

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



O COME LET US ADORE HIM!

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS
@ ST. JAMES**

**Wednesday Mini-Concerts:
"A Christmas Mosaic"**

**December 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd
@ 12:00 p.m.**

Concerts will be Livestreamed on our Church Website (www.stjames-leesburg.org), on YouTube ("Leesburg StJames"), and our Facebook page. Please contact the church office to let us know which services you would like to attend.

Christmas Eve Services

Thursday, December 24th @ 5:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m., &
10:00 p.m.

(Pre-Service Music starts 20 Minutes before the 5:00 and 7:30 services, and 30 Minutes before the 10:00 service)

Christmas Day Service

Friday, December 25th @ 10:00 a.m.

Because of spacing limitations, we are adding a third Christmas Eve Service this year to allow for more in-person attendance. Please contact our church office to let us know which service on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning you would like to attend.

Our Christmas Eve service will be Livestreamed.

DECEMBER 2020

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>

Church Mailing Address:

St. James Episcopal Church
204 N. Lee Street
Leesburg, FL 34748

Services: Sunday 8:00AM & 10:15 AM
Thursday Healing Service 10:00AM

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Go to our website: www.stjames-leesburg.org; or
Go to our Facebook page!

CHURCH VESTRY & STAFF

- Rector:** Rev'd Thomas Trees
- Assisting Priests:** Rev'ds Charles Hay, William J. Boyer, Ron Peak
- Assisting Deacon:** Rev'd Jerry Steidl
- Parish Organist/Choir Director:** Deb Carraway
- Nursery Coordinator:** Carmen Rebusmen
- Director of Youth and Families:** Elizabeth Williams
- Minister to Teens:** Susie Brewer
- Treasurer:** Tom Grizzard
- Parish / Finance Secretary:** Pat Schaefer
- Sexton:** Doug Ames
- Housekeeping:** Diane Smith
- Vestry Members:** Bonnie Binneveld, Ted Bowersox, Marc Crouch, Kristen Daley, Kathy Davidson, Steve Merrill (Junior Warden), Bruce Saylor (Senior Warden), Dick Singletary, Joanie Smalley, Bob Tindall, Steve Treiber, Patti Wolf



COFFEE AND PHILOSOPHY

Over the years I've been blessed to meet and talk with a number of you on matters of faith. If you want a regular time and place where you can do that, starting December 2nd, you can join me every **Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at The Coffee Snob in Leesburg (1101-1 North Blvd) for an hour of "Coffee and Philosophy"**. You can come by and raise any question on the Bible, theology, or philosophy you want.

UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)

"The National UTO Board is changing the focus for the next round of grants to center around recovery efforts from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. UTO will be there to help with the spiritual and economic recovery process here and throughout the world until 2022!"

Therefore, the Board is accepting donations for what is now called the remaining 2020 Ingathering. To contribute, make checks payable to St. James ECW and note UTO on the memo line. Mail to St. James Episcopal Church, 204 Lee St., Leesburg, FL 34748. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our St. James' Family. You help so much by giving thanks and providing offerings to share your blessings. God bless you -- stay safe, stay well, stay grateful." Dottie Elliott, UTO Chairwoman

Daily Bible Reading Calendars

What's on your bucket list? Is reading the Bible in its entirety on there? If yes, then we have the perfect gift for you. It is a 2021 Daily Bible Reading Calendar. It lists Bible readings for each day so that by the end of the year you will have read the entire Bible – some parts more than once. There are enough for one per household, and will be available in December. Donated by friends, these calendars are a Christmas gift to the people of St. James.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Please mark your calendars for the **134th Annual Parish Meeting** which will take place on **Thursday, January 28th, at 6:00PM** in the Church. We will review key events from 2020, confirm our budget, select four new vestry members, and look forward to what God has in store for us in 2021.

