

St. James seeks to be a community that grows more Christlike, expressing the love of Jesus Christ in our worship, our outreach, and our commitment to discipleship.

ST. JAMES MESSENGER



HOLY WEEK & EASTER @ ST. JAMES



APRIL 1ST MAUNDY THURSDAY

10:00AM EUCHARIST & ANOINTING
7:00 PM. EUCHARIST & STRIPPING THE ALTAR
(THE 7:00 SERVICE WILL BE LIVESTREAMED)

APRIL 2ND GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 P.M. GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY
(TH 12:00 SERVICE WILL BE LIVESTREAMED)

5:30 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS
(OUTDOORS ON CHURCH GROUNDS)

APRIL 4TH EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 AM SUNRISE EUCHARIST
8:15 AM RITE I EUCHARIST
10:15 RITE II EUCHARIST W/CHOIR AND JUBILATE
(THE 10:15 SERVICE WILL BE LIVESTREAMED)

8:30-9:50 EASTER EGG HUNT
(ONE FAMILY AT A TIME, 7 MINUTE INCREMENTS)

RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR EASTER SERVICES
AND THE EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 2021

The Messenger is a monthly publication of St. James' Episcopal Church in Leesburg, Florida. It is mailed on the last Wednesday of each month and highlights parish news for the upcoming month. Deadline for submissions is the third Wednesday of each month. Submissions should be sent to: Pat Schaefer <office@stjames-leesburg.org>

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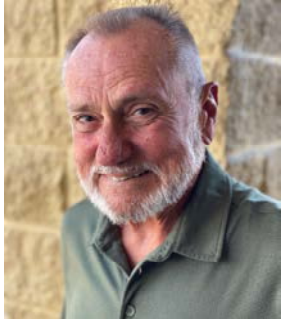


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Go to our website: www.stjames-leesburg.org; or
Go to our **Facebook** page!

CHURCH VESTRY & STAFF

- Rector:** Rev'd Thomas Trees
- Assisting Priests:** Rev'ds Charles Hay, William J. Boyer
- Assisting Deacon:** Rev'd Jerry Steidl
- Parish Organist/Choir Director:** Deb Carraway
- Nursery Coordinator:** Carmen Rebusmen
- Director of Youth and Families:** Elizabeth Williams
- Minister to Teens:** Susie Brewer
- Treasurer:** Tom Grizzard
- Parish / Finance Secretary:** Pat Schaefer
- Sexton:** Doug Ames
- Housekeeping:** Diane Smith
- Vestry Members:** Bonnie Binneveld, Bill Cauthen, Marc Crouch, Kristen Daley, Kathy Davidson, Danny Delgado (Senior Warden), Harry Hackney, Chris Leware, Steve Merrill, Bob Tindall, Steve Treiber (Junior Warden), Patti Wolf

MEET A NEW PARISHIONER!



We have some new faces at St. James that we would like to introduce to you! This month we asked one of our new members, **Burt Jackson**, to answer a few questions for us. Be sure to greet him when you see him at church!

How long have you lived in Leesburg?

"I bought a place about one year ago. I spent the summer back in Michigan and moved to Leesburg last September."

What brought you to St. James?

"I knew I wanted to return to Florida, where I grew up, and I found St. James when I was visiting here in 2019. I really liked the music and everyone was very friendly when visited."

What do you especially enjoy about our church?

"Such a treasure of a church in every way. Love the music program. We have such talent here."

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Grounds and Facilities Committee needs several volunteers with ideas or suggestions on how to prioritize and correct any current problems. We also need to create a preventative maintenance plan. This will involve a startup committee meeting and willing and capable hands for light work. Please contact Steve Treiber 563-529-5369.

Messenger Team needs volunteers to help prepare the Messenger for mailing. This takes place the last Wednesday of each month at 9:30am for approximately 2 hours. Please contact Paula O'Connor 352-787-6372..

Operation Homebound requires delivery of meals to those homebound in the Fruitland Park and Leesburg area. This will require 2-2 1/2 hrs of your time 2-3 days a month. Please call Pat at the office 352-787-1981.

St. James Prayer List

Call the church office (352)787-1981 with additions/deletions

LONG TERM

Maggie Brooke-Stewart
Kenny Edwards
Erin Byrns
Dottie Elliott
Margaret Anderson
Susan Peak
Nancy Austin
Judy Cable
Bob Cyrus
Debbie Slappey
Bob Fiebke

Florence Deeley
Darwin Klug
Jaden Cantrell
TJ Hagist
Kathy E
Eric B.
Cody Linker & Family
Sue Greenwood
Paul & Charlene Smigel
Fred Neidhart
Isabel Campbell
David Burnsed

SHORT TERM

(3 weeks).

Dorothy Martin
Paige Darlington
Fr. Rick Cross
Jim Mitchell
Kathleen Magurean
Butch O'Kelley
Linda Weekley



THURSDAY HEALING EUCHARIST

Our Thursday Morning Eucharists take place at 10:00 in the Parish Hall. Each service features a brief message on the life of a notable Saint, plus anointing for healing. It is the perfect service for those who want to worship in a small, relaxed, informal environment.

