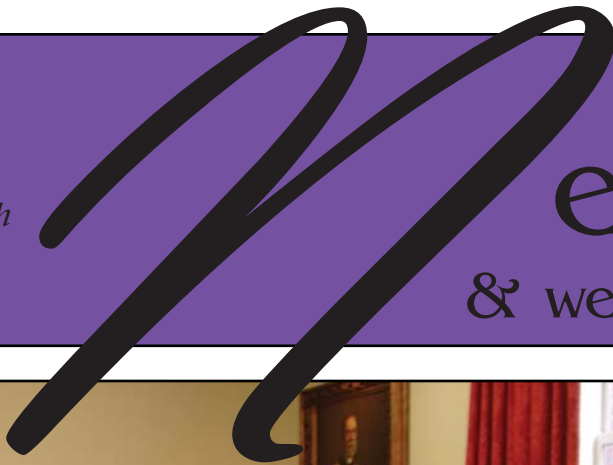




St. James' Church

# ewcomer & welcoming ministries



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From the first step into St. James', we want newcomers to feel that this is their parish. From a handshake at the door or cup of coffee after the service to a seven-week series incorporating everyone into our community of faith, newcomer and welcoming ministries serve a vital role in the life of St. James'.

### Newcomer Ministry

The Newcomer Ministry, composed of the Welcome Committee and Greeters, is here to welcome and invite newcomers to the life at St. James'. Greeters serve a vital function as the first face of St. James' to many of newcomers and visitors. The Welcome Committee meets monthly to plan for transitioning newcomers into the community at St. James'. We help new members get to know the people at the church so that they can make true spiritual connections and have a better understanding of the parish. The Newcomer Ministry's work of hospitality goes far beyond a quick hello; it is our first step in extending the love of Christ and welcoming everyone into the mission and ministry at St. James'.

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### The Way at St. James'

The Way at St James' is a 7-week program to explore and practice your faith in a small group within the parish community. We share our stories—hearing from clergy, laity, and each other—while walking our journey together. We also learn about the ministries of St. James'. But even more than learning *about* the Church, *we learn to be the Church*.

As we explore what it means to be a Christian through the baptismal covenant, the Life of Christ, and our individual gifts and strengths, we find bread for our journey and become the Body of Christ.

For more information on the next series of The Way, pick up a brochure in any of the literature racks or at the welcome tables.

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