

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



Invite • Welcome • Connect®

In this New Year, as we focus on renewal and growth, we will be starting an exciting program at St. James called Invite-Welcome-Connect.

WHAT IS INVITE-WELCOME-CONNECT?

“Invite Welcome Connect is a ministry of transformation that equips and empowers individuals and congregations to cultivate intentional practices of evangelism, hospitality, and belonging. Rooted in the Gospel directive to “Go and make disciples of all nations” this ministry provides a practical theological framework and comprehensive process for engaging communities of faith to move from a maintenance culture to a gospel driven mission culture” (invitewelcomeconnect.com).

On the weekend of **February 24th-26th**, we will be joined by the founder and director of IWC, **Mary Parmer**. Mary has presented her program in hundreds of churches across the Episcopal Church. She is also the author of the book, *Invite Welcome Connect: Stories and Tools to Transform Your Church*.

We will have a workshop with Mary on **Saturday, February 25th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** The cost is free and is open to the congregation; but registration is required. Seating may be limited, so sign up early!

Mary will also speak at both services on **Sunday, February 26th**.

If you would like to sign up for the weekend, you can contact the church office at (352) 787-1981 or office@stjames-leesburg.org

Along with the weekend program, we are forming a long-term Invite-Welcome-Connect Team at St. James. If you would like more information on how to take part, contact Marc Crouch at (804) 402-2011 or Crouch.marc@yahoo.com

JANUARY 2023

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

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Services: Sunday 8:00AM & 10:15 AM

Thursday Healing Service 10:00AM

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Fr. Trees' email: frtrees@stjames-leesburg.org

Fr. Trees' cell: (352) 643-1182

Visit our website at: www.stjames-leesburg.org



Sunday services are livestreamed at 10:15 AM:
Go to YouTube and type "**Leesburg Stjames**" or
visit our **Facebook** page.

CHURCH VESTRY & STAFF

Rector: Rev'd Thomas Trees

Assisting Priests: Rev'd. William J. Boyer, Rev'd Ron Peak

Assisting Deacon: Rev'd Art Hollows

Parish Organist/Choir Director: Deb Carraway

Nursery Coordinator: Carmen Rebusmen

Children's Choir Director: Elizabeth Williams

Treasurer: Linda Weekley

Parish / Finance Secretary: Pat Schaefer

Sexton: Doug Ames

Housekeeping: Diane Smith

Vestry Members: Bill Cauthen, Marc Crouch, Kathy Davidson,
Danny Delgado (Senior Warden), Harry Hackney, David
Knowles, Chris Leware, Drew Logan (Junior Warden), Mackie
McCabe, Bob Tindall, Linda Weekley, Patti Wolf

THANK YOU FROM THE BAZAAR COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone who participated in the ECW Courtyard Holiday Bazaar! We earned over \$10,500 for our charities on the day of the bazaar. We had some gracious volunteers who sold some of our handmade items at the Downtown Leesburg craft days, which raised over \$500 more to help fund the organizations we support.

The bazaar and craft fair efforts also supported our other goals, beyond raising money for charity. We increased our visibility in the community. We had over 50 people visit inside our church to tour the stained-glass windows. When I looked around at our customers, I noticed we had a lot of folks I did not know. I think they all felt the welcome, love, and warmth of Christ that we try to project at St. James. We had some newer parishioners involved in the bazaar process for the very first time. Hopefully, we have all grown in faith through the bazaar experience.

Thank you for "walking in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory" by contributing to the bazaar's success. We appreciate your blessed stewardship of the gifts God gives you by supporting this community effort!

LIBRARY CORNER

My New Year's message is brief but from the heart. Come and visit your Parish Library in Room 6, in the New Year. We will have wonderful books for you to check out. Thanks for considering this request and thanks also to the 6 wonderful ladies who have signed up to help with the Library Ministry. It will be a pleasure to have your help.

Happy Reading, and Happy New Year from Margaret, the Parish Librarian.
(Phone 352-787-5893)

JAMAICA MEDICAL MISSION

The mission is in need of:

Adults and Children: Cough and Decongestant, Cold and Cough, Cold and Flu, syrup, chewable's and/or pills.

Smaller (bottles are preferred), Sudafed and Nasal Saline Spray.

For Children also: Child Allergy, Child Tylenol and Motrin, Vitamins (chewable; not gummies, it's too hot in Jamaica).

Please drop off at the Church Office to be picked up by **January 8th** or I will get from you. **Sharon McCabe - 352-267-8188**

St. James Prayer List

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

LONG TERM

Judy Cable
Joyce Huey
Beryl Stokes
Dottie Elliott
Charles Hay
Kathy Billington
Nancy Mitchell
Lauri Grizzard
Stephen Norris
Charles Stephens
Meg Johnson
Larry Bonofiglio
Greg Hickman
Gordon Roeglin
Craig
Amy Hanson
Ron Sell
Hannah Fleming
Becky Mitchell
Shirley Fiebke

SHORT TERM

(3 weeks).

