

## What is Lay Speaking Ministries?

Lay Speaking Ministries is a program developed to provide training opportunities and experiences to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to realize and respond to their personal call to ministry. Since each disciple is 'gifted' with one or more spiritual gifts (skills given by the Holy Spirit for the express purpose of serving the body of believers and thereby God), Lay Speaking Ministries strives to help disciples become aware of their particular gift or gifts by offering educational events to enhance and develop the skill level necessary for the full fruition of these gifts. It is an excellent vehicle for servant ministry skill development and has aided thousands of church members to be better servants of Jesus Christ, to become stronger church family leaders, and to more capably assist their pastors.

**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:** from Rt. 13 turn west at the traffic light in Nassawadox on to Rogers Drive and proceed approximately 1 mile to stop sign. Turn left on Bayside Road for 1 mile. Church is on the left.

**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)

**COKESBURY BOOKSTORE** will be available all day on Saturday.

### REGISTRATION (check one)

- Basic Course for Lay Speaking (\$16)
- AC: You Can Preach! (\$18)
- AC: Lay Speakers are Servant Leaders (\$19)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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


Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Mail before **May 1** with your payment to: ESDUMC, P.O. Box 317, Parksley, VA 23421 or see contact information above.)



# Spring School of Lay Speaking Ministries

Sponsored by the Eastern Shore District Committee on Lay Speaking

Leading  
Caring  
Communicating

**Franktown United Methodist Church  
7551 Bayside Rd., Franktown, Virginia**

**Basic Course: May 13-15, 2010**

**Advanced Courses: May 14-15, 2010**

## Basic Course for Lay Speaking



Iris Gunter-Smith is the Instructor

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?"

Thurs., May 13 & Fri., May 14 (7-9pm); Sat., May 15 (8:30-4:30 pm)  
Cost is \$16 (for textbook & Sat. lunch). Materials to bring: a Bible, notebook, pencil and if you have them 2008 Discipline and Book of Worship

## Advanced Course: Lay Speakers Are Servant Leaders



Barbara Justis is the Instructor

This course will help lay speakers develop an understanding of servant leadership and the types of power that occur between leaders and followers. Tools and skills, necessary for servant leadership and how to handle conflicts in the church, will be discussed.

Fri., May 14 (7-9pm); Sat., May 15 (8:30-4:30 pm)  
Cost is \$19 (for textbook & Sat. lunch)  
Materials to bring: a Bible, notebook, and pencil

## Advanced Course: You Can Preach!

This course provides useful information to the lay speaker about the art of writing sermons. The lay speaker will receive information about resources available to research topics, interpret scripture, and writing interesting and inspiring sermons.



Barbara Mason is the Instructor

Fri., May 14 (7-9pm); Sat., May 15 (8:30-4:30 pm)  
Cost is \$18 (for textbook & Sat. lunch).  
Materials to bring: a Bible, notebook, and pencil.

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

Contact the District Director on Lay Speaking Ministries,  
Rev. Brenda Laws at 757-824-0795 or email <luvdoves@intercom.net>

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

