



the Eastern Shore District of The United Methodist Church

**Committee on Lay Speaking Ministries**

is pleased to announce the upcoming:

**2011 Lenten Studies**

(courses for lay speakers, 2 different locations)

Both locations will be on:

Mondays of March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11 from 6:30-8:30 PM

*Choose only one course at one location:*

**Melfa UMC, 19444 Main Street, Melfa**

Courses being offered:

***1. Lay Speaking Ministries Basic Course***

**Instructor: Ms. Iris Gunter Smith, District Lay Leader**

***2. Advance Course: Discover Spiritual Gifts***

**Instructor: Rev. Carl L. Perez, Pastor, Leemont Charge**

**Downings UMC, 7261 Lankford Hwy., Oak Hall**

Course being offered:

***1. Advance Course: From Your Heart to Theirs:***

***Delivering an Effective Sermon***

**Instructor: Ms. Barbara Mason, District Assoc. Lay Leader**

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](mailto:esdsumc@verizon.net); On-line registration: [www.easternshoredistrictumc.org](http://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 MELFA UMC:** turn east off Rt. 13 in Melfa on to Main Street. Church is approximately 1/3 mile on the right.

**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. Iris Gunter Smith (Melfa UMC)

*Discover Spiritual Gifts:* is an advanced course that focuses on acquiring a better understanding of the church and its ministry needs; learning what it means to be a minister; doing the work of Christ in the church and in the world; and being more fully equipped to lead others in exploring and using their spiritual gifts. Rev. Carl L. Perez is the instructor. (Melfa UMC)

*From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon:* this advanced course reviews the basics of public speaking and goes further by addressing the foundations necessary for preparing an engaging sermon. The 5 parts of this helpful guide include: types of sermons from scriptural, to topical to children's sermons and personal testimony; finding the story and using the hymnal; reading the Bible aloud; communication on paper and moving beyond the paper; practice and presentation. The instructor is Ms. Barbara Mason. (Downings UMC)

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**REGISTRATION** Mail before **March 1** with your payment to: ESDUMC, P.O. Box 317, Parksley, VA 23421

Lay Speaking Ministries Basic Course at Melfa UMC (\$12)

Advance Course: Discover Spiritual Gifts at Melfa UMC (\$12)

Advance Course: From your Heart to Theirs –Delivering an Effective Sermon at Downings UMC (\$12)

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Special Needs?

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