

## Lenten Program: Answering Our Call

We all have a spiritual journey. Whether we consider ourselves religious, or more “spiritual,” or neither of the above, we have a spiritual journey which determines our beliefs, our values, the way we live in the world, and how we direct our best energies. “Answering Our Call” is the topic of the five-week Lenten program beginning this year on Tuesday, March 8, and running for the five Tuesdays in Lent, sponsored by the Brandywine Collaborative Ministries (BCM) of Wilmington.

Each session will begin with a simple and hearty soup and salad supper at 6:00 PM, followed by the program and concluding promptly at 8:00 PM. The program is open to all BCM members, families, and friends, as well as all interested persons in the community. There is no cost to attend. All sessions will be held at Grace Episcopal Church, at 4900 Concord Pike, across from the Concord Mall. Those with tight schedules may choose to skip the supper and attend just the program alone, beginning at 6:30 PM.

“Answering Our Call” will explore the topic of spiritual journey from the viewpoint of Scripture and *The Book of Common Prayer*, drawing upon our own lived experience.

Father Kim Capwell, interim rector of the Brandywine Collaborative Ministries and a police officer before he was ordained, will describe the challenges of transitioning from being a cop on the beat to becoming a faith leader on a spiritual “beat.” Rev. Marta Illueca, priest associate of the BCM and a trained physician, will describe her journey from being a medicinal practitioner and researcher to her present call combining faith and medicine, specializing in spiritual healing. Father Chris Moore, a priest and author of four books, will speak about combining writing with parish ministry. His insights on writing and publishing will be of interest to those interested in writing but not sure how to begin. Father Chris’ latest book, published in October of last year, is *Soul Stages: Surviving and Thriving in the Second Half of Life*.

Life presents many opportunities for entering more fully into our spiritual journey and answering God’s call for us. In our teens and twenties, we made important decisions about life, decisions which we later may have questioned. At midlife, unforeseen event may have changed our direction. And finally, in retirement, we may discover whole new opportunities to do what we always wanted to do and answer our call in a new way. This year’s Lenten series, “Answering Our Call,” will explore all these important life issues, and more.

The covid situation may ease in the next six weeks, making it possible again to meet in person and enjoy the food and fellowship we enjoyed so much during previous Lenten courses. Please feel free to ask the clergy for more information and to invite friends to attend. In the meantime, reflect on your own spiritual journey and the shape it has taken, and continues to take, in your life.