

Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership proudly offers

Cultivating an Everyday Faith

September 23 - November 17, 2026

8 Week Online Course

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Course Instructor:
Joan L. Daggett

This course is
available to:

- **TRIM/EFSM**
students:
Fulfills **BHTS**
- **CEU** credit:
Fulfills **2 Units**
- Anyone seeking
personal or
spiritual
enrichment

Course Fee: \$300.00

**Registration
deadline:**
August 19, 2026

Please wait to order
books until after your
registration has been
confirmed by the Brethren
Academy office.

Course Description:

Faith is not limited to Sunday mornings—it is woven into daily life. Cultivating an Everyday Faith invites participants to explore how faith can flourish in homes, congregations, and communities through intentional, intergenerational relationships.

Grounded in Deuteronomy 6:7, this course examines how families, mentors, and church leaders can nurture lifelong discipleship by connecting faith practices with everyday experiences. Students will engage current research on spirituality in children and youth, explore family-centered ministry models, and develop practical tools for helping all ages experience God's presence in ordinary life.

Through readings, reflection, and creative assignments, participants will discover fresh approaches to building communities where faith is lived and shared every day of the week.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand research on the spirituality of children and youth.
- Recognize the central role of families in faith formation.
- Equip congregations to support parents and caregivers.
- Identify Christian practices that nurture relationships with God.
- Develop intergenerational ministry models and faith formation resources.
- Develop the foundational skills necessary for theological reflection, especially close reading and critical charity.

Course Reading Resources

- Lisa Miller, *The Spiritual Child* (St. Martin's Press, 2015), ISBN 978-1-250-0338-33
- John Roberto, *Lifelong Faith: Formation for All Ages and Generations* (Church Publishing, 2022), ISBN 978-1-640-6548-60
- Leif Kehrwald et al., *Families at the Center of Faith Formation* (LifelongFaith Associates, 2016), ISBN 978-0-9823031-8-4

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**Course Withdrawal
Refund Policy:**

- Full refund available before registration deadline
- 50% refund from registration deadline to course start.
- No refunds once the course has begun.

Exceptions require approval from the Brethren Academy Director.

Who should take this course:

This course is designed for:

- TRIM and EFSM students fulfilling BHTS credits.
- Pastors and lay leaders seeking CEUs.
- Individuals discerning a call to ministry.

Anyone longing to deepen their theological understanding and faith practice.

Course Format and Requirements:

This asynchronous online course allows for flexibility in scheduling while maintaining weekly participation and assignment expectations.

Time Commitment: 10–12 hours per week.

Technology Requirements: Basic computer skills and reliable internet. A device less than four years old is recommended.

For TRIM/EFSM Students:

- Fulfills MS, FCR requirements.
- Full participation, reading, and assignments are required.

For CEU Participants:

- Earns **2.0 CEUs**.
- Reading and participation required; papers and projects optional.

Distinctive Course Feature:

- Weekly readings and online discussions.
- Listening session with a parent and reflection paper (due November 13, 2026).
- Faith Formation Resource Playlist creation.
- Final congregational model paper (due December 11, 2026).
Optional online “Show and Tell” session during Week 6.

Instructor: Joan L. Daggett

Joan L. Daggett is an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren who has served as a pastor, associate district executive in the Shenandoah District, and executive director of the Brethren and Mennonite Heritage Center in Harrisonburg, Virginia. She has written for Jubilee and served as a trainer for Gather 'Round, the Christian education curriculum co-published by Brethren Press and MennoMedia. Since 2016, Joan has been project director for Shine: Living in God's Light, where she continues to share her deep passion for Christian education and discipleship formation.

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I will be taking this course for: _____ TRIM credit

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