

## What is Lay Speaking Ministries?

Lay Speaking Ministries is 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 MARKET STREET UMC:** from Rt. 13 turn West 179 at Onley traffic light and proceed approximately 2 miles into the town of Onancock. Church is on the right

**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)

### **REGISTRATION** *(check one of these advanced courses)*

Caring for the Community (\$20)

Accountable Disciples (\$20)

More Prayer (\$20)

Saturday's lunch is included in the registration fee. Please choose one menu below that will be served with deviled eggs, chips, dessert, tea and coffee:

Ham Salad

Chicken Salad

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Special Diet Needs? \_\_\_\_\_

(Mail before **May 6** with your payment to: ESDUMC, P.O. Box 317, Parksley, VA 23421 or see contact information above.)



**Advanced Courses: May 20 - 21, 2011**

7-9 pm on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and

8:30 am – 4:30 pm on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

**Market Street United Methodist Church**  
**75 Market Street, Onancock, Virginia**

## CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY –LAY MINISTRY CAREGIVING

*Instructor: Ms. Barbara Justis*



“How do we learn to care for others in the community—whether the community of faith or the extended community? Some people seem to have natural gifts, but most of us can learn to improve our caring skills. This course offers insights in the life span and the dynamics of contemporary life to help our church leaders reach out with God’s

love and care to others.

## CREATING A GENUINE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY –ACCOUNTABLE DISCIPLES

*Instructor: Rev. Peter Surran*



“This course focuses on the concept of the household of God, the importance of Scripture as divine revelation, Wesleyan understandings of grace and the importance of the office of class leader in the development of the Methodist movement. You are encouraged to look at your own faith community and see how it is (or is not) a reflection of genuine Christian community.”

**Preparation** is the key to getting the most out of your lay speaking class. Register by the deadline of May 6 in order to receive required textbook in time to study it and receive other assignments for your course. Don’t delay, register today!

## MORE PRAYER, MORE POWER

*Instructor: Mrs. Carole Oakley*



“To many people, prayer remains a mystery, and praying in public is a test of faith left to the professionals” of the church. This course teaches lay speakers to encourage deeper and more vital prayer among all Christians.”

**“Your life may be the only Bible some people ever read. As lay speakers care, lead, and communicate, they encourage, equip and support others for deeper commitment to Christ and to faithful discipleship.”**



**All Courses are scheduled 7-9 pm Friday and 8:30-4:30 pm Saturday**

### **Questions concerning the School or courses?**

Contact the District Director on Lay Speaking Ministries,  
Rev. Brenda Laws at 757-824-0795 or email <deaconbre@ymail.com>

The next School of Lay Speaking Ministries will be held in the Fall 2011. Franktown UMC will host the event. The Basic Course will be held September 22, 23, 24 and Advances Courses will be held September 23, 24.