St. James Prayer List

Call the church office (352)787-1981 with additions/deletions

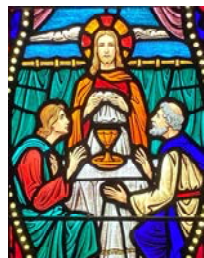
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 Charlie Perrin
 Donna Baker
 Lanny Ames
 Olga
 Erin Byrns
 Bob Tindall
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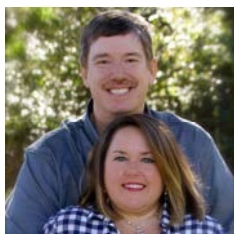
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IN MEMORIAM: Bill Brewer Fr. Grayson Garvin

We offer our thoughts and condolences to Susie Brewer, and all the family and loved ones of Bill Brewer, who passed away on November 3rd.



We are also saddened to learn of the passing of Fr. Grayson Garvin on November 6th. Fr. Garvin was the Interim Rector at St. James from 2004-2005, and from 2006-2007.



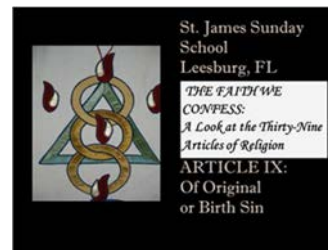
A special Thank You to all of you who have made a financial commitment to St. James for 2021, and who contributed your thanksgivings and prayers to our Blessing Door. We are excited to see what the Lord does as we open our doors to a new season of following Christ in worship, discipleship, and outreach. If you have not yet made your pledge for 2021 and would like to do so, cards are available in the back of the church or in the church office.

FAMILY CHURCH SERVICES FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH @10:15AM STARTING DECEMBER 6TH

A number of our families with school aged children have refrained from attending our Sunday services to avoid putting our older parishioners at risk. To allow space for them to attend, we are designating the 10:15 service on the first Sunday of each month as our Family Service. Parents are especially invited to come with their children on those days. Anyone else is free to come as well—just note that families with kids will be there!

Our first "Family Service" will be on December 6th—St. Nicholas Day!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



Adult Sunday School with Fr. Tom continues with the course, "The Faith We Confess: A Look at the Thirty-Nine Articles. We meet each week in the Parish Hall at 9:15am

THURSDAY HEALING EUCHARIST

Thursday Morning Healing Eucharist services have now resumed each Thursday at 10:00 in the Parish Hall.



ECW MONTHLY UPDATE

Bizarre Time

Normally, this is the time of year when we are busily preparing for our Annual Fall Bazaar. This year we had planned to hold it on November 4th. Due to Covid-19 safety concerns, this is not an option in 2020. ECW still has many valuable missions to support in our community and world. We hope to have a fundraiser in late winter or early spring, but it may have to be in the form of a virtual auction. So, as ECW President in this challenging year, I challenge you to channel that money you usually spend on preparing pies, cakes, cookies, candy, lunch, crafts, antiques, etc. and donate it to the ECW. Don't forget to add in what you typically spend as a customer at the events! Then do that on a monthly basis until we reach our \$20,000 goal. Checks can be made out to St. James ECW with a notation at the bottom "bazaar donation."
Bonnie N. Binneveld

FOOD DROP PROJECT

SO VERY THANKFUL
INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL
UNBELIEVABLY BLESSED

As we head into the holidays, St. James Parishioners once again demonstrated "OUR GENEROUS GIVING"! THANK YOU.

November FOOD DROP:

Donated: 1551 pounds of food
\$1565.00

7 MONTHS TOTAL
10,081 pounds of food
Monetary
\$11,670.00

God's Blessings to you for a Happy Thanksgiving. See you on the third Wednesday of the month for the December 16th FOOD DROP!



MUSIC MUSINGS December 2020

*"A Christmas Mosaic
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Please join us for a series of mid-week concerts at St. James throughout Advent as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. Held at Noon each Wednesday beginning December 2, each 30-45 minute concert will feature a variety of instrumental and vocal music, creating our very own Christmas mosaic.

