





## A Lay Eucharistic Minister Training Session



A Lay Eucharistic Minister Training Session with Sebastiana Springmann has been scheduled for Sunday, **February 1st at 11:30 a.m.** All current and new LEM'S, as well as those interested in becoming a LEM, are encouraged to attend.

For more information, please call the church office at **352-787-1981**.



## Crescendo Choral Festival



Mark your calendars! The St James Adult Choir and the St. James Youth Choir will be participating in the Crescendo Choral Festival on **Sunday, February 1st at 4:00 p.m.** This community event will take place at **Morrison United Methodist Church in Leesburg**. This year, our singers have

**Joel Raney** the privilege of working with special guest conductor and composer.

This is a **FREE** event. We hope to see you there as we represent our church within this great music community!



## CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP



The Alzheimers-Dementia Care Givers Group welcomes all who have a loved one or are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month to discuss the ways and means of expressing compassion and how to care for our loved ones in the midst of a difficult challenge.

All discussions are kept in strict confidentiality. Please note that our meetings are for caregivers only (and not the one with A/D) to allow the freedom to share as needed. Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 4th, 2026 at 10:30 in the Parish Hall**.

*Jeff Livesay*



## February GRIEF SUPPORT Gathering



Our next Grief Support Gathering is this **Thursday, February 05, 2026 at the St. James Episcopal Chapel** located behind the church (204 N. Lee Street in Leesburg). Meet and Greet will start at 3:00 on the Veranda in front of the Parish Hall. Bottled water and a small snack (usually chocolate) are provided.

Our conversation topic for February is **“Refocusing after Losing a Spouse or Significant Loved One”**. One of the most difficult tasks after loss is refocusing and rebuilding our lives. How do we find new purpose in our lives again? Join us as we share our experiences and thoughts on helping each other **“Move Forward”**.

Hope to see you Thursday, February 5th at St. James Episcopal Church’s Chapel **Our grief support group meets once a month** and is open to anyone who has lost a loved one and needs support from others who know firsthand what they are going through. *Susan Cyrus, Grief Support Facilitator*



The Society of English Country Dancing  
Second Annual

# Winter Society Ball

FEBRUARY | 6  
6:00PM - 9:00PM

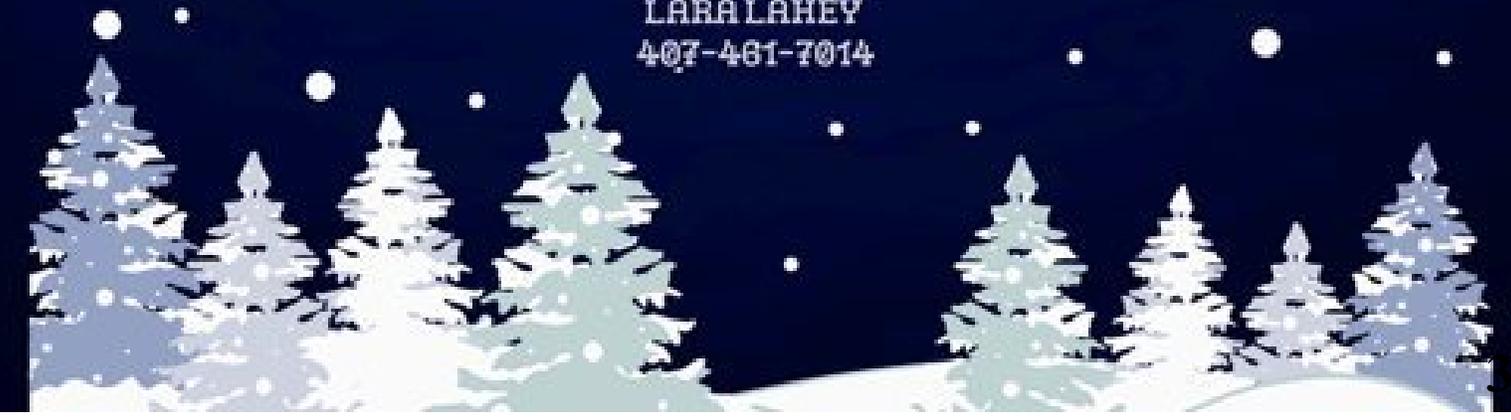
ST JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

204 LEE ST LEESBURG, FL

TICKETS \$15 PER PERSON

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TICKET SALES:

LARA LAHEY  
407-461-7014





## 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**. Our next meeting, scheduled on **Wednesday, February 11, 2026**.

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

**All are welcome!**



## ST. JAMES MEN'S MINISTRY

Please join us in our Men's Morning Prayer service and enjoy breakfast and fellowship. Our program is "Understanding Angels" by Jason Turner, it is a 4 part video. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 8:00 a.m. Except for this month's meeting. It will take place on the **SECOND Wednesday, February 11th at 800 a.m.** because the third Wednesday in February is Ash Wednesday. Our meeting would conflict with the 8:00-church service.

The Men's Ministry is sponsoring a work day with the **Habitat for Humanity on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., after the Men's prayer Breakfast**. The building site is in Leesburg. Skill or no Skill. Everyone welcome to participate. For more information, please contact the church office at **352-787-1981**.

*Ted Kermode*

**All are welcome!**



## LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL

As we prepare to enter the holy season of Lent, you are warmly invited to take part in a special Lenten Sunday School series beginning **Sunday, February 15th**, held between our two morning services at **9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall**.

This year, we will journey together using The Way of Love in Lent from the Episcopal Church—a thoughtful, prayerful exploration of practices that draw us deeper into the life of Christ. Each of the seven sessions will be led by a different member of our parish community: **Ted Kermode, Sherry Lash, Dorry Curran, Bob Tindall, Rev. Art Hollows, Rev. Beth Hall and Rev. Sebastiana Springmann**.

Those who attend will receive additional weekly materials and reflections by email to enrich your Lenten practice, so please keep an eye on your inbox throughout the season.

We hope you'll join us for this meaningful time of learning, reflection, and community as we walk the Way of Love together this Lent.

If you have any questions, contact **Rev. Sebastiana at [revsebastiana@stjames-leesburg.org](mailto:revsebastiana@stjames-leesburg.org)**.

# Welcome to our new Vestry Members:



**Sean Lahey**



**Nancy Moran**



**Dee Saylor**



**Cherie Knowles,  
Senior Warden**



**Our 2026 VESTRY**



Our Jamaica Medical Mission team will be ministering at St. Mary's Anglican Parish in Port Maria, from February 21st-28th. We ask your prayers for our whole mission team of over 50 members, including our parishioners from St. James: **Tony Cobb, Chris Meade, Claire Meade, Stuart Mowatt, Richard Singeltary, Benjamin Trees, Elijah Trees.**

**Sunday, February 8th** we celebrate a milestone: 39 incredible years of serving our brothers and sisters in Jamaica through the **Jamaica Medical Mission!** Over the years, your generosity has made a tangible difference in the lives of countless patients receiving vital healthcare at our mission site. As we mark this special occasion, we're facing a pressing need: helping patients access life-changing prescription medications and glaucoma treatments. Your continued support means we can keep providing these essential services. If you're able, please consider a gift to support our mission's efforts – every contribution brings hope and healing to those who need it most.

Thank you for being part of this journey! **Giving envelopes are provided in the February 8th bulletin and in the Church Office for the month of February.**

*Thank you, Sharon McCabe*

**SUNDAY**

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

**1 4th Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**8:00 Eucharist (RITE I)**  
*9-12 Jody's Gift Shop Open*  
**10:15 Eucharist (RITE II)**  
**11:30 Lay Eucharist Minister Training**  
**11:30 Cantate**  
**4:00 Crescendo Choral Festival-Morrison**  
**6:00 Young Adult Bible Study** (St. Nicholas House)



**2**  
**6:00 Beginner Ukulele**

**3**  
**9:00 ECW Board Meeting**  
 (St. Nicholas House)  
**10:00 ECW General Meeting**  
 (Parish Hall)

**4**  
*10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open*  
**10:30 Caregiver Support Group**  
 (Parish Hall)  
**12:00 Coffee & Philosophy**  
 (Coffee Snob)  
**4:30 Jubilate**  
**5:45 Bell Choir**  
**6:30 Adult Choir**

**5**  
**8:30-12 Library Open**  
*10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open*  
**10:00 Healing & Anointing Service** (Chapel)  
**3:00 Grief Support** (Chapel)  
**6:30 Bible Study-The Book of Revelation** (Parish Hall)

**6**  
*10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open*  
**6-9 English Dance Winter Society Ball** (Parish Hall)

**7**

**8 5th Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**8:00 Eucharist (RITE I)**  
*9-12 Jody's Gift Shop Open*  
**10:15 Eucharist (RITE II)**  
**11:30 Cantate 3:00 Dulcimer**  
**6:00 Young Adult Bible Study**  
 (St. Nicholas House)



