

# Pathfinders

## Progressive Christian Young Adults

A community of believers navigating through early adulthood—our 20s and 30s—in Northern Virginia.

### On the way

- ♥ Some of us would say we are looking for meaning and purpose—ways to live more mindfully.
- ♥ Some of us use religious language, saying we desire a deeper experience of God and a life of faithful discipleship.
- ♥ Some of us are simply seeking greater clarity about religious faith and spiritual practice.
- ♥ Most of us have roots in various Christian congregations, but we value interfaith conversations and welcome seekers from all backgrounds.
- ♥ Some of us are connected to progressive Christian congregations, including Vienna Baptist Church in Vienna, Va., and Little River United Church of Christ in Annandale, Va., which sponsor this ministry.
- ♥ We value diversity in race, gender, sexual orientation, denominational preference, and outlook on life.
- ♥ All of us are seekers—knowing that there is always more to learn about what gives meaning, purpose, and abundance to life, and about how to make ourselves more available to our hurting neighbors.
- ♥ Together, we gather for study, service, and social times as we seek to learn how to live out our faith in a multicultural and multifaith world.

### Our route

#### ♥ Study

We meet for dinner and Bible study on the first and third Mondays of each month in a private home in Vienna. Beginning in September 2011, we'll be studying the Gospel of John. In Bible study we wrestle with questions about our faith, hear what others think, and grow and deepen spiritually.

#### ♥ Social time

Dinner on Monday nights is a time to deepen friendships and share stories with those on the same journey.

#### ♥ Service

Some of us have become involved in a monthly ministry, City Gate, a program for at-risk children in Washington, D.C. We have also volunteered at a local shelter for homeless neighbors, and participated in other ministries sponsored by the Fairfax Area Christian Emergency & Transitional Services (FACETS). We're always looking for new opportunities.

### Direction

Monday Bible studies are led by Dr. Kathy Staudt, who has taught at the University of Maryland, Virginia Theological Seminary, and Wesley Seminary.

Kathy is a poet and a spiritual guide, interested in connections among theology, scripture, and the life of the imagination. As a teacher and parent of 20-somethings, she has a passion for sharing the journey of faith with young adults. Follow her blog at [www.poetproph.blogspot.com](http://www.poetproph.blogspot.com).

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