

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



*Light and Peace in Jesus  
Christ Our Lord!*

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS  
@ ST. JAMES**

**ECW Christmas Luncheon**

Tuesday, December 7th @ 11:00 a.m. in the Church

**Jubilate Presentation: The Great Gift Exchange**

Wednesday, December 15th @ 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

**Choir Presentation: Hope...The Heart of Christmas**

Sunday, December 19th @ 4:00 p.m. in the Church

Both the Jubilate and Choir presentations will be livestreamed.

**Christmas Eve Services**

Friday, December 24th @ 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.  
(Pre-Service Music at 4:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.)

Our 5:00 p.m. Family Service will feature selections from our Jubilate choir, decorating the creche, and a children's sermon.

Our 9:00 p.m. Traditional Service will feature selections from our adult choir.

**Christmas Day Service**

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

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Go to our website: [www.stjames-leesburg.org](http://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
- Assisting Deacons:** Rev'd Jerry Steidl, Rev'd Art Hollows
- 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, Bill Cauthen, Marc Crouch, Kristen Daley, Kathy Davidson, Danny Delgado (Senior Warden), Harry Hackney, Chris Leware, Steve Merrill, Bob Tindall, Steve Treiber (Junior Warden), Patti Wolf

**Christmas Flowers**



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. The names of all donors and honorees will be included in the Christmas bulletin if received not later than **Thursday, December 16th.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Thanksgiving:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUTTERFLY GARDEN**

There will be a workday in the butterfly garden, **Thursday, December 23rd** 8:30 AM, It has been moved to the 3rd Thursday this month due to Thanksgiving. All willing hands are appreciated. -Jan



**A MARY CHRISTMAS**

**By Janet Davis**

We feel our Christmas is not complete,  
without Christmas stockings and lots to eat.  
A decorated tree, presents galore,  
gifts and wrappings all to the floor.

But Mary's Christmas was not like this;  
She had a star up in the sky, and  
Angels singing a lullaby.  
Her newborn baby was her perfect gift,  
She had no need for more than this.

# St. James Prayer List

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

## LONG TERM

Judy Cable  
Court Hintze  
Dorothy Martin  
Sandy Ostrowski  
Kristen Hooper  
Dottie Elliott

Kathleen Magurean  
Nash Booth  
James Kaley  
Chris  
Aaron Jellison  
Sarah Sisson  
Joyce Huey  
Keith Bangert  
Nathan

## SHORT TERM (3 weeks).

Tom Grizzard  
Kathy Nowrocki  
Gloria Griffin  
Bill  
Art Leveroni  
Bill Keene



## IN MEMORIAM



We offer our condolences to Shirley Fiebke and her family at the passing of her husband, Bob Fiebke, on November 13th, 2021. A memorial service for Bob has been scheduled for **Saturday, December 11th, at 11:00 AM.**

*Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord,  
and may light perpetual shine upon him.  
May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,  
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## NEW WORSHIP GUIDELINES

As of November 23rd, The Diocese of Central Florida has given us permission to remove mask requirements for in person worship at St. James. They still ask that you stay 3 feet from non-family members in the service.

We are also allowed to have communion at the altar rail, and distribute wine by intinction in the chalice.

Masks are still available for anyone who wants one, along with hand sanitizer. You may shake hands at the passing of the peace, but please respect the wishes of those who wish not to do so.

## ST. JAMES JUBILATE: "The Great Gift Exchange"



Join in the fun as Jubilate presents their annual Christmas program! "The Great Gift Exchange" is a series of skits and songs that will surely give you a few laughs, as well as an important message about Christmas and the gift of Jesus.

Our youth will present this program on **Wednesday, December 15th at 5:30 pm** in the parish hall, so please join us! This event will also be viewable online, so tune in if you're unable to attend in person. The kids are very excited to share with you "The Great Gift Exchange!"

Thank you to all of you who have made your pledge for 2022. If you still need to send yours in, there is still time. Pledge cards are available, or you can simply contact Pat at our office at (352) 787-1981 or office@stjames-leesburg.org. Our Giving Envelopes are also available on the back pew of the church with your names on them.

And be sure to watch Dorry Curran's excellent YouTube lessons, "**Blessed Stewardship: A Door of Opportunity**"! They can be viewed at our website: [www.stjames-leesburg.org](http://www.stjames-leesburg.org)



## ECW NEWS

The ECW would like to offer sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of our November Bazaar in endless ways. We were able to raise approximately \$7,500 to support our ministries! Our next possible project is a live auction, so please be thinking of items, trips, use of condos, meals, etc. that you might be willing to donate. The next ECW meeting is a **Christmas Luncheon** scheduled for **Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall**. Board will meet at 10:00, followed by a General Meeting at 11:00 featuring PAWS THERAPY DOGS. The ECW Board and Hospitality Committee will then offer a light luncheon. We are NOT bringing covered dishes due to Covid guidelines from our Diocese, but will welcome monetary contributions to help pay for lunch.



### JODY'S GIFT SHOP HOURS

Sunday	-Between Services
Wednesday	10:00-2:00
Thursday	10:00-2:00
Friday	10:00-2:00

ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, THE SHOP WILL CLOSE AND REOPEN ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON HAS BEEN A HAPPY AND PRODUCTIVE TIME. COME VISIT! WE CONTINUE TO ACCEPT HANDMADE ITEMS, UNIQUE COLLECTIBLE PIECES, ITEMS FOR GIVING AND OTHER TREASURES! THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT TO ECW FOR OUR SUPPORT TO CHARITABLE GIVING. THANK YOU, STAY SAFE. PRAYERS GO WITH YOU.

