

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



THE WOMEN WHO KNEW JESUS
April 11th, 2024
7:00 PM

The Women Who Knew Jesus will be presented at St. James on Thursday, April 11th, in the church. Jesus was a radical in his day for his interactions with women. Twelve women will tell their stories of how their interaction with Jesus changed their lives. The program takes one hour.

The cast for The Women Who Knew Jesus is:

The Virgin Mary:	Beth Williams
Woman with Bent Back:	Gail Robinson
Woman with a Flow of Blood:	Nancy Moran
Woman from Syro-Phoenicia:	Susan Roeglin
Mother-in-Law of Simon Peter:	Nancy Russell
Woman Caught in Adultery:	Wendy Krauss
Samaritan Woman at the Well:	Kay Oestreich
Mary of Bethany:	Lara Lehey
Martha of Bethany:	Sherry Lash
Mary Magdalene:	Janice Tindall
Salome:	Babs Treiber
Joanna:	Kathy Davidson

Are you new to St. James?
We would love for you to join us for our
ST. JAMES NEWCOMER LUNCHEON
SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH,
@ 12:00 PM in the Parish Hall
Please RSVP to the Church Office at
352-787-1981 or office@stjames-leesburg.org

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The Messenger is a monthly publication of St. James' Episcopal Church in Leesburg, Florida. It is mailed on the last week 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: Denise Cornett <office@stjames-leesburg.org>

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 Thursday Healing Service 10:00AM
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Visit our website at: www.stjames-leesburg.org



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 Deacon: Rev'd Art Hollows
Parish Organist/Choir Director: John Wilson
Youth Ministry and Choir Director: Elizabeth Williams
Treasurer: Linda Weekley
Parish Secretary: Denise Cornett
Finance Secretary: Pat Schaefer
Sexton: Wylie Hill
Housekeeping: Diane Smith
Vestry Members: Bill Binneveld, Rita Clements, Terri Galyon (Senior Warden), Linda Grizzard, David Knowles, Drew Logan (Junior Warden), Mackie McCabe, Stuart Mowatt, Marvin Naylor, Dan Robuck, Dick Singeltary, Linda Weekley

St. James Prayer List
 Call the Church Office (352)787-1981 with additions/deletions

LONG TERM

Judy Cable
 Dottie Elliott & Family
 Charles Hay
 Charles Stephens
 Jim Mitchell
 Doug Springmann
 Paul Smigel
 Fr. Bill Boyer
 Larry Bonofiglio
 Mabel Burns
 Kathryn Knight
 Pratt Carter
 Shirley Long
 Hailey Williams

Bill Boyer
 Brian Tuttle
 Tom Robertshaw
 George and Honey
 Gfroerer
 Mondeson Mondesir
 Carol Davis
 Bryan Hollows
 Olive
 Nick Martin
 Dee Kermode
 Lisa Allen
 Brandon Morrison
 Margaret Bolton

SHORT TERM

Janet Davis
 Baby Violet



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

A prayer shawl ministry is a ministry of compassion and the love of knitting or crocheting. The shawls are a source of God's unconditional love, wrapped around a person for comfort and solace, for people going through difficult times, as well as, times of celebration and joy.
 If you are interested in this Ministry, you may contact
 Joyce Walworth 727-517-5078 or joywalw2@gmail.com .

GRIEF SUPPORT

The Grief Support Gathering meets on the
First Thursday of every month at 3:00 PM at the Coffee Snob.
 Our next meeting is **April 4th**
 "Can Our Loved Ones Send Messages from Heaven?"
 Coffee Snob - 1101 North Blvd. W, Ste. #1 Leesburg
 Want to find out more? Contact Susan Cyrus at (352) 636-8969

LIBRARY CORNER

With hope that all in the Parish found their quota of Easter eggs and celebrated the cherished Easter festival, we move on through Eastertide - 50 days - to Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, and the long season of Pentecost. And now is your chance to discover your Parish Library. We have added a clutch of new books to our collection, recommended by Fr. Trees in the February Messenger. Also, we have located another 14 books during the past month written by the renowned Christian apologist, C.S. Lewis. Many were first presented as BBC radio lectures, and all are highly readable. The library, Room 6, is still open on Thursday mornings and after the healing service in the Chapel. Those folks attending the healing service usually meet afterward in the library for fellowship and light refreshments. Please join us. Then, just a reminder, books from our collection are always available for check-out from the book trucks in the parish hall, or from the youth collection in St. Nicholas House. As always, if you have questions, book recommendations or suggestions about the library, you may contact your Parish Librarian, Margaret Branham, by calling 352-787-5893.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Join us for our **Men's Prayer Breakfast** on **Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 8:00am** in the Parish Hall. We will have a DVD Bible study on "Searching for the Historical Jesus". Join us!

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Jeff Brooke-Stewart's Bible study is on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. They are continuing to study the Book of Acts. There is plenty of time to join!

