

## Lay Ministries Team - Southern District

### 2024 Lay Academy FALL Schedule

Rev: 07/25/2024;

Registration at:

<https://southerndistrictumc.org/southern-district-lay-academy>

**Questions or Concerns: Call 304-252-7985 or [Southerndistrict@wvumc.org](mailto:Southerndistrict@wvumc.org)**



#### 1. UM Temple (Beckley) – Saturday, August 17, 2024; 8:30 to 4:00 PM

**INCLUDES DISTRICT CONFERENCE FROM 11 am TO 12 NOON; Lunch provided at Noon**

- a. “Let’s Preach”; (Rev Scott Mayberry and Rev Rick Crawford)
  - i. Introduction to preaching in the UMC; participants will learn how to put sermons together and develop their own sermon for the group. Registration required by 8/9/2024
  - ii. The students need to read the textbook (From Pew to Pulpit) prior to the first meeting on Aug 17<sup>th</sup>. Book is available at no cost from the Southern District Office to those enrolled.
  - iii. Initial Session; Group will set follow-up sessions to complete course work
- b. “Sacraments in the UM Church” (Rev Kelly Martin)
  - i. There will be reading and work required before this Saturday; Registration required by 8/6/2024
  - ii. Background and meaning of the Sacraments of the UMC with discussion of their importance
- c. “Writing Devotions”; (Audrey Stanton-Smith)
  - i. There will be reading and work required before this Saturday; Registration required by 8/6/2024
  - ii. How to and practice on how to write Devotions and to prepare short Devotions for meetings
  - iii. Registration required by 8/6/2024

#### 2. Special Workshop on “Advance Preaching” (Rev. Scott Mayberry and Rev. Rick Crawford)

- a. **Schedule to be determined – watch for announcement shortly**
- b. *For those with previous experience in the pulpit or who have had the introductory preaching course*
- c. *Please contact [ghartsog@alphaengineer.com](mailto:ghartsog@alphaengineer.com) for more information or to express interest in attending*

#### 3. Western Academy: Nighbert UMC (Logan) – Saturday, December 7, 2024; 8:30 to 4:00 PM

- a. “Living our UM Beliefs” (Rev Don Stilgenbauer)
- b. “Communicating Strategically” (Bryan Beaty, Conference Director of Communications)

#### 4. **By Zoom:**

- a. “Leading Worship”;
  - i. (Rev Betsy Evans) Thursdays: 6:30-8:00 PM; Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Designing and leading worship in the UMC

**\*NOTE: Each in-person, one-day course includes at least 3 hours of independent work prior to the in-person session.**

*Note: If a church would like to have “Basic Course” led at their church, please let the Southern District Office know and one will be scheduled.*