

*Cary Presbyterian*  
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FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL



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# CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION

Cary Presbyterian Church 2019-20

This is your guide to all things about Christian Education and Faith Formation for the first half of the program year, with some teasers about what will happen after January. Read it – you'll be glad you did! Keep it – though things may be altered throughout the year, as we want to be able to respond to changing needs, resource availability, and new ideas.

If you haven't visited our Cary Presbyterian Faith Formation 24-7 website, don't miss this resource as a way of keeping your faith growing day in and day out, through prayer and spiritual practices, Bible study helps, parenting for faithful living, and more:

<http://carypresbyterianfaithformation24-7.weebly.com/>

*Christian Faith Formation informs, reforms, and transforms us  
so that we have a faith that is  
life-giving, lifelong, dynamic,  
and connected to God and all God's people.  
Faith Formation is Christian education, spirituality and nurture.*

**Sunday School for All – 9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.**

**Sunday School for Children**

*Nursery care for children through age 3.5 is available in **Room 120**.*

**Preschool Class (ages 3.5 – Kindergarten\*)**

Our teachers make use of a Presbyterian-supported curriculum called *Grace and Gratitude*, which includes learning the major stories from the Bible through story-time, crafts, activities, and snack. This is a pivotal time of learning for these children, giving them basic building blocks of faith, and teaching them that God is loving, trustworthy, and gracious.

**Room 124** *Belinda Weinbrecht and Emily Huff, teachers*

## **Elementary (grades kindergarten\* and 1-5)**

**NEW! An intergenerational class for children *and* adults called Faith Together.**

### **Fellowship Hall**

*\* Kindergarten children have two options: they can attend the preschool class OR the intergenerational one. If the later, it is best, but not required, to have a parent present.*

## **Youth Classes in Sunday School**

All youth classes meet on the lower floor near the main staircase.

**Middle School** – Youth in grades 6 & 7 (and 8<sup>th</sup> graders not in Confirmation class). The students further discover the Bible during the year through two studies, "To Know the Bible" and "Co-laborate." Painting, drama and games are all part of the action.

**Room 103 (MS Room)** *Sherry Bradsher, Jim Bowdish, Val Cullen*

**Senior High** - Youth in grades 9–12. The teachers engage the students with an extended time of sharing joys and concerns (which we call 'pows' and 'wows'), and then together consider the Bible passage of the day's worship focus through *Feasting on the Word*, a lectionary-based Bible study that unites living and faith. It doesn't hurt that there is a lot of food!

**Room 105 (SH Room)** *Dar and Matt Donkin, Scott Patrick.*

**Confirmation** Class is from September to May during the Sunday School hour for eighth graders who are interested in exploring their faith and confirming or initiating their baptism. Classes are team-taught using study, spiritual practices and interactive activities, and include three day-long retreats. Each confirmand has a mentor who accompanies them on this journey.

**Room 106** *Emmie Brown, Holly Boswell, Medora Hix, and Robert Rackley*

## Adult Sunday School Classes

CPC offers several Sunday morning adult classes. Gather with other adults for fellowship, learning and the challenge to grow in faith. In some classes topics and studies may change approximately every four to six weeks. In others, ongoing sessions are the norm. Please see current announcements for the schedule. Each class has its own flavor and style! Classes meet either off the upper main hall or the lower main hall. Here's the current line-up:

- **Adult I** – A weekly Bible study using the Uniform Lessons Series. Each person has a study guide and teachers are well prepared! This class has a long history together but is always open to new participants.  
Meets in **the Parlor**. *Kim Herring, Wayne Honeycutt, Jim Kurz*
- **Bible and Beyond** – A Bible and theological study in more lengthy series. Some great teachers will provide the content of the class from video courses, supplemented by group discussion. This year the class will begin with *The History of Christianity* by Timothy Luke Johnson, concentrating on the biblical era. Other courses will include *Esther* from the Uppity Women of the Bible series, more of Johnson's *History of Christianity*, through the canonization of the New Testament, *Rick Steve's Holy Land*, John Stott's classic, *The Bible and Christian Life*, and possibly, Mickey Efird's *Psalms* course.  
The class meets in the **Library**. Occasional social events happen outside of class. *Lisa and Alan Ward*
- **Faith and Family Class** – For those who have children in the home, this class offers fellowship and learning through a variety of subjects offered by session, whether about nurturing a Christian family life, the church, the Bible, or moral and social issues. Topics can change weekly!  
**Room 102** *Alan Bancroft, facilitator*
- **Faith TODAY!** – For those who are interested in a wide variety of topics, willing to consider innovative ideas as well as time-honored approaches to belief and practice, in a presentation and discussion format. Most times the course will be consecutive Sundays.

Don't be afraid to come and go, or to leave early: this is an understanding class who would rather have you present sometimes than not at all.

**Room 100**, shepherded by *John and Beth Campbell*, taught by various leaders.

This year's courses begin with Dr Duane Hix teaching *How Do We Know God: Ways of Revelation*. Other courses will include include the following: *Transforming Your Congregation Into a Powerhouse for Mission*, *The Gift of the Nutcracker*, *Revolutionary Kingdom of Jesus*, *Entering the Passion of Jesus with Amy Jill Levine*, and *A New Reformation: Luther's World to Ours*.

Please see the schedule and topics in the weekly eLink and worship bulletin.

- **Faith Together** – An intergenerational class for adults and elementary age children.

