

You are invited to join the Fellowship of Excellence

Butler District Lay Ministry School

March 30-April 27, 2008 from 2-5 PM.

Located at Harmony-Zelienople UMC

123 N. Pittsburgh St.

Zelienople, PA 16063

- Be Inspired!
- Be Challenged!
- Grow Spiritually!
- Stretch Yourself!
- And yes, you can still become a Certified Lay Speaker if you choose!
- Re-certify as a Certified Lay Speaker!

Course Offerings:

***Basic:* The Rev. Dave Alleman & William Richard**

The Lay Speaking Ministries Basic Course focuses on the many ways lay speakers are called to be in ministry through such things as preaching, leading, teaching, serving, proclaiming the gospel, disciple-making, storytelling, and growing through personal spiritual formation.

***Preaching:* The Rev. Bruce Merritt & Mrs. Judy Richard**

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.

***Prayer:* John Hrivnak and the Harmony-Zelienople UMC Prayer Team**

Prayer is our primary means of communicating with God, yet most Christians join the church and only learn how to pray by listening to others. This advanced course on prayer will help lay speakers grow in confidence and skill, while encouraging a deeper and more vital prayer life in their personal life.

***Worship:* The Rev. Rich Pearson & Mr. Tom Fodor**

The purposes of this course are: (1) To gain an understanding of corporate worship as an encounter of the gathered community with God and with one another. (2) To learn how to plan worship that is both authentically Christian and relevant to Christians and seekers today. (3) To develop the practical skills needed for leading worship.

***Pastoral Assistance:* The Rev. Sherry Cook & Mr. Floyd Barnhardt**

Learn how to reach out, minister, care for and visit those who are ill, injured, grieving, rehabilitating, experiencing family difficulty, shut in and elderly.

Persons taking this course can expect to be affirmed in the caring they already do; can develop skills for even more effective caring ministries; will recognize their own need for caring and support; and will explore other ways to encourage others to be care-givers

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration deadline: **March 10, 2008** Cost \$27.00 per person

Please make checks payable to:

The Butler District

Return this registration and payment to:

Mrs. Robin Gnoth

529 Perry Way

Zelienople, PA 16063-1541

Phone: 724-473-8393

Course(s) I wish to register for:

PLEASE MAKE A FIRST AND SECOND COURSE CHOICE

(Class availability based on response)

Basic Pastor Assistance Worship

Preaching Prayer

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone _____ email _____

Payment: \$_____ Check No.: _____

Pastor Signature_____ With my signature, I recommend that this member of my congregation take the specified course described herein.