

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

The Christian Formation Commission met on October 9, 2023 by Zoom.

Participants: Kathy Argueso, Rebecca Connor, Susan Sunnarborg (chair), Deacon Sue Wert, Evvie Williams

**Current/Recent activities:**

- We are working to keep the nursery available, but we now need additional volunteers for 2 Sundays per month.
- Children's Chapel is available when we have young children present. We have had one Sunday with children to participate. Additional helpers are needed for this ministry as well.
- Christian Formation activities, led by Deacon Sue, are listed in the Sunday bulletins.
- Bob Ayer has resumed offering Thursday night Adult Forum by Zoom teleconference.
- A group of acolytes and Deacon Sue attended the National Acolyte Festival on Saturday, October 7.

**Old Business:**

The commission will facilitate online Safeguarding training for those interested in volunteering with children or youth (or others in the parish who need this training). This will take place in St. Mary's chapel, on October 15, Commission Sunday, was mentioned as a possibility.

Evvie announced that the final speaker for the Moral and Ethical Dilemmas group will be Rev. Stuart Dunnan.

We continue to need volunteers for nursery and Children's Chapel, and we discussed approaches to recruiting additional helpers.

**New Business:**

On Sunday, October 8, youth and family members, and some adult leaders, were invited to lunch in St. Mary's Chapel after the 10:15 service. We discussed activities and schedule for meeting. We plan to continue with meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays, eating together, and including activities such as service, studying our faith, movie nights and other opportunities that arise. The next meeting will be on Sunday, November 12, and we discussed raking leaves for parishioners. We also discussed inviting commission chairs and other ministry representatives for the youth to learn about parish ministries.

Commission Sunday is this upcoming Sunday, October 15. Christian Formation and Worship Commissions will work together, and are assigned to bring salads. Rebecca offered to make sign-up sheets, and Evvie will deliver them to our table.

The next commission meeting date is November 13 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Sunnarborg, Chair