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Western Colorado *Lay Servant Ministries*

Course Registration & Certification History

for Certifying or Renewing as Lay Servants, working toward Lay Speaker certification and/or for
Personal Enrichment

Lay Servant Basic Course April 20 and 21, 2018

Led by Dr. Susan Yeager and Ellie Young

Eagle United Methodist Church

333 Second Street, Eagle, CO 81531

Contact Information: Rev. Sid Spain 970-376-1688, Louise Carter 970-328-6598

Schedule: Friday 6-9; Saturday 8:30-3:30 with lunch provided for a free-will offering to help with lunch expenses.

Please send the form below to Louise Carter, PO Box 546, Eagle, CO. 81631 or electronically to office@umcofeaglevalley.org. Registration cost is \$15. Please make checks payable to: UMC of Eagle Valley. Sorry we do not accept debit or credit cards.

If possible, please obtain the book yourself in advance of the class. Cokesbury or Amazon can be good sources. *Lay Servant Ministries, participant's book; by Sandy Zigler Jackson and Brian Jackson, ISBN 978-0-88177-626-3*. If you need assistance in acquiring the book for \$12 plus shipping, please contact Gayla Jo Slauson at least 3 weeks prior to the class, (970)623-9671.

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Name _____ Address _____
[Last] [First]

Phone[s] _____ e-mail _____

Church affiliation [name of church] _____ [circle] member attendee

Dietary restrictions for food at lunch _____



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What are Lay Servant Ministries? Why take this class?

Lay Servant Ministries involve courses designed to equip laity for their roles in ministry as disciples of Jesus Christ. It is one of the most significant lay leadership development programs available within the United Methodist connection.

Certified Lay Servants are professing members of a local church who desire to serve the church and who know and are committed to Scripture and the doctrine, heritage, organization, and life of the United Methodist church. They have received specific training.

Certified lay servants are required to obtain a recommendation from their pastor, complete the Basic class (the foundational course that acquaints them with their gifts, calling and responsibilities as followers of Christ), and one advanced course (there are many options for advanced courses with new ones coming along often). Then they fill out an annual report for the district, describing the courses taken and the work they are doing in their churches, signed by the pastor which goes to the district committee on lay servant ministries and is reviewed for approval of qualifications. Every three years they update by completing another advanced course. Every year they submit a current report. When individuals who are interested in lay servant certification have completed the BASIC course and one advanced course, they should contact Gayla Jo Slauson, provide documentation of courses taken as well as a reference from the pastor, and ask for the Certificate. If they need to renew certification after having let it lapse, they take the BASIC and an advanced course, and do the same thing. Once requested with appropriate documentation, certificates will be signed and sent within a few weeks.

Further opportunities exist for those who are interested in the ministry of preaching and filling the pulpit. A Certified Lay Speaker serves by preaching. They must be certified first as a lay servant, then obtain recommendations from their pastors and church council or charge conference. They complete six specific advanced courses in addition to the Basic course in the areas of leading worship, leading prayer, discovering spiritual gifts, preaching, United Methodist heritage and polity. They also must be reviewed and approved by the district committee on lay servant ministries and update with an advanced course at least once every three years. Every year they submit a current report.

For more information on lay servant ministries, contact Gayla Jo Slauson, gslauson@coloradomesa.edu.