BUTTERFLY RELEASE



Butterfly Adoptions for the release on Mother's Day, May 12th, will be available on Sundays in April. Adoptions are \$10 each and can be made in memory or thanksgiving of a loved one. Names will be read during the release which will be held between services in the Butterfly Garden.

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our **Red Letter Edition** Sunday School meets at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall. For each lesson we seek to apply the words and actions of Jesus in a lively and interactive setting, focusing on the Sunday's Gospel reading.

Breakfast is included!

Our schedule for April is as follows:

April 7th—Off

April 14th- Luke 24:36-48 Jesus Appears to his Disciples
After His Resurrection

April 21st- John 10:11-18 The Good Shepherd

April 28th— Jamaica Medical Mission Presentation



YOUTH SUNDAY APRIL 21ST

Youth Sunday is approaching! Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 21st for a joyful time of worship as our young people lead the 10:15 morning service. This is also a time when we honor our graduating seniors, so please join us and support our youth as they serve!



BIKEFEST PARKING APRIL 26TH & 27TH



Leesburg Bikefest is just around the corner!

We are looking for volunteers to help in our parking lots! On Friday, April 26th, and Saturday, April 27th, we will park hundreds of vehicles with proceeds benefitting our youth program. This is also a great opportunity to interact with the people of our community, and to show that St James is a friendly, welcoming place. Please consider signing up for a shift to help make a positive impact on the many people who attend! Sign-up sheets will be available on Sundays after services and in the church office during the week. Reach out to Beth Williams with any questions.

ECW UPDATE

The April General Meeting will be held on April 2nd. The Board meeting will commence at 9:00 am and the General Meeting, hosted by St. Anne's Chapter, begins at 10:00 am. The program will feature Inspirational Healing and will be presented by Candace Booth, Doctor of Naturopathy.

Chapter Meetings take place on Tuesday, April 16th.

Sherry Lash would like to remind members that the ECW Interest Questionnaires are in the back of the church. Please consider completing this survey. Your opinions help ECW better serve its membership.

New ECW Officers

President: Sherry Lash

1st Vice- President: Chris Meade

2nd Co-Vice Presidents: Karen Sofield and Dee Saylor

Secretary: Eileen Pens

Treasurer: Mary Burnett

Assistant Treasurer: Barbara Morgan



Ronald McDonald Arnold Palmer House, Orlando

A big THANK YOU to all of you who have given so generously to the Wish List for the Arnold Palmer House. They were delivered on March 27th when a group of twelve women from St. James packed their cars with all the ingredients and supplies to serve 30-35 guests while a child of theirs is hospitalized in the nearby Arnold Palmer Hospital. Watch for the next issue of the Messenger for all the details.

The Butterfly Release will take place on Mother's Day. As in previous years, you can purchase a certificate for each butterfly that you release which may convey a message of Gratitude or Remembrance. Certificates will be available beginning Sunday, April 7th.

MONTHLY FOOD DROP

Yikes, March 20th volunteers, Terri and Van Galyon, Tanina Singeltary, Jan Tindall and Rita Clements were wearing layers of clothing to meet the 56 degree weather! I thought spring started in March! March came in like a lion, but did not discourage St. James parishioners in their cars and "walk-ins" giving their donations for the LEESBURG FOOD BANK.

COLLECTED: 760 pounds of food, MAC AND CHEESE PLEASE: 113 pounds, \$700.00 TOTAL TO DATE: 41,827 pounds of food, **\$50,602.00**. Again, thank you for your generous monthly giving to the LEESBURG FOOD BANK as it is invaluable for our community. We are looking to forward to the April 17th FOOD DROP FROM 9:00-12:00. God's Love is strong. Psalm 117:2

A WORD ABOUT VESTRY MEETINGS...

Vestry meetings at St. James take place every third Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Vestry of St. James consists of twelve elected members who serve in leadership capacity, with Fr. Tom presiding, and Deacon Art participating. Unless otherwise indicated, Vestry meetings are open to anyone in the congregation who wishes to attend and quietly observe (only Vestry Members have "voice and vote"). If you would like to attend a Vestry meeting, please let us know ahead of time, so we can have materials available for you. You can contact the office at 352-787-1981 or office@stjames-leesburg.org.

IN MEMORIAM RON VEDDER



It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Ron Vedder on March 25th. Ron and Dot have been faithful members of St. James for over 25 years, active in several ministries. Please keep Dot and their whole family in your prayers. Ron's memorial service will take place on **Saturday, April 13th, at 11:00 AM.**

*Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord,
And let light perpetual shine upon him. Amen.*

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Led by Joel and Leanne Trees

Ours is a vibrant and fun young adult ministry dedicated to engaging young Christians in discussions about how to navigate and represent Christian values in today's society. We welcome people from all backgrounds to join in open discussions, offering equal opportunities for everyone to share their views and opinions. Our goal is to embody and share Christ-like faith authentically and openly, encouraging even the toughest questions as part of our journey together. This group meets weekly for dinner and fellowship on **Saturday nights at 7:00 PM in St. Nicholas House**. The primary focus is on young adults, aged 18 and over. However, it is open to teenagers aged 16 and above, provided we have their parents contact information and consent for their attendance.



