**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Fall 2021 Adult Formation: Always We Begin Again: The Benedictine Way**

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| **Date** | **Topic** | **Session Leader** |
| Sept. 16 | **Introduction to Always We Begin Again: The Way of Benedict**How this centuries-old tradition, born in an era of chaos, offers a spiritual perspective and practical advice for a path to peace. | The Rev. Steve Kinney andBetsy Aylin |
| Sept. 23 | **Why Community?**Benedict’s teaching as it relates to All Saints and all communities—transformation, healing, and stability. | The Rev. Merrill Wade and Anne Province  |
| Sept. 30 | **How to be Community**What does Benedict teach us about community practices like listening, hospitality, carrying out duties, acceptance of others | Br. Michael Gallagher, OSB and Betsy Aylin |
| Oct. 7 | **Listening—Issues of our Community and City**Led by Austin Interfaith, conversation circles will explore how to deeply listen to the interests and needs of the parish and city | The Rev. Michael Floyd and Central Texas Interfaith Core Team |
| Oct. 10 or Oct. 14 | **The Shape of the Day –7 Sacred Pauses**The Benedictine daily structure shapes faith, relationship with God, and the life of the community. A model for us? | Cathey Capers, poet and Benedictine practitioner |
| Oct. 17 or 21 | **Finding Balance—Living a Rule of Life**Explore how Benedict offers guidance to help us find purpose and space in our day for work, prayer, study, creativity | Steve EdmondsAlicia Essary |
| Oct. 24or Oct. 28 | **Humility: A Counter-cultural Grace from the Rule**A core virtue for Benedictine communities is humility. How can it fit in our culture? How does it relate to our spirit and God? | Br James Dowd, Episcopal Benedictine Monk andBetsy Aylin  |
| Oct. 31 or Nov. 4 | **Humility: Showing up in Relationships**Humility may be a key to opening doors to racial and other reconciliations and in the way we interact with each other | Mary Ann Corbett and Anne Province |
| Nov. 7 | **Bishop Ryan’s Visitation** |  |
| Nov. 11 or Nov. 14 | **Stability: Bloom Where You are Planted**A Benedictine vow is stability. We can either feel stuck where we are or we can engage even in challenging times by sharing our gifts and talents. | Denise Ketchum and Diane Owens |
| Nov. 18 or Nov. 21 | **Conversion of Life: Growing Forever**This 3rd Benedictine vow reminds us that we are never finished and continue to learn and grow with support from others. | Travis Helms |
| Nov. 28 | **ADVENT 1: Intergenerational Advent Event** |  |
| Dec. 5 | **Bailey Lecture Speaker** |  |
| Dec. 12 | **ADVENT 3: Waiting for the Light** |  |
| Dec. 15 or Dec. 19 | **Conversion of Life: Letting the Light In**The path of peace-making, grace and forgiveness to restore to wholeness what is broken in ourselves and our community. | Betsy Aylin andDavid Schmersal |