

September 13, 2020

A Reflection on Faith Formation

Yet, O Lord, you are our God; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. —Isaiah 64:8

Faith formation is at the heart of what the Christian life is all about. In many ways, we engage in the practices of our daily lives and the rituals of our faith communities—through worship, mission, working for justice and peace, evangelism, and education—so that our faith may be nurtured, enlivened, sustained, and *formed*. In this regard, the imagery offered by the prophet Isaiah of Potter God forming humanity, God's created own, is an appropriate vision for how we might view the ministry of faith formation.

On Faith Formation Sunday.....

In the United Church of Christ, we can understand faith formation to be "an engaged process of learning and practice integrated throughout all aspects of congregational and daily life." This definition highlights the initiative and action we must take in our own faith formation. In essence, we become clay so that we are formed and transformed by the Holy and by one another. But throughout all of our doing and being, we are reminded that God's "hands" are continually present in our efforts to gain both "head" knowledge found in education and learning and "heart" wisdom discovered through prayer, ritual, and practice.

So, it is indeed most fitting to say that faith formation is at the heart of what our living and being is all about; but without the hands that guide what we are continually becoming, the process is incomplete. May this webpage offer some helpful tools from which you and others can "become clay" and be reminded of God's formational presence along life's journey.

- from ucc.org/education, where you can find Faith Formation Resources

## Virtual Sunday School Follow-up Discussion

Tuesday, September 29th 6:30—8:00 pm via Zoom



Facilitator: Ms. Betsy Majewski

How is Sunday School happening at your church during this time of Covid-19? Did you go back to in-house Sunday School? If so, how is that going? What procedures and protocols do you have in place? If not, what are you doing? What are some good things happening and maybe not so good things happening? Perhaps you are just looking for some support?

Whether or not you attended the first "Virtual Sunday School" get together, you are welcome at this one!

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