

St James Episcopal Church

204 N. Lee Street

Leesburg, FL 34748

Phone (352) 787-1981

AUGUST 2025



Our Mission

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

MESSENGER

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP



This group is for anyone who is taking care of or who has ever taken care of a love one. This group is run by Jeff Livesay and meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Connect with others who understand the challenges of caregiving.

There will be NO meeting in August. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, September 4th.

Thank you, Jeff Livesay

GRIEF SUPPORT

Our next Grief Support Gathering is **Thursday, August 7th** at **The Coffee Snob (1101 W. North Blvd, Leesburg 34748)** after closing. The Meet and Greet will start at **3:00 p.m.** with the meeting starting around **3:15 p.m.** If you would like to order a drink or something to eat, I suggest you come earlier.

Our conversation topic for August is **“Knowing the Right Time to ...”!** We are all faced with making lots of big decisions, especially after losing a spouse. When do I....

- **Start attending church?**
- **Engage in social activities?**
- **Start (or finish) a major home improvement project?**
- **Start feeling comfortable traveling solo?**
- **Relocate or sell our homes?**
- **Start teaching a class or starting a support group?**

The list goes on and on. Everyone's grief journey is deeply personal and unique. So how will we know when the time is right? Join us as we share our thoughts and experiences in an effort to help each other **“Move Forward”**.

If you have any questions about our support group or this session, please contact:

Susan Cyrus, Grief Support Facilitator



DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters of the King meet on the **2nd Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** There will be **NO** meeting in August. Their next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 10th at 2:00 p.m.**



If you are interested in joining the Daughters of the King, please contact: **Catherine Holt.**

ST. JAMES MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's Ministry holds a prayer breakfast on the **3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.** Their next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 20th.**

If you are interested in joining the Men's Ministry, please contact: **Ted Kermode.**

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Students seeking to build life-and job-related skills may join the **Holy Trinity Extended Transition Program** now hosted at St. James! Transition students will explore job opportunities and career options including a variety of trades, technology fields, and higher education tracks. Students will have access to dual enrollment classes at Lake Sumter State College and Lake Technical College, while maintaining the support and structure of classroom learning. Transition students will also have access to a variety of supplementary programs like **Driver's Ed, Vocational Rehab, and Florida's Work Ready programs**. The goal of this program is to explore interests, build skills, increase employability, and enable independent learning beyond the High School setting.

If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out by phone at **(352)787-8855** or by email at **office@htepiscopalschool.org**.

Many thanks,
Seth Trees,
Operations Coordinator
HTEpiscopalSchool.org
(352)787-8855



LIBRARY CORNER



On August 17th there will be an Inquirer's Class, leading to Confirmation, led by Deacon Art Holloway and Sebastiana Springman. Perhaps you are planning to attend? Therefore, you will find books and pamphlets on the parish hall book truck about the Episcopal "way" that can help one prepare for this study, so check them out.

Also, children, parents and grandparents will find youth books on that library book truck, (look for the sign), that will be a great source for summer reading or for home time reading enjoyment. **REMEMBER, READING IS FUNDAMENTAL**, a great way to spend a hot summer day inside.

Thanks for choosing good reads from YOUR PARISH LIBRARY, which is open on **Thursday mornings, 8:30 a.m. until noon.**

Margaret Branham, St. James Librarian



DAVIDIC DANCE



**In the Bible, Psalm 149:3 says,
“Let them praise his
name with dancing.”**

We are very blessed with an opportunity to learn Davidic dance from Ralph and Dr. Mindy Fisher Seta this August 8th! **Registration and fellowship from 5-6 p.m. and dance from 6-9 p.m.** Their current tour includes California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Florida, Switzerland, and concludes with a return to Israel for Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles. They are known world-wide for their dance instruction and leadership in dance ministry.

What is Davidic dance? This is a type of dance also called, “Messianic dance” and is a joyful expression of praise and thanksgiving to God. It is danced to Israeli music and has been danced for thousands of years.

Why should I come to this? This is an opportunity for us to gather as a community and experience an evening of dancing the way that King David and his lineage danced. You do not need to know anything to participate. You will experience an evening of community, joy, and worship.

