

## Church Leadership School July 30, 2019

The Church Leadership School of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina is pleased to announce the graduation of four individuals in 2019:

Mr. Phillip Ashley (Columbus)

Mr. Michael Carruth (Tryon)

Ms. Tamika Garrison (Waldensian)

Ms. Rainey Ratchford (Baird's Creek,  
Salem Presbytery)

They join over 120 other graduates of our program since its inception 18 years ago who continue to serve the Lord throughout our Presbytery as Commissioned Lay Pastors and Church Leaders.

The Church Leadership School is directed by the Commissioned Lay Pastors Sub-committee of the Presbytery Committee on Ministry to educate, train, and commission leaders for the churches in our Presbytery.

Through the efforts of the committee and those who selflessly serve it, we continue to improve the content and delivery of this educational opportunity. We are amazed at the diversity of talents and life experiences our students bring to our school. Realizing that learning is a process that takes place on many levels and many ways, we are striving to add different approaches to our classroom experience.

This year we have added a continuing education component to our teaching – open to all former CLS students and clergy in our Presbytery. We have also added courses which amplify our mission of developing leadership in the churches we serve.

Our students come from a wide variety of backgrounds and life experiences. Men, women, young people, and those more “seasoned” in their faith journey all come together at our school to learn not only from our faculty, but also from each other.

To keep tuition costs low (currently just \$75/term, books included) we depend on an all-volunteer staff to manage and teach our students. Our faculty draws from a rich pool of knowledge from within our Presbytery – retired seminary professors, pastors of local congregations, and former graduates who have served our Presbytery in many capacities. Unlike many similar programs in other Presbyteries, we do not require a minimum level of education or church leadership to participate in our program. We feel that the Holy Spirit will guide people to us who have been called to use their spiritual gifts. The mission of our school is to add skills and depth of knowledge to those gifts so that the churches they lead are enriched and strengthened in their service.

We do ask that our students' home churches express support of their commitment by expressing endorsement by their Session. There is no better forum for developing leaders than a nurturing environment where it's OK to “fail your way to success”. For that reason, we ask that each church in our Presbytery help identify people in their church who would enjoy and benefit from our program, realizing that the church itself is also a benefactor in the process.

## Church Leadership School/ Commissioned Lay Pastor Program for 2019-2020

Classes begin at 9:00 AM and conclude at 3:00 PM, with lunch on your own from noon until 1:00 PM.

Morning Session 9-12 Afternoon Session 1-3

LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church, Morganton

### 2019 Fall Term

**First Year Students take New Testament Survey - Second Year Students take Preaching**

September 7	AM	Orientation
	PM	Orientation
September 21	AM	NT Survey or Preaching
	PM	Theology I
October 5	AM	NT Survey or Preaching
	PM	Theology I
October 19	AM	NT Survey or Preaching
	PM	Theology I
November 2	AM	NT Survey or Preaching
	PM	Theology I
November 16	AM	NT Survey or Preaching
	PM	Theology I
November 23	AM	NT Survey or Preaching
	PM	Theology I
December 7		SNOW DATE

### 2020 Winter Term

January 4	AM	Old Testament Survey
	PM	Theology II
January 18	AM	Old Testament Survey
	PM	Theology II
February 1	AM	Old Testament Survey
	PM	Theology II
February 15	AM	Old Testament Survey
	PM	Theology II
February 29	AM	Old Testament Survey
	PM	Theology II
March 14	AM	Old Testament Survey
	PM	Theology II
March 21		SNOW DATE

### 2020 Spring Term

March 28	AM	Church History
	PM	Gospel of Matthew
April 18	AM	Church History
	PM	Gospel of Mark
May 2	AM	Church History
	PM	Gospel of Luke
May 16	AM	Church History
	PM	Gospel of John
May 23	AM	Church History
	PM	Graduation Luncheon/Service

**Please note that ALL classes will be held at Morganton, First Presbyterian Church**