



Lay Servant Ministries Spring Courses

April 1-2, 2017
Heart of Longmont
350 11th Avenue
Longmont, CO

The Peaks Subdistrict Council
announces spring courses.

The following courses will be offered:

“The Basic Class”
Led by Judy Stout

“Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts”
Led by LaVeta Lowery
(This class is a requirement for Lay
Speaker)

“Come to the Table”
Led by Yvonne Clary

Read more on page 5 of this newsletter

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Peaks Sub District Conference

Save the date: March 11, 2017
for the District Conference at the
“Heart of Longmont”
Look for a special Guest Speaker,
Quiet Disciple awards, Lay Servant of
the Year award, Lunch & more!

What is a Lay Speaker?

A Lay Speaker is a Certified Lay Servant, or person with equivalent training as defined by his or her district conference who is called and equipped to serve the church in pulpit supply in accordance with ¶341.1 of the *2012 Book of Discipline*.

The role of Lay Speaker was created at the 2012 General Conference to foster excellence, ensure quality, provide accountability, and retain the heritage of those laity called to provide pulpit supply.

To become certified as a Lay Speaker, you must:

1. Be a professing and active member of a local church/charge.
2. Obtain recommendation from pastor and charge conference.
3. Complete the BASIC Course for Lay Servant Ministries.
4. Complete a track of study to include: Discovering Spiritual Gifts, Leading Worship, Leading Prayer, Preaching, United Methodist Heritage, United Methodist Polity, and/or other courses as determined by the annual conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries or equivalent structure.
5. Be interviewed by the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries or equivalent structure and be recommended to the conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries or equivalent structure for certification.

To maintain status as a Certified Lay Speaker, you must:

1. Submit an annual report.
2. Submit an application for recertification and reappear before the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries every three years.
3. Receive endorsement of local church charge conference.
4. Complete an advanced course for Lay Servant Ministries at least once every three years for recertification.

Spotlight on Clergy

Contributed by Linda Kautz

FUMC Greeley Welcomes Sione Tukutau

This past July, First United Methodist in Greeley welcomed a new pastor, Sione Tukutau. Sione and his wife, Olympia, have two sons, Epeli, 24, and Harvey, 19. The Tukutau family lives in Eaton, where Olympia has been appointed to Alger Memorial United Methodist.

Sione and Olympia were born and raised in Tonga, a small nation made up of a number of small islands in the South Pacific, with a total land area smaller than Weld County and a total population approximately the same as the population of Greeley,

Sione was a PK, as his grandfather, father, and two of his brothers have served the United Methodist Church in the islands. He planned from the age of 14 or so to become a pharmacist, an ambition inspired by a beloved uncle who was a role model for Sione and who was also the first pharmacist in Tonga. Sione attended college in Hawaii, preparing for a pharmacy career by majoring in chemistry, biology, and math – with a minor in religion. He returned to Tonga for a short time, teaching high-school math and science. During this time, he met and married Olympia. But Tonga no longer felt like home, so the young couple moved to Hawaii, where Epeli was born. Shortly after the move to Hawaii came a move to Portland, Oregon, where Olympia's father and other relatives lived. Sione ran a very successful landscaping company. At a Lay Speaking event at their church in Portland, Sione met his cousin Eddie, who was a DS in the Rocky Mountain Conference, encouraged him to pursue a career as a pastor, and recommended that he attend Iliff School of Theology. Sione's first thought was "too much church," but, as he began receiving mail from Iliff (thanks to cousin Eddie), he started to think about it. At last, he applied to two pharmacy schools and to Iliff – and waited. One day three letters arrived in the mail. Sione and Olympia had already decided that the first acceptance he received would be the one he would take. The letter from Iliff was atop the letters from the pharmacy schools (all were acceptance letters), and the rest is history.

While he was at Iliff, Sione began a Tongan congregation at Burns Memorial UMC in Aurora. Since then, he has always served in cross-cultural appointments. He has served many rural eastern Colorado churches, including Springfield, Walsh and Two Buttes, Calhan and Rush, Stratton and Kirk. He also served in Rock Springs, Wyoming, before being appointed a DS in the Utah-Western Colorado Conference and living in Salt Lake City.

Sione missed pastoring people as a DS and requested a move back to a church. He loves people, cross-cultural ministry, and has a passion for growing the church. He incorporates all ages into the worship service and places a great deal of importance on inclusivity. He is also a strong supporter of the role of laity in the church.

Sione likes the people of FUMC and the people of Greeley in general, noting their friendliness and acceptance of him and his family as a minority. His biggest challenge since coming to Greeley is learning the culture of the church, something he noted must be done in every new appointment.

FUMC Greeley welcomes Sione, Olympia, Epeli, and Harvey, and looks forward to a long, fruitful ministry together!



