

The St. James' Messenger  
204 Lee Street  
Leesburg, FL 34748-4915



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 2023

#### APRIL 2ND PALM SUNDAY

PROCESSION OF PALMS/LITURGY OF THE PASSION  
8:00AM & 10:15AM

#### APRIL 6TH MAUNDY THURSDAY

10:00AM EUCHARIST & ANOINTING  
6:00 PM. LAST SUPPER PRESENTATION  
EUCHARIST & STRIPPING THE ALTAR



During the **Maundy Thursday** service at 6:00 PM, we will present "**The Last Supper**". This a series of soliloquies by the apostles, based on scripture, and using the setting of the painting by DaVinci.

#### APRIL 7TH GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 P.M. SERVICE  
W/ RESERVED COMMUNION  
5:30 P.M. WALKING THE WAY OF THE CROSS

#### APRIL 9TH EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 AM, SUNRISE EUCHARIST IN THE COURTYARD  
8:15 AM EUCHARIST RITE I  
9:00 AM EASTER EGG HUNT  
10:15 EUCHARIST RITE II W/YOUTH AND ADULT CHOIRS

LIVESTREAM : PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY@ 10:15 AM.,  
MAUNDY THURSDAY @6:00 PM,  
GOOD FRIDAY @12:00 PM

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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](mailto:office@stjames-leesburg.org)>

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Sunday services are livestreamed at 10:15 AM:  
Go to YouTube and type "Leesburg Stjames" or  
visit our **Facebook** page.

#### CHURCH VESTRY & STAFF

**Rector:** Rev'd Thomas Trees  
**Assisting Priest:** Rev'd William J. Boyer  
**Assisting Deacon:** Rev'd Art Hollows  
**Parish Organist/Choir Director:** Deb Carraway  
**Nursery Coordinator:** Carmen Rebusmen  
**Children's Choir Director:** Elizabeth Williams  
**Treasurer:** Linda Weekley  
**Parish / Finance Secretary:** Pat Schaefer  
**Sexton:** Doug Ames  
**Housekeeping:** Diane Smith  
**Vestry Members:** Bill Cauthen, Dorry Curran, Danny Delgado (Senior Warden), Harry Hackney, Terry Galyon, Linda Grizzard, David Knowles, Chris Leware, Drew Logan (Junior Warden), Mackie McCabe, Dick Singeltary, Linda Weekley

#### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our **Men's Prayer Breakfast** will meet again on **Wednesday, April 19th at 8:00am** in the Parish Hall. We are going through the series, "What is Mere Christianity?" To learn more about our Men's Fellowship, contact Fred (Ted) Kermode at [fkermode@verizon.net](mailto:fkermode@verizon.net), (941) 807-3176 or (941) 807-3176



For the First Time in Four Years!  
Our Men and Boys Fish Fry  
hosted by The Men's Fellowship  
at the home of  
**Jim Logan**  
(35329 Grays Airport Road, Fruitland Park)  
Tuesday, April 25th, at 5:30 pm  
Tickets are \$20.00- Boys are free!

**This year, to encourage outreach, we are offering free tickets to any of our men who brings a guest!**

*Join us for Fish, Fun and Fellowship!*

#### LIBRARY CORNER—Margaret Branham

And now we arrive at the most important Christian moveable feast day, following the arrival of the vernal equinox. It's a sacred time, an emotional time, and there are not enough words, sad or happy, to fully described it, though probably 'joyful' suits it best. On April 9th, Easter Sunday, 2023, think of these words and also find additional joy by reading some of the books of the season in your parish library.  
"No winter lasts forever; no Spring skips its turn. The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created Spring. Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, new life. For I remember that on Easter morn, life and love and peace are all new born."  
Lilies, bunnies, brightly colored eggs, the cross! What does it all mean? The Resurrection of our Lord. HAPPY EASTER.

