Adult Formation Fall 2026

Class: Zimmerman Bible Study

POC: Elise Taylor, elise.h.taylor@gmail.com

Location: Banister Room

Dates: September 13 – April 25 (No class on Sep 27, Nov 29, Dec 6 & 27, Jan 3 & 24, Mar 21, Mar 28)

Description: Join us on Sunday mornings for an exploration of the Acts of the Apostles. We will be discussing insights in the early church, the book's historical context, and relevance to our collective current spiritual journey.

Class: The Book Class

POC: Ted Briggs, tedlbriggs@gmail.com

Location: Bibb Chapel

Dates: Beginning September 13

Description: The class will be *reading Love and the Bible and the Meaning of Everything* by Rabbi Rami Shapiro. In Rabbi Rami's words, "I believe the Bible is a book of profound wisdom" which "helps us navigate the intricacies of life more effectively, to deepen our capacity for compassion and our commitment to justice and to help us 'walk through the shadowed Valley of Death' fearlessly, perhaps even tranquilly and almost certainly fed by faith understood as the capacity to engage the world with an open heart and open mind regardless of what we encounter."

Class: History and Theology of the Eucharist

POC: Rev. Dr. Melissa Hartley, mhartley@nativity-hsv.org

Location: Ridley Hall

Dates: Sept 13 - Nov 22 (Will not meet Oct 4)

Description: This fall, Mother Melissa will be teaching a class on the history and theology of the Eucharist. We will begin with scripture, travel through early Christian liturgies, dwell on the Reformation and Cranmer's work in the Church of England, make our way to America, and finally spend some time with the 1979 prayer book and the most recent authorized liturgies. We will explore the theology of the Eucharist through the lens of various prayer books over the centuries, seeking to understand the meaning this primary sacrament of the Church still holds for us today.

Class: Men's XYZ

POC: Justin Eby, justinlockeeby@gmail.com

Location: Green Bus

Dates: Beginning September 13, 2026

Description: This group is geared towards the XYZ generation of guys, the group will meet Sunday mornings at 10 am at Green Bus. They will be studying the lectionary readings for Sunday

Class: The Spiritual Practice of Stewardship

POC: Rev. Rosie Veal-Eby, rvealeby@nativity-hsv.org

Location: Welcome Center

Dates: October 11, 18, 25

Description: During the month of October, we will have a special class on stewardship. Throughout these three Sundays we will be focusing on our role in the life of the church, gratitude, and the practice of giving. There will be reflections offered by members of the stewardship and finance committee, explanation of the church budget as well as opportunities to interact with one another as we explore our beliefs about giving and gratitude.