

Christian Formation Annual Report - 2022

2022 was a “coming out” year. Emmanuel was slowly emerging from under the thumb of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Sunday School numbers were low. We switched to an all ages combined program from January through August. In September we changed the program so that Sunday School would take place at 9:00 a.m., between the 8:00 a.m. service and the 10:15 a.m. service (service time changed from 10:00 a.m. to accommodate the change in the Sunday School program), providing a longer period of time for lessons and activities. Our opening day in September had 12 children and that number grew to 19 during the Advent season. We began the new school year with four age groups, Younger Elementary, Older Elementary, Middle School and High School.

The two Elementary Sunday School groups continued to have a combination of lectionary based lessons and special topic lessons. The older age groups focused on topical lessons (such as the study of the Psalms and the study of Media and Christianity) as they begin to prepare for Confirmation.

Our adult volunteer base continued to be low during 2022.

Sadly, our Vacation Bible School Program during the summer of 2022 was cancelled due to a very low enrollment. We will again schedule our VBS for the summer of 2023.

Our Adult Bible Study continued to meet on Friday mornings at 9:30 in the Harward Parlor with an average attendance of eight adults. Anyone who can accommodate the morning time frame is welcome to join the Bible Study.

Respectfully Submitted,

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