



Grace Notes

April, 2026

Official Newsletter of Raleigh Shared Ministries, Raleigh County WV

Including Beckley Community, Mabscott and Sophia United Methodist Churches

DAYSPRING SUMMER CAMP PLANNED!!

Plans are being made for Dayspring Summer Camp at The Hope Center in Sophia! The proposed dates are June 22 through June 25.

This has been a very popular program with families in the Sophia area over the past several years. Several church members have volunteered with Hope in the Mountains board members to make the program for children in the Sophia area a success.

Volunteers have been known to have as much fun as campers with GaGa ball, archery, water activities, tie-dying and a host of other activities. If you are interested in volunteering, there will be a volunteer meeting on April 16th at 11:00 am at the Hope Center in Sophia. The address is 410 West Main St., Sophia WV.



Come on out and join the fun! You'll be glad you did!

PANCAKES AND PARABLES

Pancakes and Parables, the Raleigh Shared Ministries dinner church initiative, has been happening on the last Saturday of each month since September of last year. Pancakes are served from 5 pm to 7 pm with a break for a Jesus story and discussion. In March, Ann Cline and Mike Davis delivered the Jesus Story in song to approximately 20 people. "I See the Birds" by Jon Guerra and Hank Bentley was a wonderful way to let people know that God knows our needs. The music was great and the message was received by several folks from the community surrounding the church.



Ann Cline and Mike Davis delivering the message at Pancakes and Parables.



UPCOMING DATES

- April 2 - Maundy Thursday Service at Beckley Community UMC 7:00 pm
- April 3 - Good Friday Service at United Methodist Temple 7:00 pm
- April 5 - Easter Sunrise Service at United Methodist Temple 7:00 am followed by breakfast
- May 8 & 9 - Lay Ministry Course - Compassionate Emergency Response - New Vision Depot Register on line on conference website.
- June 5 & 6 - Beckley Community UMC rummage sale with bar-b-que and smoked bologna sandwiches
- June 10 thru 13 - WV Conference UMC Annual Meeting - West Virginia Wesleyan College



Lay Ministry Course Compassionate Emergency Response



This course is approved for Advanced Credit for Certified Lay Servants/ Speakers/ Ministers and Clergy in the WV Annual Conference. Those who successfully complete the Course receive a Certificate of Completion of an Advanced Lay Ministry Course AND are a UMCOR Certified ERT.

Objective: Develop and expand training in providing an early, timely, caring, Christian presence in the aftermath of a disaster based on the UMCOR, ERT and VIM work and protocols.

- Leaders:

Rev. David Stilgenbauer, Certified ERT Trainer, Conference VIM Coordinator and Pastor of Rivesville/Highlands Charge
Rev. Don Stilgenbauer, Pastor, Raleigh Shared Ministries Charge,
Rev. Scott Mayberry, Director, New Vision Depot

- Schedule:

Pre-session assignments: review ERT Manual (available on-line)
Fri 08 May 26; 5-8 PM; New Vision Depot; 1224 Airport Road, Beaver, WV
Intro and session on caring for those impacted by disaster
This 2-hour module demonstrates:

How to prepare products, properly assemble, and seal for storage or transport an UMCOR Cleaning Kit (flood bucket).

Training is offered on how to utilize a flood bucket to meet and assist flood victims in their community.
Tour and explanation of New Vision Depot

- Sat 09 May 26; 8-4 PM; at UM Temple, 201 Templeview Drive, Beckley, WV

Light Breakfast (7:15) followed by Worship at 8 AM;
Discussion Session: Caring for those impacted by disaster
ERT Basic Training;
Lunch (provided)
ERT Basic Training;
Follow up and concluding remarks

- YOU MAY register on-line at:

Registration: <https://wvumc-reg.brtaapp.com/LayMinistryCourseCompassionateEmergencyResponse>
Questions: Southerndistrict@wvumc.org or 304-252-7985

- Registration fees: Course Costs covered by the Southern District & UM Temple



**WHAT: Rummage Sale with BBQ &
Smoke Bologna Lunch**

WHEN: June 5 & 6

9:00 to 2:00

WHERE: Beckley Community UMC

WARMING CENTER UPDATE

it was another successful year for the Warming Center!! We opened 36 nights with an average of about 30 guests per night. Our total guest count was 1058.

Many thanks to our volunteers! Without you, we could not open. We were blessed with a few of our guests serving as volunteers toward the end of the season.

Stay tuned for a date at the New Vision Depot when we need to clean the cots!!



VIRTUAL, HYBRID & IN-PERSON – SPRING 2026
Southern District – WV Annual Conference
LAY SERVANT ACADEMY

Updated 03/25/2026

REGISTRATION -

YOU MAY register on-line at:

Compassionate Emergency Response

<https://wvumc-reg.brtaapp.com/LayMinistryCourseCompassionateEmergencyResponse>

Identifying and Living our Spiritual Gifts

<https://wvumc-reg.brtaapp.com/InPersonSpiritualGiftsatUMTemple>

Worship -Design, Lead, Evaluate

<https://wvumc-reg.brtaapp.com/InPersonWorshipatUMTemple>

Basic 2.0

<https://wvumc-reg.brtaapp.com/HybridorInPersonBasicatUMTemple>

OR YOU MAY send your name, church, and registration information to:

Southerndistrict@wvumc.org

OR YOU MAY call and register or ask questions at the Southern District office at 304-252-7985.

Advance Registration is required (so we can order books!)

Questions? Call 304-252-7985

OR

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ALL LAITY ARE WELCOME - FAQ's

- Lay Academies are opportunities to advance understanding of the scriptures, spiritual life and UM Church and enjoying fellowship.
- Are you committing to speaking from the Pulpit? **NO!**
- Anyone can take any course for self-improvement/enrichment without any prerequisites or expectations of certification.
- Please call the District Office with any other questions: 304-252-7985

In Person: at New Vision Depot & United Methodist Temple

1224 Airport Rd, Beaver, WV 25813

Fri 08 May & Sat 09 May

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- **Cost \$25/per person; \$10/college student;**
 - **Financial assistance available**
- Led by **Rev David Stilgenbauer**, Certified ERT Trainer With Rev Don Stilgenbauer, Rev Scott Mayberry

In Person: at UM Temple,

201 Templeview Dr., Beckley, WV 25801;

5:30-8 PM Fri 15 May; 8 AM-3 PM Sat 16 May

Books, snacks & lunch provided by Southern District

Identifying and Living our 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.

- Led by **Rev Kelly Martin**, Fayetteville UMC

Worship -Design, Lead, Evaluate*, Developing and strengthening our worship experiences by Planning, Leading and Evaluating worship to give us and our congregations strong spiritual and practical experiences. This course focuses on the ministry of the lay servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship and is grounded in the principles and practices of worship planning and evaluation.

- Led by **Rev. Richard Moeller**, Concord UMC

Hybrid: In Person: at UM Temple OR by Zoom

8 AM-3 PM Sat 16 May & 12 N – 3 PM Sat 23 May

Books, snacks & lunch provided by Southern District

Basic 2.0** — This starting place and the initial study and class for those who are exploring ways to be of service and seeking greater understanding of the United Methodist Church. This is the recommended study for anyone seeking a starting place into service in the UM Church. ***This is a NEW and UPDATED Basic for those who have already had the old Basic and would like an updated refresher.***

- Led by **Gary Hartsog**, Certified Lay Speaker

*** Advanced Course for Lay Speaker/ Servant/ Minister Certifications and **Initial & Continuing Education Credits**