

# PRAIRIE NORTH FALL 2024

## LAY ACADEMY

Sat., Oct. 12th

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 13th

1 to 4:30 p.m.



## Cost \$25

Box lunch (Saturday only), snacks, water and coffee will be provided.

**Rockford: Grace UMC** 3555 McFarland Rd, Rockford

### Class Options: (one course per academy)

- 1 Sacraments: Means of Grace:** This advanced course with a leader's guide by Rev. Beth Galbreath gives a deeper experience of the sacraments and many ideas for deepening congregations' sacramental practice of Baptism and Holy Communion.  
Book: *This Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion - Participant's Book* by Gayle Carlton Felton
- 2 Living Our United Methodist Beliefs (United Methodist Heritage):** This course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that The United Methodist Church brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today, and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21st-century church  
Book: *Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way* by Kenneth L. Carder
- 3 Leading Public Prayer:** Praying in public can be daunting, but prayer is something one learns. This course on praying in public will help the participant grow in confidence and skill in public prayer and enrich their personal prayer life.  
Book: *Shaping the Prayers of the People: The Art of Intercession* by Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher
- 4 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.  
Book: *Each One a Minister* by William J. Carter

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

**Register Online:** Registration Deadline: Mon. Oct. 7

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### QUESTIONS?

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