Lay Servant Ministries Spring Classes

April 1 & 2

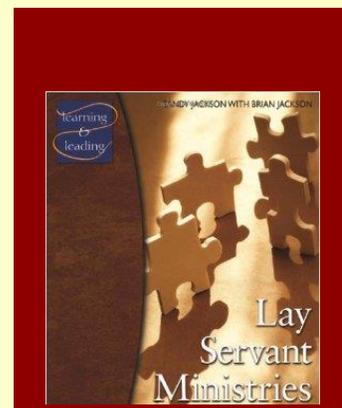
Basic Class

The Basic Course is the first course to consider when considering Lay Servant Ministries. This particular course has been renewed (2013) and offers a deeper understanding of:

- spiritual gifts
- servant leadership
- each leader's role in developing future leaders
- the importance of consistent spiritual practices
- the core ministries of Leading, Caring, and Communicating

The Peaks Sub District offers the basic course each Spring and Fall. We are considering offering this class more often during the year at local churches or other venues. Judy Stout will facilitate this course on April 1 & 2.

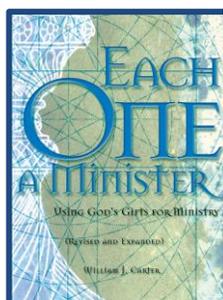
Enrollment form on page 6.



Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

This course helps participants understand spiritual gifts and how the church can use them to fulfill its mission and ministry. Participants will also learn what it means to be a spiritual leader and will be equipped to lead others in exploring and using their spiritual gifts.

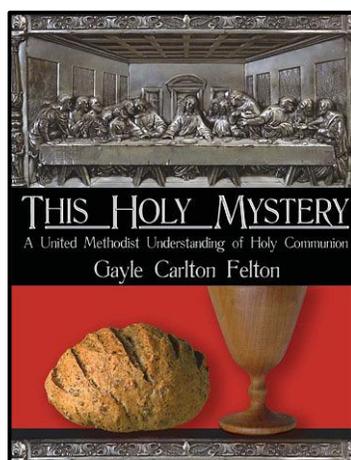
LaVeta Lowery will facilitate this course on April 1 & 2. Enrollment form on page 6



Come to the Table

Deepen your experience of Holy Communion through this wide-ranging study of This Holy Mystery, Scripture, church history, United Methodist theology and practice of the sacrament. This course will prepare the Lay Servant to help the pastor on Communion Sunday and take communion from that table to the homebound.

Yvonne Clary will facilitate this course on April 1 & 2. Enrollment form on page 6.



Congratulations to the Peaks Sub District newest “Lay Speaker”!

After much hard work and diligence, Lorrie Prince completed all the required courses to obtain the title of “Lay Speaker.” We now have three Lay Speakers in the Peaks Sub District.

Lorrie is a member of Brighton United Methodist Church.



Certified Lay Ministers (CLM), part of Lay Servant Ministries

Per the 2016 General Conference the Certified Lay Minister (CLM) process now falls under the umbrella of Lay Servant Ministries.

Although, all else will stay the same, the CLM will be required to first be a Lay Servant. The District Committee on Ordained Ministry will oversee the CLM candidate through the process and the Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries will review and approve the candidate.

Curtis Gay and Susan Yeager have written a procedure manual for the Rocky Mountain Conference outlining the CLM process. For more information please contact Curtis @ curtis.gay@centurylink.com

WHAT IS A LAY SERVANT?

The Logo states: Leading * Caring * Communicating

Leading: leading Bible studies, small group studies, mission & outreach activities both locally and globally. In worship settings lay servants assist with Communion and assist with liturgy.

Caring: participate in caring, visitation and welcoming ministries; caring for the imprisoned, caring for pastors and staff.

Communicating: lay servants are called to share the Good News of Christ with others; share their faith, preach, teach, speak in community venues and give voice to the voiceless.

- You can also take approved Lay Servant courses on line. Go to **“beadisciple.com”** for more information. Remember to send in your certificate at charge conference from these courses for credit.
- Check out the Peaks Subdistrict Website:
<http://peaksplainsneco.weebly.com/>

Peaks Sub District 2017Spring Classes
 April 1st, 2016 8:30 Registration, Classes 9am – 3:30pm
 April 2nd, 2016 Classes 1pm-5pm
 The Heart of Longmont
 350 11th Ave, Longmont, CO

Enrollment Form – Please fill out all information

Indicate Course Choice:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> “Basic Course” | \$40 early registration, \$45 after March 18th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> “Discovering your Spiritual Gifts” | \$40 early registration, \$45 after March 18th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> “Come to the Table” | \$40 early registration, \$45 after March 18th |

(Fee covers the cost of books, break refreshments & lunch both days.)

Name: _____

Phone # _____

Email: _____

Local Church _____

Mailing Address: _____

Are you in the Peaks Sub District? Y N

Payment enclosed: Yes, ck # _____, (payable to PEAKS SUB DISTRICT) No _____

Please let us know of dietary restrictions, accessibility concerns, etc. _____

*Note for Basic Course only – Pastor’s recommendation required: ___ Attached ___ Will follow

Pre-register by email and/or mail this enrollment form and tuition fee by March 25th to:

Judy Stout at jstout@lpbroadband.net. 4307 Crane Court, Loveland, CO 80537-8901 (970) 669-8644

- If you have questions regarding Lay Servant Ministries please send us an email:
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