

**NORTHERN WATERS**  
**LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES COURSES**  
**SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 | WILLOUGHBY UMC**



**Three different Lay Servant Ministries (LSM) courses will be offered:**

- 1. BASIC -Foundations of Lay Servant Ministries:** All first-time candidates and any candidate whose certification has expired. This course guides participants to discover the gifts of caring, leading and communicating.  
<https://store.upperroom.org/product/lay-servant-ministries-basic-course-participant-s-book>
- 2. *Living Our Beliefs the United Methodist Way*** by Kenneth Carder (Heritage requirement for Lay Speakers): Explore a basic explanation of the beliefs and practices of the United Methodist Church.  
<https://store.upperroom.org/product/living-our-beliefs>
- 3. *Teaching Biblical Faith*** by Jack Seymour (Leading Small Group Bible Studies): This course teaches participants how to shape a study of Scripture for a small group. <https://www.cokesbury.com/Teaching-Biblical-Faith>

When: September 13 from 8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Where: Willoughby UMC, 15 Public Square, Willoughby, OH 44094

Cost: \$20, does **not** include the required book or lunch. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

Anyone can take any of these LSM courses for spiritual growth, you do not have to be a member of a UMC. You may order the books from anywhere; the links above are provided as a reference. Just be sure you are purchasing the correct edition if you purchase from somewhere else!

If cost is a barrier, please contact Melanie Thomas by [e-mail](#) about an LSM scholarship.

**THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS SEPTEMBER 5, 2025**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY, PLEASE USE LINK OR QR CODE BELOW**

<https://eastohio-reg.brtapp.com/LSMWilloughby>

**Contact Jackie McLaughlin (NW District LSM Co-Director) at (440) 669-6100 if you have any questions.**



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