

Come and See Faith Formation

Faith Formation is always a work in progress, in a parish just as in each of us. This month of October will see even more change than usual for this ministry.

- The course we call “The Whole Bible!” has begun. We’re captivated by a Great Course with a fantastic lecturer, meeting 10-11:30 by Zoom on Wednesday mornings. You are invited to come take a look—link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84820220363?pwd=cytFK2UyOWw2LzhTbWdhelFVNE4zQT09>
- *Sacred Ground*, the Episcopal Church program on racial reconciliation and healing, is being sponsored on Zoom by St. Andrew’s-by-the-Sea. Linda Humphries is participating with members of other area churches. She reports it is very challenging but has opened up a whole new world to her, and she is grateful to be participating. We will hear more as the program concludes.
- The first St. Philip’s people to experience *Sacred Ground* were the evaluation committee: Susan Chase, Sue Mills, Sarah Pettus, Nan Evans Bush, and Jimbo Smith (now in Virginia). The committee bonded and is continuing to meet by Zoom as a reconstituted Seekers, the small-group spirituality discussion format which thrived for ten years before lapsing last year. They are now exploring Celtic Christianity.
- We are discovering that the Zoom technology which at first felt awkward has some real advantages as a community-builder! Zoom makes evening meetings possible for people who do not drive after dark, accommodating those who work. It is great for anyone who has an infirmity or lives at a distance, such as the former St. Philip’s Seeker who is now participating from Maryland. In-person classes are expected to pick up in 2022, when Bible 101 resumes.
- With the impending departure of Deborah and Paul Miller (moving out of state), St. Philip’s is about to need a new librarian. Since before the pandemic, Deborah has been cataloging our book collection, making it ready as a small but genuine library for the move to fellowship hall quarters. Her work creates a great opportunity for a book-lover to pick up as librarian, shaping a home for readers in a brand new space! See contact information below if you might be that person.
- Deborah has also been the first communicator of Faith Formation, doing monthly board minutes and interchanges between the ministry and church office. It’s a vital

but not super busy spot, ideal for an organized person who writes easily and loves to know what's going on. See contact information.

- For more information or with ideas, contact nanbush5@gmail.com or call the church office, 910-457-5643.