



The Saginaw Bay District Committee on Lay Speaking is proud to announce the annual Youth Lay Speaking Weekend was a success!

The event was held at Frankenmuth United Methodist Church this year with Rev. David Eardley as the host pastor. The entire congregation was very welcoming and encouraging. We can't thank them enough for all of the Radical Hospitality that was shown to us!

This year's Basic class participants are shown below:



Back row left to right: Anthony Mailette, Pinconning UMC; Skylr Goodman, Pinconning UMC; Travis Van Rooyen; LaPorte UMC, Jimmy Viers; FaithWay; Grantland Aultman, FaithWay.

Front row left to right: Jennifer Loachridge, St. Charles UMC; Lindsey Beebe, Tawas UMC; Breanna Deneen, Sebewaing; Trinity UMC. Kim Kennard, one of the facilitators.



The Advanced class participants are shown below: **Back row left to right:** Landi Goodman, Pinconning UMC; Kayla Roosa, facilitator, Alisa Kelso, Hale UMC; Autumn Burl, Gordonville UMC; Galen Smith, facilitator.

Front row left to right: Patrick Hillman, Aldersgate UMC; David Miller, Mayville UMC; Jordan Smith, Fairgrove UMC.

The Advanced class studied the Daily Disciplines as described by John Wesley. There was prayer stations set up for all of the participants to go through that focused on each of

the disciplines. A guidebook was handed to them when they entered that explained the activity at each station.

The theme of the weekend was ReThink Leadership. We taught the youth that it took radical courage to display radical servant leadership. The classes and worship time were designed to give the youth the courage they needed to get rid of some messy stuff in their lives and form a stronger bond with Christ. In turn it would give them the radical courage they needed to become radical servant leaders. Each evening provided a time for worship and prayer and bonding for the youth. After giving their Faith Journeys, we learned that we have a lot more in common than we have differences. It was an incredible experience to watch all of the young people who never really knew each other before Friday night come together and learn, possibly the first time, what it means to have a brother and sister in Christ.