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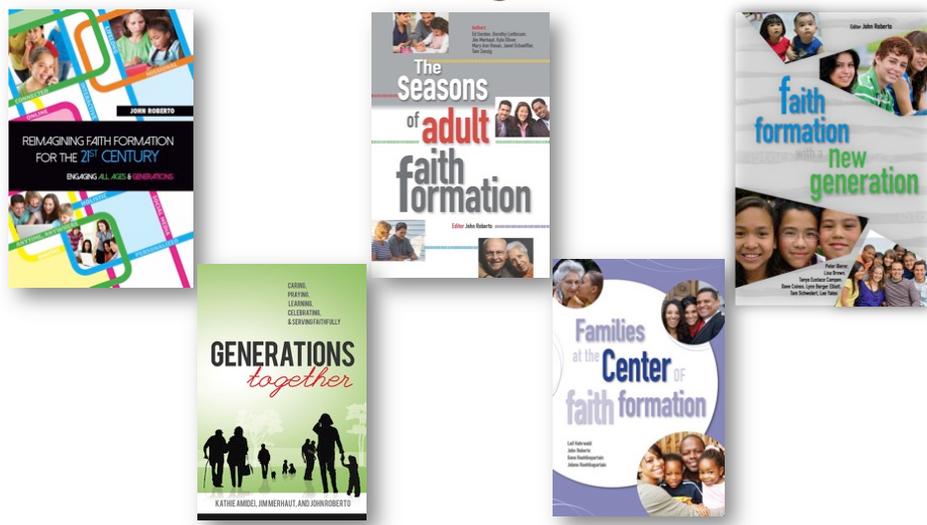
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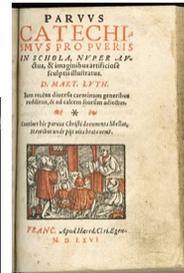
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Innovation Lab Design

1. A one-day **Design Workshop** – envision and begin the design of new initiatives in faith formation
2. A 90 minute online **Design Webinar** for all leadership teams to support their design work (6-8 weeks after the Design Workshop)
 - Week of**
3. A 90-minute online **Implementation Webinar** for all leadership teams to plan for implementing their new initiatives (6-8 weeks after the Design Webinar)
 - Week of**
4. A variety of **Tools** and **Resources** at www.LifelongFaith.com to support design work, and **Networking** among congregations to share projects and ideas

The Print Era (1500s -)



The Multimedia Era (1960s -)



The Digital Era (2000s -)



What is the Digital Transformation Making Possible?

1. Learning and faith formation are now mobile—anytime, anyplace, 24x7. People have the digital devices to stay connected and to access learning and faith formation on the go.
2. There is abundance of high quality digital content for faith formation—audio, video, print, websites, apps, online learning platforms, and more.
3. New digital media and learning methods mean that we can provide multiple ways to learn and grow—activities and experiences that reflect different learning styles and multiple intelligences.

What is the Digital Transformation Making Possible?

4. Digital media and online activities, especially videos, mean that we can develop content in smaller units (micro-learning) that better suit today's learners who have shorter attention spans.
5. A faith formation website can serve as an online learning center, a portal to activities and resources, and a connecting point for people.
6. Online classrooms, like Edmodo, Schoology, and Google Classroom, provide safe spaces for young people, parents, and adult leaders to engage in faith forming experiences and interaction.

Virtual Learning Academy



VLACS provides full time and part time online virtual learning opportunities for both Middle & High School students. Our new online Adult Education program will be available in 2016.

Choose Your Path



Middle School & High School

VLACS is an online virtual public middle and high school offering students the opportunity to learn at their own pace, full or part time.



Adult Education

Learn something for fun, develop new tech skills, learn a second language, and more at VLACS Adult Ed. Now accepting enrollments!

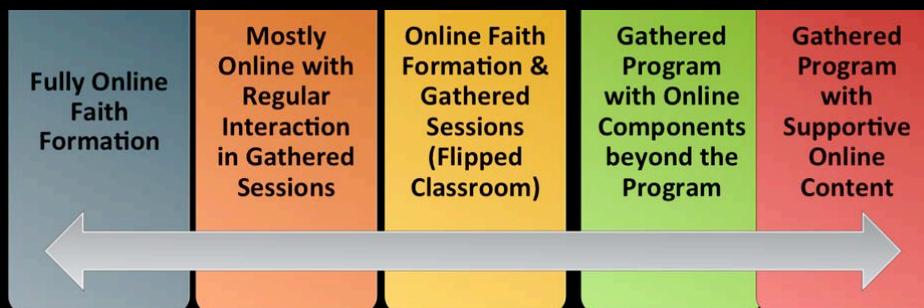
Characteristics of 21st Century Learning

1. Blended Learning
2. Micro-Learning
3. Immersive Learning Environments
4. Multiple Ways of Learning
5. Multisensory Learning
6. Project-Based Learning
7. Collaborative Learning
8. Visual Learning
9. Practice-Oriented Learning
10. Storytelling

Digital Faith Formation Strategies



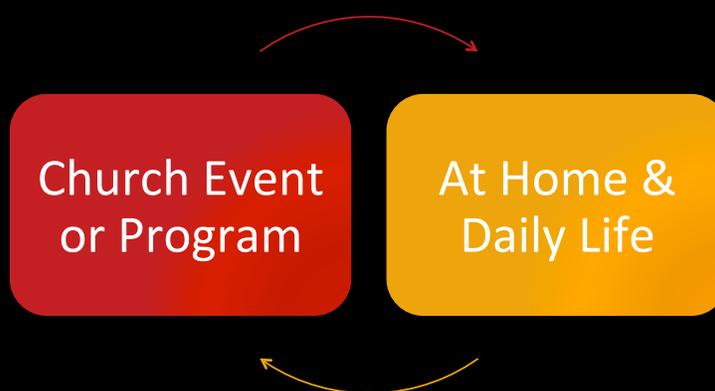
Digitally Enabled & Digitally Connected Faith Formation



Digital Methods for Faith Formation

1. Extend a church event or program
2. Design one event or program, offer it in multiple platforms
3. Prepare for and follow-up an an event or experience
4. Flip a gathered program
5. Integrate online and gathered
6. Create online only experiences
7. Use webinars, Facebook live, podcasts, etc. to deliver programming directly to people

Extend the Event



Sunday Worship

- Learning
- Praying
- Reading the Bible: Daily Readings
- Living



The Sunday Website
of Saint Louis University

Español

3rd Sunday of Easter A
April 30, 2017

General Intercessions for Sunday
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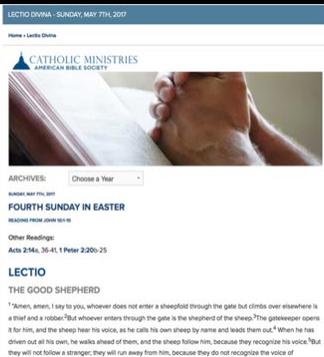
Praying Toward Sunday

Spirituality of the Readings

Get to Know the Readings

Music of Sunday's Mass

General Intercessions



LECTIO DIVINA - SUNDAY, MAY 7TH, 2017

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
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ARCHIVES: Choose a Year

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

READING PROSE JOHN 10: 1-10

Other Readings:
Acts 2:14, 36-41, 1 Peter 2:20-25

LECTIO

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of the stranger."



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OPENING THE WORD

4th Sunday of Easter
The Good Shepherd

▶ PLAY



The Five Loaves

Reflection resources for parishes, faith sharing groups and individuals.

May 7, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Easter

What do you think is the Good Shepherd's voice? Pray in the spirit that practice that allows us to listen with the heart. In the first moments of every day, in difficult times, essential listening requires silence.

