

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



ALPHA RETURNS! Come Be Our Guest!

We are starting our 4th ALPHA COURSE at St. James on **Tuesday, August 8th, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**

What is ALPHA? It is a 12-week course that provides an opportunity to grapple with the bigger questions of life and faith in a fun, nonthreatening environment. Each session lasts from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, and starts with a shared supper. Sessions feature a short video addressing some aspect of Christian faith, and conclude with small group discussions. There will also be one Saturday retreat. There is no cost to participate in the program. Even if you can't make the opening session or are not sure that you will be able to attend all twelve, we'd love for you to join us whenever you can. The program is great as a total package, but each week can stand on its own.

Some of the weekly topics include: "Who is Jesus?", "Why Did Jesus Die?", "How Can I Have Faith?", "How and Why Do I Read the Bible?", "Why and How Do I Pray?", and "Does God Heal Today?" The Saturday retreat focuses on The Holy Spirit.

If you would like more information or would like to sign up for ALPHA, please contact **Dorry Curran at 949-633-8471 or tinkrvl@gmail.com**. You can also see Dorry to get a brochure with more details, which includes comments from past ALPHA @St. James guests. Also, if you can help provide a supper for one of the sessions, Dorry would love your assistance!

Please consider joining us and inviting people in your life that may be searching for answers to their spiritual questions.

We look forward to hosting you as our guests!

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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>

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Thursday Healing Service 10:00AM

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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 Priests: Rev'd William J. Boyer, Rev'd. Ron Peak

Assisting Deacon: Rev'd Art Hollows

Parish Organist/Choir Director: John Wilson

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

"TASTE OF ST. JAMES" **Honoring 33 years of Mission Work**

Back by popular demand, this wonderful evening of great food, drink and fellowship will be held
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 6-8PM.

This event is a fundraiser for our Jamaica Medical Mission to raise funds for supplies, medical needs and shipping costs.

To prepare for this special night, I will need 20 CHEFS, (can be couples, friends, groups, or church mission groups) to prepare enough food of ONE ITEM (2-4 ounces, a sampling) for 100 people to taste. The CHEFS, (participants) are encouraged to decorate their table and dress to match their food item's origin or theme. Prizes will be awarded!

Please contact Sharon McCabe, 352-267-8188, Shebylou@aol.com, if you are interested in BEING A CHEF AND HAVING A TABLE or DONATING A RAFFLE ITEM.



St. James members, guests and community are invited. Tickets are \$25 and will be available early September. Libations will be available that evening for a donation.

LIBRARY CORNER ~ Margaret Branham

We have been gathering in the parish library for a little light refreshment following the Thursday healing service. This gives those attending the service a chance to discover the library, and an opportunity for the parish librarian to introduce a few books in our collection. It is a pleasant time for fellowship. For the next three Thursdays our friend, Linda Weekley, will be in charge of the library, while your librarian takes a brief trip to Scotland. Stop by and have a chat with Linda. It's Room 6, you know, opposite the parking lot and butterfly garden.

St. James Prayer List

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

LONG TERM

Judy Cable
Dottie Elliott
Joyce Huey
Charles Hay
Charles Stephens
Stephen Norris
Jim Mitchell
Becky Mitchell
Doug Springmann
Pratt Carter
Janet Davis
Ron Vedder
Paul Smigel

Kurt Cessna
Helen Williams
Sandy Oberholtzer
Gabe Selton
Bishop Michael Curry
Bishop Dan Herzog
Paul Jordan
Chris Collins
Lauri Grizzard

SHORT TERM

Lauren Beacham
Luke P.
Larry Bonofiglio
Carole Warner
Dee Kermode
Fr. Bill Boyer

IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences to the family and loved ones of **Joan Reid**, who passed away on May 31st, and **Kathy Billington**, who passed away on July 15th. Interment services for both Joan and Kathy are being planned at St. James.

GRIEF SUPPORT

The Grief Support Gathering will meet **Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 4:00 PM at the Coffee Snob** (1101-1 W. North Blvd, Leesburg). The topic: *"What advice would you give someone who recently lost a 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. **Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 23rd.** 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).



ST. JAMES YOUTH CHOIRS

School is back in session, and that means our St James Youth choirs will reconvene, as well! Groups meet each Wednesday beginning on August 16th for rehearsal in the St. Nicholas House.

Like last year, the Laudate group is open to ages 4 thru 2nd grade, and the Jubilate group is for 3rd thru 8th. New this year: we are expanding the program by adding a middle and high school ensemble, Cantate! This group will work on more difficult music to be shared in worship once a month. Middle school students are welcome to participate in one or both groups, based on preference. Jubilate rehearsal is 4-5pm, Cantate is 5-6pm, and Laudate is 6-6:45pm. We will also provide dinner in the parish hall at 5pm for the younger students, and again at 6pm for the older students.

We are looking for volunteers to help with meals. Any volunteers willing to assist with cooking and/or serving Wednesday evening meals for our youth, please reach out to me or the church office. There will be a calendar available for sign-ups, as well as simple meal ideas.

God continues to be faithful. We also continue to find ways to use our gifts for the glory of the Lord. Thank you for your help and prayers as we enter a new season of worship!

-Beth Williams

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our **Men's Prayer Breakfast** will meet again on **Wednesday, August 16, 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, (941) 807-3176 or (941) 807-3176

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) ECW OUTREACH

Even with temperatures in the triple digits, the ladies of ECW are busy making plans for the Fall events, The Holiday Bazaar and the Old Time Christmas Market.

A Board meeting is planned for August 1st at 10:00AM to plan for our Welcome Back Coffee morning in September,

Becky Binneveld and Marie Crouch are organizing a series of **Bazaar Workshops** in August. These will take place in the Parish Hall, in the morning and evening, to accommodate all ECW members. These dates and times will be posted in the bulletins and sent out via email, so please watch for them.

Margaret Branham would like to encourage members to send any photos that they have taken at St. James events to: ecwscrapbook@gmail.com. These will provide a historical record for our church.

Ronald McDonald House Outreach— While the heat and humidity necessitated emptying the RMD house, constructed by Ted Kermode to hold our POP-TOPS, Meg Bremer reports that we have accumulated several hundred POP-TOPS. This project will continue this fall, and we are hoping our “snowbirds” are still collecting them while enjoying their summer break. Please keep pulling those tabs, It is such a worthy and wonderful cause.

ECW MONTHLY FOOD DROP

Believe it or not, the somewhat brutal summer heat diminished a bit and the day was quite pleasant for the JULY FOOD DROP! Dressed in the St. James blue shirts, volunteers, Terri and Van Galyon, Jan Tindal, Tanina Singletary and Rita Clements greeted 28 cars accepting food and money supporting our Leesburg Food Bank.

COLLECTED: 520 pounds of food
 \$1005.00

TOTAL TO DATE: 36,214 pounds of food
 \$45,462.00

Thanks for your loyal support that makes the FOOD DROP a continuing success. We look forward to the third Wednesday FOOD DROP on August, 16th, 9:00-12:00. With gratitude and God’s blessings.

“We may give without loving, but we cannot
Love without giving.”

—Unknown



AUGUST MUSIC UPDATE



I pray everyone is having a safe and happy summer. The new school year is already upon us and our home is filled with both excitement and anxiousness just like so many of yours are this time of year. Each fall brings new opportunities and challenges for our children and I pray God will continue to be with our kids as they venture through another chapter in their lives.

I would also like to welcome back those of you who have been traveling. Although with the heat being so brutal, some of you may not come back until November! Please come say hello after church if we have yet to meet.

Summer Singing Saints is here! We will be singing some familiar songs in unique choral settings. I encourage anyone who likes to sing to join us at 9:15 on the first 3 Sundays in August. Each of these songs can be found online and you can preview them if you like.

8/6/23: “How Great Thou Art/ Majesty” (Hine/ Hayford) setting by Joel Raney

8/13/23 “Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place” (Wolfe) setting by Jack Schrader (I would like to have some children lend their voices on this selection)

8/20/23 “Rain Down” (Jamie Cortez) arr. John Carter (this selection will have a simple chorus part the congregation can sing) Lastly, choir rehearsals resume Wednesday, August 16th at 7pm. I’m very excited about working with our wonderful St James Choir. This is also another great opportunity to join our music ministry. We will be singing some familiar pieces, learning new ones and getting ready for the upcoming Christmas program.

Blessings,
John



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, August 9**, when we continue our study of Parables. All women of the Parish are invited. Please join us for prayer and study.



Birthdays

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| 1 William James
Durham Young
Sydney Tucker | 16 Nancy Mitchell
Victoria Mymudes |
| 3 Kay Oestreich
Becky Binneveld | 17 Kimmey Young |
| 4 Suzanne Oldham | 18 Jim Statts |
| 5 Bethany Trees | 19 Ann Kupferberg
Richard Tuke |
| 6 Ryan McCabe | 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 | 24 Patricia Cyrus |
| 13 Frances Bollenbach | 27 Nancy Boyer |
| 14 Linda Carrico | 29 Ed Walther
Barnelia Woodward |
| 15 Van Galyon | 30 Charlene Smigel |
| | 31 Keith Reddick |

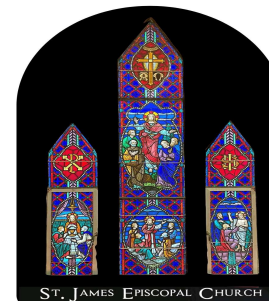


Anniversaries

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| 2 Thomas & Robin Crabtree
Stuart & Herma Mowatt | 15 Michael & Patricia Cyrus |
| 5 Charles & Lorraine Johnson
Steve & Linda Merrill | 17 Terrell & Beverly Bounds
Jim & Mary Hooper |
| 8 Darryl & Jennifer Seamans | 19 Chris & Doss Hermann
John & Suzanne Oldham |
| 12 Dan & Charmaine Tenwinkel | 24 Chip & Fran Deems |
| 14 Larry & Barbara Demaline
Sean & Elizabeth Graham | 31 Harry & Sue Hackney |

JODY'S GIFT SHOP

The gift shop would like assistance from the Parish on selecting the ornament for this year. We have narrowed it down to three choices. The first is the window located behind the organ: The Conversion of St Paul. The second is a window from the Old Testament, depicting Naomi and Ruth. The third is one not seen by many. It is located in the Sacristy and is one of the most loved stories in the Bible. This is the Fishermen window. Below are designs. Please vote for your favorite by circling the title and deposit the form in the box in the back of the church.



Conversion of Paul



Naomi and Ruth



Fishermen

WHAT IS STEPHEN MINISTRY?

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members—called *Stephen Ministers*—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.

WHO ARE STEPHEN MINISTERS?

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation.

WHAT DO STEPHEN MINISTERS DO?

After being matched with a person experiencing a life crisis, the Stephen Minister meets with that person on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support, as long as the need for care exists.

HOW CAN I BECOME A STEPHEN MINISTER?

Stephen Ministry training is typically offered once a year. The next session starts in the Fall, starting **September 16, 2023**. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact either:

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| Bob Tindall | (717) 575-3092 | walruselect@gmail.com |
| Sherry Lash | (706) 614-0290 | sblash@protonmail.com |



2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy	3 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 4:00 Grief Gathering 6:00 Bazaar Workshop	4	5
6 Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	7	8 10:00 ECW Board Mtg. 6:00 PM ALPHA	9 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 2:00 DOK	10 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	11	12
13 11th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	14	15 10:00 Bazaar Workshop 6:00 PM ALPHA	16 8:00 AM Men's Prayer 12:00PM Coffee/Philosophy 4:00PM Jubilate 6:00 PM Bazaar Workshop 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	17 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:00 Vestry Meeting	18	19
20 12th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	21	22 6:00PM ALPHA	23 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 2:00 Dementia Support Grp 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	24 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	25	26
27 13th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	28	29 6:00 PM ALPHA	30 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	31 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service		