

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ST. JAMES!

NEW BIBLE STUDY

We are excited to have Jeff Brooke-Stewart back leading a weekly Bible Study again! Jeff's new study will begin on **Thursday, January 6th, at 6:30PM**. He will go through the Old Testament Book of Ruth. This is a short book (4 chapters), that will allow participants to get to know each other and decide on other topics thereafter. Jeff's expository method of teaching the Bible has long been valued here at St. James. You will be sure to glean much from his research and teaching!



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

INQUIRER'S CLASS



In preparation for Bishop Brewer's scheduled visit on February 27th, we are offering an Inquirer's Class for those interested in seeking Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church (and for those interested in Reaffirmation of Baptismal vows, or those who want to learn more about our Anglican heritage). This year's class will be taught by our **Deacon, Art Hollows**. We will have our introductory meeting on **Sunday, January 9th, at 9:00 am**.

If you would like to attend, please contact our church office.

JANUARY 2022

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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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
- 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
- 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

USHER MINISTRY at ST. JAMES

Service to St. James as an Usher for our worship services remains a vital Ministry of our church. As we continue to pray for our traditional church services to be able to be held, we want to strengthen the manner in which the Ushers provide leadership during the services. Accordingly, we are requesting all men of the church, who are not presently Ushers, to consider serving as Ushers at the 10:15 service, where the need is greatest. We are hoping to have at least 8 teams of Ushers so that the duty will be spread among many. We have scheduled an Usher meeting for **Tuesday evening, January 11th at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall**, for our current 10:15 Ushers, and prospective Ushers to discuss procedures and arrangements. Please make every effort to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet our fellow parishioners at our worship services, and to provide an opportunity to serve an important ministry. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

- Bruce Saylor

BUTTERFLY GARDEN

There will be a workday in the butterfly garden, **Thursday, January 27th beginning at 8:30am**. All willing hands are appreciated. -Jan Tindall



NEW PICTURE DIRECTORY



It is a brand new year, and time for a new picture directory for St. James in 2022! Someone will be available to take photos after each church service in the upcoming weeks. Please be sure to keep us up to date on your current address and contact information!

St. James Prayer List

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

LONG TERM

Judy Cable
Court Hintze
Dorothy Martin
Sandy Ostrowski
Dottie Elliott
Joyce Huey

Alicia
Joyce Hughes
Kathy Nowrocki
Gloria Griffin
Bill
Art Leveroni

SHORT TERM (3 weeks).

Kay Palmer
Sarah Sisson
Helen Williams
Susan Braun
Susan Cyrus
Hildeliza
Maria
Beryl Stokes



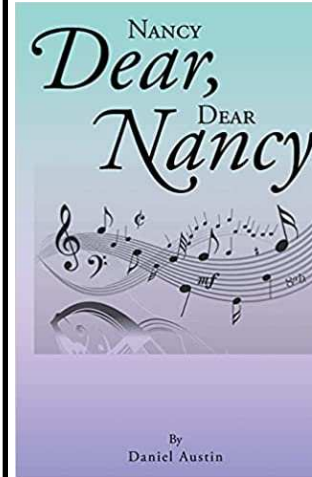
IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences to Susan Morrison, her children Nick and Bella, and all the loved ones of Fred Morrison, who passed away on December 4th, 2021. Fred's funeral was held to at Morrison Methodist Church on December 11th.

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

A NEW BOOK FROM DAN AUSTIN

Dan Austin, a member of St. James, has just published a book by Covenant Press called *Nancy Dear, Dear Nancy*. It is a collection of stories about his beloved Nancy who passed away on May 21 after a lengthy illness.



About the inspiration for this book, Dan writes: “*We were married for 55 years, a treasured gift now indelibly engraved in my heart. The stories are set in the context of the pandemic in which for four months she was in lockdown in a memory care center. During that time I decided to write about her solely for our children, grandchildren, and a few other relatives.*

Only at the insistence of a neighbor did I agree to publish them with the proviso that all the royalties go to the Lymphoma Research Foundation and to the scholarship fund of the Rotary Club of Leesburg.

The essays contain episodes of humor, excitement, joy, pain, and especially a story how we met on a blind date on a cold winter's night in Kansas.”

The book may be ordered through Barnes and Noble, Amazon, and Apple iTunes.

Dan will also be available after church on Sundays for anyone who would like to purchase a copy to support the Lymphoma Research Foundation, and the Rotary Club of Leesburg.

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

Our adult Sunday School will resume on **January 9th**. 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.

ECW NEWS

The next ECW meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 4 at 10:00AM**. It will be hosted by St. Anne's Chapter and the program is "What's in a Song?" led by Deb Carraway, our Music Director and Nancy Moran, Music Specialist. All women are welcome to attend.

JODY'S GIFT SHOP HOURS



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

The gift shop will reopen on **Wednesday, January 5th**, at the hours listed above.

The holidays have been a happy and productive time for us. We continue to accept handmade items, unique collectible pieces, items for giving and other treasures! Thank you for your generosity and support of our gift shop.. Your support of the ECW enables us to continue our charitable giving.. COME VISIT!! and let us ring in this new year together.

FOOD DROP

The cars increased from 28 to-35 carrying food and money for the December FOOD DROP. And yes, happiness and blessings were abundant. Our St. James team including Terri and Van Galyon, Rita Clements and Tenina Singletary received the generous offerings.

