

Our vision for St. James Parish is to be a Loving Family, embracing all peoples, expressing the love of Jesus Christ and carrying out His Ministry in our Community of Faith and the Community in which we live.

The St. James' MESSENGER

Like many of you, our family was blessed to have some time away in July, as we visited the North Carolina mountains for some R & R (although regretfully without Seth Peter, who has moved to Gainesville to begin school at UF). I am grateful to see, though, that even in summer life at St. James has continued as vibrant as ever. Fr. Charles Hay was on hand to celebrate at both services on July 17th, and for two Thursday Eucharists. He has also continued to visit parishioners at home and in the hospital on a regular basis. Many thanks, Fr. Charles!

Also, due to the hard work of Paul Carraway (Deb's husband), and our sexton, Doug Ames, we now have a new sound system. The speakers bring a much fuller sound throughout the church, and are accompanied by a new sound board that can control the volume on each microphone and speaker through the use of an iPad. Well done!

The new speakers come as the sounds of worship resonate fully this month, with members of our congregation joining Deb as "Summer Singing Saints" on August 7th, 14th, and 21st. After that, the choir will resume in full swing each Sunday. The Jubilate youth choir also starts up this month, with a special meeting for parents after the 10:00 service on August 14th.

Discipleship picks up again as Jeff Brooke-Stewart's Thursday Bible Study resumes on August 11th, at 6 PM in the parish hall. The subject will be the Book of Daniel. Our monthly men's prayer breakfast continues on August 5th at 7:30 AM, with Bob Tindall as the speaker. Also, we are considering a study group on the life and writings of C.S. Lewis, one of the greatest Christian apologists of the 20th, Century. If you interested in participating, please contact David Smith (352-408-6835) or Doug Ames (315-404-2311).

Many blessings to you all as we continue to "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness," and grow to maturity in our walk of discipleship.

AUGUST 2016



**“A TASTE OF ST. JAMES”
Friday, September 30th, 2016
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

A Fundraiser for supplies and medical needs for the

Jamaica Medical Mission

“Celebrating 27 years of Mission Work “

Social hour starts at 6:00 pm

Tastings are from 6:30 until 8:30 PM

20(people/teams/couples) are needed that will prepare enough food of ONE ITEM, (2 – 4 OUNCES, A SAMPLING) for 100 people to taste. The participants will be *encouraged* to decorate their table and wear outfits to match their theme.

**That evening we will also have a Silent Auction.
Libations will be available for a donation.**

**St. James’ members and guests are invited.
You need not be a member to participate. Tickets for the Event will be on sale on Sundays and in the office starting in August.
Tickets are \$25.**

Please contact Sharon McCabe, 728-0596 if you are interested in BEING A CHEF.

***To donate an item for the SILENT AUCTION:
Contact Nancy Russell, 787-9211 or
Cheryl Nann, 352-446-8018***

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CHURCH VESTRY & STAFF

Rector: Rev’d Thomas Trees

Retired Clergy: Rev’ds Charles Hay, William J. Boyer, James Martin

Parish Musicians: Deb Carraway, Elizabeth Williams

Nursery Coordinator: Carmen Rebusmen

Treasurer: Tom Grizzard

Parish / Finance Secretary: Pat Schaefer

Sexton: Doug Ames

Housekeeping: Diane Smith

Vestry Wardens: David Smith (Senior Warden)

Rob Bowersox (Junior Warden)

**Vestry Members: Becky Binneveld, Lisa James, Meredith Kirste,
Jim Logan, Mackie McCabe, Chris Northcott, Kay
Oestreich, Jason Smalley, Bob Tindall, Ted Wolf**



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2016

As we head into the summer months, we hope everyone will keep the Fall Bazaar in mind. It is a great time to pick up items or make things for the Grand Auction, Door Prizes, and Gifts for All Seasons. When cleaning out closets consider things for White Elephants, Book Booth, Jewelry, Scarves, Purses, and Vintage Treasures. Hone your recipes for The Country Kitchen and The Confectionary. Don't forget to start plants for The Green Thumb! Thanks to all of the ladies who have volunteered to chair and they are always available to share ideas or put you to work. Please call them if you would like to help. This event provides funds for all of the mission work our ECW does in our own community as well as worldwide.

CHAIRWOMEN

(MEETING TUESDAY, SEPT. 6TH AT 5:30 PARISH HALL)

Jan Smith 787-8118 and Becky Binneveld 728-1193

Cashiers—Barbara Logan 408-8014,

Nancy Russell 787-9211, Tess Neumann 552-5847

Publicity— Rita Clements

Physical Arrangement— Susan Battle 728-1922

Luncheon— Sharon McCabe— 728-0596

Pre Auction— Patti Wolf— 787-5953

Grand Auction— Leah Delgado— 409-4674

Silent Auction- Kristen Daley 787-5162

Gifts for All Seasons— Dot Hay— 315-0526, Peg Hopper 518-469-3790

Door Prized— Jeanine Rowell— 326-8075

Vintage Treasures— Sharon Bowersox— 787-6741, Kathryn Knight 787-1838

Books— Margaret Branham— 787-5893

The Green Thumb— Chris Meade— 787-4241

Country Kitchen— Nancy Young— 787-5782

The Confectionary— Jan Smith— 787-8118

White Elephants— Barbara Breuer— 552-2703

MESSENGER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to collate our newsletter and prepare for mailing. This team meets the last Wednesday morning of each month at 9:30am for 1-2 hours. If you are able to give of your time, please contact Paula O'Connor at 352-787-6372 or come by the Parish Hall on Wednesday, August 31, at 9:30.



