

**April 20
EASTER SUNDAY**

No Adult Ed
this week

**APRIL 27
ISLAMOPHOBIA**

*Dr. Tamim Saidi,
Islamic Resource Group*

IRG's resident scholar, Dr. Tamim Saidi will host this Adult Ed class with the objective of coming to a more complete understanding of Islamic religion and culture with intent to become better acquainted and build relationships.

**MAY 4
GLOBAL REFUGE**

*Rev. Dan Beirne,
Director for Mobilization
& Faith Relations*

Come hear about the important work being done by Global Refuge around Refugee Resettlement and Children and Family Services and learn how you can get involved.

Do you have an idea for a future Adult Education Forum?

The Educational Ministries team meets several times each year to plan upcoming forums that are of interest to our members on topics affecting our community and our world. If there is a topic or speaker you would be interested in hearing, let the committee know by calling or texting Carolyn Anderson (Reference Directory for contact info).



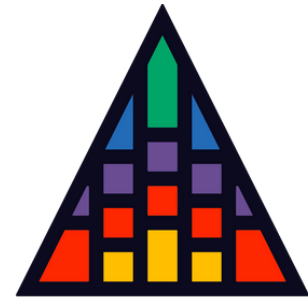
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**ADULT
EDUCATION
SPRING 2025**

Sunday mornings in the
Cornerstone Room

11:00 AM

During the school year, lively discussion groups & lectures for adults led by Valley staff, passionate & talented volunteers, & guest speakers are offered at Valley. Each session will be offered on Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM in the Cornerstone Room.

MARCH 2
FAITH IN ACTION
Rev. Jim Cochrane

Join Valley's Transitional Pastor, Rev. Jim Cochrane, for the kick-off of the Spring Adult Ed session. Through proposed changes to the Book of Order, we will discuss the role our faith plays in how we interact with the world.

MARCH 9
WEST METRO WATER ALLIANCE & HENNEPIN COUNTY
Rachel Dunlap

Rachel Dunlap, MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) GreenCorps member, will present about a partnership that is engaged in local efforts to protect water by bringing information to communities. Reducing your use of deicing salts will help you keep your community members safe, save money, protect your landscaping, sidewalks and buildings, care for creation, and be a good steward of water.

MARCH 16
NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNES (NAMI)
Kay King, NAMI

**Creating Caring Faith Communities:
Five Things You Can Do**

Kay King, NAMI MN Older Adults Program Coordinator and Community Educator, will help us learn about mental illnesses, the impact of negative attitudes and five things each of us can do to make MN a better place for people who experience mental illness.

MARCH 23
CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM
*Brandon Schorsch,
Jewish Community Action*

Brandon Schorsch, Jewish Community Action Combating Hate Program Manager, will return to Valley to lead us in a discussion about Christian Nationalism to help us come to a better understanding of what it is and what is happening in our country today.

MARCH 30
MISSISSIPPI RAFT TRIP
Valley member Jay Tracy

It was the summer of 1971. 4 young men, (each 20 years old) built a raft and floated from the Twin Cities to New Orleans. Come hear about this wonderful adventure, on Sunday, March 30, right after church service. Presented by Jay Tracy and a fellow raft traveler.

APRIL 6
BEACON INTERFAITH HOUSING
*Chris LaTondresse,
President & CEO*

Valley Community Presbyterian Church has partnered with Beacon for over 19 years to create affordable, supportive, and equitable homes for individuals, families, and youth most impacted by homelessness, ensuring that all have a place to call home. Chris will share the impact of the church's generous gifts, speak to Beacon's vision for expanding and sustaining housing opportunities in Minnesota in the coming years, and invite your participation in Beacon's mission and current initiatives.

APRIL 13
UNDERSTANDING HOSPICE
*Jamie Tracy,
Hospice Nurse of 40+ years*

Gain a deeper understanding of hospice care in this adult education class, where you'll explore key aspects of end-of-life support. Learn how hospice care professionals offer compassionate care and navigate the emotional challenges faced by patients and their families. Explore topics like: What is hospice? | Services hospice offers | Qualifying for hospice | Symptom management | DME, HCD, Living Will, Financial POA, Medical POA | Family as caregivers | What hospice can not do | How to get started