HOLY COMMUNION PICK UP AND DROP OFF



For those watching our services on livestream, Holy Communion packets are available for pick up during the week. Contact our church office and we will prepare a packet for you.

We are currently looking for volunteers to drop off Communion kits to those who are home-bound and unable to pick them up from church. Are you interested in helping? Contact Fr. Tom at 352-643-1182, or frtrees@stjames-leesburg.org

EASTER FAMILY SUNDAY

Our next "Family Service" will be on **Easter Sunday, April 4th at 10:15!** We will have a Children's Sermon, and our Jubilate kids will sing!

Be sure to sign up for our family Easter Egg Hunt, from 8:30-9:50 am! The hunt will take place one family at a time, in 7 minute increments. Coloring pages will be provided for those waiting (socially distanced). To sign up, call the church office at 352-787-1981, or email us at office@stjames-leesburg.org.



THE ALPHA COURSE is an opportunity to grapple with the bigger questions of life and faith - in a fun, nonthreatening, nonjudgmental online environment. It is an opportunity to share virtual fellowship with other people who are traveling on the same path. It is a great way to explore Christianity. It is for anyone who wants to feel more connected in this challenging time.

Our online sessions meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. After a brief welcome, there is a **30-minute video** that explores the basics of Christianity. This is followed by wonderful small-group discussion where you get to participate in your own way - to share or just listen. A virtual retreat will be held in mid-April (more info to come!)

Are you interested in joining? **Sign up** by sending an email to Dorry (tinkrvi@gmail.com) and Delcie (delciedr@hotmail.com). Please include your first and last names, address, and a telephone number so we can call or text you if we need to.

ECW NEWS

Just a reminder that our **ECW Board meets at 9:00 A.M.** in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday, April 6th**, followed by a **General Meeting at 10:00.**

Our program will be on **Companion Dogs and their Trainers.**

I want to thank our **Palm Cross Committee** for the wonderful work they did last Friday!

Remember that **Maundy Thursday** is the last day to drop off donations of pre-packaged plastic **Easter Eggs** to Pat in the office. Don't forget **Easter Flower Donations!!**

Our **Butterfly Release** is still on track for **April 18th**, weather permitting.

Finally, please send me any reports for our agenda by the day before we meet. I wish all of you a wonderful Holy Week and a truly Happy Easter.

Faithfully yours, Bonnie

FOOD DROP PROJECT

The flowers of spring provided a beautiful backdrop for our MARCH FOOD DROP with the March winds remaining calm while the steady parade of parishioners dropped off food and monetary contributions. The wonderful support continues, evidenced with our MARCH FOOD DROP.

MARCH FOOD DROP

COLLECTED: 1103 pounds of food
\$975.00

TEN MONTH TOTAL: 13,810 pounds of food
\$18,184.00

Our blessings are abundant as we are look forward to our next FOOD DROP on the third Wednesday of the month, April 21. Once again, thank you you for your unselfish and generous giving. Blessings to you all, have a Beautiful Easter and Stay Safe!



MUSIC MUSINGS April 2021

"Dance, then, wherever you may be! I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you on wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he!!"

The imagery of this hymn just makes my heart want to dance, for it embodies the life-giving story of Jesus, and it sings it in such a glorious and uplifting way, using the American Shaker tune, "Simple Gifts." The gospel story is told in a very visual way, bringing us into the life and mission of Jesus, and then calling us to join in the dance, to embrace the good news and dance our own lives of faith.

As we approach Easter we are grateful to recall the entire story of Jesus...birth, life, suffering and death, and, finally resurrection. In so doing we have much to celebrate. We have a risen Savior, that is certain. But we also have a compassionate friend, one who loves us into life, who walks with us every step of the way, perhaps even dances with us on the journey...

Looking ahead to April worship here are some of the musical offerings that have been planned:

Thursday, April 1 (Maundy Thursday)	In the Garden How Beautiful Amazing Grace	Nancy Moran and Deb Carraway Ladies Ensemble Jan Tindall, Flute
Sunday, April 4 (Easter)	Alleluia, Sing to Jesus Christ the Lord is Risen Today	Stephanie Engel (8:15) Nancy Moran and Deb Carraway
	Easter Antiphon Lord of the Dance How Deep the Father's Love Crown Him Lord of All	Jubilate Worship Ensemble Women's Ensemble Nancy Moran and Deb Carraway
Sunday, April 11	This Little Light of Mine This is My Father's World	Jan Tindall, Flute Nancy Moran and Deb Carraway
Sunday, April 18 Sunday, April 25	Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Assurance	Stephanie Engel Charmaine Tenwinkel

Leaning into this season's proclamation of the resurrection, let's dust off our dancing shoes...and dance!!

