflict Transformation _____
Music Ministry _____
Priorities of Daily Living _____
UM Heritage _____

MISSION

The mission is to equip laity to recognize and to respond to the call they feel God has placed upon them within the ministry of all believers.

VISION

The vision is to provide quality instruction and resources for everyone wishing to grow spiritually, in faith, knowledge and leadership, caring and communication; and in the process develop necessary relationship skills to better serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All God's People in all places
And in All Times are called to
Love and to Serve
Ministry of the Laity**

ACADEMY of LAY MINISTRIES

2012 Winter Session



Location:

**Taylor Chapel UMC
10145 Maysville Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46835
(260) 749-8597**

**Academy Host:
Rev. Steven Conner**

Dates and Times

**February 12 thru March 11th
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

**March 11th: 2:00 – 3:35
Commitment Service 4:00 pm**



LAY SPEAKING MINISTRY

The “Preaching Track” is a sequence of classes designed to prepare participants with essential preaching skills and to provide continual growth and refinement of those skills. Because not everyone, who enrolls in this training, has the spiritual gifts or abilities to preach, completion of the series is no guarantee one will be called to preach.

BASIC COURSE

This class gives participants an overview of the history, orientation and the Ministries of Caring, Leading and Communication. While no ‘preaching skills’ are taught in this course, it is required for all individuals preparing to follow the ‘Preaching Track’ sequence.

Teacher: Marilyn Dunten,
Pastor of Arcola UMC & Lake Chapel UMC

ADVANCED COURSES

Preaching 1: Topics covered include the ‘nuts and bolts’ of preparing and delivering a sermon; addressing the individuals’ ‘call’ to preach; history, theology; and the role of the sermon in the worship service. Each participant can expect to give a message to the class with valuable feed-back from teacher and class participants.

Prerequisite: Basic

Teacher: Steven Conner, Host Pastor of Taylor Chapel UMC

Preaching 2: This class builds and refines on the skills from Preaching 1 and also introduces new sermon ideas—Lectionary, Scripture and Personal Testimony. The importance of ‘knowing your congregation’ is also discussed. Each participant is given the opportunity to give a message to the class—followed by discussion and critique. Participants will need access to the Book of Worship, the UM Hymnal and Biblical commentaries.

Prerequisite: Basic & Preaching 1

Teacher: Kathy Newton, Pastor of Solid Rock UMC

Preaching 3: Building on the knowledge & skills of Preaching 1 & 2, the majority of time is spent on preparing and delivering two sermons, followed by valuable teacher and class discussion and critique.

Prerequisite: Preaching 2

Teacher: Ron VerLee,
Retired Senior Pastor of Saint Joseph UMC

SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN FAITH AND SERVICE

The curriculum focuses on spiritual growth in faith and service. Classes pertain to personal calling, growing in relationship with Jesus, deeper understanding of God’s Word, and training to serve the Lord more fully, specifically and effectively.

Bible: Selected Themes from Leviticus and Hebrews, Shared by Both Books:

Leviticus and Hebrews are sometimes called ‘companion’ books. They share some common themes—atonement, high priest, etc.—which tend to bring the Old Testament and the New Testament closer together. Both Testaments contain Divine directives for the people of God. These directives mesh rather uniquely on occasion. Henrietta Mears, the Presbyterian Christian educator from earlier in the 20th century said, ‘the New Testament lies concealed in the Old Testament, while the Old Testament is revealed in the New Testament. We will explore how it is so for these two books in the selected themes we review.

Teacher: Pastor Dennis Leinbach

*Church Conflict: Handling It God’s Way: NEW!

“Be angry, but do not sin...” (Ephesians 4: 26(a))!
When in conflict, handle it God’s Way!

Participants will explore God’s Word—His guidance, direction and structure—for handling church conflict in a manner honoring and pleasing to Him. In Acts 15: 1-29 God outlines a step-by-step process used in early church conflict and which remains relevant for our churches today. In (Matt. 5: (1-10), The Beatitudes describe Jesus’ character and participants are asked to examine theirs in comparison. In handling conflict what are our attitudes and behavior toward one another? Do we want to please God or ourselves? What are our motivations and intentions behind our conduct?

Teacher: Wes Brookshire,
Associate District Superintendent, NE District UMC

3 NEW Classes due to participants’ request!

*Music Ministry: NEW!

This class is designed for contemporary church musicians and directors. Topics covered are instruction in creating powerful worship sets; rhythm charts; chord charts; lead sheets and making the worship service flow musically. It also gives direction in leading efficient, productive rehearsals and arranging for praise teams. Reading, understanding and using modern chord symbols and ad-libbing are also included.

Teacher: Kevin Hege,
Music Director Churubusco UMC

Priorities of Daily Living:

Based on the book “One Month to Live”, this class embraces the fact that our time on earth is limited. It is from this perspective, participants reflect on their priorities, attitudes and relationships in daily living circumstances.

Teacher: Mike Antal, Rome City UMC Teacher

*UM Heritage: NEW!

““You can believe anything and be a Methodist, just as long as you are sincere.”
SUCH A MISCONCEPTION! “

Come and explore a basic explanation of the beliefs and practices of the UM Church. Uncover a deeper understanding and experience of Christian faith as you embrace the UM way!

Teacher: Doug Barber, Pastor of Ossian UMC

NE DISTRICT INDIANA UMC

Academy Team of Lay Ministries

Ginger Booker, Rev. Barb Cross, Brian & Sally Lanier, Rev. Kathy Newton, Dave Stayton, Larry Van Gilder & Richard Worman
Co-Directors

Becky Suman & Suzon Baker

Rev. Wes Brookshire, Associate DS

Rev. Dave Michel, DS