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# WEEKLY E-NEWS

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## Verse of the Week / Vericulo de la semana

1 PETER 2:21 / 1 PEDRO 2:21

21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

21 Pues para esto los llamó Dios, ya que Cristo sufrió por ustedes, dándoles un ejemplo para que sigan sus pasos.



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## Worship Service / Servicio de Adoracion

Date: APRIL 30, 2023

Time: 10:00 am Service in English

Sermon Title: "The Gift of Glad and Generous Hearts"

Please join us this coming Sunday in person or in our live stream experience on Facebook Live. You will receive another email with the information you need later this week.

Dia: ABRIL 30, 2023

Hora: 11:30 AM Servicio en Español

Titulo del sermon: "Comunidad de los creyentes"

Por favor acompañenos este proximo domingo en persona o a travez de nuestra trasmisión en vivo por Facebook Live. Recibirá mas información esta semana.

**BULLETINS  
BOLETINES**

"Faith is not  
hoping God  
Can, it's  
knowing He  
will"

"La fe no es  
esperar que  
Dios pueda,  
es saber que  
Él lo hará."



## Important Links / Enlaces Importantes

Rockford Urban Ministry



United Women in Faith



United Methodist Men



Prayer Network



NIC eNews



Praire North eNews



Upper Room/Aposento Alto





## The Chimes March-April 2023





# Northern Illinois Conference announcements

## Anuncios en la conferencia general del norte de Illinois

### PRAIRIE NORTH SPRING 2023 LAY ACADEMY

**Sat., April 29th**  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Sun., April 30th**  
1:00 - 4:30 pm

**Cost \$25**  
Box lunch (Saturday only), snacks, water and coffee will be provided.

**Belvidere: First UMC**  
610 Bonus Ave  
Belvidere IL

**1 Basic Course:** The Basic Course is the foundation 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.  
Book: *Basic Course-Lay Servant Ministries: Participant's Book* by Sandy Zeigler Jackson & Brian Jackson

**2 From Your Heart to Theirs, Delivering an Effective Sermon:** This course moves beyond the basics of public speaking and the foundations necessary for preparing an engaging sermon. It also includes types of sermons—from exegetical to topical to children's sermons—as well as how to find a story, how to use the hymnal, and how to move from communication on paper to beyond the paper.  
Book: *From Your Heart to Theirs Participant's Book* by David Carroll & Tony Franks

**3 Justice in Everyday Life: A Look at the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church:** This advanced course takes an in-depth look at the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church—the church's attempt to speak on contemporary issues with which it is confronted today. The book covers topics such as the following: Natural World, Social Community, Economic Community, Political Community, Biblical Foundations of the Social Principles, and Teaching the Social Principles. It is for Lay Servants and anyone interested in studying the Social Principles.  
Book: *Social Principles of The United Methodist Church 2017-2020* by United Methodist Church

**4 Lay Servants Lead in Conflict Resolution:** Every church deals with conflict, both healthy and unhealthy. And lay servants can be equipped and empowered to help lead through those times of conflict as a time of transformation. This course will guide lay servants seeking to be more empowered to lead their congregations toward vitality.  
Book: *The Spirit and Art of Conflict Transformation* by Thomas Porter

All books may be purchased at your favorite bookseller.  
All class times must be attended to receive course credit.

**Register Online:**  
[umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-north-lay-academy-spring-23](https://umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-north-lay-academy-spring-23)

**QUESTIONS?**  
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