<i>December 2</i>	<i>Looking for the Light</i>
<i>December 9</i>	<i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>
<i>December 16</i>	<i>Joy in the Journey</i>
<i>December 23</i>	<i>Promises...Fulfilled!</i>

A suggested donation to support our local food pantry (either money or a non-perishable food item) will be requested, though not required, to attend the concerts. Due to current distancing requirements, reservations and masks will be required, and seating will be assigned, so please call the church office in order that you may join us and be inspired for the season.



- 2 Bonnie Kern
Midge Shotwell (100!)
Dennis Koski
Alex Northcott Fuentes
- 3 Gail Robinson
John Robinson
Terri Brock
- 4 Andrew Braun
- 5 Richard Province
Claire Brooks
- 6 Ruth Mitchell
Maddison Young
- 7 Margaret Branham
Ron Vedder
- 10 Robin Cauthen
George Kramer
Bruce Saylor
- 11 Jim Mitchell
Callie Polk Wilkes
- 13 Mary Burnett

- 16 James Pearson
- 17 Lyle Haddenham
- 18 Sam Musso
- 19 Beau Young
Ferrell Young
- 21 Bill Cauthen
Jason Gray
- 22 Della Usher
- 24 Dee Kermode
Fred Kermode
- 26 Meredith Kirste
Caden Smalley
- 27 Marion Vaughn
Benjamin Trees
- 28 Lauri Grizzard
- 29 Betty Stephens
Ann Holden
Lila Van Beek
- 30 Anna Valdez
Bonnie Binneveld

**Congratulations to Midge Shotwell,
turning 100 on December 2nd!**



- 13 Dewey & Kaitlyn Waddell
- 18 Gary & Beverly Booth
Jeff & Stephanie Engel
Ferrell & Carol Young
- 21 Ted & Judy Bedell
- 27 Lee & Carol Hilbish
Jim & Becky Mitchell
- 31 Charles & Winnie Tucker



If you would like to make a donation of \$12.00 to our Christmas Flower Fund in honor of a loved one, please complete this form, and return it, along with your donation. The names of all donors and honorees will be included in the Christmas bulletin if received not later than Wednesday, December 16th.

Name: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____



Congratulations
VALERIE NAYLOR

now a member of
The Order of the Daughters of the King
November 22, 2020

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, good will toward men,
Luke 2:15

May we each practice good will toward men.
A blessed Christmas to all of you.

JODY'S GIFT SHOP

St. James ECW now has a small but lovely gift shop at 204 N. Lee Street just across from our administrative office. We are open Monday-Saturday from 10:00-2:00 and on Sundays between services. We will also open for you by appointment if those hours don't work. We have a little bit of everything, so try to come visit us and support our ministries by shopping at Jody's Gift Shop...





2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 ECW Board Mtg. 10:00 ECW Gen'l Mtg.	2 12:00 Advent Concert 1:00 Coffee & Philosophy	3 10:00 Eucharist	4	5
6 8:00 Eucharist 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Family Service	7	8	9 12:00 Advent Concert 1:00 Coffee & Philosophy	10 10:00 Eucharist	11	12
13 8:00 Eucharist 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Eucharist	14 10:00 DOK Board Mtg	15 ECW Chapter Mtgs. 10:00 St. Ann's (PH) St. Francis (Chapel)	16 10:00 DOK Gen'l Mtg 12:00 Advent Concert 1:00 Coffee & Philosophy 5:00 Finance Mtg.	17 10:00 Eucharist 6:00 Vestry Mtg.	18	19
20 8:00 Eucharist 10:00 Eucharist	21	22	23 12:00 Advent Concert 1:00 Coffee & Philosophy	24 Eve of Nativity 5:00PM Eucharist 7:30PM Eucharist 10:00PM Eucharist	25 Day of Nativity 10:00 Eucharist	26
27 8:00 Eucharist 10:00 Eucharist	28	29	30	31 10:00 Eucharist		