## St. James Prayer List

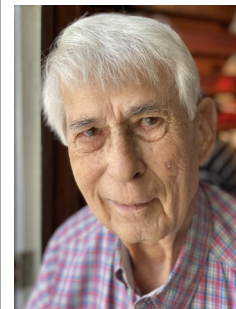
Call the Church Office (352)787-1981 with additions/deletions

### LONG TERM

Judy Cable  
Dottie Elliott  
Joyce Huey  
Charles Hay  
Kathy Billington  
Charles Stephens  
Nancy Mitchell  
Stephen Norris  
Laurie Grizzard  
Jim Mitchell  
Becky Mitchell  
Doug Springmann  
Pratt Carter  
Jean Hogan  
Joe Welsh  
Janet Davis  
Ron Vedder  
Justin  
Dennis Kusenda  
Corbett Knowles  
Paul Smigel

### SHORT TERM

Joan Reid  
Janet Galbreath  
Haley Grace Hart  
Kurt Cessna  
Hellen Williams  
Sandy Oberholtzer  
Clyde Jonathan Smith  
Jimmy  
Nadine Millett



### IN MEMORIAM

We are deeply saddened at the loss of our longtime member, Beryl "Sonny" Stokes, on March 8th, 2023. Sonny's memorial service will be at St. James on **Saturday, April 22nd, 11:00 AM.** *Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord.*

### GRIEF SUPPORT

The Grief Support Gathering will meet **Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 4:00 PM at the Coffee Snob** (1101-1 W. North Blvd, Leesburg). The topic will be, "What Book or Movie makes you think of your Loved One?". Want to find out more? Contact Susan Cyrus at (352) 636-8969

### DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

St. James has a support group for those who are dealing with, or have dealt with family members suffering from dementia. This group meets on the **Fourth Wednesday of each month at 2:00PM in the Parish Hall.** The next meeting which will take place on **Wednesday, April 26, 2023.** If you, or anyone you know are dealing with these challenges and are interested in participating please call Dot Hay (352-552-8986) or the Parish Office at (352-787-1981).



Join the Mission Team on **Sunday, April 16th, at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall,** as they share their testimonies of their mission trip in February. This was their first medical mission in three years, since the start of the pandemic. A video presentation will be included.



### Third Annual Butterfly Release

Sunday, April 23, 2023

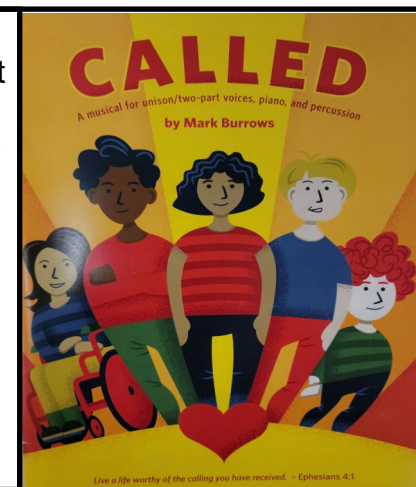
between worship services  
(9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.)

Once again, our children will participate in our Butterfly Release by singing for this special celebration on April 23rd!

Butterflies may be adopted as memorials to loved ones, or in thanksgiving for loved ones. Names will be announced during the release.

**Please return order by Tuesday, April 4th, 2023.**

What does it mean to be called by God? Is it a big, booming voice? Is it a whisper in the heart? Come see our St James youth choirs as they present the musical "**CALLED**" @ **5PM IN THE PARISH HALL ON SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD, 2023.** This musical affirms that God has placed something beautiful in everyone and is calling us to share it with the world! It is our hope that all who hear it's message will feel empowered to live lives worthy of the calling we have received.



## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

**TUESDAY, April 4, 2023**  
**ECW BOARD MEETING, 9 AM**  
**GENERAL MEETING, 10 AM (PARISH HALL)**

Program: "The Last Supper" Artistic Impressions presented by Nancy Mitchell  
Hostesses: St. Anne's

**TUESDAY, April 18TH**  
**CHAPTER MEETINGS**

**St. Ann's, 10 AM** (Parish Hall)  
**St. Francis', 10 AM** (St. Nicholas Patio)  
**St. Cecilia's, 3:45 PM** (Parish Hall)  
**St. Martha's at 6:00PM, April 19th** at "The Sipping Garden"  
(605 W. Magnolia St.)

### JODY'S GIFT SHOP

Our ECW Ministries outreach continue to grow. NEWS FLASH! We now have available for sale ALL OF THE STAINED ORNAMENTS (to either start your collection or "fill in the ones you are missing"). They are available in the gift shop. Our amazing volunteers are continuing to serve and welcome any of you who would like to help. We will continue to offer the "Basket of the Month" for April (garden cart including growing accessories). And in May, we will feature a (portable wine cooler, bottles of wine and wine glasses). The chances will be on sale in the shop. Thank you for all your support, bring a friend and come visit the shop. We enjoy your friendship and sharing!

The shop is open Sundays, after the 8:00 & 10:15 Services and Wednesday through Friday 9:00AM-2:00PM. **NOTE: Jody's Gift Shop will be closed during Holy Week, and will reopen on Wednesday, April 12th.**

### FOOD DROP

When Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day joined forces, this is what happens: Love and the Luck of the Irish! Members of St. James generously contributed food and money for our Food Drop Ministry, either walking or driving through in 54 cars. They were greeted by volunteers, Terri and Van Galyon, Jan Tindal, Tanina Singletary and Rita Clements.

COLLECTED: 1540 pounds of food TOTAL LBS.TO DATE: 33,419  
TOTAL CASH TO DATE: \$41,996.00 Thank you!

Our next FOOD DROP will take place on **Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. 9:00-12:00**  
"Thoughtfulness is to Friendship as Sunshine is to a Garden".



### Music Musings

April 2023

*"O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;*

*I give Thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.*

*O Joy, that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;*

*I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be."*

Though written over 140 years ago by a blind Scottish preacher, this hymn texts still resonates today. It is reported that the author of this text, George Matheson, wrote it in a very short period of time, as if the words came to him as a "dayspring from on high." He penned these lyrics for his sister who was preparing to marry; perhaps the sentiment was borne out of remembering his short-lived engagement many years before. His fiancée opted out of the engagement after finding out that he was going blind. While this likely caused him much distress, it seems as if it reinforced his own need for total reliance on God. His ministry throughout Scotland flourished. Even Queen Victoria invited him to preach at Balmoral, so moved by his sermon on Job that she asked for it to be printed and published for more people to be able to receive.

It does seem that in times of sadness or distress God often becomes more "visible" to us, maybe not in a physical sense, but through our spiritual eyes in ways that go deep into the soul. Perhaps in our vulnerability we are even more willing to receive and experience God's touch, to hear His still small voice calling and comforting us as we grieve.

As we rapidly approach our celebration of Easter, we need to take time to remember the sacrifice of Christ, recalling the pain and grief inherent in the events of the Passion. It is in recalling the deepest pain, that we can truly celebrate when Easter morning arrives, joining our voices in praise with resounding and abundant, "alleluias!" In light of that I hope you will join us in worship on Palm/Passion Sunday as we celebrate the pomp and pageantry of Christ's entrance into Jerusalem, but then quickly turn to remembering His Passion and Death. One of the musical selections on Palm Sunday will be a lovely setting of this hymn text, "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go." Set to music by Elaine Hagenberg, the words come to life in a fresh way, reminding us yet again that the love of God is deeper, and more tenacious, than we could ever imagine.

Rest your weary souls in that love, friends, and be blessed!

