

Christian Formation Annual 2023

St. John's had an incredible year developing and growing our Christian Formation offerings. We now have five offerings during the week. The week begins with Sunday mornings lectionary study or special series that is in person. Wednesday has two offerings: Cornerstone, Literary Circle is a book study that was formed by alumni of Sacred Ground Circles. They select a book that is led by one of the participants. This book study is all virtual which has allowed people from other cities and states to participate. A virtual Lectionary Bible Study that is sometimes placed on hold during seasonal series like Juneteeth, Lenten, and Advent Series. Thursday morning offers a hybrid Bible study that allows people to come both in person or Zoom in to study the Bible through books on the bible. This year there were two more Sacred Ground Circles that completed their study at the end of November. All Sacred Ground participants were invited to participate in an early December retreat to reflect on their learning and identify ways they wanted to continue to work towards St. John's becoming a Beloved Community. The Christian Formation Team is already working on plans for this year's Lenten Series and special Sunday offerings. One area that will be of focus for the Christian Formation Team is to develop christian formation offerings in Spanish to support the growth in discipleship of the Spanish speaking congregants. The Team is looking forward to learning and growing together in our faith.