

A basic introduction to preaching for lay people, who are called to serve the church as occasional “preachers” for Sunday mornings, or in the Care Facilities we serve.

**Persons participating will at the end of the course have**

1. developed a sermon ready for delivery
2. learned basic steps of the preparation and delivery of a sermon
3. deepened their appreciation for what makes a faithful message
4. enhanced their skill and confidence in their calling as a “lay preacher”.

**Dates:** Mid-day, two hour sessions. June 17 at 2 PM; June 22 at 10 AM, 1PM; June 24 at 2 PM. (If you are not able to attend mid-day, please contact me, and we may adjust our schedule)

**The content:**

- 1. Basic introduction;**
  - The conversation: text/ preacher/ listener
  - Selection of the text
  - First reading
- 2. Getting to the Message:**
  - Establishing the text
  - The thematic center
- 3. Designing the Message into a Sermon**
  - Making contact with experience
  - Some characteristics of preaching
- 4. Designing the message into a sermon 2**
  - The format
  - Being present, delivery

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- ✓ By June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Requires at least five participants to proceed
- ✓ Cost of \$150, made out to “First United church”. Bring to the first session
- ✓ Identify the name of the Ministry Personnel or Worship Committee leader of your congregation, who you have discussed participation in this event, and who has encouraged your attendance.
- ✓ Give a brief paragraph regarding your background and interest in being a “lay preacher”.

For more information: Contact Joan McMurtry. See website.

\* Joan is on holidays from May 20<sup>th</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup>