

Adult CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Jesus asks Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" And Peter responds, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God." Jesus asks us the same question today. How do we answer? What account can we give for the hope that is in us?

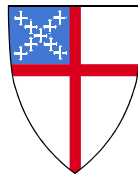
Helping people discern answers to these questions is a primary task of the Christian community.

Christian formation is the catch-all term we use to describe the whole process of being transformed by a relationship with God in Christ in order more fully to be Christ's hands and feet in the world today. Worship forms us. Prayer forms us. Mission forms us. Study forms us.

At St. Mary's we are invited to seriously and intentionally engage in the process of our own formation.



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Where faith embraces reason and tradition.....

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WINTER/SPRING 2013

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

SUNDAYS AT 10:00AM

Synthesis Bible Study –

Education Building, Room E-101 (Common Room)
Ed Crissman, M. Div., leads a discussion of that Sunday's appointed lessons. Ed's lively teaching style and obvious love of scripture make this group exciting and informative.

Adult Forum - Steadfast Hope: The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace

Parish Hall (Feb. 3 - April 21)

The Psalmist writes, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem..." Today, the people of Israel and Palestine still bid our prayers for the peace of a city held as sacred by three faiths. Yet, perhaps never has peace in this holiest of lands been more elusive.

This 11-week course will help us understand the facts on the ground in the ongoing struggle for peace between Israelis and Palestinians. Our resources are produced by the Palestine Israel Network of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship.

February 3: Introduction: A Tale of Two Peoples (Fr. Umphlett)

February 10: The Big Picture (Rev. Palmer)

February 17: Can We Call It Apartheid? (Fr. Umphlett)

February 24: Who Profits? (Rev. Palmer)

March 3: Telling the Story (Fr. Umphlett)

March 10: Response: Theirs and Ours (Rev. Palmer)

March 17: Middle East Uprisings (Fr. Umphlett)

March 24: Hardship and Hope (Rev. Palmer)

March 31: Easter Day - No Forum

****April 7:** A Special Offering: Autism 101 (Ed Crissman)

April 14: Transformation (Rev. Palmer)

April 21: Wrap up and discussion (Fr. Umphlett)

Adult Forum - The Book of Revelation: Good news amid monsters

Parish Hall (April 28 - May 26)

The Revelation to John is one of those Biblical books often avoided. Its strange imagery and language make us uncomfortable or even frighten us. Yet the book of Revelation is good news to a people in distress. In our study, we will offer an approach to this book that helps set it into its historical context while highlighting the hopeful message that still speaks to us today.

April 28: Chapters 1-5 (Rev. Palmer)

May 5: Chapters 6-10 (Fr. Umphlett)

May 12: Chapters 11-15 (Rev. Palmer)

May 19: Chapters 16-20 (Fr. Umphlett)

WEEKDAYS

Mondays at 9:30a.m. in the Common Room

Mothers of Young Children Bible Study (childcare is provided)

Facilitator: Rev. Palmer

Tuesdays at 6:15p.m. in the Common Room

Education for Ministry

Facilitator: Fr. Umphlett

This intensive four-year program focusing on scripture, history, and theology is now underway with both first year, second year, and third year students. If you are interested in beginning this program, please speak with Fr. Umphlett and visit the EfM website, www.sewanee.edu/EFM. New students are invited to begin in the Fall.

Wednesdays at 9:30a.m. in the Common Room

Women's Bible Study

Facilitator: Mary Darby

Coming this February...

A new Men's Bible Study. Place and time will be announced.

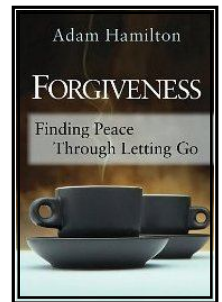
Facilitator: Monty Dixon

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

February 20 - March 20

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

A book group - *Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go* by Adam Hamilton
Facilitator: Beth Tuttle



Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Every Wednesday evening we gather together for food, worship, fellowship, and Christian Formation.

Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m.

Catered Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Programs from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The nursery is available for the littlest ones.

For young people in grades K-5

Young people in grades 6-12 are invited to join adults in either of the following:

A book group - (Facilitator: Fr. Finnin)

A lecture - (Facilitators: Fr. Umphlett and Rev. Palmer)

