

## December 2023 Faith Formation Board Meeting Via Email

### Updates

Linda Humphreys - The first session of Sacred Ground will begin on Jan 5<sup>th</sup> with 12 people attending. We do have a wait list which is why I didn't want to do a ministry minute. I will do one maybe in March if we have a slot.

We have 4 people from St Philip's, some from St James in Wilmington, some from Christ Church in Whiteville. When the series ends in May, I would like to have a communion service and lunch for everyone at St. Philip's. I think we have \$250 in our budget. Will that cover lunch and morning snack during our last session?

My greatest prayer is that Sacred Ground will have a profound effect on the attendees and that we can offer more classes.

### Linda's Proposal - Celtic Retreat

I propose we consider having a Celtic Retreat at Trinity House sometime in 2023 led by Lisa Richey or someone else. An overnight would be the optimum time. This seems to mesh with where we are now as a church.

Jim Hanisian - We continue to meet weekly with about 8 people each week. The pool has grown to about a dozen, but people miss for various reasons. We are coming to the end of First Corinthians and will begin a different book of the Bible after the first of the year. The two candidates for study are Genesis and the Gospel of Mark. We will have Linda put in something in the Sunday bulletin once we make a decision. It is a good time for people who want to start attending at the beginning of the book we are considering.

Mother Lisa Erdeljon - Discovery will begin on January 15 and go through March 26, meeting at 9am on Sundays. We are requiring Genius Sign-Up, so we know who is coming. I will teach the first half and Eric will teach the second half.

Adult Forum during Epiphany will be a book study with Eric, called Original Blessing. I will offer something during Lent, once I figure out what it will be.

My current Adult Forum unit is going well. I had 6 people, who seem to be the regular Sunday morning Adult Forum group. Hopefully this Sunday will go well, too.

Lowe Davis - nothing to report

Debbie Evans - nothing to report; Labyrinth will be available before & after the Longest Night service on Wednesday, Dec 21.

Stefanie Cristos - Since our last meeting, we gave a ministry minute to raise awareness of the church library, and we also added a note to our bulletin insert. We (mostly Jimmy), also moved the larger book cases into the library and transferred the books. We now have approximately twice as much shelf space. We also took in about a dozen new book donations from members of the congregation. Finally we placed a flyer encouraging use of the Libib database in the library.

You asked for a library description and link to be placed on the Faith Formation portion of the SPC website, but last I checked I could not find it yet. Is there anything I can do to help with that?

I'm hoping the library will start to see more use after the business of the holidays is behind us and people have more time to read.

Sue Mills - Youth gathering went well in November. We had 4 participants who decided they'd like to meet on the 3rd Sunday of December instead of skip December, so I take that as a win. Maitland and I will continue to lead this group through May, since we've had consistent participation.

#### Sue's Proposal for Meeting Changes

Since I began leading Faith Formation, we have had low turnout at our meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. So, I'd like to propose that we try to meet via Zoom. I'm open to a time/date that works for the majority of the attendees, so please propose what would work for each of you and we will see what we can agree on.

#### Updates from other Ministry Boards

New Member reception is scheduled for Feb 19 at 3 p.m.

There are tentative plans for a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper

ECW is bringing sweet and savory treats for the Lessons & Carols reception on Sunday, Dec 18

December 21 is Longest Night service with labyrinth

Belize Mission trip is scheduled for end of January

#### **IMPORTANT:**

**Articles for January Come & See are due by December 21**