YOUTH AND FAMILY MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10TH

We have been thinking about how much fun we had last year with the Chopped Challenge, Family Fall Fest, Gingerbread Build Off, Valentine's Dinner and St. Patrick Pictionary. We are wondering what your family's favorites were. Which monthly activities did you love? Which would you pass on? What should we add this year? Please come join us Wednesday, August 10th at 6 pm in the Parish Hall for a Pot Luck Planning Meeting. We will have BBQ chicken and are askin' for the fixins'! Can't wait to see you all again and talk about this years Family festivities!

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The men of St. James have begun meeting for breakfast and a time of prayer on the first Friday of each month, from **7:30 to 8:15 a.m.** Our next meeting will take place on **Friday, August 5th**, in the Parish Hall. Each meeting will start and end promptly to give plenty of time for those heading to work. Our speaker this month is Bob Tindall.



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our Thursday Bible study, led by Jeff Brooke-Stewart, resumes on **August 11th, at 6 PM** in the Parish Hall. The subject will be the Book of Daniel, one of the most discussed and debated books of the Bible, known both for its memorable stories (the lion's den, the fiery furnace) and its apocalyptic imagery.

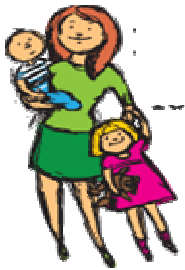
WHAT COULD YOU DO IN A MEDICAL EMERGENCY?

Learn how to become prepared to be a Good Samaritan in a medical crisis. Everyone is invited to come to an information session on **Sunday, August 7 at 9 AM**. We will discuss various things that anyone can do to be helpful in a medical emergency. We will also demonstrate our new **AED (Automated External Defibrillator)**, which anyone can operate. It is foolproof and the machine talks you through how to use it, but it can be daunting if you have never seen it in use. We will also display our new updated first aid kits. The session will be held in the Parish Hall, but the defibrillator and first aid kit are in a new location in the church.



WELCOME, BABY OWEN!

On Wednesday, July 13th, George and Robin Rebusmen's daughter Cecelia gave birth to Owen Thomas Roberts, who weighed in at 7 lbs, 7 oz., and measured 20.5 inches long. Congratulations to Cecelia as a first-time mom, and George and Robin as first-time grandparents! *"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord the fruit of the womb a reward" (Psalm 127:3).*



"MOMMY AND ME"

"Mommy and Me," led by Beth Williams, will return to St. James at its **NEW DATE AND TIME** this fall beginning Wednesday, September 7th, at 4:30pm in the Chapel. Parents of babies and toddlers, please stay tuned for further details, or contact Beth Williams at 352-702-2062.

WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Our Thursday morning Eucharist has taken on a new format. Along with anointing and Holy Communion, our service includes music and singing, and options for personal intercessions. Having the service in the Chapel offers a space for worship that is both reverent and personal. Come and join us!



MUSIC MUSINGS

I love lists. There...I said it: I confess to my love of lists and the ways they help me make sense of the tasks that confront and, sometimes, confound me. I truly believe this is a genetic trait, since my father (the engineer) was, and still is, the quintessential list-maker. I observed this as a child and must have begun my list-making journey early on. Then as an adult I noticed Dad always kept paper and pencil in his shirt pocket (shirts without pockets are pretty much useless, as far as he is concerned) so that he could be ready on a moment's notice to make a notation that would serve him well later. As he (and I) have both gotten older we find that list-making becomes more of a necessity, not just a quaint personality trait, so that important things don't get lost in the shuffle. My own daughter has adopted (or inherited) this trait, too, though as a teenager my lists of chores set out for her and her brother only brought chagrin, and much eye rolling.

I like to think that making lists, while serving a very practical purpose, can also serve a spiritual purpose, as well. If we could translate some of our list-making of chores into list-making of our blessings, how might that change our lives in tangible ways? Might we really begin to see our cups as not just half full (rather than half empty), but as full to overflowing? I know there are real struggles as we journey through life, very real difficulties and disappointments that can cause pain and loss. But, if I'm honest, I also know that my life has been blessed "beyond the curse" and I should be just as diligent in counting these blessings as I am in charting my to-do list.

