

“I felt a deep, inner urge to tell my story to others...
out of an awareness that my deepest vocation
is to be a witness to the glimpses of God
I have been allowed to catch.”
Henri Nouwen, *Beyond the Mirror*

GIFT in Testimony

Wednesdays 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Jan 7: Introduction to Testimony

What does it mean to offer a testimony to our faith and how will we explore together what it means in our lives?

Jan 14: Holy Listening

We begin by drawing on the GIFT practice of holy listening and praying for one another.

Jan 21: The StoryCorps Project

What can we learn about the practice of testimony from this national project of story recording?

Jan 28: Testimony and Hospitality

When was a time when you experienced a deep sense of welcome and belonging?

Feb 4: Testimony and Church Membership

Why did you join the church? What does being a member of the church mean to you?

Feb 11: Testimony and Worship

When have you experienced God's presence or the movement of the Holy Spirit in worship?

Feb 18: Ash Wednesday Service 8:00 p.m.

Feb 25: Testimony and Grief

Where was God for you in a time of loss or struggle?

Mar 4: Testimony and Mentors

Who in your life has helped you become the person you are and helped you grow in faith?

Mar 7: Retreat: Testimony, Creeds, and Blessings

We will gather from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Warren Conference Center in Ashland for a day long retreat.

Mar 11 : Testimony and Money

How does your faith influence the decisions you make about how you earn, spend, and give money?

Mar 18: Testimony and Discernment Circles

Drawing on the practices of our Discernment Circles Ministry, how do we talk about the transitions or major decisions in our lives?

Mar 25: Testimony at Work/Community/Family

How do you talk about your faith with colleagues, neighbors, and family members who are not part of the church?

Apr 1: Holy Week

Apr 8: Public Witness

How do you speak about your faith outside the church and in the public square?

Apr 15: Review and Discerning Next Steps