

Faith Formation Meeting – May 13, 2019

- Attending: Debbie Evans, Nan Bush, Bill Wheeler, Father T.J., Mother Lowe and Deborah Miller
- Adult Education
 - Father T.J. will be working on restructuring the program over the summer. Goal is to have an outline of an Adult Education program which would integrate topics across other Faith Formation education opportunities, i.e., Seekers, Bible 101, and Wednesday Bible.
 - Ideas which surfaced during discussion were:
 - Integration of “small bites” of Bible 101 into Sunday Adult Education
 - Tie in with books, Ted talks, documentaries, YouTube selections, etc
 - Why is there Rite 1 and Rite 2?
- Classes:
 - Confirmation classes were very successful;
 - Bible 101 —
 - Will meet until June 11 and re-start on third Tuesday in September, i.e., September 17
 - Wednesday Bible
 - Last class is planned for May 29
 - Date for re-start in September was not determined.
 - ⊖ Seekers is averaging 6-8 individuals. Seekers follows the same break schedule as Wednesday Bible.

- Labyrinth
 - Debbie attended labyrinth training in Charlotte the first weekend in April. There were 12 other attendees from varied backgrounds, i.e., Jewish, Presbyterian minister, French teacher from New Orleans and a metaphysical scientist. The goal of the training was to learn how to present walks which have meaning to those participating. Debbie got great ideas for utilizing music, videos, a soul collage, having a burning bowl, incorporating the labyrinth into such celebrations as a Mother/Child blessing, purchasing a video on the meaning of a labyrinth and using it as a class for Adult Education.
 - Other discussion on labyrinth:
 - Mother Lowe suggested getting the labyrinth included in the literature that is handed out regarding visiting Southport;
 - Future conceptual ideas for enhancing the labyrinth were discussed, i.e., such as:
 - Enclose with additional shrubbery;
 - Incorporate an additional columbarium as part of the labyrinth space;
 - Raise money for the enhancement of the labyrinth through the sale of additional bricks
 - June 21st — an event is planned for the Summer Solstice — more information on this will follow.

- Library
 - Work is continuing on cataloging the collection utilizing data from an Excel spreadsheet since physical access to collection is still not possible.
 - Reported may need to purchase a new computer to house the on-line catalog. Library computer was in the Carr-Jorgensen house and upon removal after the hurricane it worked but is no longer functioning for data entry. Until decision is made for purchasing a new computer Deborah will utilize her personal IPAD for data entry and her own home computer.
- Budget
 - Need to determine how much is left in this year's budget after labyrinth training and start-up costs for EFM;
- Children/Youth
 - Sue and Eric will be meeting with them on June 9 –
- New Class – Nan reported that Faye Gibson would like to do a course on journaling from the perspective of one doing a deep dive into one's life and writing their Gospel for life. Class estimated to be six weeks. More to follow on this proposal.
- EFM
 - Deacon Sally has withdrawn from program and will not attend mentor training in June. Bill Wheeler will attend but he indicated we also need to find another woman. He has two possible candidates in mind and will talk with Father Eric.
- Cursillo
 - A question has been raised whether St. Philip's should sponsor Cursillo. This would be in addition to EFM. The two programs

are distinctly different, in that Cursillo is experiential whereas EFM is educational. Bill Wheeler will look further into this proposal as he has taken part in Cursillo previously. If pursued Faith Formation would need to budget for any associated costs. It was volunteered that we should also look into partnering with other churches involved with Cursillo — it is not exclusive to the Episcopal Church.