



Lay Servant Basic Training

Saturday, September 23

8:30-4:00 p.m.

Norwalk United Methodist Church

Lay Servant Ministries: Who We Are, What We Do:

The United Methodist Church has been committed to Wesley's vision of serving the spiritual and worldly needs of people as they are, who they are, where they are, and their most pressing needs. Wesley understood, and respected, humans need spiritual AND worldly sustenance, whether that be community fellowship, food for body as well as mind and soul, and opportunities to grow in practical as well as spiritual ways.

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES grew out of that commitment to support members of the body of Christ into **'growing'** their personal gifts for ministering to one another as brothers and sisters in the Great Community of God's Kin-dom. We each have gifts to give, and are enriched by developing our gifts—to teach Sunday school, organize church events, assist in Sunday services, lead a study...and many, many other ways!

We invite you to join the **Firelands Lay Servant Ministries team** on Sat. September 23 for a one-day introduction into *what it means to be a member of the family of God* and a look at the critical areas in which we can serve others: *leading, caring, communicating*. These three foundations of our faith are ways we profess the promise of our baptism in Christ and the ways we serve others, and are the basis for further courses in the LSM course offerings.

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Saturday, September 23rd
8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
Norwalk United Methodist Church, 60 West Main Street, Norwalk
Cost: \$25.00
Included: Lay Servant Training Booklet; Lunch provided

If you are interested in learning more about the United Methodist Church and how you can grow in serving God, Lay Servant Training is designed to help you. In order to register: go to EOCUMC.com, then click on Firelands District, August 2023 newsletter for online registration form. Printed registration forms are available on the table in the Sanctuary. All registration fees must reach the Firelands District Office before any books will be sent out. The deadline for registration is **Monday, September 11, 2023**.

Please note that this will be the LAST Lay Servant Training in the Firelands District as we know it. All future trainings will take place after the restructuring of the East Ohio Conference Districts.

Please contact Carol Nelson Burns, LSM Chairperson (cnbkelleys@yahoo.com; 419-967-9360) or other members of the Lay Servant Ministries team (which includes Trinity's Sherri Buehl and Sue Mitchell), or Pastor Ted, if you have specific questions.