What should I wear? Be in comfortable clothes that you can move around in. Wear tennis shoes or flats.

Can I come to just watch? Of course you can! (We would ask you still donate \$10 to support the ministry.) You can be a part of the community in the way that works for you physically! We would love people sitting around the circle clapping along with us and *praising God!*

What does it cost? There is a suggested donation of **\$10 per person with a cap of \$20 per family!** They are trusting in God to cover their travel expenses. They have shared that it will cost \$400 to cover their cost while here in Leesburg, Florida. If you would like to be a sponsor and help cover their travel expenses, please contact St James Episcopal Church office 352-787-1981 or Lara Lahey, dance coordinator. You can offer any amount- small or large! Together we can bless this ministry! Would it not be amazing to send them on their way with **MORE** than they need!

JULY FOOD DROP

Thank you to all our volunteers for all their help with the July Food Drop. Terri and Van Galyon, Barbara Logan, Tanina and Dick Singeltary, Jan Tindal along with Bob and Rita Clements.

TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED:

- ~ 605 POUNDS OF FOOD from St. James
- ~ 38 pounds of food from the Harris Chain Sail and Power Squadron Club.
- ~ 637 pounds of food for a total of \$680.00

TOTAL AMOUNT TO DATE:

~51, 505 POUNDS
OF FOOD
~ \$59,589.00

We continue to challenge the summer weather and look forward to your wonderful support as our Leesburg Food Bank remains open throughout the summer. See you at the next FOOD DROP, Wednesday, **AUGUST 20th from 9:00-12:00.** OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS US and remains **THANKFUL. BLESSINGS TO YOU!** Life is a steep grade and we welcome every opportunity to give to our community.



A Lift when it is needed.
Blessings to you, Rita



“A TASTE OF ST. JAMES”

Friday, October 3rd, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



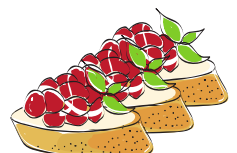
Every year St. James participates in the **Jamaica Medical Mission**. This is a national Ministry that brings hope to communities across Jamaica by sharing supplies, skills and medical expertise to individuals that might not otherwise have easy access to such needed resources.

Several volunteers from St. James travel to Jamaica each year to take part in this ministry and the Taste of St James is a Fundraiser for supplies and medical needs to benefit the Jamaica Medical Mission.

We need 20 CHEFS to prepare enough food for 100 people to taste. The food items needs to be **ONE ITEM** only, (2–4 OUNCES, A SAMPLING). This can be anything from a chocolate desert to a delicious steak hors d’oeuvre, we encourage creativity.

Tickets are **\$25** per person and will be on sale every Sunday between services and in the church office throughout September.

Please contact **Kathleen Trees or Aaralyn Howell** for more information.





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SUNDAY

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WEDNESDAY

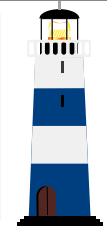
THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



SUMMER



3 8th Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 Eucharist (RITE I)
10:15 Eucharist (RITE II)

4 6:00
Beginner
Ukulele

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6 12:00
Coffee & Philosophy
(Coffee Snob)

7 8:30-12
Library Open
10:00 Healing &
Anointing Service

8 6:00
Davidic Dance
(Parish Hall)

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10 9th Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 Eucharist (RITE I)
10:15 Eucharist (RITE II)
2:30 Dulcimer Class

11 3:00 Stephen
Ministry
6:00 Beginner
Ukulele
7:00 Advanced
Ukulele

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13 12:00
Coffee & Philosophy
(Coffee Snob)

14 8:30-12
Library Open
10:00 Healing &
Anointing Service

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17 10th Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 Eucharist (RITE I)
10:15 Eucharist (RITE II)

18 6:00
Beginner
Ukulele

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20 8:00 Men's Prayer
Breakfast
9:00 - 12:00 Food Drop
12:00 Coffee & Philosophy
4:30 Jubilate (Coffee Snob)
6:45 Adult Choir

21 8:30-12
Library Open
10:00 Healing &
Anointing Service

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24 11th Sunday After
Pentecost

8:00 Eucharist
(RITE I)
10:15 Eucharist
(RITE II)
2:30 Dulcimer Class

31 12th Sunday After
Pentecost

8:00 Eucharist
(RITE I)
10:15 Eucharist
(RITE II)

25 6:00 Beginner
Ukulele
7:00 Advanced
Ukulele

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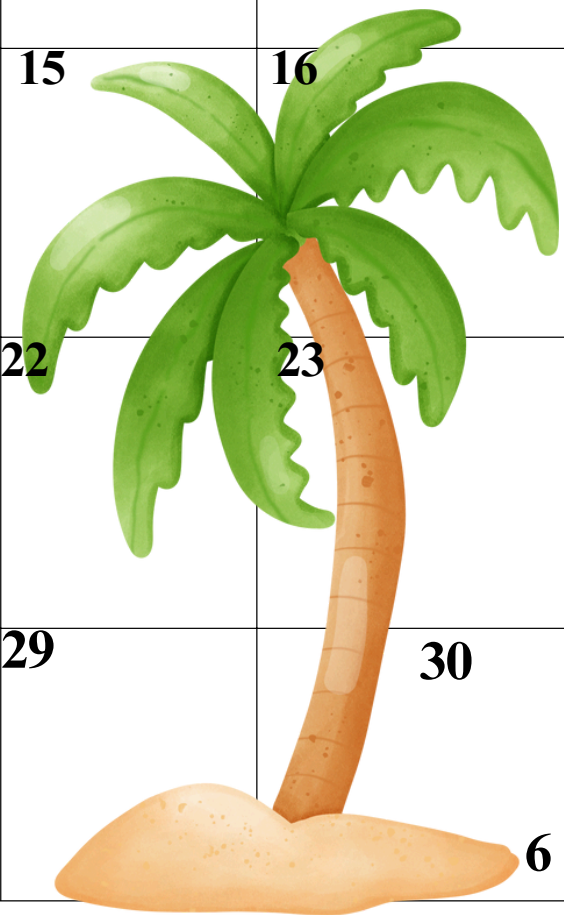
27 12:00
Coffee & Philosophy
4:30 Jubilate (Coffee Snob)
5:00 Finance
6:45 Adult Choir

28 8:00 Butterfly
Garden Weeding
8:30-12 Library Open
10:00 Healing & Anointing
Service
6:30 Vestry

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THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Bible Study with Jeff Brooke-Stewart

Beginning on **September 4th at 6:30 p.m.**, we will begin a Fall/Winter evening Bible study in the **Parish Hall**.

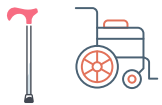
Let me say that “I have been persuaded” to lead the group through the final book in our scriptures - **The Revelation to John, or simply; Revelations**. I did lead a group through Revelations quite some years ago here at St James, and many members asked for this study again.

Revelations is arguably the most complex book in scripture. But in its complexity it also has much beauty. Over time it has received many interpretations, understandings and has led to various prophetic thoughts. It has inspired poets and authors. MacLean Gilmour described it as “a drama of a high order set on a cosmic stage”. It undoubtedly was the model for C S Lewis’ novel “The Last Battle”.

Revelations contains timeless practical advice to the church and it builds to a wonderful affirmation of Christ. There is of course, the introduction of seemingly complex apocalyptic references to dragons and beasts and stars falling to earth, (just imagine that for a moment!), but with careful reading and discussion they need not confuse us, but rather help our understanding.

I use the **English Standard Version (ESV) Bible**. I recommend a very inexpensive (\$4.00 as I recall) little book from Amazon entitled “**ESV Scripture Journal: Revelation**”. Opposite each page of scripture is a lined blank page for your notes. Very helpful.

I’m looking forward to this! **Jeff Brooke-Stewart**



TEMPORARY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN



If you have medical equipment at home that you no longer need, is in good working condition, and that you would be willing to loan to a fellow parishioner for a short-term, we need your help.