RITA CLEMENTS

### Food Drop

The cars increased from 25 to 28 and carried food and money for the November FOOD DROP. Our St. James team including Terri and Van Galyon, Jan Tindall and Tanina Singletary received the bountiful offerings.

<b>Collected:</b>	<b>1008 pounds of food</b>
	<b>\$1155.00</b>
<b>Yearly Total</b>	<b>20,979 pounds of food</b>
	<b>\$26912.00</b>

Thank you for sharing and meeting the needs of our community. We are looking forward to and thankful for our next FOOD DROP on **December 15, the third Wednesday** of the month.



## *Hope ... The Heart of Christmas*

*Presented by St. James Choir,  
Jubilate and Instrumental Ensemble*

*Sunday, December 19, 2021 @ 4 p.m.*

*“Let us hold fast to the confession of  
Our hope without wavering, for He  
Who has promised is faithful”  
Hebrews 10:23*

## NEW BIBLE STUDY COMING SOON!

Jeff Brooke-Stewart will be starting up a weekly Bible study on Thursday, January 6th, at 6:30. He will go through the Old Testament Book of Ruth. This is a short study (4 chapters), that will allow participants to get to know each other and decide on other topics thereafter.

If you are interested, contact Jeff at [jbrookestewart@aol.com](mailto:jbrookestewart@aol.com) or call him at 401-486-6871, to give him an idea of participants.

**St. James Sunday School**  
*The Letter to the Hebrews*  
*9:00 AM in the Parish Hall*

We are taking a close look at the Letter to the Hebrews, addressing its significant themes and ask how they apply to our lives today. These themes include: its defense of Christian faith, the High Priesthood of Christ, its invitation to “draw near,” and its warnings of judgment. We will meet on December 5th and 12th, then take a break until the new year.



- 2 Bonnie Kern  
Midge Shotwell (100!)  
Dennis Koski  
Alex Northcott Fuentes
- 3 Gail 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
- 12 Michael Preston
- 13 Mary Burnett
- 14 Byron Oldham
- 16 James Pearson
- 17 Lyle Haddenham
- 18 Sam Musso  
Denise Carpenter
- 19 Beau Young  
Ferrell Young
- 21 Bill Cauthen  
Jason Gray
- 22 Della Usher  
Dennis Koski
- 24 Dee Kermode  
Fred Kermode
- 26 Meredith Kirste  
Caden Smalley
- 27 Gene Vaughn  
Benjamin Trees
- 28 Lauri Grizzard
- 29 Betty Stephens  
Ann Holden  
Lila Van Beek
- 30 Anna Valdez  
Bonnie Binneveld

- 4 Dennis & Peggy Koski
- 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

### HOLY BAPTISM



We rejoice at the baptisms of Anika and Peter Trees on October 31st, and of Mabel Breck Burns on November 26th! "You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever".



### Who is a Daughter? She wears this cross.

Are you willing to "Lift and uphold the cross," as our cross shows and our motto says? You may be called to be a Daughter of

the King. To learn more, attend our meeting, **Wednesday, December 8th** in the Parish Hall.

Congratulations to **Berta Puckhaber**, (2nd from right), who was welcomed into the Martha and Mary Chapter on Christ the King Sunday, November 21st!



### BIKEFEST THANKS

Thank you to EVERYONE who volunteered helping to park vehicles during the Leesburg Bikefest! Special thank you also to Pat Schaefer and Doug Ames for setting up everything we needed ahead of time, and to Beth Williams for feeding the troops. It was a great team effort! We made \$2250 for our Youth!

Thank you also to Rob Bowersox for replacing our old first aid kit with a brand new one! We also appreciate Rob helping us to get a new battery for our AED machine! Thank you Rob for taking good care of us. –Chris Leware

### The Library Corner

During this holiday season, you will find lots of Christmas titles ready for checking out on the book truck, and here is a sincere Holiday message (instead of books) from your parish librarians, Margaret & Linda: Our hearts are filled with gratitude today, a deep expression as we pause to appreciate everyday blessings, such as good books and library patrons to read them. We don't really need to wait for a special day to give thanks. Gratitude is a way of life, a goal to find the good in all situations. As we express gratitude for everything we have and hope to receive, we open the door to abundant blessings and are faithful they will come.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS DEAR PARISHIONERS.**



# 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:30 Jubilate 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 11:00 AM Memorial Service John Robinson
<b>5</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	<b>6</b> 2:00 DOK Board Mtg. 6:30 Stephen Ministry	<b>7</b> 10:00 ECW Board Mtg. 11:00 ECW Gen'l Mtg.	<b>8</b> 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 2:00 DOK Meeting 4:30 Jubilate 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 11:00 AM Memorial Service Bob Fiebke
<b>12</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 5:00 Finance Meeting 5:30 Jubilate presents "The Great Gift Exchange"	<b>16</b> 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:00 Vestry Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 4th Sunday of Advent 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist 4:00 "Hope.. The Heart Of Christmas"	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> ECW Chapter Meetings	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	<b>24</b> 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Traditional Service	<b>25</b> 10:00 The Day of the Nativity Christmas Day Service
<b>26</b> St. Stephen's Day 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	<b>31</b>	