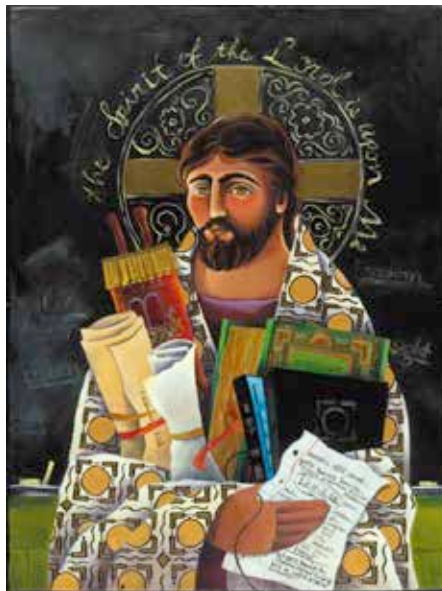


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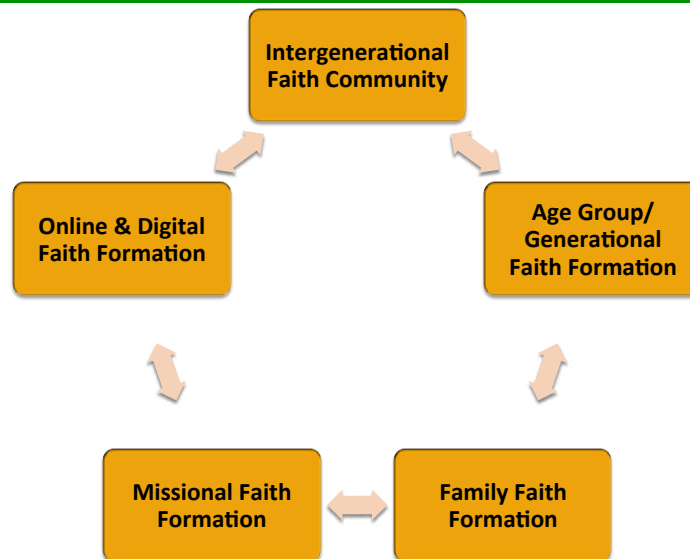
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Four Big Challenges

1. Increasing diversity throughout American society
2. Impact of new digital technologies on life
3. Increasing diversity in the religious beliefs, practices, and affiliation of Americans
4. Decline in religious transmission from generation to generation

A New Faith Forming Ecosystem



Intergenerational Community

- Engaging all ages and generations in the life and events of church life and the Christian faith
- Participate in intergenerational faith experiences

Intergenerational Community

Throughout Scripture there is a pervasive sense that all generations were typically present when faith communities gathered for worship, for celebration, for feasting, for praise, for encouragement, for reading of Scripture, in times of danger, and for support and service. . . . To experience authentic Christian community and reap the unique blessings of intergenerationality, the generations must be together regularly and often —infants to octogenarians.

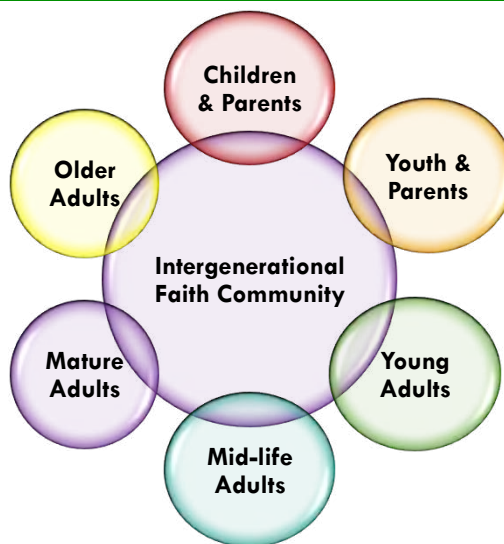
(Holly Allen and Christine Ross)