### **General Notes for Adult Sunday School Classes:**

*Feb 16 and 23 will be a special altogether adult learning opportunity for all classes except Faith Together, Teaching Faith with Harry Potter.*

*Coffee will be available in the lower hall, with brewed pots of Fair Trade regular and pods for decaf or special types!*

### **ACE (Adult Christian Education) Series**

Adult Christian Education (ACE) programs are educational opportunities outside of Sunday School. These weeknight or Sunday evening classes for adults consider a variety of topics and vary in length. Currently planned:

- Living the Questions, facilitated by the Rev Deky Hall, ProFuture Faith: The Prodigal Species Comes Home.  
This study features eco-theologian, author, and TEDx speaker, Rev. Michael Dowd, ProFuture Faith is a dynamic eight-session DVD and internet-based course that bridges the gap between head and heart, science and faith. The basic format for each session includes conversation around the readings, a 20-minute video presentation and guided discussion. Watch for this in mid-October, Tuesday evenings.

- A Lenten study series, *Entering the Passion of Jesus, a Guide to Holy Week* with Professor Amy Jill Levine, Wednesday evenings with supper and child-care.

Watch for these and more.

### **Special Events**

**Annual Christmas Pageant – December 15** –in the later worship service. All children and youth are invited to participate in this annual event; stay tuned for details.

### **Milestones Ministry**

As God's family we need to pause at moments to acknowledge God's presence and celebrate as a community how God is at work. One of the ways to do that is by marking the milestones in each other's lives, particularly those focusing on the faith journey. Celebrating faith milestones gives us an opportunity to directly relate our individual stories to the story of God's people from Scripture.

### **Here are the Milestones planned for CPC during 2019-20:**

**Preparing Children for Worship** (might be part of the Faith Together Class) This Milestone is for **SECOND** graders and their parents.

Cary Presbyterian Church welcomes children, encouraging them to be in worship! We value the presence of children and affirm that:

- it is important for all ages to come to worship each Sunday
- children belong to this special group of people
- the sights, sounds, and other senses of the sanctuary are good, though not always understandable
- something is expected of children, as well as youth and adults, and therefore they may respond in song, in prayer, in offering, and other acts of worship.

**Getting to Know My Bible** – for **THIRD** graders and their PARENTS.

The church presents a Bible to each of our third graders each year at the Sunday School Kick-off. We're pleased to present an interactive child's edition of the Common English Bible. Because we don't want just to hand the children a Bible without help, and because research shows that the single most important part of faith development is the parents' involvement, we like to offer a special three-week unit that includes parents, TBA.

**Confirmation – a major Milestone.** See more in the Youth Classes section. Confirmation this year is recognized in worship on May 17.

**Driver's License** – for those who have or will receive their driver's license during the year from September to September or who missed a previous year's Milestone. This one-time class will be held on a Saturday, following the practice for Youth Sunday, February 22. The Milestone recognition will be in worship on Youth Sunday at the later service.

### **Children in Worship**

The Children in Worship program is for young children age 4 ½ – 7. Rather than having the children attend nursery during the 10:30 a.m. worship service, we offer this authentic experience of God. Right at the start of the hour at 10:30, children will go to the hallway of the Faith Hall of Fame and gather at Room 225. They are then greeted and ushered to their place.

Children in Worship follows the general order of worship in the sanctuary, but on a child's level. There is singing, praying, wondering, Scripture, and response for approximately 40 minutes. Then the children go as a group to the church library, and when the hymn after the sermon concludes, children go into the sanctuary and sit on the chancel steps for the Time with Children. Following that, the children join their parents for the more active and interactive part of the sanctuary worship.

Please see a short video about this at the link below:

<https://www.rca.org/resources/childrenandworship>

Or read about it here: <http://www.childrenandworship.org/>

# 2019-20 Cary Presbyterian Church Christian Faith Formation Teachers & Leaders

## ***Preschool/Kindergarten Class:***

Belinda Weinbrecht, Emily Huff

## ***“Faith Together” Intergenerational Class:***

### **Elementary children (K-5) and Adults**

Teaching team: Meredith Bullis, Ellen Govert, Courtney Latcovich, Susan Lamatrice, Ben Mount, Valerie Short, Mary Walker,

***Middle School:*** Sherry Bradsher, Val Cullen, Jim Bowdish

***High School:*** Dar & Matt Donkin, and Scott Patrick

***Confirmation:*** Holly Boswell, Emmie Brown, Medora Hix, Robert Rackley,

***Adult Education teachers:*** Kim Herring, Jerry Slaymaker, John & Beth Campbell (shepherds), Lisa Ward, Allan Ward, Tia Van Scoyoc, Tom Van Scoyoc, Hunter Piermont, Sherri Mitten, Duane Hix, John Page, Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Alan Bancroft, Medora Hix

***Church Librarian:*** Lisa Ward

## **Children in Worship Leaders & Greeters:**

Jen Pierce, Honor Rackley, Holly Boswell, Kecia Simmons, Cindy Leslie, Susan Bowdish, Barbara Harvey, Medora Hix, Courtney Latcovich, LeNelle Patrick, Emily Huff

**For more information about any of the topics or programs listed here, please contact the church staff by email or by phone to the office, 919-467-8700.**

***We value both planning and flexibility.  
Please note that dates, meeting spaces,  
and leadership may be subject to change.***