

Peaks Sub-district Spring 2009 Lay Ministry Training Classes
Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday, March 8, 2 – 5 p.m.
Long's Peak UMC, 1421 Elmhurst Dr, Longmont, Colorado

Three Exciting Ten-Hour Leading and Learning Opportunities – ALL LAITY INVITED!

“Reclaiming the “E” Word - Building a Faith-Sharing Congregation”

The task of the church is to make disciples, and the role of the congregation is primary, for the climate of the congregation either proclaims Christ or convinces people otherwise. Participants will consider their own church's "E" score, that is, welcoming, including, and making disciples, and consider a strategy for the congregation as evangelist. There will be ample opportunity for individual work and group discussion. **[Approved advanced lay speaking course]**

Class Leaders: Rev. Claire Drewes and Linda Freund. Rev. Drewes was ordained as an elder in full connection in the Oregon-Idaho Conference prior to her transfer to Rocky Mountain Conference and appointment at Lyons UMC effective July 1, 2008. Linda Freund is a provisional deacon in the Or-Id Conference, and is completing her Master of Divinity at Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado.

“Lay Speakers Tell Stories”

Lay speakers will learn what constitutes a good story, discover their storytelling styles, learn the techniques of effective storytelling, and practice creating stories from their own experiences. This course will be a valuable tool for all who wish to enhance their own verbal 'word picture' skills. Text for this course is *Dancing with Words*, written by Native American storyteller, Ray Buckley. **[Approved advanced lay speaking course]**

Class Leaders: Rev. Mark L. Heiss and Chuck Keim. Rev. Heiss is an ordained elder and has served pastorates in Rocky Mountain Conference since 1984. He was appointed to a two church charge at Mead UMC and First UMC, Platteville, on July 1, 2008. Chuck is an active member at Lyons UMC, serves on the Peaks Leadership Team, and is a local church lay speaker.

“Lay Speaking Ministries – Basic Course”

This required introductory course in lay speaking ministries focuses on leading, caring, and communicating, and is designed for those who are called to serve in a speaking role, particularly during worship. It is a valuable overview to the advanced courses available. Recommendation of the pastor is required for enrollment in the basic lay speaking course.

Class Leaders: Rev. Sandy and Rick Stewart. Sandy and Rick are life-long United Methodists and have been active in Lay Speaking Ministries since 1995. Sandy is an ordained Deacon, serving beyond the local church as Coordinator of the Homeless Day Shelter at OUR Center in Longmont. Rick is a Certified Lay Speaker currently serving as Lay Leader at Long's Peak UMC.

NOTE: REGISTRATION CLOSE DATE FOR ALL CLASSES IS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21. DON'T WAIT 'TIL THEN, AS THE TEXTBOOK AND ADVANCE ASSIGNMENT WILL BE MAILED AS YOUR REGISTRATION IS RECEIVED. THIS WILL ASSURE ADEQUATE PREPARATION TIME! CLASS FEES INCLUDE TEXTBOOKS, SATURDAY LUNCH, REFRESHMENTS

Questions??? Call Rae Batch, (970) 224-0400 or send email to rmlbatch@aol.com

ENROLLMENT FORM

Indicate Course Choice Below (Choose only one)

Reclaiming the “E” Word, Building a Faith-Sharing Congregation, Fee \$35.00

Lay Speakers Tell Stories, Fee \$35.00

Lay Speaking Ministries-Basic Course, Fee \$30.00

Pre-registration and advance payment required. Checks must be payable to Rocky Mountain Conference. Mail registration and check to R.M.Batch, 1700 Glenwood Dr, Ft. Collins, CO 80526. Must be received by FEB. 21!

name _____ postal mailing address _____ (incl City, State, Zip) _____
tel. # _____ email _____
local church _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____ .00

PEAKS SUBDISTRICT LEARNING & LEADING CLASSES SCHEDULED

Three valuable learning and leading classes will be held on March 7 - 8 at Long's Peak UMC, Longmont. The ten-hour courses are open to **all** laity, and are sponsored by the Peaks Subdistrict Leadership Team and Lay Speaking Ministries. They include:

- **Reclaiming the 'E' Word- Building a Faith-Sharing Congregation.** The task of the church is to make disciples, and the role of the congregation is primary. Participants will consider their church's 'E' score, that is, welcoming, including, and making disciples, and consider a strategy for the congregation as evangelist.
- **Lay Speakers Tell Stories.** This course will be a valuable learning tool for all who wish to enhance their own verbal 'word picture' skills, especially those who lead worship or occasionally fill the pulpit. Text for the course is *Dancing with Words*, written by Native American storyteller, Ray Buckley.
- **Lay Speaking Ministries – Basic Course.** The introductory course in lay speaking ministries, focuses on leading, caring and communicating, and is designed for those who are called to serve in a speaking role, particularly during worship.

Additional course information and enrollment forms are available from Rae Batch, (970) 224-0400 or by email at rmlbatch@aol.com. Prepayment and advance registration is required. In order to assure adequate preparation time for the advance assignment, closing date for registration is Saturday, February 21.