Collected: **1140 pounds of food**
\$1270.00

Yearly Total **22,119 pounds of food**
\$28,182.00

Once again THANK YOU for sharing and meeting the needs of our community. We are looking forward to and thankful for our next FOOD DROP on **JANUARY 19, the THIRD WEDNESDAY** of the month. Prayers for a Blessed and Merry Christmas. Enjoy and stay safe! Rita Clements



Happy New Year to all! Our **ST. JAMES YOUTH AND FAMILIES** have a very exciting 2022 planned, and it all starts in January. On **Wednesday, January 5th**, students pre-K thru 8th are welcome to a New Year party in the St Nicholas House from 4:30 to 6:30. There will be food, games, and a lesson, as well as an introduction to our new Wednesday night format.

Beginning the following **Wednesday, January 12th**, our students will be split into a younger group (pre-k thru 2nd) and an older group (3rd thru 8th). At 4:30, the older group will meet for choir with Ms. Beth and Ms. Deb while the younger ones have a separate Bible lesson and craft. At 5:15 we will come together for a snack. Then at 5:45, the older group will have their Bible lesson while the younger group has a more interactive music time with instruments and games.

Sunday School will resume on **Sunday, January 9th at 9am in the St. Nicholas House**. We will be learning about different people from scripture, as well as today's church, who used their gifts and talents to serve God. Our students will also be exploring their own gifts as we find what it means to have a servant's heart. If you are interested in being a guest one morning and sharing a personal gift or talent God has blessed you with, please reach out to Beth to schedule. We love visitors!

Thank you all for your prayers and support. We are so happy to see our group grow, and we can hardly wait to see what God will do with us in the coming year.

-Beth Williams



- 1 Elizabeth Graham
- 4 Laura Braun
- 5 Jeanne Menichino
Bert Sofield
Michelle Drawdy
Kathryn Ostrander
- 7 Carol Domnisse
- 9 Steve Treiber
- 10 Cameron Reid
- 11 Steve Boney
Iris Robuck
- 14 Linda Tucker
- 15 Mary Hooper
Cile Oldham
Elijah Trees
- 18 Brenda Carter
Marc Crouch
Bob Braun
Stuart Mowatt
- 18 Michael Gray

- 21 Dianna O'Kelley
John Drawdy
- 23 John Oldham
Shelly Logan
- 24 Barbara Logan
- 26 Carole Fischer
Joanie Smalley
Ryan Oldham
- 27 Debi MacIntyre
- 28 Ronnie Young
- 29 Art Hollows
Austin Breeden
- 30 Keneta Gaillardet
Sue Greenwood
Sharon McCabe
- 31 Joe Branham
Jack Jones
Gary Abbott
Ansley Gray



- 12 Ray & Ann Ozanne
- 14 Terry & Sheila Starr

- 20 Larry and Paula O'Connor
- 27 Ronnie & Nancy Young

If your Birthday or Anniversary does not appear in the Messenger, please call Pat in the office at 352-787-1981 so that your profile can be updated. We don't want anyone left out!



Daughters of the King is an Order open to women in the Episcopal Church world wide. The Martha Mary Chapter, here at St. James, meets the second Wednesday of each month at 2:PM . We are currently reviewing the Study Guide which is used in preparing a Daughter for admission . All women of the Church are invited to attend. Please join us to learn more about the Order. Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 12th, at 2:00pm**

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Please mark your calendars for the **135th Annual Parish Meeting** which will take place on **Thursday, January 27th, at 6:00PM** in the Parish Hall. We will review key events from 2021, confirm our budget, select four new vestry members, and look forward to what God has in store for us in 2022.

Our outgoing vestry members are Bonnie Binneveld, Kristen Daley, Steve Merrill, and Steve Treiber. If you have someone you would like to nominate to the vestry, please contact Fr. Trees, or the church office, or one of our vestry members.

The Library Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL, with hope that you have included in your New Year's Resolutions the plan to visit The St. James Parish Library! Our open hours remain the same: Every Thursday morning from 8:30 until Noon, but do not hesitate to request other open times. We want or make our fine book collection available to each member of our parish. Just call Margaret at 787-5893 or the church office at 787-1981.

Recently, many theological books have been donated to us by the Lindskoog family. If anyone would like to select a book from this collection as their own, please come in to browse the display. In addition, we have some children's books to offer, another gift from our parish family.

Please note that free booklets describing our beautiful stained glass windows are available on the book rack in the narthex. (Yellow cover, one per per family, please).

Remember...*reading is FUNdamental!*

NEED TO MEET WITH FR. TOM?

If you would like to know when you can come by the church to meet with Fr. Tom, he will be available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to noon, and Thursdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.. If you would like to arrange for other times to meet, you can contact him by phone or text at (352) 643-1182, or by email at fitrees@stjames-leesburg.org.



2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 2nd Sunday after Christmas Day 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	3	4 9:00 ECW Board Mtg 10:00 ECW Gen'l. Mtg	5 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy	6 10:00 Eucharist	7	8
9 1st Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	10 2:00 DOK Board Mtg	11 12:00 Burial Tami Brown & Teri Brown 6:30 Usher Meeting	12 1:00 Coffee & Philosophy 2:00 DOK Mthly. Mtg	13 10:00 Eucharist	14	15
16 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	17	18 ECW Chapter Meetings	19 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 5:00 Finance Mtg.	20 10:00 Eucharist 6:00 Vestry Meeting	21	22
23 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	24	25	26 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy	27 8:30 Butterfly Garden Workday 10:00 Eucharist 6:00 Annual Parish Mtg	28 Diocesan Convention (Daytona Beach)	29 Diocesan Convention (Daytona Beach)
30 4th Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	31					