

Christian Formation

In 2009 the Christian Formation Ministry worked to incorporate lay lecturers into our series of Adult Forums on Sunday mornings, and to develop a “semester” planning calendar. Our summer semester lecturers included Joann Hunsaker on Eneagrams, and Gia DeMichele on the Book of Genesis; the fall semester we had Shannon Moore on the Stages of Life, and Walt Heinecke on Servant Leadership; this spring Joan Huck and the youth will do a series on Healthy Living, and lay people will help us explore spirituality and centering prayer.

In addition to the Adult Forum, we also ran concurrent classes of special interest. Teresa Harrison led a multi-week series on Iconography, and we offered a parenting class for young parents during the 9 a.m. hour. We continue to struggle with a forum and topics that will provide a foundation for a class for young parents, and space requirements continue to be a challenge for multiple offerings.

Vacation Bible School, under the leadership of Children’s Ministry Director Laura Bradford, continued its successful track record, attracting many children and mobilizing an army of lay volunteers. VBS is one of our parish programs that meets the needs of multiple ministries – Christian Formation, Outreach, and Evangelism. Many members of the church have come to us through their children’s participation in VBS.

In the summer of 2009, a group of our high school youth and their sponsors, traveled to Ireland on a pilgrimage as part of the Journey to Adulthood curriculum. The journey took them on a trip of discovery of God, spirituality, and community. This group will now be incorporated into the life of our parish taking on a variety of responsibilities in the church, as well as planning a mission/outreach project for the summer 2010. Our youth ministries will get a big boost in the coming year from the leadership of Andrea Heinecke, recently hired as part-time youth minister. She will be directing the Sunday evening Youth Group and the youth service ministries. The Youth Group is open to all middle and high school students.

Our library is bursting at the seams, but completely organized and getting used regularly. Elizabeth Otten has been instrumental in keeping the library up to date and acquiring materials that supplement our Christian Formation offerings. Any member of the parish is welcome to check out books from the library located inside Hinde Hall.

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