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SAVE THE DATES ...**2nd Annual Lay Leadership Convocation**

The Second Annual **Lay leadership Convocation** of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference UCC will be held Saturday, **April 6, 2024**, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Boyertown.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Sarah B. Drummond, Dean of Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School and author of *Sharing Leadership*. The convocation will include numerous workshops on topics of interest to Elders, Deacons, and other church leaders. Registration should open by the end of January. For now, please save the date!

**PSEC Fall Meeting**

Join with clergy and church members at the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference Fall Meeting on **Sunday, November 12th** at St. Paul's UCC, Amityville. Registration will open at 2:00 pm, with the meeting beginning at 3:00 pm

Topics include the 2024 spending plan and an update on the Keystone Project.

Registration will open soon but for now...save the date!

Lay Leadership Courses Scheduled for the Fall**Growing Our Spiritual Lives**

The first step in making our churches more vibrant, faithful and effective, is for each of us to cultivate our spiritual lives. Our congregations are like trees: in order to reach out with our branches and bear fruit, we must first deepen our roots in our faith. This course on Spiritual Life will meet for three sessions at Saint James United Church of Christ, 321 S Limerick Rd, Limerick, on Saturday mornings from 9:00-11:00 as follows:

October 7: Spiritual growth through congregational worship

October 28: Spiritual growth through personal disciplines

November 4: Spiritual growth through small groups.

The course will be led by Laura Walters and Charlotte Fiedler. They have received training from Wanda Craner, and Charlotte received a certificate in Spiritual Life from Immaculata University.

Discerning Our Mission

How do we go about reaching out to the world in the name of Christ? This course on Mission will meet for three sessions at Saint James United Church of Christ, 321 S Limerick Rd, Limerick, on Saturday afternoons from 12:30-2:30 as follows:

October 7 - What is mission?

October 28 - Local mission

November 4 - Global mission

This course will be led by Dr. Charles A. Maxfield, a minister of the United Church of Christ, with a Ph.D. in Church History with an emphasis on mission history.

For more information and to register go to the PSEC website (psec.org), click on the Events & News Tab, then the Calendar (on the subtab) and go to October. Click on the class you are interested in under October 7th. The cost is \$20 per class for all three sessions.