Yours in Christ,
Deb Carraway



- 2 Keith Burnett
- 4 Jerry Steidl
Bob Clements
- 5 Carl Sanderson
Anne Disch
Kathleen Trees
- 7 Charles Doty
- 8 Gary Neumann
- 9 Jim Soltysiak
- 10 Alfonso Luongo
- 11 Kathleen Magurean
- 15 Carol Hilbish
- 16 Russ Vance
- 17 Steve Millett
- 19 Linda Weekley

- 20 Court Hintze
Meg Johnson
- 21 Daryl Seamans
Jeff Binneveld
- 22 Wendy Breeden
Tanina Singeltary
Christopher Battle
- 24 Maggie Delgado
- 25 Carmen Rebusmen
- 26 Dick Singeltary
- 27 Sharon Bowersox
- 28 Jack Sergio
John Knowles
- 29 Margaret Jackson

- 3 Ron & Susan Luth
- 5 Jim & Wendy Breeden
Jack & Patricia Jones
- 15 Nigel & Patricia Bailey
- 17 John & Nancy Russell



- 18 Tom & Linda Grizzard
- 21 David & Cherie Knowles
- 23 Marc & Marie Crouch
Drew & Shelly Logan



We wish each of you a very blessed Easter Season. It has been the custom for the Daughters of the King to speak to the congregation the second Sunday after Easter about our Province IV Outreach Project. Due to COVID-19, this is how we are delivering our message.

“No One Hungry” is the Outreach Project we will be supporting This year. “No one Hungry” has grown from a food pantry in Titusville, to an International Ministry. They not only provide food, but also distribute Bibles, provide water purification systems, scholarships to students in Belize, to rebuilding a small island in the Bahamas. They answer the call when there is a disaster not only caused by weather, but COVID-19. Since the pandemic they have partnered with the Anglican Diocese of Belize in “Mission Feed Belize” providing rice and beans for 2,100 families Please join our Martha and Mary chapter in supporting this far reaching mission. For your convenience, there will be envelopes for your donation in the Narthex beginning April 18th. Thank you for your generous support of our past Outreach projects, as it does take a village

JODY’S GIFT SHOP

“Jody’s Gift Shop” is open on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15, and from 11:15 to Noon. It is also open on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Gift Shop will be closed during Holy Week, and will reopen on Wednesday, April 7th.

FROM OUR LIBRARIAN

Happy Easter everyone! We hope you have had a chance to read some of this season's books displayed on the library book truck in the parish hall. If not, more good books will soon be found there, including some ALPHA books. And , just as important, is Bishop Michael Curry's latest book, “Love is the Way.” Please read it. We may even set up a reading list for it. Here is what Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, has to say about it, "In this beautiful and moving book, Bishop Michael Curry reflects on the nature of God's love and the reflection of that love in human lives. Drawing on his own life and experiences, he shows us that, time and again, when love is threatened by circumstances - be it poverty, racism, violence, injustice, or the abuse of power - the same love has the power to shine through." Remember, visit your Parish Library, Thursdays from 8:00am-12:00pm. We have great books waiting for you

The Library is open on Thursdays from 8:00am~12:00pm. Please stop by!

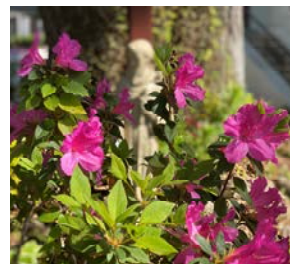
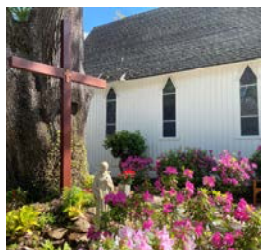
2021 EASTER by Janet Davis

Thank you, dear Father that you would show,
how you love your people and want them to know.

You made them all, and were dismayed to see your laws had been betrayed.

You sent to earth, Your only Son;
to save the souls of everyone.

Please open our eyes, this gift to see;
First you gave us life, and now, eternity.





2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 MAUNDY THURSDAY 10:00 Eucharist 7:00 Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar	2 GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 Noon Service 5:30 Stations of the Cross	3
4 EASTER SUNDAY 7:00 Sunrise Eucharist 8:15 Rite I Eucharist 8:30 Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 Family Eucharist	5	6 9:00 ECW Board Mtg 10:00 ECW Gen'l Mtg	7 1:00 Coffee & Philosophy 6:30 Alpha	8 10:00 Eucharist	9	10
11 8:00 Eucharist 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	12	13	14 10:00 DOK Mthly Mtg. 1:00 Coffee & Philosophy 5:00 Finance Meeting 6:30 Alpha	15 10:00 Eucharist 6:00 Vestry Meeting	16	17
18 8:00 Eucharist 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	19	20 ECW Chapter Meetings 10:00 St. Ann's (PH) 5:00 Finance Cmt Mtg	21 1:00 Coffee & Philosophy 6:30 Alpha	22 10:00 Eucharist	23	24
25 8:00 Eucharist 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	26	27	28 1:00 Coffee & Philosophy 6:30 Alpha	29 10:00 Eucharist	30	