Deb Carraway  
Music Director and Organist



Birthdays

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Kane Oldham         | 20 Court Hintze    |
| 2 Keith Burnett       | Meg Johnson        |
| 4 Bob Clements        | 21 Jeff Binneveld  |
| Jerry Steidl          | Darryl Seamans     |
| 5 Kathleen Trees      | 22 Wendy Breeden   |
| 6 Mary Jane Crane     | Tanina Singeltary  |
| 7 Charles Doty        | Christopher Battle |
| 8 Gary Neumann        | 23 Doug Springmann |
| 9 James Soltysiak     | 24 Maggie Delgado  |
| 11 Michael Saylor     | 25 Carmen Rebusmen |
| 15 Carol Hilbish      | 26 Tom Danielson   |
| 16 Russell Vance      | Dick Singeltary    |
| Sebastiana Springmann | 27 Sharon Bowersox |
| 17 Steve Millett      | 28 Jack Sergio     |
| 19 Linda Weekley      | John Knowles       |



Anniversaries

- |                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 5 Jim & Wendy Breeden   | 18 Tom & Linda Grizzard   |
| Jack & Patricia Jones   | 21 David & Cherie Knowles |
| 17 John & Nancy Russell | 23 Marc & Marie Crouch    |
| 18 Van & Terri Galyon   | Drew & Shelly Logan       |

**Easter Egg Assistance Needed!**

We are planning an Easter Egg Stuffing Party on **Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall.** We would love donations of plastic eggs, stuffed and unstuffed. And we'd love for you to join us!

**ST. JAMES INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL  
RED LETTER EDITION**

We meet in the Parish Hall at 9:00 AM for fun-filled learning activities for children and adults on the Gospel reading for the day. Breakfast is included! Because of Palm Sunday, Easter, the Jamaica Medical Mission, and Bikefest, we will have just one meeting in April, with our lesson on **The Road to Emmaeus on April 23rd.**



The Daughters of the King meet the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00PM in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 12, 2023 when we continue our study of Parables. All women of the Parish are invited. Please join us for prayer and study.

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Jeff Brooke-Stewart's Bible Study meets on Thursday evenings in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m. **Note: No Bible Study on April 6th.**



**BIKEFEST PARKING  
APRIL 28TH & 29TH**

We will once again provide parking for the Leesburg Bikefest on Friday, April 28th and Saturday, April 29th. The funds raised are used to support Youth Ministry and Missions. **Volunteers are needed** to help with parking both days. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Parish Hall. To find out more contact Chris Leware at 352-255-2535.



# 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10:00 Easter Egg Stuffing Party (PH)
<b>2 Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday</b> 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	<b>3</b> 6:30 Stephen Ministry	<b>4</b> 9:00 ECW Board Mtg. 10:00 ECW Gen'l Mtg.	<b>5</b> 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Adult Choir	<b>6 Maundy Thursday</b> 10:00 Eucharist 6:00 The Last Supper Presentation	<b>7 Good Friday</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9 Sunday of the Resurrection Easter Sunday</b> 7:00 Sunrise Service 8:15 Eucharist 9:00 Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 Eucharist	<b>10</b> 5:30 PEO Dinner (contact: Sue Hackney)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 2:00 DOK Meeting 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Adult Choir	<b>13</b> 10:00 Eucharist 6:30 Bible Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Jamaica Medical Mission Presentation 10:15 Eucharist	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> ECW Chapter Meetings	<b>19</b> 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 5:00 Finance Mtg. 7:00 Adult Choir	<b>20</b> 10:00 Eucharist 6:00 Vestry Meeting 6:30 Bible Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 11:00 Beryl Stokes Celebration of Life
<b>23</b> 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School <i>The Road to Emmaeus</i> 10:15 Eucharist 5:00 "Called" presented	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5:30 Men's Fish Fry (at the Logan's)	<b>26</b> 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 7:00 Adult Choir	<b>27</b> 10:00 Eucharist 6:30 Bible Study	<b>28</b> Bikefest	<b>29</b> Bikefest
<b>30</b> 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist						