



PEAKS SUBDISTRICT

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

Who are Lay Servants?

A lay servant is a member of a local church or charge who is ready and desirous to serve the church and who is well informed on the Scriptures and the doctrine, heritage, organization and life of The United Methodist Church and who has received specific training to develop skills in witnessing to the Christian faith through spoken communications, church and community leadership, and care-giving ministries. Lay servants serve a variety of needs including help and assistance in servicing their personal ministry at home, in their local church, their community, county, district and conference. An applicant must be active in the support of a local United Methodist congregation.

Upcoming Lay Servant Classes

Mark your calendars for April 2nd and 3rd. We will be offering several classes at Brighton United Methodist Church.

We will be offering the “Basic Class”, “Pastoral Care” and “Transforming Evangelism”.

Times are as follows: Saturday April 2nd, 9am – 4pm and Sunday April 3rd, 1:30 - 4:30pm.

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Peaks Sub District Lay Ministry Council

Chuck Keim	Lay Leader
Yvonne Clary	Chair
Linda Kautz	Secretary
Don Kautz	Treasurer
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Sue States	Event Coordinator
Bill Cosbey	Lay Member
Bob Dexter	Retired Clergy Member
Jeremiah Harris	Clergy Member
Mark Heiss	Clergy Member
Margaret Hotze	Member at Large
Marilyn Sickmon	Lay Member
Sue Mullins	Lay Member

2016 Peaks Subdistrict Conference

Each spring we have our subdistrict conference. This year it will be on March 12th at Rinn United Methodist Church.

At the subdistrict conference, our district superintendent, Walter “Skip” Strickland will lead us in approving the nomination report, peaks subdistrict leadership election, and election of equalization members to annual conference among other business.

We also honor “Quiet Disciples” from each church and a “Lay Servant” of the year from the peaks subdistrict.

This year we will also have an opening session that will focus on “Fresh Expressions”. There will be several workshops in the afternoon. Keep an eye on the district website for more information and registration.

Lay Servant Ministries 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

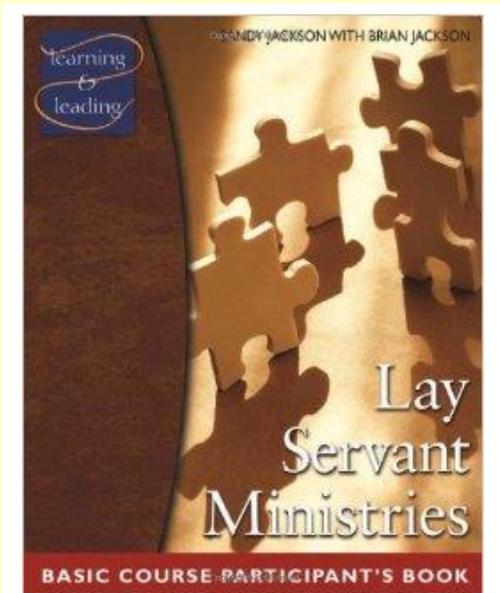
- spiritual gifts
- servant leadership
- each leader's role in developing future leaders
- the importance of consistent spiritual practices
- the core ministries of Leading, Caring, and Communicating
- and much more.

The Peaks Subdistrict offers the basic course each spring and Fall along with all other offered courses. We are considering offering this class more often during the year at local churches or other venues.

There are two opportunities for this course:

March 12th at the subdistrict conference we will offer the first half of this course and will finish the last half of the course on April 2nd at Brighton UMC. This will be facilitation by Linda Kautz.

We will again offer the full course on April 2nd and 3rd at Brighton UMC. It will be facilitated by Karl Heil and Yvonne Clary.



“Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept”

Matthew 5:13-14 (The Message).

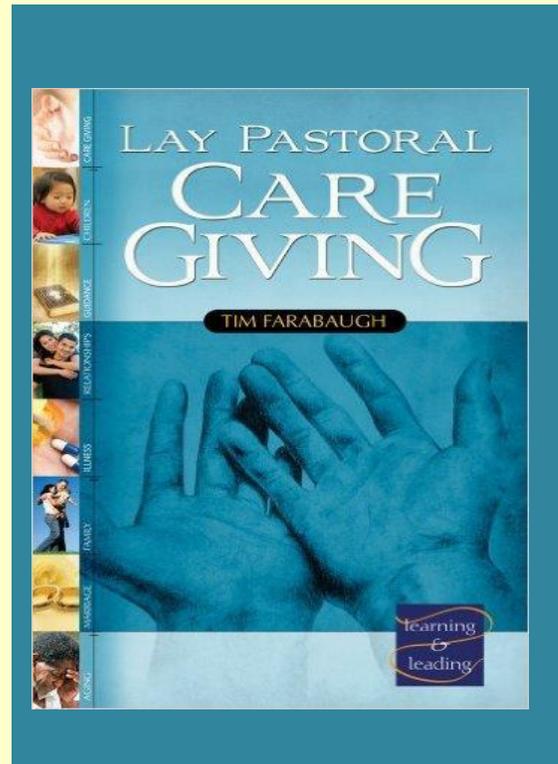
Lay Pastoral Care Giving

This course is designed to help guide you in your efforts to care giving in a most effective way. The course book was written by Tim Farabaugh. The following describes the book and course he offers. A distinguished historian, academic and occasional evangelist I know was hushed by his stunned wife after he said to a friend he was visiting in the hospital, "I hope you don't die." A sentiment delivered sincerely but oh-so-awkwardly.

Expressing care to someone in need - whether within the community of faith or beyond - may seem the most natural thing in the world. For some, it is; for others, it's less so. All can improve.

Learn to reach out with God's love and care for others as outlined in this practical book.

Unique to this course is the ongoing training and accountability meetings outlined for those in this invaluable ministry. During the monthly meetings, participants report on what they have learned and also study aspects of caring for situations and conditions of life, such as illness, suffering, grief and loss.



The Peaks Subdistrict will be offering this course April 2nd and 3rd.

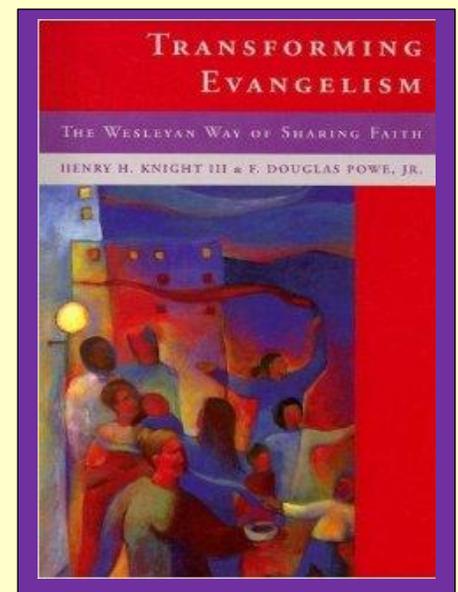
Retired United Methodist Pastor *Bob Dexter* and Stephens Minister *Terry Krayenhagen* will be facilitating this course.

Transforming Evangelism

Traditional views of evangelism are often intimidating and push the limits of personal comfort, leaving the job of reaching out to new and searching Christians for the professionals – the clergy of the church. Knight and Powe show how this basic misunderstanding is contrary to John Wesley's view of evangelism, which he understood as a complete circle.

The key to Wesley's way of sharing the faith is to relate to others in love, compassion and gratitude for God's divine grace. Knight and Powe's explanation of evangelism is steeped in the Wesleyan tradition, exposing how God's love and grace comes to each of us as we once received it, through the gift of proclamation. Knight and Powe express that evangelism should not be viewed as an ugly word or act that most fear to live out, but as a way for one friend in Christ to welcome another friend in Christ to the faith.

Rev. Emily Hagen will facilitate this course on April 2-3, 2016.



Opportunities for Service

We are currently seeking Certified Lay Servants to serve in a rotation of with other Certified Lay Servants at Hillcrest Senior Living Center in Loveland Colorado.

We are seeking those who feel led to lead a service for the residents. The service starts at 9:30 am Sundays in a very informal setting. The service includes a call to worship, singing, scripture, prayer and a 10-15 minute reflection on the scripture. If this interests you, please contact Yvonne Clary @ c32clary@msn.com for further information or to get on the rotation to serve.

Dear Ministry Partners and Friends,

Warm Christmas greetings to you from the Ganta United Methodist Hospital family. We are very happy to report that we have made a lot of progress during 2015. I will be sending you my year end summary very soon which will outline specifics. Our progress is possible because of your continuing support!

I am prayerfully seeking support for volunteers to come and assist with our plumbing and bio medical technician needs.

PLUMBING

Although we have renovated the various bathrooms and replaced commodes and sinks throughout the hospital, there is no, or limited, water going through our plumbing system because many of our pipes are corroded. Our hospital is outfitted with 1946 plumbing and it needs to be replaced. This is a very big and technical project. Our constraints are funding and acquiring qualified and experienced plumbers to draw up a plumbing system replacement plan and attach realistic cost estimate.

BIO MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

Efforts have been made to secure medical equipment technicians locally. Though very committed, their skills are limited and they cannot install/repair some of our vital equipment. I am making this appeal through our partner connection for a volunteer bio medical technician to come to assist us. Some of our already installed equipment (xray machine, ultrasound, autoclave, etc.) are in need of repair. Some recently donated equipment (oxygen distributor system) is in need of installation. A volunteer with this expertise is urgently needed.

We will provide housing, internal transportation, and meals. If you know of anyone who might be willing to come, please let me know and I will get in touch.

Thank you for your prayerful, financial and volunteer support over the years. We look forward to hear from you.

Sincerely,
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- As you may be aware, district boundaries have changed in our conference. The area of the Peaks subdistrict and Northern Colorado will now be known as **“Peaks and Plains”** and each will remain a subdistrict under District Superintendent Walter “Skip” Strickland.
- You can also take approved Lay Servant courses on line. Go to **“beadisciple.com”** for more information.
- Check out the Peaks and Plains Website:
<http://peaksplainsneco.weebly.com/>
- If you have questions regarding Lay Servant Ministries please send us an email:
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