

NOVEMBER 8
ROOTED DOCUMENTARY
Stories From Minnesota's
Farming Future

Directed and produced by Liz Tracy, this documentary short follows two Minnesota farmers, offering an intimate portrait of small-scale agriculture in the Upper Midwest. Rooted is a love letter to land stewardship and climate resilience—a reminder that local solutions can model a more sustainable food future for all.
(documentary run time 25 min)

NOVEMBER 15
FUNERAL PLANNING AT VALLEY
Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Sheila Sheldon will walk you through the funeral planning process here at Valley. She will provide materials for you to fill out and leave for your family and the church. We will cover topics such as service planning and reception options.

NOVEMBER 22
FOLLOW THE RAINDROP
Julie Westerlund

Every drop of rain or snow that falls from the sky goes somewhere. Learn where it goes, how it gets there, and how our choices on the land determine the health of our lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater.

**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**

FALL 2026

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 13

PCUSA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2026

Rev. Anna Kendig Flores
Co-Executive Presbyter of the PTCA

Rev. Anna Kendig Flores will give an overview of the PC(USA) General Assembly what it is, how it works, and why it matters—especially helpful for those new to the denomination or wanting to understand our polity. She'll also highlight key changes from this year's Assembly and their impact on the Church going forward.

SEPTEMBER 20

11:15 AM -1:30 PM * LUNCH PROVIDED

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN BOARDING SCHOOL HEALING COALITION

Samuel Torres, Ed.D.
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

This session explores the national movement for truth, justice, and healing from the U.S. Indian boarding school system. NABS advocates for Native peoples impacted by federal boarding school policies, in collaboration with Christian faith communities—pursuing truth through education, justice through advocacy, and healing through Indigenous teaching, in a collective, intergenerational effort that includes us all.

SEPTEMBER 27

MN TRUTH COUNCIL/IMMIGRATION

Hanne Sandison
Director of Legal Services
The Advocates for Human Rights

The Minnesota Truth Council is an independent, non-partisan body creating a historical record of survivor and witness experiences, with recommendations for legislative reform. The Advocates for Human Rights leads the story collection as implementing partner. Hanne Sandison will share about this work and give an update on current immigration issues in our state.

OCTOBER 4

ĤAĤÁ WAKPÁDAN (BASSETT CREEK)

with Cassandra Roy (Ojibwe)

Cassandra Roy (Anishinaabe), an Indigenous artist who's photographing Ĥaĥá Wakpádan (Bassett Creek) in all four seasons. This event will feature her landscape photography, portrait photography, and other artistic projects. Project made possible by VCPC and other community partners.

OCTOBER 11

INFORMED FOOD SECURITY INITIATIVE - HENNEPIN COUNTY -

Kassy Nystrom, Food Security
Abbie Zahler, Public Health

Kassy Nystrom and Abbie Zahler will share about Hennepin County's Community-Informed Food Security Initiative—its history and current work supporting food needs across the county—and will answer questions on SNAP benefits and how current legislation affects those who rely on them.

October 18 Education Sabbath

No Adult Ed or
Youth Programs
this week.

OCTOBER 27

VOTING SAFETY

Jackie Wells
MN League of Women Voters

Jackie will be here to discuss, voting safety in Minnesota, the checks and balances built into the system, and provide information on researching candidates to help you make an informed decision.

NOVEMBER 1

PAPUA NEW GUINEA Jennie & Paul Minter

Jennie and Paul will share about their experience living as missionaries in Papua New Guinea. They will also talk about what is involved in a language program for the speakers of a previously unwritten minority language. They will show a slide show that chronicles the dedication of the Iyo New Testament in Papua New Guinea.