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| 1 Kane Oldham | 20 Courtland Hintze |
| 2 Keith Burnett | 20 Meg Johnson |
| 4 Robert Clements | 21 Jeff Binneveld |
| 5 Kathleen Trees | 22 Wendy Breeden |
| 6 Mary Jane Crane | 22 Tanina Singeltary |
| 7 Charles Doty | 22 Christopher Battle |
| 8 Gary Neumann | 23 Doug Springmann |
| 9 James Soltysiak | 24 Maggie Delgado |
| 11 Michael Saylor | 25 Carmen Rebusmen |
| 13 Ann Cholewa | 26 Tom Danielson |
| 13 Sebastiana Springmann | 26 Richard Singeltary |
| 15 Carol Hilbish | 26 Ralph Lambert |
| 16 Russell Vance | 27 Sharon Bowersox |
| 17 Stephen Millett | 28 Jack Sergio |
| 19 Linda Weekley | 28 John Knowles |



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| 3 Robert and Katherine Geyer | 18 Tom and Linda Grizzard |
| 5 James and Wendy Breeden | 21 David and Cherie Knowles |
| 17 John and Nancy Russell | 23 Marc and Marie Crouch |
| 18 Cregg and Amy Careins | 23 Andrew and Shelly Logan |
| 18 Van and Terri Galyon | |

INFORMATION UPDATES

In order to facilitate better communication, we will be sending more information through the **St. James Daily Update** emails. If you are not receiving these updates, please call Denise at the church office to be added to the email list. Also, second quarter schedules for the Lectors, Lay Readers, and Ushers were emailed last month. Please call if you have not received yours. Denise can be reached at 352-787-1981 Monday thru Thursday from 9 am—4 pm.

JODY'S GIFT SHOP

We received many suggestions for “what do you do with a dollop of jam?” Many shared new ideas: peanut and butter and jelly sandwiches, ice cream toppings, meat smoking marinade, side serving with a favorite meat, yummy on yogurt, cream cheese garnish, cracker topping or just a direct dip with a teaspoon when opening the refrigerator! Many flavors are available for your specific appetite. Springtime items are available while the shop remains open for our regular hours. The shop will close for the summer in late May or early June with a Courtyard Alley Sale for end of the season. Stay tuned as the date is yet to be determined. Thanks for all the faithful volunteers and those who frequent the shop to “shop “ AND “ visit”. Donations are always welcomed while proceeds continue to give toward our Charitable Gifts in the community.



The Daughters of the King meet the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting will be on **April 10, 2024 at 2 pm.** Fr. Tom will be leading us in a Bible Study. All women are invited and welcome to attend.



Join the Mission Team on **Sunday, April 28th, at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall,** as they share their testimonies of their mission trip in February. There were 50 members on the team this year. Information will be given on the number of patients served in the areas of dentistry, optometry, gynecology, pediatrics, and internal medicine. A video presentation will be included.

Need to Meet with Fr. Tom?

If you would like to come by the church to meet with Fr. Tom, he will be available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to noon, and Thursdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you would like to arrange for other times to meet, you can contact him by phone or text at (352) 643-1182, or by email at frtrees@stjames-leesburg.org.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 Stephen Ministry	2 9:00 ECW Board Mtg 10:00 ECW General Mtg	3 12:00 Coffee &Philos. 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Adult Choir	4 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 3:00 Grief Support 6:30 Bible Study	5	6 DOK: NW Deanery Meeting
7 Second Sunday of Easter 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist 11:30 VBS Meeting	8 7:00 Ukulele Lessons	9	10 12:00 Coffee &Philos. 2:00 DOK 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Adult Choir	11 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 7:00 Women Who Knew Jesus	12	13 11:00 Ron Vedder Memorial Service
14 Third Sunday of Easter 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist 12:00 Newcomer's Luncheon	15 1:30 Membership Committee Meeting	16 ECW Chapter Meetings	17 8:00 Men's Prayer 9 - 12 Food Drop 12:00 Coffee & Philos. 4:00 Jubilate 5:00 Finance Mtg 7:00 Adult Choir	18 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:00 Vestry Mtg 6:30 Bible Study	19	20
21 Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist, Youth Sunday	22 7:00 Ukulele Lessons	23	24 12:00 Coffee &Philos. 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Adult Choir	25 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:30 Bible Study	26 Bikefest Parking	27 Bikefest Parking
28 Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 JMM Presentation 10:15 Eucharist	29	30				