Timothy D. Smith's program song, Give Me Ears to Listen, provides a moment for reflection.

Subscribe to Between Sundays First!

Events | The Five Practices | Weekly Video for Your Website

Events from The Five Loaves | The Five Practices of Christian Disciples | In Site™ Weekly Gospel Reflection on your parish website

Tri-Saints Lutheran Hardy, NE

"HEROD IS ABOUT TO SEARCH FOR THE CHILD, TO DESTROY HIM."

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The Sunday after Epiphany (transferred): January 14, 2018

This is the LAST week of #jesusbirthatox. We will celebrate Baptism of Our Lord next Sunday, January 21, 2018.

Focus Verse

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." (Matthew 2:13 NRSV)

Dig Deeper Devotions: #jesusbirthatox

Annual Meeting Questions | For Families | For Youth | For Adults

See and Hear the Word

WILLING BABES? THAT'S NOT A CHRISTMAS STORY!

JESUS REPHRASES THE STORY OF THE BIRTH - ONLY HE'LL BE THE PERFECT ISRAELITE.

GOD CAN BRING THE SEEDS OF SALVATION EVEN OUT OF THE EVIL ACTIONS OF TYRANTS.

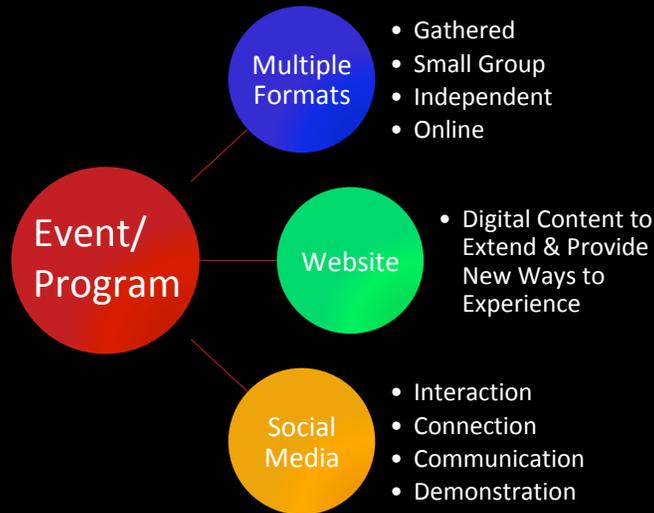
WHY - I BET HEROD DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING!

009 - Escape to Egypt

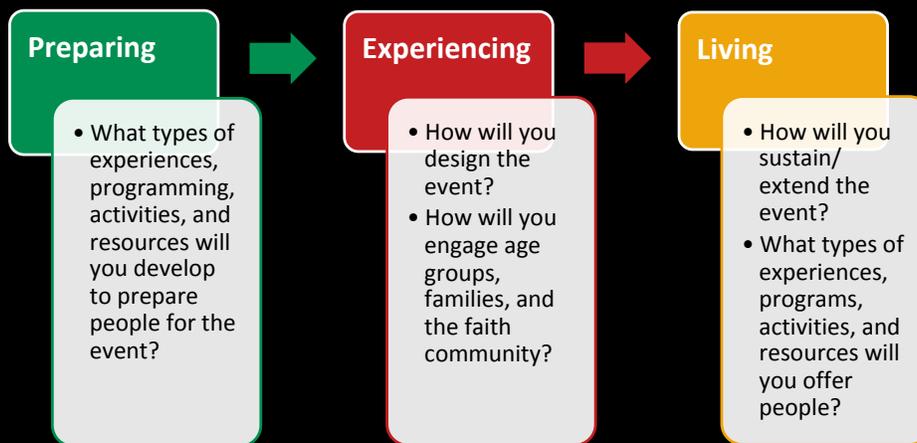
12 Moses in the Boat

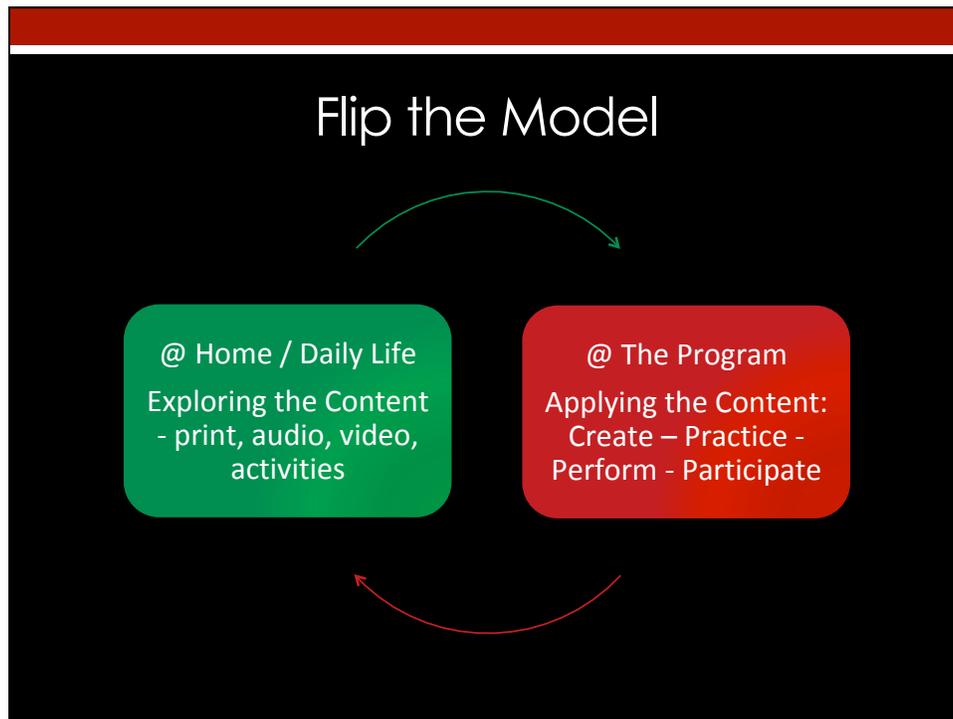
Find links to more Christian Education resources for all ages here:

One Event/ Program, Multiple Formats



Build on an Event/Experience





Our Confirmation preparation program has two components: Once a month in-person classes and an online study. The online study is a place for students to develop their faith weekly by completing multi-media lessons which include videos, reading, Saint reflections, multiple-choice questions and online small group discussions. Each small group has their own online space to discuss faith topics, ask questions, and pray for one another. By having both in person classes and an online study we hope to help families learn more about their faith while respecting the many demands for their time.

Confirmation

St. Edward the Confessor

CONFIRMATION

Be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit

Welcome to Confirmation

Confirmation is the sacrament in which you receive a deeper outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It completes what began in Baptism, giving you the gifts and tools needed to live out your whole life as a Catholic. Confirmation preparation is a 2 year process with monthly meetings, online work, service projects, retreats, and insight participation.

Confirmation Registration is Taking Place Click to Register Now

[LEARN MORE ABOUT CONFIRMATION](#)

LEARNING
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PROGRAM
requirements



SERVICE
projects



Confirmation 1
Calendar of Events

Today ▶

Sunday, September 22
9:00am Homecoming Mass

Saturday, September 28
7:20am Confirmation 1 Retreat

Sunday, October 6
4:00pm Confirmation 1 Class

Sunday, October 27

* Homecoming 1, Safe

[View All Events](#)

Confirmation 2
Calendar of Events

Today ▶

Sunday, September 22
9:00am Homecoming Mass

Sunday, October 20
4:00pm Confirmation 2 Class

Sunday, October 27
4:00pm Confirmation 2 - Safe

Sunday, November 17

* Homecoming 2, Prayers

[View All Events](#)

Insights
Calendar of Events

Today ▶

Sunday, September 22
9:00am Homecoming Mass

Wednesday, September 25
7:20am Insight

Wednesday, October 9
7:00pm Insights

Wednesday, October 16
9:00am Retreat

[View All Events](#)

Program Requirements

- 1) PARTICIPATE IN WEEKLY ONLINE LEARNING
 - Complete weekly online lesson
 - Participate in online small group discussions
- 2) ATTEND MONTHLY SUNDAY SESSIONS
 - Sessions begin at 4:00 p.m. and end after the 5:30 p.m. Mass
 - 1 Absence allowed
- 3) SERVICE PROJECTS
 - Participate in 2 service projects per year (Service project opportunities will be available online you would like to participate in)
 - Write one reflection per project completed online
- 4) ATTEND "INSIGHT" (YOUTH GROUP) MEETINGS
 - Attend 2 Insight Youth Ministry Meetings, more is encouraged!
 - Insight takes place Wednesday nights from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in Knight Hall (please reference our website for more information)
- 5) ATTEND A CONFIRMATION RETREAT EACH YEAR
 - Confirmation I – One-day retreat with parent or proxy (September 28, 2013)
 - Confirmation II – Overnight-weekend retreat (February 14-16 2014 or March 7-9, 2014)
 - *** Registration for Confirmation II Retreat will begin online January 6, 2014



CREED SACRAMENTS MORALITY **PRAYER**

PRAYER

The Catechism is broken into four sections. It starts with the Creed, which is the backbone, the skeleton of the deposit of faith. Then we have the Sacraments, the nervous system, the way that we experience God. Add to that Morality, the muscles we need to be strong enough to live a holy life. But it all comes together in Prayer, the life blood we need to have a relationship with God.

Put them all together, and we have a living person Jesus Christ, the image of the invisible God and the goal of all catechesis. The more we know about him, the more we're able to love him and be like him.



June 2016 - Beginning of Holiness

Blessed Mother Teresa's insights on prayer and how it connects us with God are put to simple but beautiful graphics that will inspire.

[Click here to download wmv video](#)

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July 2016 - The Green Rubber Band

Lacey tells the story of her total surrender to God for the most unusual reason at the most unsuspecting time.

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August 2016 - Prayer

Teens from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia talk about prayer.

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Adan in the Desert - Episode 1



Adan in the Desert - Episode 2



Adan in the Desert - Episode 3

Christian Initiation & New Member Formation



Intro to The Basics of Christianity
by Pastor Bill Crabtree of Silverdale Lutheran Church

The video player interface includes a progress bar at the bottom with a play button, a volume icon, and a 0:00 / 6:44 timestamp. The video content shows a man in a purple shirt standing in front of a church building with a cross on the roof. The text 'INTRO TO THE BASICS OF CHRISTIANITY' is overlaid on the video.

Flip Christian Initiation



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The graphic features a central image of a church interior with a bright light at the end of a long aisle. The text 'CATHOLICISM' is in yellow, 'FORMED' is in blue with a play button icon, and 'ASCENSION PRESENTS' is in white. The 'my Catholic Faith DELIVERED™' logo is in a white box at the bottom right.

Flip the Model

CHURCHNext
Online Christian Learning from expert teachers in scripture, liturgy, prayer, family, self-care, church history, theology, and more.

SPiritUALITY & PRACTICE RESOURCES FOR SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS

ON-DEMAND E-COURSES

- Retreats on Classic Practices** (20 e-courses)
Step-by-step instructions from well-known spiritual teachers on practices from the world's religions. Embedded lessons, audio, videos, resources.
- Retreats on Sacred Texts** (10 e-courses)
Passages from sacred texts and commentaries by our teachers on living the wisdom, Ruth, The Gospel of Thomas, The Psalms, The Gospels, A Course in Miracles, The Quran, The Tao Te Ching, and more.
- Elder Spirituality E-Courses** (30 programs)
An ethics by elders, a course that refines aging. Plus practical programs on the spiritual work of this stage of life.
- Practicing Spirituality: The Religions** (10 e-courses)
40 part programs using representative excerpts from books by teachers from each tradition, each with a suggestions for how to practice the wisdom in your daily life.
- Practicing Spirituality: Places, Activities & Relationships** (10 e-courses)
40 part programs using book excerpts and practice suggestions to show how to be spiritual at home, at work, in nature, during illness, with children, and more.
- Practicing Spirituality: Master Teachers** (10 e-courses)
40 part programs using excerpts from the writings of spiritual masters as an inspiring vision for a variety of meaningful spiritual practices.

OUR E-COURSES

Most of us tend to go away on a spiritual retreat to:

- reflect upon our lives,
- renew our connection to Spirit,
- discover great teachers,
- learn spiritual practices,
- find a spiritual community.

We bring the retreats to you! SAP e-courses, designed to fit your schedule and your budget, turns your email inbox into a spiritual retreat center.

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- SAP E-Course Brochure (PDF)

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THE SLATE PROJECT

HOME ABOUT CONNECT BLOG COMMUNITY

CHURCH WITH A CLEAN SLATE

WHAT'S NEW

The Slate Project is a new kind of Christian community that gathers both on-line and face-to-face in Baltimore, Maryland.

We are a movement to change the church from inside the inside out.

We are committed to following the way of Jesus together, into our local and digital neighborhoods and discerning in community how to be the church in the 21st century.

Connect with The Slate Project on-line and face-to-face:

Mondays What: **#BreakingBread** (Dinner Church)
Where: 4 E University Pkwy Bmore, MD 212
When: 6 PM EST

Wednesday What: **#SlateReads** (Live Tweet Chat- Book Discussion)
Where: Twitter-- use the digital bookmark #SlateReads
When: 8 PM EST

Thursdays What: **#SlateSpeak** (Live Tweet Chat- new topic each week)
Where: Twitter-- use the digital bookmark #SlateSpeak
When: 9 PM EST



#BreakingBread

Our weekly face-to-face worship experience happens on Monday nights with a "dinner liturgy" we call #BreakingBread.

Starting at 6pm, everyone is invited to participate in transforming our "borrowed space (graciously offered to us by the [Episcopal Cathedral of the Incarnation and Diocese of Maryland](#)) into an intimate dinner setting for thirty or so people.

#SlateSpeak

One way to connect with this new kind of Christian community happens Thursday nights, 9pm EST, over on Twitter. Follow #SlateSpeak. Join the conversation.



#SlateSpeak 101

- #SlateSpeak, a progressive Christian forum where faith and everyday life meet in an explosion of awesome conversation.
- You can follow the #SlateSpeak conversation using [tweethub.com](#), [tweebot.com](#), or [tweeps.com](#), to enhance your experience.
- We do not substantially agree with everything that we read. #SlateSpeak is a safe space for unique & challenging.
- We do not shame or blame each other here. We make respect each other's experiences and hold space for each other's truths.
- It is totally acceptable to follow along silently, but feel free to engage if when you feel comfortable. #SlateSpeak.
- If you have a question, feel free to ask it! We are a friendly bunch.

Victoria
@vihoppes

Wow. That last hour was awesome. Thanks #slatespeak for a great chat

#SLATEREADS

#SlateReads is our on-line book study that happens on Twitter every Wednesday night at 8PM EST.

There is a reading for each week and the conversation is informed by those readings.

Follow the hashtag #SlateReads to participate!

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GOD ON TAP BLOG

We post news and updates about God on Tap and discussion topics for upcoming gatherings. Feel free to leave a comment and sign up to receive new posts by email!

DISCUSSING CREATIVITY AT GOD ON TAP TOMORROW NIGHT!



Join us for God on Tap tomorrow night, July 26th at 7:30pm at Forest & Main Brewing Company in Ambler. Our topic: creativity.

When the universe seems to be sending you signals, its best to pay attention.

Lately, I've been hearing a lot about creativity—how it works, what fuels it, what inspires it, and what prevents it.

From a podcast reminding its listeners of the importance of boredom for creativity, to reading authors like Stephen King and Anne Lamott describe their writing process, to Elizabeth Gilbert's TED talk about your elusive creative genius, to a conversation just this past week with my friend like Jim Kast-Keat about how he creates great projects like his Thirty Seconds or Less videos. (He describes his creative process as something akin to throwing spaghetti against a wall and seeing what happens.)

Creativity. Its a common thing. We create all kinds of art, theatre, music, school lesson plans, woodworking, gardens, beer, designing, writing, business plans, you name it. We may not have created ourselves, and yet we do create and craft and shape our lives as we tend to our relationships, work, and callings.

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Advent or Lent Online "Curriculum"

Welcome to Advent



LIKE THE ADVENT WREATH

(to count down the days)

Advent Activities

Advent Wreath: Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass. Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progression lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead. Go to [Brewing of Advent Research](#).

Advent Candles: Decorate a set of Advent candles for your family to use during this season of hope, peace, love, and joy. Go to [Vibrant Faith at Home](#).

Alternative Advent: Kids create an alternative advent calendar to benefit a charitable organization in their town. Instead of just opening boxes on an Advent calendar or moving Santa from one slot to the next, use Advent as a time to collect donations or goods for a local charitable organization. Go to [Vibrant Faith at Home](#).

Jesse Tree: The Jesse Tree helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth. The Jesse Tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David. We adorn a Jesse Tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse Tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history. Go to [Jesse Tree online](#).

Advent Daily Devotional

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Family Advent Calendar (English & Spanish)

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Children's Advent Calendar

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Best Advent Ever - Daily Reflections: Starting December 3, the first Sunday of Advent, you'll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt, practical tips to incorporate into your everyday life, and personal stories from Dynamic Catholic team members. Go to [Best Advent Ever](#).

Sacred Advent Daily Reflections: Embrace the Advent season as a sacred space from the ease of your e-mail inbox. Sacred Advent is a daily e-mail prayer break during a busy season. Each day invites you to a step-by-step progression of praying with a Scripture reading and related points of reflection. The messages also include suggestions for further exploration of Advent themes through additional online articles and prayers. To [Sacred Advent](#).

Online 40-Day Lent Curriculum

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ash Wednesday • Lenten Sunday liturgies • Stations of the Cross • Lenten prayer • Lenten retreat • Lenten service • Lenten soup suppers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fasting • Praying • Service/ Almsgiving • Lectionary reflection • Family Lenten activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lenten learning resources • Lenten calendar • Daily Lenten prayer • Weekly table prayer • Video resources • Online retreat experience

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ChurchNext launches a new course every week. Here's a list of those currently available. Just click on the class for more information.

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Online Prayer

The screenshot shows the 'Pray As You Go' website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'prayers of the people' and various menu items. Below that, a calendar for January 2018 is displayed, with dates 16 through 29. A search bar is visible with the text 'Wherever you go...'. There are also icons for social media and a 'TRY AN EXERCISE' button.

The screenshot shows a Facebook page for '#penitence'. The page header includes 'prayers of the people' and navigation links. The main content area features a post titled '#penitence' with the text: 'We invite you to pray #prayerofpenitence. In penitence we confess our sins and make restitution when possible, with the intention to amend our lives.' Below this, there's a section for 'Featured #prayerofpenitence' with a video thumbnail. At the bottom, there's a 'Global #prayerofpenitence' section with several posts from users sharing their prayers.

Webinar Live Presentation

Upper Dublin Lutheran Church

TEENS AND DIGITAL MEDIA
WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW
WITH BETHANY STOLLE

A FACEBOOK LIVE EVENT HOSTED BY UPPER DUBLIN LUTHERAN CHURCH

TUNE IN TO THE UDLCL FACEBOOK PAGE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH AT 8PM EASTERN.

Teens and Digital Media: Our First Facebook Live Event!

Join us for our first Facebook Live event from the comfort of home or while you're out and about on your smartphone as Pastor Keith is joined by Bethany Stolle, who will present on what parents need to know about teens and digital media. Tune into the [UDLC Facebook page](#) at 8pm Eastern Time on November 6th to watch and share your ideas and questions. This is open to everyone. Please forward this email or share our [Facebook event](#) with a friend! - Keith

Program Description

The mall. Public parks. Friends' houses. The lunch room. The physical spaces that were central to socialization, extracurricular learning, and identity formation for many of us have increasingly shifted to digital spaces. And there are implications for parents, teachers, ministry leaders and anyone else who works with young people. This workshop will explore digital media trends among kids and teens, the diversity of experiences when it comes to youth and social media, how adolescents are working out their identities through "networked publics," and considerations for faith formation with a tech-connected generation.

Personalizing Faith Formation



Virtual Learning Academy



VLACS provides full time and part time online virtual learning opportunities for both Middle & High School students. Our new online Adult Education program will be available in 2016.

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Summit's PERSONALIZED SCHOOLS

A personalized school is designed to meet the needs of **each & every individual student.**

At Summit, we focus on four key elements of college and career readiness, and empower students to drive their learning and own their success.



Personalizing Learning

Personalized learning is tailoring learning for each student's strengths, needs and interests—including enabling student voice and choice in what, how, when and where they learn—to provide flexibility and supports to ensure mastery of the highest standards possible.



Two Ways to Approach Personalizing

Approach One: Personalize the Pathway for People

- ✦ Develop pathways of faith maturing
- ✦ Develop playlists of content and experiences tailored to the pathways
- ✦ Upload playlists to a digital platform

Approach Two: Personalize the Offerings

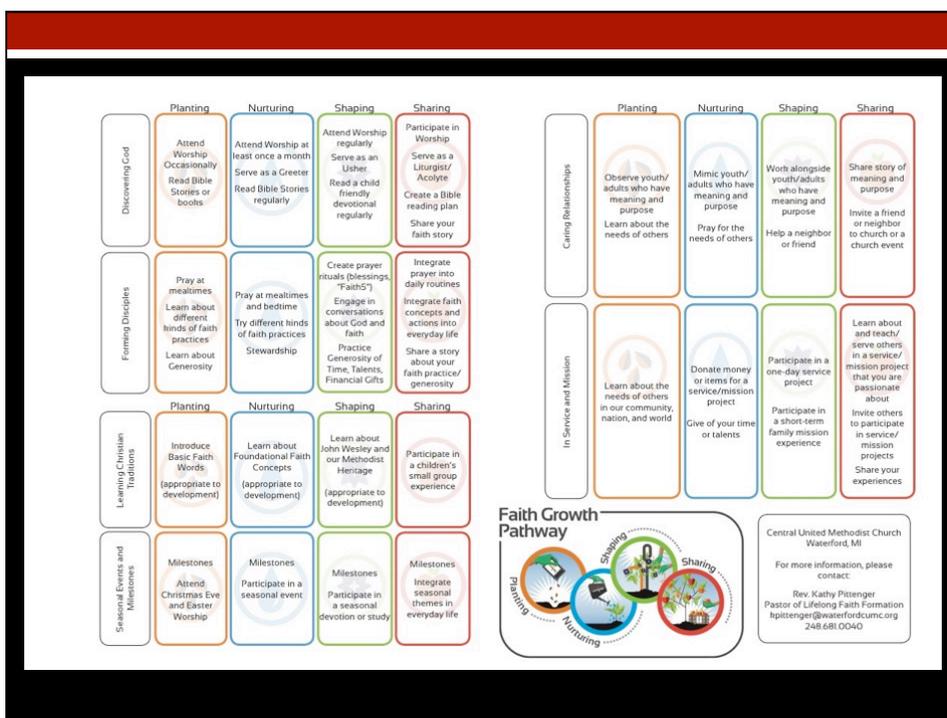
- ✦ Identify important life and religious needs of target audience(s)
OR develop a pathways model
- ✦ Develop a digital platform with content to address the needs
- ✦ Format the content tailored to different spiritual-religious identities

Approach 1. Personalize the Faith Pathways



A Pathways Model

- **A Pathway is a process** for helping people discern where they are in their faith journey and to chart a path for faith growth—to get from where they are to a closer relationship with Jesus and a deeper practice of the Christian faith.
- **A Pathway is life-centered**, reaching into every area of a person’s life.
- **A Pathway is holistic** incorporating the whole person: head, heart, and hands.
- **A Pathway focuses on faith maturing.**



Discovering God	Planting Attend Worship Occasionally Read Bible Stories or books	Nurturing Attend Worship at least once a month Serve as a Greeter Read Bible Stories regularly	Shaping Attend Worship regularly Serve as an Usher Read a child friendly devotional regularly	Sharing Participate in Worship Serve as a Liturgist/Acolyte Create a Bible reading plan Share your faith story
	Forming Disciples Pray at mealtimes Learn about different kinds of faith practices Learn about Generosity	Pray at mealtimes and bedtime Try different kinds of faith practices Stewardship	Create prayer rituals (blessings, "Faith5") Engage in conversations about God and faith Practice Generosity of Time, Talents, Financial Gifts	Integrate prayer into daily routines Integrate faith concepts and actions into everyday life Share a story about your faith practice/generosity
	Learning Christian Faith/History	Planting Introduce Basic Faith Words (appropriate to development)	Nurturing Learn about Foundational Faith Concepts (appropriate to development)	Shaping Learn about John Wesley and our Methodist Heritage (appropriate to development)
	Seasonal Events and Milestones	Planting Milestones Attend Christmas Eve and Easter Worship	Nurturing Milestones Participate in a seasonal event	Shaping Milestones Participate in a seasonal devotion or study

Caring Relationships	Planting Observe youth/adults who have meaning and purpose Learn about the needs of others	Nurturing Mimic youth/adults who have meaning and purpose Pray for the needs of others	Shaping Work alongside youth/adults who have meaning and purpose Help a neighbor or friend	Sharing Share story of meaning and purpose Invite a friend or neighbor to church or a church event
	In Service and Mission Learn about the needs of others in our community, nation, and world	Donate money or items for a service/mission project Give of your time or talents	Participate in a one-day service project Participate in a short-term family mission experience	Learn about and teach/serve others in a service/mission project that you are passionate about Invite others to participate in service/mission projects Share your experiences

Faith Growth Pathway

Central United Methodist Church
Waterford, MI

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spiritual assessment

knowing God

1. Understand the essential beliefs of the Christian faith, and feel confident that I could explain them to a non-religious friend. 0 1 2 3 4 5
2. Have a good knowledge of the Bible, including its major events and themes, and I know how to read it for maximum understanding. 0 1 2 3 4 5
3. If someone were to ask me, "What do United Methodists believe?" I feel confident in my ability to answer them. 0 1 2 3 4 5
4. Understand basic Christian ethics, and I know how to draw upon my faith to come to conclusions about important moral and ethical issues. 0 1 2 3 4 5
5. Have a good understanding of God's will for human beings, and I know how to discern his will for my life in particular. 0 1 2 3 4 5

loving God

1. I know God has the power to transform lives and I'm open and responsive to whatever that may lead to in my life. 0 1 2 3 4 5
2. I try to do my own desires and sense of importance and submit to God's will for my life. 0 1 2 3 4 5
3. As a means of growing in Christ, I prayerfully practice various spiritual disciplines in my life. 0 1 2 3 4 5
4. I am experiencing "the fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22) in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. 0 1 2 3 4 5
5. I have a group of friends who grow in faith together and challenge each other to grow deeper in Christ. 0 1 2 3 4 5

serving God

1. I invest time in building my relationships with God and with others. 0 1 2 3 4 5
2. I know my God-given spiritual gifts, and I am actively serving Christ by using those gifts. 0 1 2 3 4 5
3. I give back to Christ by giving to the church and to others in proportion to my income, with at least 10% as my goal. 0 1 2 3 4 5
4. I spend time serving in God's world by helping meet critical needs and showing what it means to follow Jesus Christ. 0 1 2 3 4 5
5. I am actively nurturing the spiritual lives of others, sharing my faith story, offering spiritual encouragement and leading others to Christ. 0 1 2 3 4 5

Place your self-assessment number for each question below and add across, giving you an overall total.

Knowing: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. Total Heart _____

Loving: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. Total Heart _____

Serving: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. Total Hands _____

■ No one can concentrate on too many things at once. Look first at the individual questions, and then turn to the inside of this folder to consider next steps. Seek to find one or more areas in which you can grow in your relationship with God. Use the following scale as a general guide to the three levels:
0-2 Level 1 3-4 Level 2 5 Level 3

Knowing God

We can never fully understand God (if we could, we wouldn't have much of a God). But the mysteries and questions are not obstacles to growth – they are an invitation to continually journey deeper in our understanding of God and the Kingdom to which he invites us. As we increase our understanding of the God we worship and serve, which is what the word "theology" means, we increase our capacity to live the life God designed us to live. Calendar items and volunteer opportunities marked with the knowing designation will lead you to a deeper understanding of the mysteries of the kingdom.

Loving God

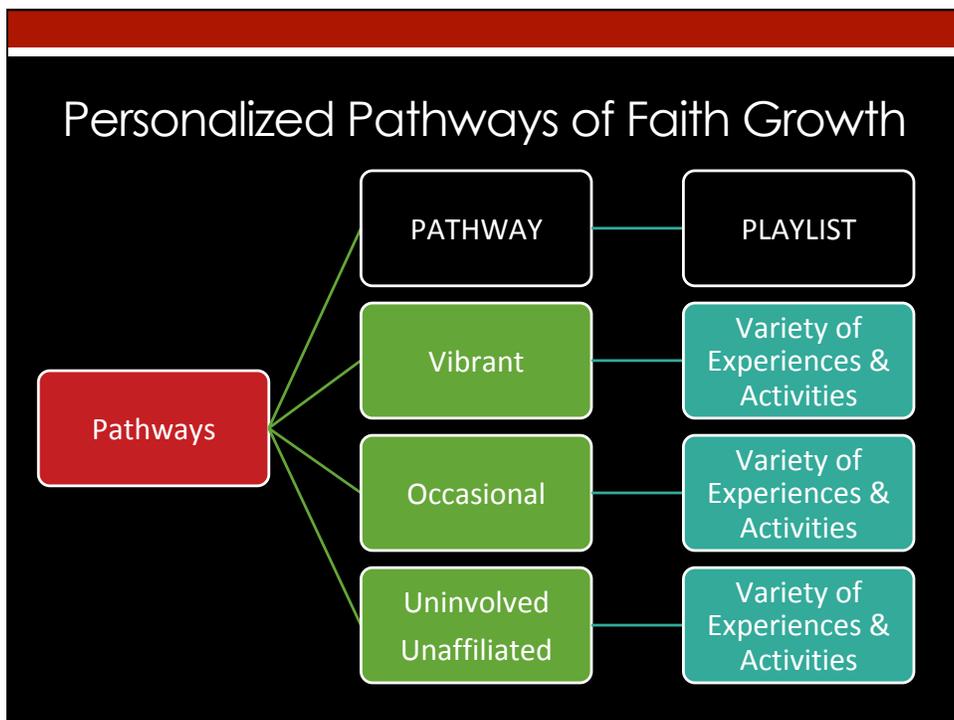
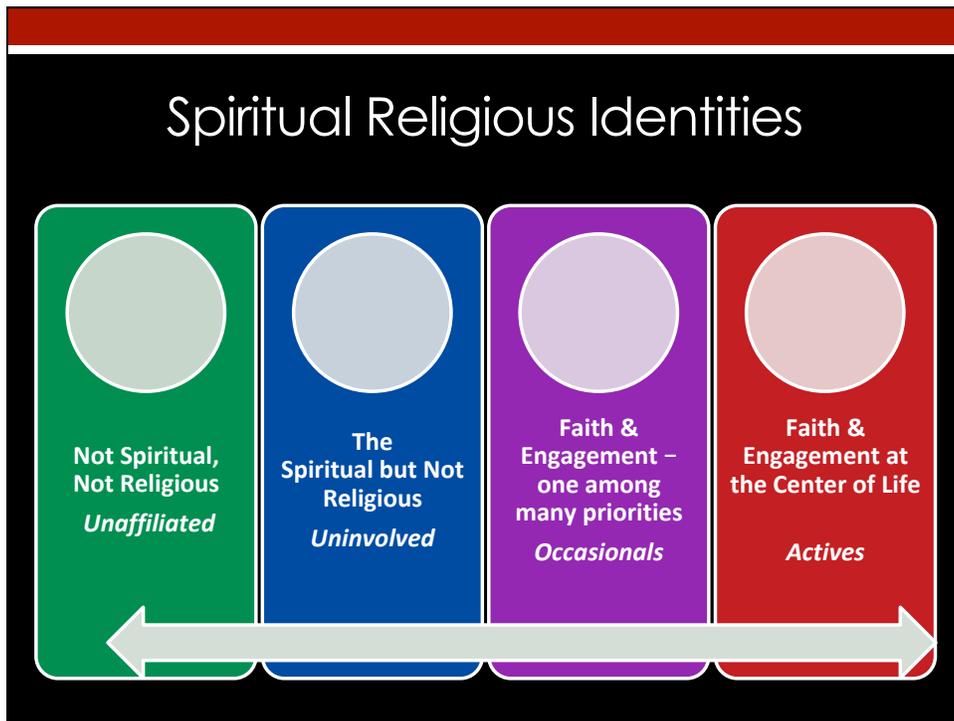
What we think and what we do are expressions of who we are. Trying hard to change ourselves is a losing proposition – but when we're traveling with God and letting God work in our lives, we find that transformation becomes a beautiful reality! When you see a calendar item or volunteer opportunity marked with the loving designation, it means that participation will draw you into a deeper level of love for God and neighbor.

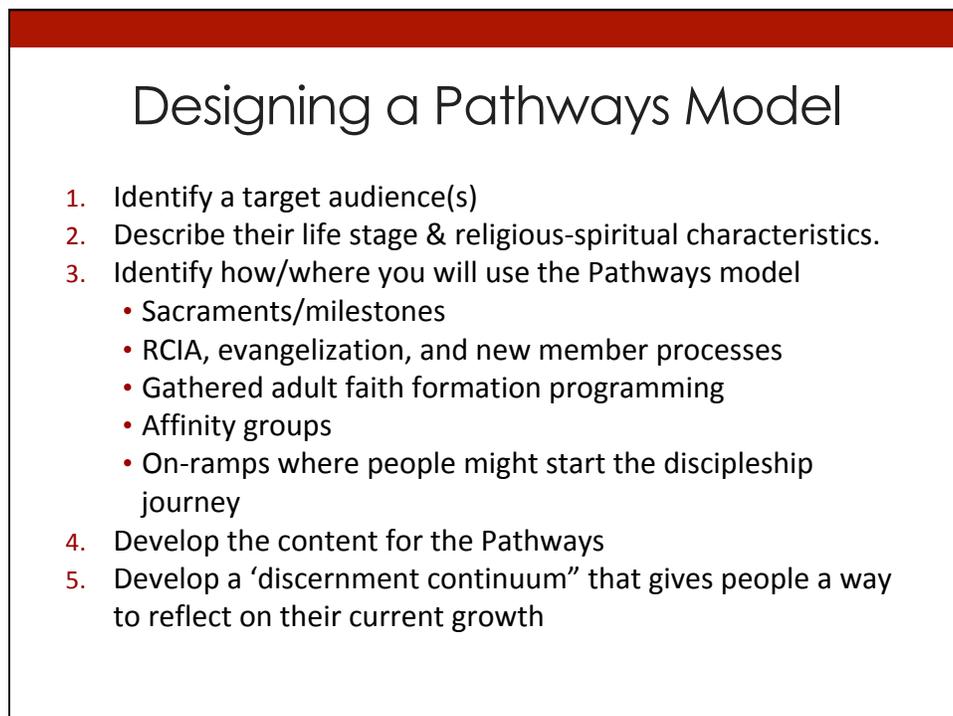
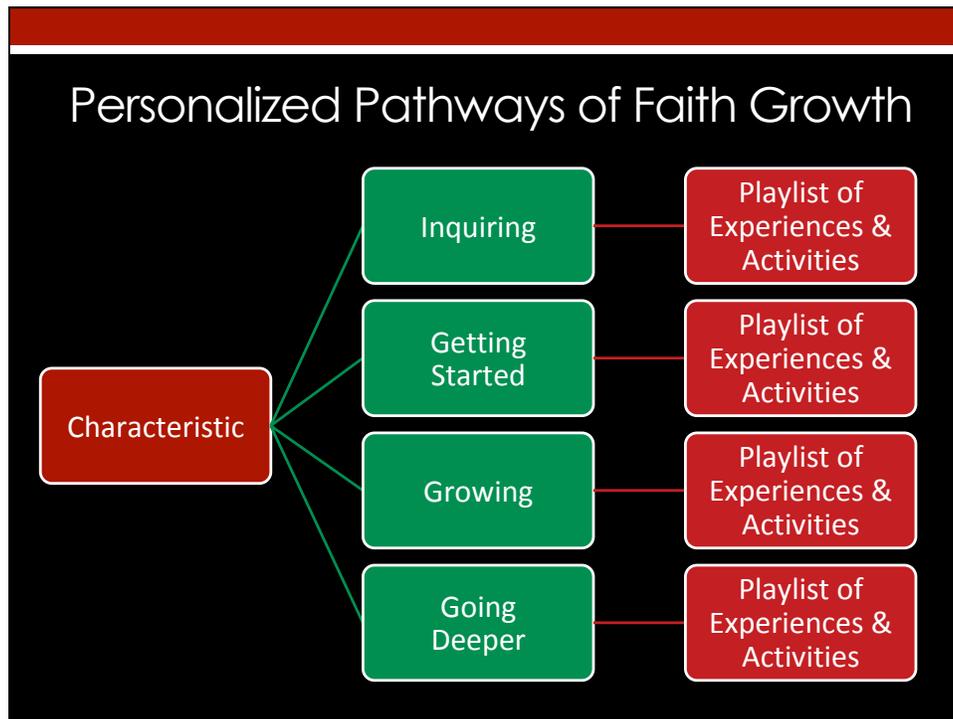
Serving God

The Christian life is about more than correct thoughts and a loving attitude, its about living our calling to be salt and light in the world. This means doing the work of the kingdom. Calendar items and volunteer opportunities marked with the serving designation will help you get your hands dirty for the kingdom. These include mission opportunities, volunteering and much more.

