

**Christian Formation Commission
St. John's Episcopal Church
May 2023 Report**

The Christian Formation Commission met on May 8, 2023 by Zoom.

Participants: Kathy Argueso, Rebecca Connor, Sue Ellen Spotts, Susan Sunnarborg (chair), Joelene Young.

Current/Recent activities:

- Christian Formation activities, led by Fr. Todd and Deacon Sue, and online Adult Forum, are listed in the Sunday bulletins.

Old Business:

Children's Chapel: Rebecca is taking over scheduling leaders and helpers for Children's Chapel. We continue to be in need of additional volunteers to share the workload and make scheduling easier. It was noted that Children's Chapel has sometimes taken a summer break, but commission members agreed that since we have just re-started this ministry, we should continue to offer it when we have participants. All volunteers must complete the Safeguarding training to comply with SafeChurch guidelines.

Youth Group: Joelene is sending invitations by email and regular mail to teens to join the youth group kickoff on May 21. The group will discuss planning for future meetings and activities. Brian and Bonnie Connelly will be helping with this ministry as well, and have experience working with youth. We know that some families will be away on the 21st, and look forward to getting input from those teens as well.

New Business:

Sue Ellen noted that there was discussion at a previous Vestry workshop around providing some Christian Formation activities relating to stewardship, in anticipation of the fall stewardship campaign. Resources may be available through the Episcopal Network for Stewardship.

There is also interest from the Welcoming Commission to partner on presentations of potential interest to the parish such as parenting, grief support, and others. We began a discussion of how to incorporate these into Sunday mornings, noting the Adult Forum continues on Thursday evenings by Zoom.

The next commission meeting date is June 12.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Sunnarborg, Chair