Intergenerational Community

- ❑ Build Caring Relationships
- ❑ Celebrate & Worship Together
- ❑ Learn Together
- ❑ Pray Together & for Each Other
- ❑ Serve Together—Local and Global

Age Group Faith Formation

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Decades
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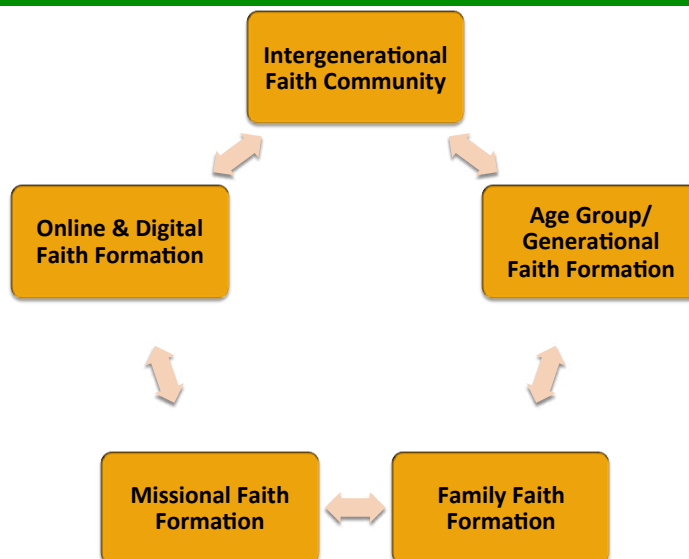
Family Faith Formation

- ❑ Equip families for nurturing family faith at home - faith practices
- ❑ Build strong families by developing family assets
- ❑ Develop parental faith
- ❑ Develop skills for parenting for faith growth
- ❑ Develop skills for parenting

Missional Faith Formation

- 1. Expand and extend** the church's presence through outreach, connection, relationship building, and engagement with people where they live.
- 2. Provide pathways** for people to consider or reconsider the Christian faith, to encounter Jesus and the Good News, and to live as disciples in a supportive faith community.

Connecting the Ecosystem



Online & Digitally-Enabled Faith Formation

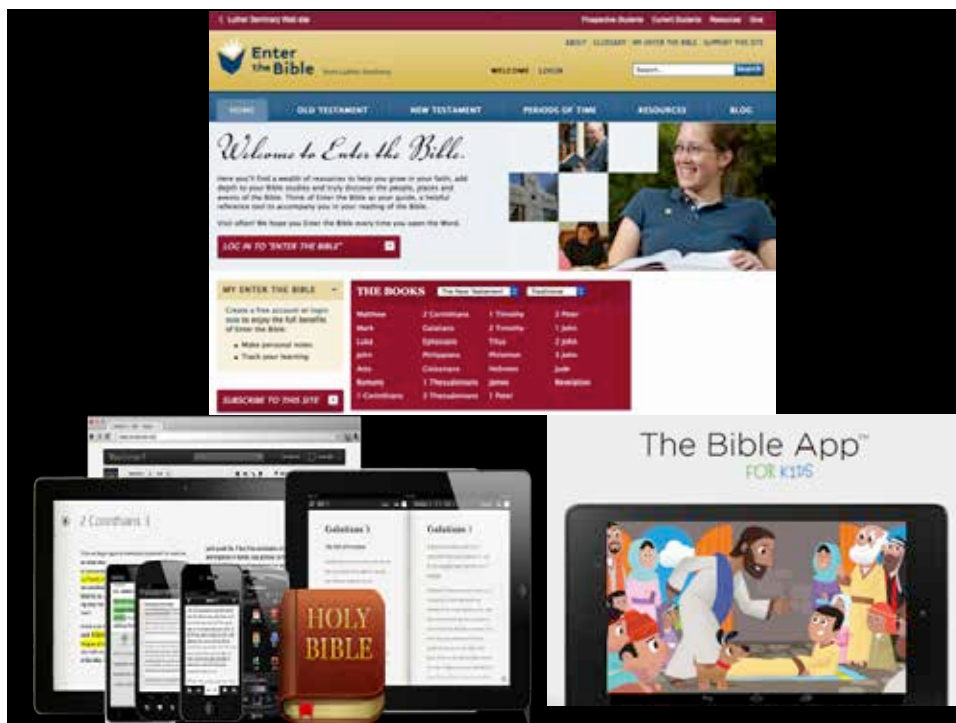
1. Internet Revolution
2. Mobile Revolution
3. Social Media Revolution