As I count my blessings today I am thoroughly excited about what God is doing in our St. James Music Ministry, and hope that many of you will consider joining us this fall! Here's a list (can't help myself...) of several of the things that will happen beginning in August:

- The "Summer Singing Saints" return! Anyone can join, any age, and we will gather on Sunday mornings in the Chapel to rehearse an anthem for worship. (No robes required!!) Tune your voices to sing God's praise and join us on August 7, 14, and 21 – everyone is welcome.
- Jubilate (Children's and Youth Choir) resumes rehearsals on Wednesday, June 17, at 5 p.m. Parent meeting will be held with Beth Williams on Sunday, June 14, immediately following 10 a.m. worship and we want to make sure everyone is in the loop as to plans for Fall and Christmas – please plan to attend!!
- St. James Choir will rehearse again beginning Wednesday, August 24, at 7 p.m. Great plans are underway for our fall season of singing, including some beautiful Advent and Christmas music. I look forward to seeing all current choir members back in the loft, and would love to have several new members, too. We have a great time sharing both music and fellowship – I hope to see many of you there!

Still counting my blessings, and naming them one by one...Yours in Christ,

Deb Carraway

p.s. Also "on the list" is the Instrumental Ensemble, which will return to its Wednesday rehearsals on September 7. Look for information in the bulletin and September newsletter.



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| 1 William James
Sarah Howarth
Durham Young
Sydney Tucker | 13 Tim Kreitter |
| 3 Marie Booth
Kay Oestreich
Becky Binneveld | 17 Kimmey Young |
| 4 Suzanne Oldham | 18 Jim Statts |
| 6 Ryan McCabe | 19 Richard Tuke
Ted Ostrander |
| 7 Bob Cyrus | 21 Matt Beck
Charles Singeltary |
| 8 Barbara Tooke
David Lossing
Christopher Courchene
Rahnee Grizzard | 23 Cheryl Knowles
Holly Cauthen |
| 9 Charlene Ladd
Mitchell Graham | 24 Patricia Cyrus |
| 13 Timothy Filing | 25 Gerry Hejduk |
| | 26 Ginny Cleaves |
| | 27 Theresa Adams
Nancy Boyer |
| | 29 Barney Kranz
Ed Walther |
| | 30 Charlene Smigel |



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| 2 Stuart & Herma Mowatt | 17 Terrell & Beverly Bounds |
| 4 Leon & Bettye Summers | James & Mary Hooper |
| 5 Charles & Lorraine Johnson | 19 Aubrey & Roberta Lunsford |
| 7 Murray & Elizabeth Tuckerr | John & Suzanne Oldham |
| 8 Darryl & Jennifer Seamans | David & Jan Smith |
| 14 Larry & Barbara Demaline
Sean & Elizabeth Graham | 24 Chip & Fran Deems |
| 15 Michael & Patricia Cyrus | 29 Elwood & Judy Baxter |
| Bob & Shirley Fiebke | 31 Harry & Susan Hackney |



STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. JAMES

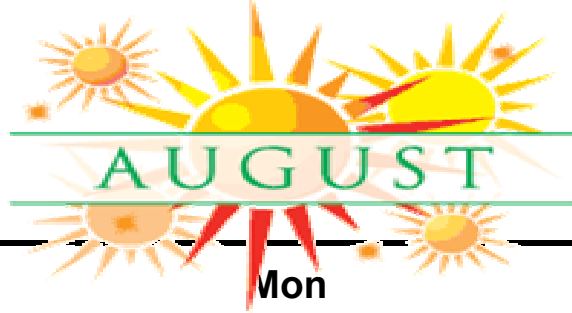
Caring for people in need is at the heart of a congregational ministry. Pastors and congregations may exhaust themselves trying to meet these needs but their best efforts often fall short. The Pastor often provides immediate care at the onset of a crisis, but frequently there is no one to provide ongoing follow-up care. Laypeople may want to help, but many lack the knowledge, skills and confidence to care effectively.

With Stephen Ministry, people no longer have to go through crises and difficulties alone. Instead, they have a Stephen Minister – a well-trained, caring, Christian friend who will walk alongside them for as long as necessary, providing the emotional and spiritual care they need. We ask for your prayers as we consider the viability of Stephen Ministry in our congregation.

If you think you might be interested in this ministry, or if you have questions about it, please contact Bob Tindall, 717-575-3092 or walruselect@gmail.com

Financial Dashboard June 2016

	June	YTD	YTD Budget
Pledged Income	\$30,673.00	\$201,632.00	\$203,350.02
Other Income	2,404.00	23,940.75	21,331.02
Total Income	33,077.00	225,935.37	224,681.04
Total Expense	37,383.00	231,631.81	232,171.54
Net	(4,304.00)	(5,696.44)	(7,490.50)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 10:00 Eucharist	5	6
7 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 AED training class 9:15 "Summer Singing Saints" (Chapel) 10:00 Eucharist	8	9	10 6:00 Youth and Family Parents' Meeting	11 10:00 Eucharist 6:00 Bible Study	12	13
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