

NOVEMBER 2

**GETTING TO KNOW
VALLEY'S ENDOWMENT**

*Norm Chervany, endowment
chair*

Think of this as a behind-the-scenes tour of how Valley's endowment works—minus the dusty ledgers and plus some friendly conversation! Our Endowment Chair will guide us through the different funds that support the life and mission of our church, share how they work, and introduce a few exciting new funds added in recent years.

Whether you're simply curious or wondering how you can be part of shaping Valley's future, this class will give you the inside scoop on how our endowment helps ministry grow for generations to come.

NOVEMBER 9

PRISM-SOCIAL MINISTRY IN 2025

*Jason Wittak, Strategic
Partnerships Coordinator*

Our friends at PRISM continue to face new challenges weekly as they try to serve those in our community who are in need of assistance. Come learn how current policies are impacting their ability to offer a hand up to folks who come through their doors. How community faith partners can make the most impact in their support effort, and what the future of social ministry look like locally.

NOVEMBER 16

CIVIL RIGHTS TOUR

Janet Triplett

"Journey south into the heart of the civil rights movement to gain a deeper understanding of the historic and continued struggle for racial equality in the United States." These words, describing the Road Scholar Civil Rights Tour, struck a chord. I decided to take the tour in March 2025. I experienced where Dr. Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and John Lewis brought peaceful protests against racial discrimination and violence to the attention of the entire country in the early '60s.

NOVEMBER 23

**COFFEE, CONVERSATIONS &
CONNECTIONS**

Hosted by the Education Team

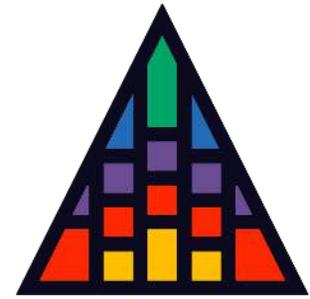
Pull up a chair in the Cornerstone Room and join us for a Coffee Chat that's not your typical fellowship hour! Come ready to meet someone new, share a story or two, and discover fun facts about your Valley friends you never knew before.

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

If there is a topic or speaker you would be interested in hearing, let the committee know by calling or texting Carolyn Anderson or Sheila Sheldon (Reference Directory for contact info).



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Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ADULT EDUCATION

FALL 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.

SEPTEMBER 14
RESILIENCY HUBS
How Can Your Community Help?
Rev. Buff Grace

As weather disruptions and disasters increase and our communities face the consequences, churches have an opportunity to play an important role to care for their members and neighborhoods. For the last year, MNIPL has been researching best practices across the country and is developing a method for creating 10,000 Resilience Hubs across our state. Learn more about this concept and how your congregation might participate.

SEPTEMBER 21
PROJECT FOR PRIDE IN LIVING (PPL)
Emily Terrell, Director of Youth Employment Strategies

PPL builds the hope, assets, and self-reliance of individuals and families who have lower incomes by providing transformative affordable housing and career readiness services. Emily Terrell, PPL's Director of Youth Employment Strategies, will speak about their successful work with youth who come from challenged environments through the LEAP(Learn, Earn, Achieve, Potential) initiative. She will have some fascinating stories to share!

SEPTEMBER 28
COFFEE, CONVERSATIONS & CONNECTIONS
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Pull up a chair in the Cornerstone Room and join us for a Coffee Chat that's not your typical fellowship hour! We're brewing up Caribou Coffee, serving yummy treats, and stirring in plenty of laughter. Come ready to meet someone new, share a story or two, and discover fun facts about your Valley friends you never knew before. Think of it as a warm blend of conversation, connection, and community—served with a smile! Come for the coffee... stay for the friendships.

OCTOBER 5
HOW'S THE WATER?
DRINKING WATER EDITION
Julie Westerlund

Valley member Julie Westerlund is the One Watershed, One Plan Coordinator for the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources and is our resident water expert. Where does my drinking water come from? Is it safe? What is happening to make sure we have enough safe drinking water in the future? Join Julie for an exploration of these questions and more about our most precious natural resource.

OCTOBER 12
CASSANDRA ROY (OJIBWE) AND JAIDA GREY EAGLE (OGLALA LAKOTA)
Indigenous People's Sunday

Come meet Indigenous photographers Cassandra Roy (Ojibwe) and Jaida Grey Eagle (Oglala Lakota). Cassandra will speak about her images featuring native plant relatives and Hąhá Wakpádan / Bassett Creek with grant support from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization. Jaida will share her portrait photographs of Indigenous water protectors and artists, including the textile artist who created Valley's land acknowledgment banner.

OCTOBER 19
Fall Break
No Adult Ed
this week

OCTOBER 26
NO KINGS -- DEMOCRACY AS A CHRISTIAN VALUE
Rev. Bill Davnie

Political scientists tend to see democracy as a way of managing conflicts in society. But for Christians, democracy has deeper roots than that -- it starts with the imago Dei - the image of God in all people, and the belief that all people are entitled to participate in the public order.