



Central Coast Lay Servant Courses Spring 2016

**Two Saturdays, April 9 and 16, 2016
From 9 am to 3 pm
At Arroyo Grande UMC**

*275 North Halcyon Road,
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420*

Three Courses Offered — Must attend BOTH Saturdays

- ◆ **Lay Servant Basic Course**
- ◆ **Preach It** (Advanced Course)
- ◆ **Transforming Evangelism** (Advanced Course)

Course Fee covers book, class sessions and two lunches

\$35 — **BY** Monday, March 21, 2016 **\$40** — **AFTER** March 21, 2016

Last day to register and pay is Friday, April 1, 2016

Please pay by check to Lompoc First UMC

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Local Church _____

Any Special Needs? Medical Food Allergies? _____

Check only ONE course —

_____ Basic Course _____ Preach It _____ Transforming Evangelism

Course Fee: Check one _____ **\$35** by 3/21 _____ **\$40** after 3/21

Last day to register & pay is 4/1 Please pay by check to Lompoc First UMC

Mail Registration and Fee to: Lompoc First UMC

925 North F Street, Lompoc, CA 93436

For additional information or questions, please contact the Lay Servant School Coordinators

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What is a Lay Servant?

Lay Servant Ministries is one of the most significant lay leadership development programs available within the United Methodist connection. Through this system of equipping and empowering, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ — who then go and make other disciples. A Lay Servant is one who is eager to serve and who is committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, care-giving ministries and spoken communication — and who is willing to improve their skills for service. Lay Servant Ministries offers training opportunities for laity who want to use their witness, leadership, and service to inspire others to a deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship. This may include the interpretation of the Scriptures, doctrine, organization and serving through other church ministries. The courses below will be taught by pastors from the Central Coast United Methodist Churches.

Lay Servant BASIC Course

A Basic Course is required for the Local Church Lay Servant Certificate. This course is foundational for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship. The course introduces the stated purposes of Lay Servant Ministries, such as caring, leading, and communication. The course will use the book *Lay Servant Ministries: Basic Course*. Completion of this course is recommended before taking an advanced class.

Advanced Lay Servant Courses

Preach It!

Asked to preach on Laity Sunday? Need to fill in for the pastor one Sunday? This course will give you sermon preparation tools and the foundations necessary for preparing and sharing an engaging sermon. We will use the book, *Go Preach!*

Transforming Evangelism

Reaching out to others with the good news of Jesus Christ — how do we do this? This course leads participants to learn from John Wesley how to practice relational evangelism. Discover that evangelism involves not only sharing our faith with others but also welcoming people into a community where they can grow in faith.

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