St. James would like to set up a **Medical Equipment Directory** for our parishioners. This directory will be filled with names and numbers of individuals they can call for an equipment loan after an accident or before a planned surgical procedure.

If you are interested, please contact **Janice Tindall**.



ST. JAMES MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY



St. James is getting ready for another Pictorial Directory. All the data collected from the Membership Information Forms will be listed in this Pictorial Directory, unless you notify us otherwise.

If you do not want your name, photo, phone # or email address listed, please notify the Office. The information to be listed in the Pictorial Directory is as follows:

1. Your Name.
2. Your Photo. You may submit a photo or request a photo be taken by the church staff.
3. Your Address.
4. Phone Number. The Phone number listed on the Membership Form will be shown.
5. Email Address. An email address for each individual will be shown.

If you would like to be considered a member of St. James, please fill out the Membership Information Form located in the Narthex & Church Office.

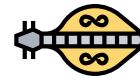
For more information, please contact Bob Tindall.



ST JAMES MINISTRIES



DULCIMER MINISTRY



If you would like to learn how to play the Dulcimer please join us on the 2nd and 4th Sunday from 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. in the Chapel. If you need extra help, arrive at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact John Burr.



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GREETERS & THE “WELCOME” MINISTRY

Our greeters provide the hospitality component of our Invite Weclome Connect ministry. They arrive early and are stationed at the welcome table in the Narthex. With a smile on their face, they greet our guests, provide our “Red Bag” and offer the Welcome card to be filled out by the guest. They escort the guests to a seat in the sanctuary and introduce them to the members around them. We have greeters at both services.

If interested in joining this group, please contact: **Chris Leware**



MUSIC MINISTRY

Happy summer St. James. I would like to invite anyone interested in singing in our choir to please join us for our first rehearsal on **Wednesday, August 20th at 6:45pm** in the church. Our first piece for the fall season will be on Sunday, September 7th. This is a great chance for you to try-out the group without a long term commitment. Come rehearse with us for a few weeks; sing with us on 9/7 and 9/14; and then prayerfully consider joining our choir. St. James has so many wonderful people who do so much for our church. If you are able to share your talents with our music ministry then we would love to have you join us.

Come make a joyful noise! **John Wilson, Choir Director**



ADULT CHOIR



The choir is an essential and vibrant part of our regular worship. If you like to worship through song, please join us! We are a wonderful group of loving Christians who bring our gift of music to our worship every Sunday. Whether you are a novice or virtuoso we have a place for you here at St. James. The choir sings at the 10:15 Sunday service from September-May. There are other opportunities for vocalists to present solos, or participate in ensembles, for worship. This is especially true during the summer months. Rehearsals are

Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m.



BELL CHOIR



A handbell choir, ensemble, or team performs music on a set of handheld bells tuned to the chromatic scale. An entire handbell choir is itself a single instrument, with a musician responsible for only one or a very few select notes that, when played together with the other musicians, becomes rich melodies and harmonies. **Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 5:45 p.m., during the season.**

If interested in joining either of these group, please contact John Wilson, Choir Director



YOUTH CHOIR



JUBILATE (K - 5TH CHOIR) - CANTATE (6TH - 12TH EMSEMBLE)

Our young musicians sing during the 10:15 Sunday worship services from September through May. They also have a special Christmas program, and a Spring performance. On special occasions, we also visit retirement homes and assisted living facilities with song selections during the year. Rehearsals are in the St Nicholas House: **Cantate Sundays from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. & Jubilate Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.**

If interested in joining either of these group, please contact **Beth Williams, Youth Director**



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



1st William James

Sydney Tucker

Finley Weber

Durham Young

3rd Rebecca Binneveld

Georgianna Kelly

Katherine Oestreich

4th Judy Bedell

Suzanne Oldham

5th Bethany Trees

6th Ryan McCabe

8th Eric Anselmo

William Hoth

David Lossing

Linda Merrill

9th Mitchell Graham

11th Elle Beltran

12th Kim Wicklund



13th Fran Bollenbach

Dennis Gaillardet

15th Cyrus Galyon

Jeff Livesay

16th Victoria Mymudes

Nancy Mitchell

17th Kimmey Young

18th Jim Statss

19th Ann Kupferberg

20th Thomas Reynolds

23th Cheryl Knowles

24th Patsy Cyrus

28th Dr. Uju Amadi

29th Ed Walter

Barney Woodward

30th Charlene Smigel

31st Keith Reddick



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



2nd Stuart and Herma Mowatt

5th Charles and Lorraine Johnson

8th Dr. Uju Amadi

12th Lindsey Weber

14th Larry and Barbara Demaline

Sean and Beth Graham

15th Michael and Patsy Cyrus

17th Terrell and Beverly Bounds

James and Mary Hooper

19th C.L. and Doss Herman

John and Suzanne Oldham

24th Chip and Fran Deems

31th Harry and Susan Hackney

ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST

SHORT TERM



Dorry Curran	July 9th
Pat Kelly	July 14th
Patricia Bailey	July 20th
Art Hollows	July 20th
Jack & Judy Rigby	July 28th



3 MONTHS

Keneta Gaillardet	June 1st	Sally Lawrence	May 20th
Jan West	June 9th	Mary Burnett	May 21st
Todd Boyd & Family	June 9th	Pam Thomas	May 25th
Barbara & Don Fodor	June 24th	Jim Christian	May 25th
Janet Davis	May 6th	Leroy McClurg	May 25th
Joseph Sahab	May 6th	Margaret Peggy Link	May 29th
Dale Jandzinski	May 12th		

LONG TERM

Baby Autumn, Michael Baker, Patrici Bailey, Nathan Battle, Marion Belson, Peggy Berutich, Nina Bonney, Bill Boyer, Joe Branham, Margaret Branham, Susan Burden, Mabel Burns Scott Butler, Judy Cable, Cregg Carreins Jr., Beverly Caswell, Jasmine Cleeton, Birdy Connelly, Kristin Conner, Corinne, Beth Crossley, Beverly Cox, Paul Dallaire, Randy Denk, Berni Dodeci, Jimmy Draime, David Dudley, Dottie Elliott, Art Hollows, Kami Hecker, Brook James, Ben Johnson, James Kevin, Kaley, David Knowles, Katie Leware, Elizabeth Linberger, Linda Long, David Lossing, Bill Mann, Nadine Millett, Becky Mitchell, Jim Mitchell, Brandon Morrison, Caroline Morrison, Belinda Morton-Rusk, Jared Mymudes, Curt Oestreich, Gail Ostrander, Cindy Raczkowski, Paul Rizzo, Bubba Robinson, Holly Rouse, Robert Sanchez, Charlie Schaefer, Steve Scharber, Donna Sharnosk, Jameson Small, Peggy Steeves, Ann Seagraves, Shelly Thomas, Danny Thompson, Dot Vedder, Julitta Velton, Kevin Watkins & Rob Yeager, Sue Roeglin.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday Services:

8:00 a.m. (Rite 1) & 10:15 a.m. (Rite II)

Healing & Anointing Service:

Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

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Please visit our website at: www.stjames-leesburg.org

CLERGY¹¹ & STAFF

Rev'd Thomas Trees,

Rector

Cell & Email - (352)-643-118 / frtrees@stjames-leesburg.org

Rev'd Art Hollows,

Deacon

Sebastiana Springmann

Candidate

Victoria Mymudes

Parish Secretary

John Wilson

Parish Organist/Choir Director

Elizabeth Williams

Youth Ministry & Choir Director

Wylie Hill

Sexton

VESTRY

(Senior Warden) Terri Galyon, (Junior Warden) Bert Sofield,
(Treasurer) Tom Grizzard

Members: Bill Binneveld, Claire Meade, Rita Clements,
Tony Cobb, Susan Cyrus, Linda Grizzard, Stuart Mowatt,
Dan Robuck, Dick Singeltary

The Messenger is a monthly publication of St. James' Episcopal Church in Leesburg, Florida. It is published 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: Victoria Mymudes <office@stjames-leesburg.org>