Take the next step today.
Visit www.coc.org/nextsteps or the Connection Point in the Narthex to view a detailed listing of classes and service opportunities and to register.

The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection





Designing Steps 1 & 2 Target Audience & Description

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| | Sample Themes – Mature Adults |
| • Surveys | 1. Dealing with retirement |
| • Focus Groups | 2. Making life plans, finances, health |
| • Interviews | 3. Becoming a grandparent |
| • Research | 4. Making a difference in the community and world |
| • Reviews | 5. Incorporating family changes and transitions |
| | 6. New ways of living and relating as a married couple |
| | 7. Caring for aging parents |
| | 8. Taking time to read the Bible and learn more about my faith |
| | 9. Growing spiritually and exploring spirituality for the 2 nd half of life |
| | 10. Connecting with people my age; talking about things that matter to us |
| | 11. Dealing with loss |

Designing Step 3 - How & Where

Identify how/where you will use the Pathways model

- Sacraments/milestones
- RCIA, evangelization, and new member processes
- Gathered adult faith formation programming
- Affinity groups
- On-ramps where people might start the discipleship journey

Designing Step 4 – Characteristics

Develop the characteristics of faith growth you want to use in your Pathways model. For example:

1. Option 1. Use characteristics of faith growth specific to the life stage (such as family faith practices) or the content of the event (such as preparing for confirmation)
2. Option 2. Use characteristics of maturing faith

Key Characteristics of Maturing Faith

1. Developing and sustaining a personal relationship and commitment to Jesus Christ
2. Living as a disciple of Jesus Christ and making the Christian faith a way of life
3. Reading and studying the Bible—its message, meaning, and application to life today
4. Learning the Christian story and foundational teachings of the Christian faith and integrating its meaning into one's life
5. Praying—together and by ourselves, and seeking spiritual growth through spiritual disciplines
6. Living with moral integrity guided by Christian ethics and values
7. Living the Christian mission in the world—serving those in need, caring for God's creation, and acting and advocating for justice and peace.
8. Worshipping God with the community at Sunday worship, ritual celebrations, and the seasons of the church year
9. Being actively engaged in the life, ministries, and activities of the faith community
10. Practicing faith in Jesus Christ by using one's gifts and talents within the Christian community and in the world

Adult Faith Growth Pathway

We believe that growth in our relationship with God and in following Jesus (discipleship) is a lifelong process. We are constantly trying to grow deeper in our relationship with God and in living the Christian way of life each day. Our church is committed to helping you grow wherever you may be in your faith journey. We are committed to helping you live the Christian way of life everyday.

To help you discover areas for growth and to help us serve you better, please take a few minutes to complete the Adult Faith Growth Pathway. It will help you identify strengths and areas of growth in your own life. Use these statements to assess where you are honestly and prayerfully. Rate "How true each statement is for you" using the rating scale: 1 = Rarely true of me, 2 = Sometimes true of me, 3 = Occasionally true of me, 4 = Almost always true of me, 5 = Always true of me.

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| 1. I am growing in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 2. My faith shapes how I think and act each and every day. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 3. I make the Christian faith a way of life by integrating my beliefs into the conversation, decisions, and actions of daily life. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 4. I am aware of God present and active in my own life, the lives of others, and the life of the world. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 5. I have a real sense that God is guiding me. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 6. I seek spiritual growth by actively pursuing questions of faith, learning what it means to believe in God, and what it's like to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 7. I devote time to reading and studying the Bible. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 8. I use the Bible to discover how I should think and act. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 9. I pray to God and take quiet time to reflect and listen to God. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 10. I am growing spiritually through spiritual practices such as contemplation, <i>lectio divina</i> , praying Scripture, daily Examen (reflection), and meditation. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 11. I can articulate the fundamental teachings of the Christian faith. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 12. I am growing in my understanding of the Christian faith—beliefs, traditions, and practices. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 13. I exercise moral responsibility by applying Christian ethics, virtues, and values to making moral decisions. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 14. My faith helps me know right from wrong. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 15. I live a life of service by caring for others and reaching out those in need. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 16. I am involved in ways to promote social justice and address injustice in the world. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 17. I am involved in actions to care for creation. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 18. I share the Good News of Jesus through my words and actions. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 19. I participate actively and regularly in the worship life of the church community. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 20. I participate in the life, ministries, and leadership of the church community. | 1 2 3 4 5 |

Ways I Can Grow

- Areas Where I Need to "Get Started" (look at the numbers 1 and 2)
- Areas Where I Need to "Grow" (look at the numbers 2 and 3)
- Areas Where I Want to "Go Deeper" (look at the numbers 4 and 5)

Designing Step 5 – Discernment

Develop a 'discernment continuum" that gives people a way to reflect on their current growth

Inquiring--Getting Started--Making Progress--Going Deeper

"How true each statement is for you?"

- 1 = Rarely true of me
- 2 = Sometimes true of me,
- 3 = Occasionally true of me
- 4 = Almost always true of me
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Approach #2. Personalize the Offerings



The Seasons of Adult Faith Formation

A Network of Adult Faith Formation Experiences, Programs, Activities, & Resources

Personalize the Offerings

Playlists Tailored to Different Faith Needs

Playlist:
Reading & Studying the Bible

Getting Started

- Participate in the “Welcome to the Bible” program at church
- Watch the video programs on how to read the Bible
- Watch the video program with an overview of the Old Testament and New Testament
- Use the Guide to select a Study Bible and find the Bible online
- Participate in the 30-Day Bible Experience: Reading one Gospel (Matthew, Mark, or Luke)

Growing

- Develop a daily plan for reading the Bible
- Participate in the lectio divina reflection group after Sunday worship
- Learn how to pray with the Bible
- Join a Bible study group (church, home, coffee shop, online)

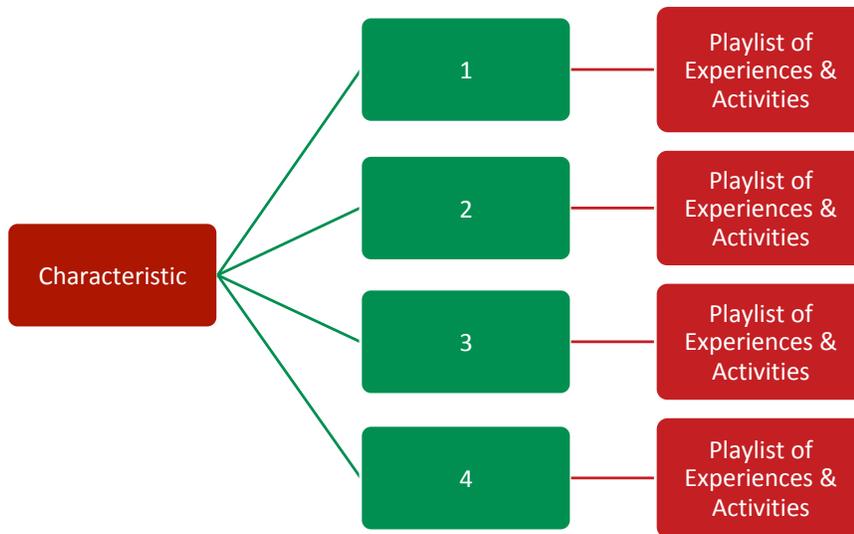
Going Deeper

- Read the Bible in 365 days
- Develop a personal Bible study plan
- Take an online course: Hebrew Scriptures, Gospels, Letters of Paul
- Study and pray the Psalms as a spiritual practice

Playlists for Faith Formation



Personalized Pathways of Faith Growth



Learning Playlists

- ✦ A learning playlist is a curated group of digital and local learning experiences and resources (e.g. videos, websites, books, games, articles, etc.).
- ✦ A playlist weaves together these learning experiences into a sequenced pathway centered on a common theme.
- ✦ Playlists broaden opportunities to engage in cohesive, interest-driven connected learning experiences that combine a variety of ways to learning: peer settings, family settings, intergenerational settings, community/world settings, and online settings.
- ✦ Playlists create a rich network of experiences for learners.

Curating Playlists

- ✦ Books
- ✦ Audio / Podcasts
- ✦ Video and movies
- ✦ Apps and digital programming
- ✦ Website content and activities
- ✦ Courses, programs, workshops at church and online
- ✦ Church life, ministries, and events
- ✦ Small groups at church, home, community settings
- ✦ Art, drama, music
- ✦ Service and action projects, mission trips
- ✦ Retreats
- ✦ Field trips
- ✦ Mentoring

Faith Formation Playlists

Variety of Environments: Self-directed, mentored, at home, in small groups, in large groups, church-wide, in the community, and in the world.

Variety of Ways to Learn



Playlists of Content & Experiences

If you were to use a Playlist approach to develop the faith of families with young children....

1. *Getting Started Families* (little faith experience)
 2. *Growing Families* (somewhat connected to faith community)
 3. *Going Deeper Families* (involved and practicing)
- How would you engage the parents?
 - How would you engage the children and whole family?

Playlists of Content & Experiences

If you were to use a Playlist approach for first communion...

1. *Getting Started Children* (little to no faith forming experiences)
 2. *Growing Children* (some faith forming experiences)
 3. *Going Deeper Children* (involved and practicing)
- What would faith formation look like with these three “types” of children?
 - What would parent and family faith formation look like?

Playlists of Content & Experiences

If you were to use a Playlist approach for confirmation...

1. *Getting Started Adolescents* (little to no faith forming experiences since childhood)
 2. *Growing Adolescents* (some faith forming experiences in childhood)
 3. *Going Deeper Adolescents* (involved and practicing)
- What would faith formation look like with these three “types” of adolescents?
 - What would parent and family faith formation look like?

What is Edmodo?

Edmodo is a classroom website that is completely controlled by the teacher...

Google Classroom

Transforming Our Role

Current Roles

- Developing religious content
- Designing programming
- Managing programming
- Teaching/Facilitating programming

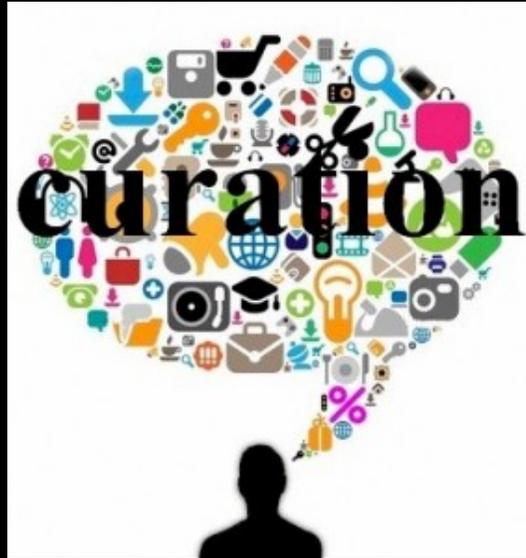
Emerging Roles

- *Designing* faith forming environments —*architecture*
- *Designing Digital Platforms* for faith forming content
- *Curating* religious content and experiences

New Leadership Roles

- ✦ We are becoming *learning architects* who design and/or identify environments which can become settings for faith formation, e.g., homes, workplaces, coffee shops, online communities, and more. We can design content and experiences to “deliver” to that setting.
- ✦ We are becoming *designers of digital platforms* (websites, social media) where people can connect with each other, access content, engage in learning activities, and more. These platforms provide 24x7 faith formation.
- ✦ We are becoming *curators* of religious content and experiences. When there is an abundance of content, our role shifts from creator to curator. Curators are engaged in finding and identifying high quality content in all formats, matching it with the needs of people, providing the content on a digital platform (and often in gathered settings), and engaging people with the content.

Curating Faith Formation

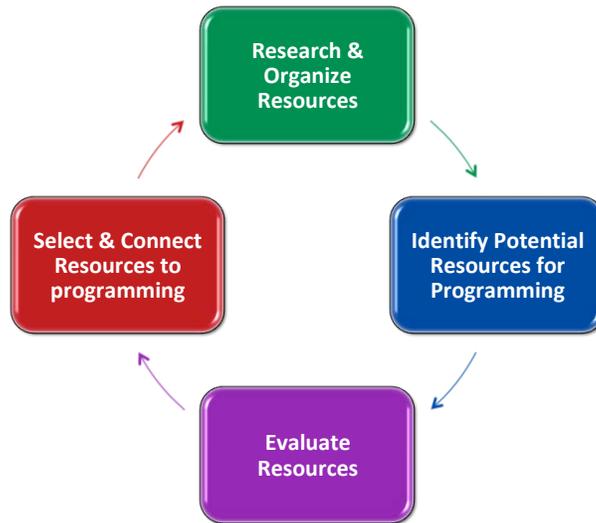


What is Content Curation (Beth Kanter)

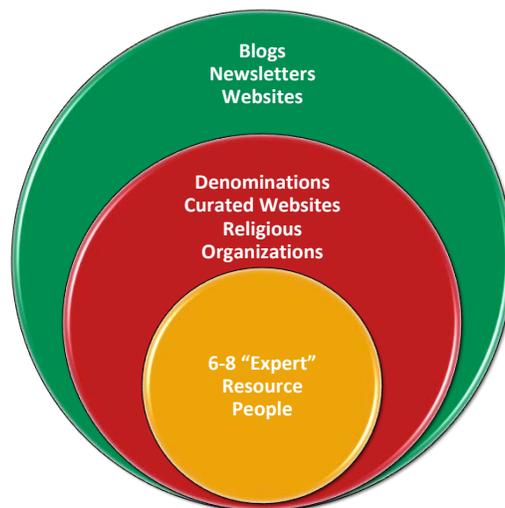
Content curation is the process of sorting through the vast amounts of content on the web and presenting it in a meaningful and organized way around a specific theme.

- The work involves sifting, sorting, arranging, and publishing information.
- A content curator picks the best content that is important and relevant to share with their community.
- It isn't unlike what a museum curator does to produce an exhibition: They identify the theme, they provide the context, they decide which paintings to hang on the wall, how they should be annotated, and how they should be displayed for the public.

Curating Religious Content



Develop Trusted Sources



Develop a Research Checklist

1. People: teachers, mentors/guides, guest presenters
2. Community programs: churches, agencies, organizations,
3. Educational institutions: colleges, seminaries
4. Retreat and spiritual life centers, monasteries
5. Denominational programs, events, websites
6. Museums
7. Books (with study guides) & E-books
8. Apps
9. Audio podcasts & audio learning programs
10. Videos & video learning programs
11. Online courses & online activities
12. Television shows
13. Organizational websites
14. Resource center websites

Develop Evaluation Criteria

- ✓ Biblical content and interpretation
- ✓ Theological content and emphasis
- ✓ Developmental appropriateness
- ✓ Ethnic-Cultural appropriateness
- ✓ Inclusive of diversity
- ✓ Respect for diverse ways of learning
- ✓ Appearance and visual appeal
- ✓ Ease-of-Use
- ✓ Quality of Experience
- ✓ Applicable: Able to be incorporated into daily and home life