



FIVE RIVERS DISTRICT LAY SERVANT TRAINING

March 25th, 2023

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ottawa 1st UMC

203 E 4th St

Ottawa, KS 66067

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts (required advanced class for Certified Lay Speaker)

Instructor: Rev. Carl Ellis

Class size: 15 participants

Text: Your Spiritual Gifts: Inventory by Charles Bryant ***(text is included in fee)

This course helps participants understand spiritual gifts and how those gifts help them carry out their leadership in the local church and can use them to fulfill its mission and ministry. Participants will explore areas God had called them to serve in the church and how they can be spiritual leaders and be equipped to lead others in exploring and using their spiritual gifts. Completing the Spiritual Gifts Inventory before class is required.

Leading Worship (required advanced class for Certified Lay Speaker)

Instructor: Rev. Amy Seifert

Class size: 15 participants

Text: Worshiping with United Methodists (REVISED) Hoyt Hickman

***Available from Amazon (19.15) or Cokesbury (13.99) your responsibility to order and read.

This course focuses on the ministry of the lay servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship. Fee will not include the book. Reading the book in advance is part of the required hours for this course, so please enroll early enough to order/receive the book and read it before the class day.

Pastoral Care for those who grieve (advanced course)

Instructor: Jada Hodgson CLM

Class size: 15 participants

Text: A View from the Fog; A Story of Grief and Loss and Faith and Hope. Hodgson, Jada D.L.

***Available from Amazon (6.60 paperback) (3.99 Kindle) your responsibility to order and read.

Reading the book in advance is part of the required hours for this course, so please enroll early enough to order/receive the book and read it before the class day.

Themes: Anticipatory Grief

Traumatic Loss-accident, murder, suicide

How **NOT** to respond to a grieving person

Those uncomfortable condolences

How to respond

A Word from Jada Hodgson:

Grief is a lifelong journey. My hope for this course is two-fold. One, that you will be better prepared for the moments when Grief enters your own life. Two, that you might know how to walk gently and graciously with those in grief who need your care and support.

On February 22, 2015, my parents died in a single car, rollover accident, and the car caught fire before their bodies could be retrieved. Their bodies were burned badly enough that it was impossible to have open caskets at the funeral.

My world spun into a depth of grief and loss unlike any I had ever known or even imagined possible. So, I am delighted to offer this course.

What are my credentials? I say that I have my February 22nd, 2015 in Grief, Loss, Suicidal Ideation, PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and Recovery.

I have read everything I could get my hands on related to Grief, Traumatic Loss, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Adult Orphans, and other Grief related topics. I have found online grief communities. I have studied blogs. I did all of this in a search for a timeline, a sense of when normalcy would return, a blueprint. Spoiler alert! There is no timeline, and you create your own blueprint as you begin to build your new life.

I will be available to talk or message with you privately throughout and following this class. If need a grief friend or a resource, I am here.

General information:

Fee for participants is only refundable if you notify Marve' Ralston at 5riversdistrict@greatplainsumc.org or 785-841-4804 by March 17th.

Please bring your own refillable coffee mug and/or water bottle.

Lunch will be provided. If you have special dietary concerns, please bring a sack lunch.

For more information about Lay Servant Ministries, go to <http://www.greatplainsumc.org/laity>

Registration due with \$25.00 check or register/pay online by Monday, March 6th

Class: **Spiritual Gifts** _____ **Worship** _____ **Grief** _____

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Cell: _____ Church/District: _____

Are you in the Five Rivers or Parsons District? () Yes () No

Do you need directions to the church? () Yes () No

Return to: Five Rivers District Office, PO Box 556, Baldwin City, KS 66006-0556
Phone: 785-841-4804

Online Registration Link:

<https://gp-reg.brtaapp.com/5RiversDistrictLayServantMinistryTrainingMarch25th2023>