

Meet the Instructor

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD; and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words...shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things unseen”

Hebrews 11:1

“So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

Galatians 6:10

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Luke 4:18-19

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The aim of the Lay School of Religion Program has been to maintain quality instruction, to create an atmosphere for Christian fellowship and dialogue, and to encourage growth in faith and understanding so as to enhance the local church’s efforts to develop deeper and stronger faith communities for nurture, witness, mission and leadership.

Individuals may take a single class, or pursue Lay School of Religion graduation. For more information about the Northwest Ohio Association Lay School of Religion please contact: joan@nwoa.org or call the Association office – 419.447-8323

Lay School of Religion Spring 2023



Faith Formation

*Class begins Tuesday,
February 7, 2023
(6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
VIA ZOOM*

*Followed by Seven Classes
February 21st
March 7th & 21st
April 4th & 18th
May 2nd & 16th*

For Lay Leaders of the Church Interested in Faith Formation

Northwest Ohio Association
Heartland Conference, UCC
416 Wentz Street
Tiffin, OH 44883



We use the term *faith formation*

- Explore its vitality in the faith community.
- Discover how essential *faith formation* is for ministries and missions of the faith communities.
- Engage *faith formation* as a spiritual practice.

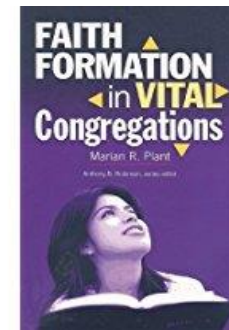
Faith formation encompasses the whole life and work of a local congregation, includes infants through the most elderly and everyone in between, and delves deeply into the grist of our faith: scripture, statements of belief, and the ministry of fashioning people into their faith.

Goals of the class are:

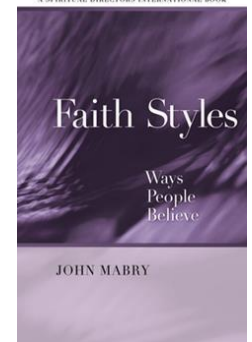
1. Explore the meaning and purpose of faith formation and how faith formation is fundamental to the community of faith.
2. Examine the historical developments of faith formation in embracing vitality in the life of the faith community's ministries and missions.
3. Discover a holistic framework out of which to understand and implement faith formation in your own setting.
4. Survey resources, methods, and planning to integrate faith formation and spiritual practices.
5. Discern, reflect, acknowledge, and celebrate a personal spiritual practice of faith.
6. Share personal practices of being life-long faith learners with the community of faith.



Textbooks for the course *Faith Formation*



Faith Formation in Vital Congregations
by Marian R. Plant



Faith Styles by John Mabry

Additional *helpful* print resources will be provided by the instructor