Adult Formation @ St. John's Sunday Mornings in January & February 2020

Sunday, January 5 9:15am-10:00am in the Library	The Season of Epiphany: What is Epiphany? What are our Epiphanies? The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi (the three wise men). But an epiphany—lower case e!—also refers to any manifestation of the divine or to a sudden insight or revelation. This session will focus both on the season of Epiphany in the church calendar and on congregants' epiphanies—our sudden, surprising encounters with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Led by the Rev. Beth Bingham
Sunday, January 12 9:15am-10:00am in the Library	The Consecration of a Bishop in the Episcopal Church On February 8, The Rev. Dr. Bonnie Perry will be consecrated as the 11th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. This session will focus on a variety of questions surrounding the consecration: What does it mean to consecrate a bishop? What is the ministry of a bishop, and what is her role in church polity? We will also get to learn a little about Bishop Perry. Led by the Rev. Beth Taylor
Sunday February 2, 9 and 16 9:15am-10:00am in the Library	Introduction to the Episcopal Church, Parts I, II, and III This three-part series is a free-ranging exploration of what it means to be an Episcopalian. Unsure what Episcopalians believe about the Bible or about theology? Or, what's the Book of Common Prayer? Share your questions, and we'll try to cover them all. And, of course, you can ask anything you want in class. Perfect for new members, those seeking confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church, or anyone seeking a refresher! Led by: St. John's clergy
Sunday, February 23 9:15am-10:00am in the Library	The Census 2020 is the year of the United States Census, and there are substantial changes: people may respond by phone or online. As people of faith, we are called to informed and faithful citizens and to work to build the beloved community in our particular time and place. This session will focus on the importance of participation in the U.S. Census and on changes in the procedures. Led by Bernie Beach