**SOUP-ER BOWL**

**9**  
**3:00 Stephen Ministry**  
**6:00 Beginner Ukulele**  
**7:00 Advanced Ukulele**

**10**

**11**  
*10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open*  
**12:00 Coffee & Philosophy**  
 (Coffee Snob)  
**2:00 Daughters of the King**  
 (Parish Hall)  
**4:30 Jubilate**  
**5:45 Bell Choir**  
**6:30 Adult Choir**

**12**  
**8:30-12 Library Open**  
*10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open*  
**10:00 Healing & Anointing Service**  
**6:30 Bible Study-The Book of Revelation** (Parish Hall)

**13**  
*10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open*

**14 Valentine's Day**  
**TABLE SCAPES**  
 6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.  
 Babysitting by Beth Williams Available



**15 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**8:00 Eucharist (RITE I)**  
**9:00 Sunday School** (Parish Hall)  
*9-12 Jody's Gift Shop Open*  
**10:15 Eucharist (RITE II)**  
**11:30 Cantate**  
**6:00 Young Adult Bible Study**  
 (St. Nicholas House)

**16**  
**6:00 Beginner Ukulele**

**17 SHROVE TUESDAY**  
 CHAPTER MEETINGS  
**10:00 St. Annes**  
 (Parish Hall)  
**10:00 St. Francis**  
 (St. Nicholas House)  
**3:00 St. Cecilians**  
 (St. Nicholas House)  
**6:00 Pancake Supper & Talent-ish Show**  
 (Parish Hall)



**18 ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**Imposition of Ashes:**  
**8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.**  
**9:00 - 12:00 Food Drop**  
*10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open*  
**4:30 Jubilate**  
**5:45 Bell Choir**  
**6:30 Adult Choir**  
**5:00 Finance Committee**

**19 8:00 Weeding Day in the Butterfly Garden**  
**8:30-12 Library Open**  
*10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open*  
**10:00 Healing & Anointing Service**  
**6:30 Vestry Meeting**  
 (St. Nicholas House)  
**6:30 Bible Study-The Book of Revelation** (Parish Hall)



**20**  
*10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open*

**JAMACIA MEDICAL MISSION LEAVES**

**22 1st Sunday of Lent**  
**8:00 Eucharist (RITE I)**  
**9:00 Sunday School** (Parish Hall)  
*9-12 Jody's Gift Shop Open*  
**10:15 Eucharist (RITE II)** **11:30 Cantate**  
**1:00 Messianic Dance 3:00 Dulcimer**  
**6:00 Young Adult Bible Study** (St. Nicholas House)

**23**  
**6:00 Beginner Ukulele**  
**7:00 Advanced Ukulele**

**24**  
**6:00 Beginner Ukulele**

**25**  
*10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open*  
**12:00 Coffee & Philosophy**  
 (Coffee Snob)  
**4:30 Jubilate**  
**5:45 Bell Choir**  
**6:30 Adult Choir**

**26**  
**8:30-12 Library Open**  
*10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open*  
**10:00 Healing & Anointing Service**  
**6:30 Bible Study-The Book of Revelation** (Parish Hall)

**27**  
*10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open*

**JAMACIA MEDICAL MISSION RETURNS**

**FEBRUARY 2026**

**\$\$\$\$\$\$\$** It seems as if I do a lot of talking about fundraising. Let me take a moment to explain why this is so close and dear to our ECW hearts. Last year, through the hard work of ECW and the generosity of the St. James's parishioners, St. James was able to help support our community by donating to over **20 local charities**. Throughout the year we will be highlighting some of these charities to keep you informed of our community outreach ministries and the important impact we have. If you are not familiar with these worthy organizations, please look them up!

**Episcopal Relief & Development \$2,000 (Disaster Relief CA, KY, TN, NC)**

**Lake County School's Social Services \$1,000**

**Ronald McDonald House of Central Fl. \$500.00**

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank our parishioners for their generous support of our fundraising efforts. Please know how much we appreciate you, as do the recipients of our charitable giving.

**ECW MEETINGS**

ECW Board Meeting ~ 9:00 a.m. (St. Nicholas House)

**St. Martha's Chapter**

ECW General Meeting ~ 10:00 a.m. (Parish Hall)

This Chapter meets monthly on different days and times, usually in the evening and at a restaurant.

**CHAPTER MEETINGS ~FEBRUARY 17TH**

10:00 a.m. ~ St. Anne's (Parish Hall)

Study: Walk In Love Episcopal Beliefs

10:00 a.m. ~ St. Francis' (St. Nicholas House)

Study: Walk In Love Episcopal Beliefs

3:00 p.m. ~ St. Cecilia's (St. Nicholas House)

Study: The Parables

**(St. Cecilia's location change is due to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner).**

This group focuses on Christian Fellowship and is especially popular with busy working women and mothers of younger children.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Lara Lahey at the following:  
**(407) 461-7014 or [lara.lahey@yahoo.com](mailto:lara.lahey@yahoo.com)**

**Current And Future Opportunities To Support ECW's Fundraising**

**\*\*Blessing's Bracelet (Jody's Gift Shop)**

**\*\*February 8th "Souper Bowl" takeout soup for the Big Game!!**

**\*\*February 14th Tablescapes, "Love Is In The Air"**

**\*\*March 7th The Grand Auction**

ECW is open to all Women! We invite you to join us! If you have any questions, please contact:

*Barnelia Woodward, President*

*[barneliawoodward@gmail.com](mailto:barneliawoodward@gmail.com)*

## **JANUARY FOOD DROP**

**LEESBURG FOOD BANK MISSION:** Our mission is to alleviate hunger of those in need by obtaining and distributing food and other essentials in the City of Leesburg and adjacent communities. No fees or costs are charged to our clients who receive assistance.

Our **JANUARY FOOD DROP** was greeted by volunteers, **Terri and Van Galyon, Tanina and Dick Singletary along with Bob and Rita Clements with dog, Kobi** meeting the day as much needed food and monetary contributions were donated:

**COLLECTED: 676 Pounds \$640.00**

**TOTAL TO DATE: 49,242 Pounds \$59,242.00**

Thanks to our St. James faithful parishioners for their generous and caring support for those in our community helping the meet the mission of our **LEESBURG FOOD BANK**. Join us for the **FEBRUARY FOOD DROP** Wednesday, February 18, from 9:00-12:00. Blessings to you all. *Rita Clements*

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me  
Philippians 4:13*



## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! ~ ECW GRAND AUCTION ~MARCH 7, 2026**

It's hard to believe, but the ECW Grand Auction is just two months away! This is a huge fund-raiser for ECW's outreach efforts, and it has traditionally been strongly supported by the St. James Community. A project of this size requires "many hands" in order to be a success, and we are hoping you will be able to help.

### **HOW CAN I HELP?**

1. **PRAY** that this event will provide meaningful financial support to the programs that have been chosen by ECW.
2. **DONATE** something to the Auction. We need items for both the Live Auction and the Silent Auction. Not everything is appropriate, so if you have an ideas please discuss it with the Chairperson, Bob Tindall:
3. **VOLUNTEER** to help with the Auction. We have a specific need for someone to take care of the Food & Beverages. And there are several other ways you can help as well.
4. **ATTEND** ~Tickets are only \$5.
5. **BUY** lots of stuff!

For more information, please contact:

**Bob Tindall (717) 575-3092 /walruselect@gmail.com**

or call the church office at **352-787-1981**.



## KEEP FLIPPING THOSE TOPS



As we turn the page of our calendar to 2026, we begin another year supporting the Arnold Palmer House, one of three Ronald McDonald Houses in Orlando, Florida.

March 10<sup>th</sup> will be the third year St. James women will serve dinner to the residence of the Arnold Palmer House. There are usually 35 to 40 guests and several children around the tables, enjoying our meal. As usual dessert is the favorite.

The monetary donations you send will support the “Home away from Home” for these families.

### **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Florida**

**To make a gift by mail, send your check made out to RMHC of Central Florida to P.O. Box 547537 Orlando, FL 32854-7537. To make a gift by phone call 407-206-0957.**

P.S. Your donation is tax deductible.



## LIBRARY CORNER

The season of LENT arrives this month, the prelude to spring and EASTER.

LENT represents the 40 days Jesus fasted and roamed in the wilderness. It begins with two main events, **SHROVE, FAT TUESDAY** or **MARDI GRAS** on Feb. 17th and **ASH WEDNESDAY** on Feb. 18th, the first day of LENT.

Well, let's define some of the words used to describe the season. First of all LENT means spring; SHROVE is the past tense of the verb “shrive” which means to hear a confession (as of sins); MARDI GRAS is French for FAT TUESDAY, which is the day we eat those pancakes with lots of syrup and consume all the fat foods in our fridge and cupboard, so that we can properly fast; the ASHES stand for repentance.

During the **LENTEN SEASON**, we pray, fast and give **ALMS**, which includes money, food and material goods. It seems to be a terrible tangle, but really it is not. It's just a very Christian way to prepare for the most joyous season of our church year, **EASTER**, the resurrection of our Lord.

Look for books about LENTEN Lenten prayers and meditation on the Parish Hall book truck, and of course, in the Parish Library.

P.S. Save your Hallelujah's until Easter.

P.P.S. DON't miss the **PANCAKE SUPPER** in our Parish Hall , evening of February 17th.

*Margaret Braham, The Parish Librarian*



# ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST



## Short Term ~ 3 Weeks

Desmond Williams January 29th  
 Linda Williams January 29th  
 Michael Baker January 27th  
 Judy Leavers January 26th  
 Joshua Felkins January 15th  
 Sarita Millette January 15th  
 Donna Shanosc January 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Kathy Shanosc January 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Steve Knowles January 15th  
 Laura Hoffman January 15th  
 Andrew Granchalek January 13th

Don St. Cyr January 13th  
 Debbie Kendall January 9th  
 Rory Zack January 8th  
 Ava Grace Golder December 30th  
 Charlie Davidson December 30th  
 Charlie & Paul Smigel December 30th  
 Tammy von Lehm December 30th  
 Charlie Smigel December 30th  
 Janet Davis December 30th  
 Dott Vedder December 30th

## 3 Months

### In Memoriam

**Jon Goodman,**  
**Earl Peck,**  
**Kimberly Wicklund**



Kurt Cessna	December 18th	Annabelle Wright	November 19th
Karen Sofield	December 18th	Craig Pierson	November 18th
Kathy Geyer	December 15th	George Sullivan	November 18th
Margaret Saxton	December 15th	Beverly Borke	November 17th
Eileen Tooker	December 8th	George Borke	November 17th
Martha Biby	December 8th	Fred Heald	November 14th
Mick Hall	December 8th	Cricket Morrison	November 10th
Charlie Davidson	December 8th	Becky Mitchell	November 5th
Phillip Pearson	December 4th	Jim Mitchell	November 5th
Dot Vedder	December 1st	Cynthia Kennedy	November 5th
Karen Cleeton	November 19th		

## Long Term

Carlos Alvarado, Baby Autumn, Michael Baker, Patricia Bailey, Nathan Battle, Marion Belson, Peggy Berutich, Nina Bonney, Beverly Bounds, Todd Boyd & Family, Joe Branham, Margaret Branham, Dorri Brooke, Susan Burden, Mabel Burns, Judy Cable, Luke Cain, Beverly Caswell, Leroy McClurg, Amy McCombs, Jasmine Cleeton, Birdy Connelly, Kristin Conner, Corinne, Lisa Craig, Beth Crossley, Beverly Cox, Kurt Cessna, Paul Dallaire, Janet Davis, Angel Deacon, Randy Denk, Berni Dodeci, Jimmy Draime, David Dudley, Daniel Durst, Hank Fisher, Barbara & Don Fodor, Gabriella, Richard Herbert, Art Hollows, Kami Hecker, Isabel, Kevin Kaley, Cynthia Kennedy, Dee Kermode, David Knowles, Ann Kupferberg, Sally Lawrence, Katie Leware, Elizabeth Linberger, Margaret Peggy Link, Linda Long, David Lossing, Jase Martin, Bill Mann, Jose Mestre, Becky Mitchell, Jim Mitchell, Brandon Morrison, Caroline Morrison, Belinda Morton-Rusk, Jared Mymudes, Curt Oestreich, Gail Ostrander, Frank Peter, Cindy Raczkowski, Diana Reis, Jack & Judy Rigby, Nancy Ann Rishe, Paul Rizzo, Bubba Robinson, Holly Rouse, Robert Sanchez, Steve Scharber, Donna & Kathy Shanosc, Jameson Small, Doug Springmann, Ann Seagraves, Pat Thomas, Shelly Thomas, Danny Thompson, Tim Thomson, Dot Vedder, Julitta Velton, Kevin Watkins & Rob Yeager, Sue Roeglin, Jan West.

# 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](http://www.stjames-leesburg.org)

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## CLERGY & STAFF

Rev'd Thomas Trees, Rector  
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Rev'd Art Hollows,	Deacon
Rev'd Sebastiana Springmann	Deacon
Victoria Mymudes	Parish Secretary
John Wilson	Parish Organist/Choir Director
Elizabeth Williams	Youth Ministry & Choir Director
Wylie Hill	Sexton

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## VESTRY

(Senior Warden) Cherie Knowles, (Junior Warden) Bert Sofield,  
(Treasurer) Tom Grizzard

**Members:** Nigel Bailey, Bill Binneveld, Claire Meade, Rita Clements,  
Tony Cobb, Susan Cyrus, Sean Lahey, Nancy Moran, Stuart Mowatt,  
& Dee Saylor.

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## **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. <sup>12</sup>