

Adult Formation Schedule

November 2026 | The Time after Pentecost or “Ordinary Time”



Theme

The theme for the 2026-27 program year is “The Welcome of a Steadfast God: Inviting All the Questions.” We will be deeply focused on our understanding of a steadfast God, while exploring the uncertainties and questions of our world. What questions do we have for God? What questions does God have for us? And how do we experience God’s presence in them?

Adult Forums

9:30 a.m. | Lower Narthex

Nov. 1 | Understanding the Untranslatable: *chesed* (Part I)

Join Dr. Marty Stortz (our Theologian in Residence) this month for an extended study on the welcome of a steadfast God. The Hebrew word for this divine characteristic is *chesed*, a trait that combines a loyal love manifested in concrete actions and sealed with a promise. These three sessions explore this gracious gift, which God can’t help but give and keep giving – because that’s just who God is.

Nov. 8 | Global Mission Ministry Fair | Great Room

On Global Mission Sunday we will celebrate a Global Mission Fair with information tables for each of our mission partners. There will be some global treats to enjoy as you visit the tables, and the Sunday School and Youth will assemble health kits. Plan to attend between services.

Nov. 15 | Understanding the Untranslatable (Part II)

Join Dr. Marty Stortz for part two of this extended study on the welcome of a steadfast God.

Nov. 22 | Understanding the Untranslatable (Part III)

Join Dr. Marty Stortz for part three of this extended study on the welcome of a steadfast God.

Nov. 29 | Advent Fair Intergenerational Learning Event

As Advent begins, we pause to welcome the season this week with Central’s traditional Advent Fair. Join friends and family in the Great Room for a special time of treats, crafts, and stories of Advent traditions.

Empowering Conversations

Noon | Lower Narthex

Sunday, November 15 *Redemption after Prison*

Join us for a unique Empowering Conversation with David Garlock. David will share his own story from Bryan Stevenson’s book *Just Mercy*. He will talk about life after prison and what it means to “do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.”

Fall Bible Study

6 p.m. | Nativity or Zoom

Begins Wednesday, Nov. 4 *The Gift of Wisdom Literature in the Hebrew Bible*

Join Pastor Stephanie for a three-week survey of the Hebrew Bible’s Wisdom Literature, where we’ll explore highlights from Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes.