

December 8, 2016

Dear Friends,

We are writing to invite you to take part in a program at St. James's called *Pilgrim's Path*. It is a course on Christian Discipleship for those new to the church, those seeking to join, as well as for those who have been at St. James's for years but want to learn more about what it means to follow Christ. This class is for the curious. It is also required preparation for adults seeking baptism, confirmation, or reception into the church.

With teaching from the clergy, as well as small group participation, *Pilgrim's Path* explores the role of worship, prayer, and service as essential tools of faith. We will discuss topics such as: scripture, theology, church history, ethics, liturgy, and prayer. We meet 10 times on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in room 302 in the Michaux House (1133 W. Franklin Street). The **Winter/Spring class is January 18 through April 5, 2017** (the class doesn't meet on Ash Wednesday). Participants may be baptized, confirmed, reaffirmed or received into the Episcopal Church during the Bishop's Visitation on May 21.

If you're still undecided consider this about *Pilgrim's Path*:

- you do not have to come to this class with any knowledge of the Bible, the church or theology;
- it is open to all seekers, even those who do not choose at this time to pursue a Christian commitment;
- it is the best way to get to know a community of interesting people who are where you are in exploring the dimensions of their faith and spirituality;
- if you're a newcomer it is an easy way to meet people.

If you are new to St. James's this class is highly recommended as the best way to become a part of our community. We have a lot of fun together learning, sharing, and building relationships. We would love to hear from you. If you are interested in participating, you can register online at <http://www.doers.org/faith-formation/wednesday-night-programs/pilgrims-path/> or contact Anita Lisk, our parish coordinator, at 355-1779 ext. 313 or alisk@doers.org to register. It's going to be a wonderful year and we look forward to sharing it with you.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Carmen Germino
Associate Rector

The Rev. Hilary Streever
Associate Rector

P.S. On the Wednesdays when we have classes, we offer dinner from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Valentine Hall. The cost is only \$5 per person and the food is great and you don't have to worry about grabbing something to eat before coming to class. If requested on the registration form, we can also provide free childcare in our nursery in Gibson Hall.