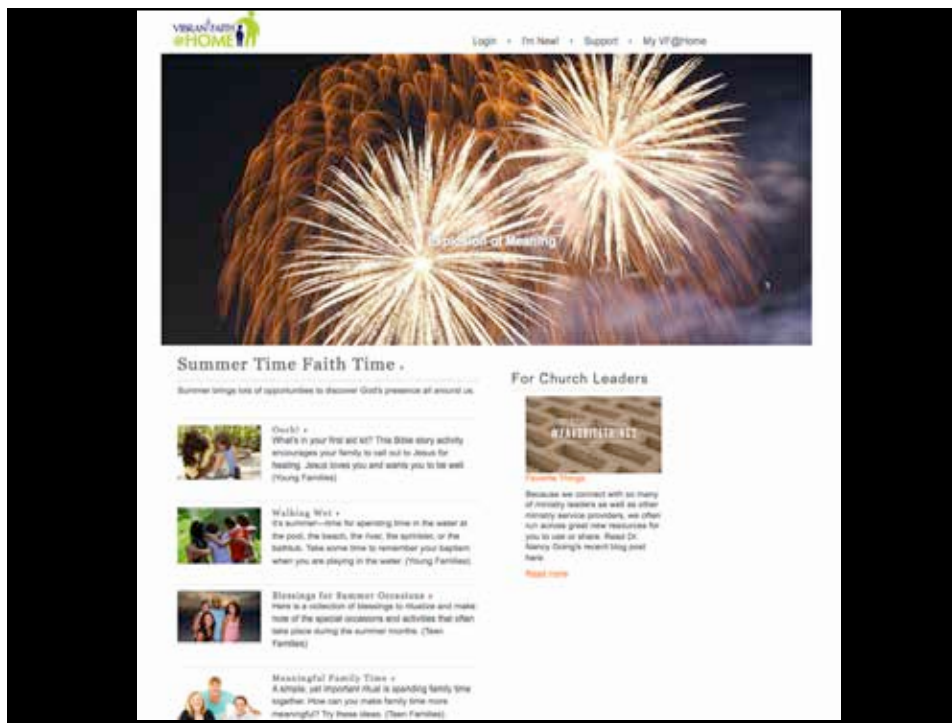
Information is now. . .

- Portable
- Personal
- Participatory









Digitally-Enabled Faith Formation

- **Engage** people with a wide variety of faith forming content for all ages - anytime, any place
- **Extend** church events into people's daily lives via online content and experiences
- **Connect** faith formation in gathered settings with faith formation in online settings
- **Offer** a variety of online faith formation content, experiences, and courses for self-study and small group study

Holy Trinity Adults

Home | Worship | Seasons | Scripture | Spirituality | Study | Discerning Faith | Service | Life Issues | Events/Events



Holy Trinity Adult Faith Formation Winter-Spring 2015 Season of Programming

Welcome to Holy Trinity's adult faith formation center designed specifically for adults in their 40s through 70s who seek a faith community that . . .

- engages them in meaningful spiritual growth and faith enrichment
- provides enriching worship services
- engages them in making a contribution to the church & world
- connects them to each other and the other generations in the faith community



Lent 2015 Scripture Enrichment "The Death and Resurrection of Jesus"

Deepen your understanding of the death and resurrection of Jesus as presented in the four Gospels as we prepare Holy Week 2015.

The passion and resurrection of Christ are at the core of Christian faith and form the capstone of each of the four gospels. This Lent we will explore the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John to discover the special insights each presents into Jesus' death and resurrection. Examining the passion and resurrection will challenge you to incorporate both the pain of the cross and the hope of the resurrection into daily living.

1. Participate in a Four-Session Presentation Series at Church
2. Watch the Four Video Presentations on Your Own or with a Small Group
3. Participate in a Six-Week Small Group Scripture Study
4. Study the Death and Resurrection of Jesus of On-Your-Own



Holy Trinity Families

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Just For Parents - Winter-Spring 2015


The 2015 "Just for Parents" programming offers a variety of ways for you to enhance and enrich your knowledge and skills for parenting children and teens. Take a look at our offerings!

1. Participate in the "First Wednesdays" Webinar Series - without leaving your Annual Learn More About . . . resources for you!
2. Participate in a Small Group Study with the best selling book *The Secret of Happy Families* by Bruce Fisher
3. View an Online Webinar, "Parenting for the Long haul"

"First Wednesdays" Parent Webinar Series

We bring the program to you!
9-10 pm Monthly


January 7 - Establishing Family Traditions & Routines
February 11 - Managing Time and Commitments
March 11 - Developing Values in Children and Teens
April 8 - Celebrating Family Milestones



[Learn More About the Webinar Series](#) | [Learn More About the Small Group Study](#) | [Learn More About the Online Webinar](#)

Learn More About . . .


Children's Development



Every child is unique, and every family deals with different issues. There are some things, however, that many parents deal with around the same time. The way parents choose to deal with these issues has an important impact on how healthy and competent their children grow up to be. Just click on the age of your children to learn about the significant characteristics at that stage of life.

- Ages 0-2
- Ages 3-5
- Ages 6-8


Adolescent Development



Every child is unique, and every family deals with different issues. There are some things, however, that many parents deal with around the same time. The way parents choose to deal with these issues has an important impact on how healthy and competent their children grow up to be. Just click on the age of your teenager to learn about the significant characteristics at that stage of life.

- Ages 10-14
- Ages 15-18


Developing Positive Values



How do you raise a child with character? By teaching positive values. Values are like an integrated compass—they help guide the way to thinking and acting appropriately. Search Scripture has identified six positive values that are central to healthy development: caring, respect, and social justice, integrity, honesty, responsibility, and generosity.

- Learn how to develop these six positive values.

Family Communication




Today's families have to deal with many issues: faster schedules, new technologies, and ever-changing day-to-day challenges are just a few of the things that you, as a parent, have to address. Fortunately, many of the issues you face can be made easier with more communication. By intentionally building good communication practices, you can ensure that your family remains strong, even when things get tough.

- Learn skills and tips for effective communication.

Secrets of Happy Families Small Group Study

Join a Fall Small Group Study of Bruce Feiler's book, *The Secrets of Happy Families*




Best-selling author and New York Times family columnist Bruce Feiler found himself torn between aging parents and raising children. He set out on a three-year journey to find the smartest ideas, cutting-edge research, and novel solutions to make his family happier. Instead of the usual psychologists and family "experts," he sought out the most creative minds from Silicon Valley to the country's top negotiators, from the son of Abraham Lincoln to the Queen Bees and asked what team-building exercises and problem-solving techniques they use with their families. Feiler then tested these ideas with his own wife and kids. The result is a fun, completely original look at how families can draw closer together, complete with 200 never-before-seen best practices. Feiler's life-changing discoveries include: A radical plan that can reshape your family in 20 minutes a week; Warren Buffett's guide for setting an allowance; and the Harvard handbook for resolving conflicts. *The Secrets of Happy Families* is a lively, course-curriculum book that answers the questions countless parents are asking: How do we manage the chaos of our lives? How do we teach our kids values? How do we make our family happier?

[Join a Small Group Study](#) [View a Group Study](#)

Watch his Ted Talk: "Agile Programming for Your Family"

Bruce Feiler has a radical idea: To deal with the stress of modern family life, go agile. Inspired by agile software programming, Feiler introduces family practices which encourage flexibility, bottom-up idea flow, constant feedback and accountability. One surprising feature: Kids pick their own commitments.



