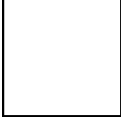


The St. James' Messenger
204 Lee Street
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St. James seeks to be a community that grows more Christlike, expressing the love of Jesus Christ in our worship, our outreach, and our commitment to discipleship.

ST. JAMES MESSENGER



GRIEF SUPPORT GATHERING

Thursday, August 11th

4:00 PM

at

The Coffee *SNOB*

1101 W North Blvd.

Leesburg, FL 34748

**Join Us
for Christian
Fellowship, Sharing &
Coffee**

Hearts Healing Hearts

MOVING FORWARD

GRIEF SUPPORT

Contact Person: Susan Cyrus

(352) 636-8969

AUGUST 2022

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CHURCH VESTRY & STAFF

- Rector: Rev'd Thomas Trees**
- Assisting Priests: Rev'ds Charles Hay, William J. Boyer**
- Assisting Deacons: Rev'd Art Hollows**
- Parish Organist/Choir Director: Deb Carraway**
- Nursery Coordinator: Carmen Rebusmen**
- Director of Youth and Families: Elizabeth Williams**
- Treasurer: Tom Grizzard**
- Parish / Finance Secretary: Pat Schaefer**
- Sexton: Doug Ames**
- Housekeeping: Diane Smith**
- Vestry Members: Bill Cauthen, Marc Crouch, Kathy Davidson, Danny Delgado (Senior Warden), Harry Hackney, David Knowles, Chris Leware, Drew Logan (Junior Warden), Mackie McCabe, Bob Tindall, Linda Weekley, Patti Wolf**

St. James ECW Holiday Courtyard Bazaar Coming Soon-ish!

We have scheduled our annual bazaar to raise money for our local, national, and international charities for November 19th. While that may not seem like "soon-ish," it is only about 110 days from the first of August. The bazaar is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, parish family development, and outreach. The money we earn at the bazaar helps us contribute significant funds to help others in the name of our almighty God.

The bazaar planning committee has been hard at work already to prepare for the big day. We need volunteers to help, both before the bazaar and on the day itself. If you can help with crafting, please contact Marie Crouch at (804)402-2015. Marie is looking for people at all levels of crafting expertise. Many of the items we will be selling will be created at "workshop days" that Marie will lead. She will provide materials, training, and help along the way.

The Plant Committee also needs help in these early preparation days. Often, parishioners who have green thumbs will grow plants in the summer months that they donate for sale the day of the bazaar. If you love plants but can't "grow your donations," the chairs of the Plant Committee are also accepting monetary contributions to purchase plants for sale at the bazaar. Chris Meade (352-787-4241) and Winnie Tucker (352-551-7244) are the chairwomen of this committee. They have a special message for you:

Beggin' your pardon
Get into your garden
And raise some sprouts
That you can bring out
And we'll give you a shout of THANK YOU!!!

One of our new committees, chaired by Eunice Mattear (727-415-5428), will be selling pet-related gifts and supplies at the Furry Friends Boutique. If you would like to volunteer to work with them or donate unused pet-related items for sale, please contact Eunice.

If you would like to help with the bazaar but aren't sure how to best assist, please contact Dorry Curran at 949-633-8471. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

St. James Prayer List

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

LONG TERM

Judy Cable
Court Hintze
Joyce Huey
Beryl Stokes
Renee Lashley
Bishop Brewer
Kurt Cessna
Meaghan and River Michael
Bryan Hollows
Tom & Helen Robertshaw
Charles Hay
Paul Smigel
Maura Nathanson
Ron Vedder
Mary Thompson
Michael and Cindy McCann
Mary Burnett
Michael Masters

SHORT TERM

(3 weeks).

JoAnne Statts
Teresa and Edward Schmitt
Tim Hackney
Dottie Elliott
Charles Stephens
Elwood Baxter



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 10:30 AM in the Parish Hall**. The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, August 24th**. 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).

JUBILATE RETURNS!

Summer may be over, but we have plenty to look forward to as Jubilate gets back into the "sing" of things! Back to school also means our youth are returning to Wednesday rehearsals on Aug. 10th. We will gather in the church while the St Nicholas House goes through some wonderful improvements! Grades 3-8 meet from 4 to 5 pm, and Kindergarten-2nd follows from 5 to 5:45 pm. The Parish Hall and playground will be open with adult supervision from 4 to 5:45. With various indoor games and snacks available, our kiddos will have plenty of opportunities for safe fellowship when they aren't in rehearsal. Any parishioners interested in being on a rotation to help with the games and snacks, please reach out to Beth Williams.

Sunday, Aug. 21st, we will hold a brief parent meeting after church in the chapel to discuss some outreach opportunities this season, as well as a few exciting changes. (Be on the lookout!)

Finally, there will be an interest meeting open to ALL parishioners! Sunday, Aug. 28th in the Parish Hall at 9:15 am, we'll meet for about 15 minutes to discuss the idea of Worship in Motion. For some people, sitting still during worship isn't always easy. Entering a place of peace and joy in our hearts can often extend to our hands and feet! If you think you might enjoy a small-group setting with our goal being to commune with God and each other through simple (and fun!) movement to music, please consider attending. The vision I have for this group is to encompass all ages, with any level of skill, experience, or mobility, coming together to focus our spirits, rejoice and worship God with all that we have. I hope to see you there!

A multitude of thanks to all who continue to support our young people with your prayers, your kind words, and your gifts. God has the power to do amazing things with very little. I can hardly wait to see what He has planned for our little people this year!

-Beth Williams

NEED TO MEET WITH FR. TOM?

If you would like to know when you can 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.



The Daughters of the King meet the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00PM in the Parish Hall. With so many Daughters being away, we will not meet in August. Our next meeting will be on September 14th and our guest speaker will be Nancy Boyer who will be discussing her new book "Growing Older.. We All Walk This Path." All women of the parish are welcome to join us.

ECW Jody's Gift Shop Updates

Trusting you have found a way to stay cool this summer. Our ECW GIFT SHOP COMMITTEE is making plans to REOPEN the ECW JODY'S GIFT SHOP for the fall and yes we will have fans!

OPENING DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

THE SCHEDULE:

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 10:00-2:00

SUNDAY 9:00-12:00

HIGHLIGHT:

The Gift Shop will be a supporting Booth for the 2022 Bazaar and will be open throughout the day in the shop and the area surrounding the shop.

FOOD DROP

Thanks to the generous and loyal St. James Parishioners, the Food Drop will continue from 9:00-12:00 on the third Wednesday of each month. The need is great and the support is welcomed and appreciated.



Music Musings

August 2022

"I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen and one was a shepherdess on the green: they were all of them saints of God – and I mean, God helping, to be one too."

Originally written as a children's hymn in the 1920s by a British mother, Lesbia Scott, for her own children, it is evidently no longer a familiar hymn in Britain, but found favor in American Episcopal circles throughout the 20th century. Her text was set to a new tune, written by a retired Episcopal priest (John H. Hopkins, Jr.), making its way into the 1940 hymnal, as well as the 1982.

What I love most about this simple hymn, is that it reminds each of us that we are called to love and serve God wherever we have been planted. No matter your particular gifts or talents you are a child of God, and can do great things for Him in your "little corner of the world." Perhaps you will find encouragement in knowing that your life has purpose and meaning, that you, too, are one of God's saints!

I hope you will join me for "Summer Singing Saints" in August as **all** are invited to gather on Sunday mornings (the first three Sundays of the month) to learn and sing an anthem for worship. You don't have to be a member of the choir, you just need to love singing! We will rehearse at 9:15 a.m. in the church, then you may sit with your families in worship until time for the anthem. We've not been able to do this since Covid, so I hope you will consider joining us in reclaiming this fun tradition for St. James.

Embrace your sainthood friends. Come sing a song with some of your fellow saints, and may God help us in our journey of love and service.

Yours in Christ,

Deb Carraway

Music Director and Organist


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| 1 William James
Durham Young
Sydney Tucker | 15 Van Galyon |
| 3 Kay Oestreich
Becky Binneveld | 16 Victoria Mymudes
Nancy Mitchell |
| 4 Judy Bedell
Suzanne Oldham | 17 Kimmey Young |
| 5 Bethany Trees | 18 Jim Statts |
| 6 Ryan McCabe | 19 Ann Kupferberg
Richard Tuke
Ted Ostrander |
| 8 Linda Merrill
David Lossing
Rahnee Grizzard | 21 Delcie Durham
Charles Singeltary |
| 9 Angela Phillips
Mitchell Graham | 23 Cherie Knowles
Holly Cauthen |
| 11 Elle Beltran
Kathy Gentile | 24 Patricia Cyrus |
| 13 Fran Bollenbach | 26 Ginny Cleaves |
| 14 Linda Carrico | 27 Nancy Boyer |
| | 29 Ed Walther
Barney Kranz |
| | 30 Charlene Smigel |



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| 2 Stuart & Herma Mowatt | 17 Terrell & Beverly Bounds |
| 5 Charles & Lorraine Johnson
Steve & Linda Merrill
Darryl & Jennifer Seamans | Jim & Mary Hooper |
| 12 Dan & Charmaine Tenwinkel | 19 Chris & Doss Hermann
John & Suzanne Oldham |
| 14 Larry & Barbara Demaline
Sean & Elizabeth Graham | 24 Chip & Fran Deems |
| 15 Michael & Patricia Cyrus | 29 Elwood & Judy Baxter |
| | 31 Harry & Sue Hackney |



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Our Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet again on Wednesday, August 17th, at 8:00am in the Parish Hall. We will continue to go through C.S. Lewis book "Mere Christianity." Look forward to seeing you there.

ECW NEWS

All ladies of St. James are invited to our Fall Coffee to kick off a new year.

We are excited to introduce our new Board, hear about our upcoming Bazaar and introduce new ways you can be a part of our fantastic group of "Woman of the Church".

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 10th at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall.

ALSO

There will be an ECW Board and Committee Chair's Meeting on Tuesday, August 30th at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall.

LIBRARY CORNER

We have been thinking and wishing that there were more parishioners who visited the Parish Library, where we keep an inspiring stock of religious books. Of course, we realize that if the library had more open hours, perhaps the clientele would increase. To that end, having more open hours is being considered. We'll let you know about that in this 'column'.

Meanwhile, please remember that the library does open on demand. Just call this number: 352-787-5983. It's a pleasant place for meditation and private study, as well as finding the right book to lead you in the paths of righteousness.

Hoping to see you on Thursday mornings in Rm.6, The Parish Library, from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Faithfully, Margaret & Linda



2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		2	3	4 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	5	6
7 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	8	9	10	11 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 4:00 Grief Support Gathering	12	13
14 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	15	16	17 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Monthly Food Drive 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 5:00 Finance Meeting	18 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:00 Vestry Meeting	19	20
21 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	22	23	24 10:30 Alzheimer/ Dementia Support Group 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy	25 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	26	27
28 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	29	30 10:00 ECW Board and Committee/ Chapter Chair Meeting	31 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy			