



The Eastern Shore District of The United Methodist Church

Committee on Lay Speaking Ministries

is pleased to announce the upcoming:

2012 Lenten Studies

(courses for lay speakers, 2 different locations)

Both locations will be on:

Mondays of February 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26

Each night: 6:30-8:30 PM

Choose only one course at one location:

Downings UMC, 7261 Lankford Hwy., Oak Hall

Course being offered:

1. Lay Speaking Ministries Basic Course

Instructor: Ms. Nancy Blagg, District Lay Speaker

Franktown UMC, 7551 Bayside Rd., Franktown

Courses being offered:

1. Advance Course: Transforming Evangelism

Instructor: Ms. Faye Godbey, District Lay Speaker

2. Advance Course: Lay Pastoral Care Giving

Instructor: Rev. Elizabeth Freund, Calvary UMC Pastor

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Eastern Shore District, The United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 317, Parksley, VA 23421; Phone 757-665-6295; Email esdsumc@verizon.net; On-line registration: www.easternshoredistrictumc.org

What is Lay Speaking Ministries? It's an opportunity for disciples of Jesus Christ to be trained and equipped to discern and live out their call to ministry. Believing each disciple is "gifted" by the Holy Spirit with one or more gifts for service in the household of God; Lay Speaking Ministries strives to help persons claim their particular gift or gifts through educational events. Schools for Lay Speaking Ministries are excellent vehicles for individuals to enhance and develop their skill level necessary for servant ministry in the church and the world.

TO MAINTAIN YOUR STATUS as a local church lay speaker and a certified lay speaker, along with other requirements you need to take a LSM course every three years. (see ¶267 & ¶268 of The Book of Discipline 2008)

DIRECTIONS TO FRANKTOWN UMC: turn west off Rt. 13 at the traffic light in Nassawadox on to Rogers Drive. Proceed approximately 1 mile to stop sign. Turn left on Bayside Rd. for 1 mile. Church is on the left.

DIRECTIONS TO DOWNINGS UMC: on Rt. 13, approximately 1 mile north of Arcadia High School and ½ mile south of T's Corner (Oak Hall) on the east side of the highway.

Courses:

The Basic Course for Lay Speaking: is the first step in becoming a recognized lay speaker. This required orientation focuses on the three primary areas of lay speaking: leading, caring and communicating. It is designed to help you answer the question, "Is God calling you to serve in your church as a representative of Christ in ministries of witness, nurture or outreach?" The instructor is Ms. Nancy Blagg (Downings UMC)

Transforming Evangelism: "This advanced course will help participants learn from the life and teachings of Wesley how to live evangelistic lives that demonstrate the transforming power of loving God and neighbor." Ms. Faye Godbey is the instructor. (Franktown UMC)

Lay Pastoral Care Giving: "How do we learn to care for others in the faith and extended community? Most of us can improve our caring skills. This advanced course offers insights into the life-span and into the dynamics of contemporary life to help us reach out with God's love and care to others." The instructor is Rev. Elizabeth Freund. (Franktown UMC)

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REGISTRATION Mail before **February 20** with your payment to: ESDUMC, P.O. Box 317, Parksley, VA 23421

- Lay Speaking Ministries Basic Course at Downings UMC (\$12)
- Advance Course: Transforming Evangelism at Franktown UMC (\$12)
- Advance Course: Lay Pastoral Care Giving at Franktown UMC (\$12)

Name

Mailing Address

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Church

Special Needs?