For more information go to: <http://www.brucefeiler.com>

Parenting for the Long Haul Online Webinar

Everyday Strategies for Creating a Positive Future with Your Kids - Dr. Eugene Roethlisper

We want our kids to grow up well—for happy, privileged, and grounded, as well as resilient. Search into a meaningful job or career, also being, highly-educational, give back to their communities, nations, and world. Sometimes, their aspirations can seem far removed—and a far cry from the day-to-day realities we experience in our kids' lives. As parents, it's easy to get so caught up in today's worries that we forget to focus on the things we are doing every day that make a big difference in the long term. So how do we parent "today"—when our kids are growing through childhood and adolescence—so they can be well-lit, long-term thinkers and doers, whether it's about college and career, health, or positive relationships?


In this webinar, you will:

- Reflect on how you already use parenting strategies that make a difference in the long term.
- Learn tangible tips for using these strategies in your everyday life.
- Identify a priority for growing in new areas as a parent this year.

[9 Parenting Strategies - Search Institute](#)

Reflect on your strengths and challenges in parenting by using our 9 Parenting Strategies as a springboard. Then identify one or two areas for growth and focus in the coming year. Go to [ParentingStrategies.com](#) for more.

[9 Parenting Strategies.pdf](#)



Boys Town Parent Center & National Parent Hotline: 800-448-3011

Parenting is a heavy thing. In today's world of a fast world there's one thing it's not, slow. Sometimes it's hard to know exactly what's best for your kids. And with more media "tips" "experts" popping up every time you go online, it's hard to know who to trust to help you stay connected with your kids. You need help that's always there and backed by the experience of working with millions of kids and families. You need:

- Call us at 1-800-448-3011
- Use our content from us and on our website
- Email us at info@parenting.org
- National mobile resources @ [TownTownTown](#)

Faith Formation @ First Church of Simsbury

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Welcome to Faith Formation @ First Church of Simsbury

Our website provides interactive resources that your family can use to engage in faith-building activities at home. And look at the fun ways our families enjoy a variety of faith and community building activities here at First Church.

Preschool Church School Announcements

Church School Registration 2015-16

Please register your children for the 2015-16 church school registration form.

May 8: Walk to Church and Bicycle Blessing

On Sunday, April 26th the church school families for the weekend at First Church.

Workshop planned for May 10th for the church school teacher.

Prayer for Preschool Children

Prayer is talking to God. It is never too early to pray with your children. The children's story (p. 22) has many ideas on how you can pray with your kids. Your things to remember about prayer: 1) Prayer is talking to God; you can talk about anything. 2) This is not a hard way to pray; you don't need to be kneeling with your eyes closed. 3) You can pray anywhere at anytime. 4) God is always listening.

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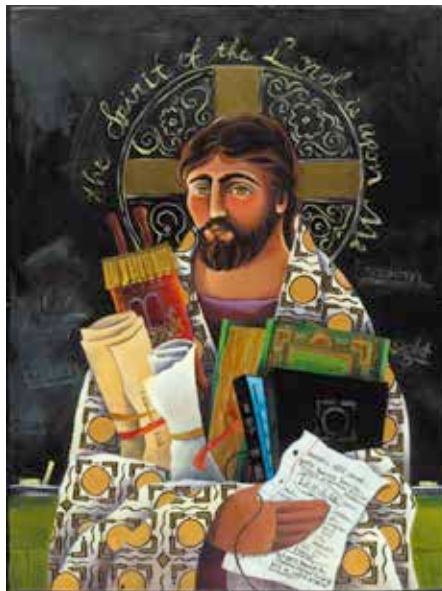
Pray and Play the "I Can Pray About" Matching Cards

I Can Pray About - Matching Cards

Prayer Crafts - click on the pictures for instructions on how to make the crafts.

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