Vicki Hedrick 12/05/2022
John Goodman 12/12/2022
Rebecca Jenkins Avila 12/01/2022
Ernie Rossi 12/14/2022
Debbie Sharkey 12/14/2022
Pratt Carter 12/15/2022
Lee Hilbish 12/22/2022
David Nelson 12/16/2022

Jean Hogan
Deb Ballabio
Jeff Millett
Laura Kennedy
Jasmine Wickham
Margaret Wickham

GRIEF SUPPORT

The Grief Support Gathering will meet **Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 4:00 PM at the Coffee Snob** (1101-1 W. North Blvd, Leesburg). The topic will be, "Recipes with Memorable Stories of Loved Ones."

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

St. James has a support group for those who are dealing with, or have dealt with family members suffering from dementia. This group meets on the **Fourth Wednesday of each month at 2:00PM in the Parish Hall**. The next meeting which will take place on **Wednesday, January 25th, 2023**. If you, or anyone you know are dealing with these challenges and are interested in participating please call Dot Hay (352-552-8986) or the Parish Office at (352-787-1981).

EPIPHANY OPEN HOUSE AT THE TREES' RESIDENCE



Fr. Tom and Kathleen Trees invite you to celebrate the **FEAST OF EPIPHANY** with them at their Open House on **FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM** (You can drop in at any time during that period). Their home address is: **733 Boylston St., Leesburg, FL 34748**.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND VESTRY ELECTION

Please mark your calendars for the **136th Annual Parish Meeting** which will take place on **Sunday, January 22nd, 2023 at 11:30 am** in the Parish Hall. Lunch will be included. We will review key events from 2022, confirm our budget, elect four new vestry members, and look forward to what God has in store for us in 2023.

Qualifications for vestry nomination are:

- 1) Communicant in Good Standing at St. James;
- 2) No less than 18 years old;
- 3) Faithful in religious attendance;
- 4) Financial supporter of record to the general parish budget;
- 5) No spouse serving concurrently on the vestry.

During the Sunday School hour on January 22nd (from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.), we will offer a specific overview of our parish finances and our budget before the Annual Meeting.

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 frtrees@stjames-leesburg.org.

ECW NEWS

January 3, 2023 Board Meeting at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall
General Meeting 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. St. Anne's Hostess
Program: New Vision for Independence

CHAPTER MEETINGS

January 17th, 2023

St. Anne's, 10 AM in the Parish Hall
St. Francis', 25126 Laurel Velly Rd.
Plantation, Leesburg

St. Cecilia's, 3:45 PM in the Parish Hall
St. Martha's

Wednesday, January 18th, 6 PM

meeting at La Palma Mexican Grill, 1690 Citrus Blvd, Leesburg Please RSVP by text or
voicemail to Sue Hackney at 352-406-6591.

Jody's Gift Shop

St. James ECW'S Jody's Gift Shop will reopen on Sunday, January 15th, celebrating our
New Year 2023 ! We will continue being opened Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
from 10:00-2:00.

The 12 Days of Christmas Quilt donated by Margaret Branham for chances to be sold was
won by Ted Bowersox! Thanks for all who participated !

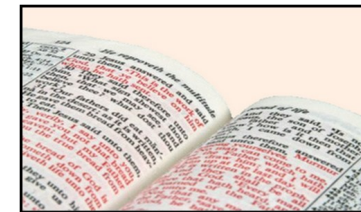
THE 2023 New Year will be offering A WREATH MAKING CLASS on Friday, January 13th
from 10:00-1:00 in the parish hall . The proceeds will go to ECW for our mission work and
the cost will be \$25.00 covering all costs .SIGN UP DEADLINE WILL BE JANUARY 6th .
Please contact Marie Crouch , 804-402-2015 OR Rita Clements 352-255-6802. Looking
forward to a fun project just in time for Valentines Day !

Food Drop

Thank you so much to all of you who so generously gave your support for the Leesburg
Food Bank during our December Food Drop. Volunteers Jan Tindall, Tanina Singeltary,
and Terri and Van Galyon greeted 23 cars with their donations. We also had a number of
people drop off their donations ahead of time. On this first day of winter, we were so grate-
ful to collect 730 pounds of food and \$1550.

Our ongoing total is now 30,394 pounds of food and \$39,816.

We continue to be so inspired by your ongoing participation in serving our community on
behalf of St. James. Our next Food Drop will be the third Wednesday in January from
9:00 to 12:00. May you all have a blessed New Year!



ST. JAMES INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL RED LETTER EDITION SPRING 2023

We return again for Sunday School on **January 15th, at 9:00 AM** in
the Parish Hall, for fun-filled learning activities for children and
adults on the Gospel reading for the day. Breakfast is included!

Below is the schedule for Spring 2023. See you there!

January 15th	Andrew Brings Peter to Jesus
January 22nd	(Annual Meeting)
January 29th	The Beatitudes
February 5th	Salt and Light
February 12th	Old vs. New
February 19th	(Off for Presidents' Weekend)
February 26th	(Invite-Welcome-Connect)
March 5th	Jesus and Nicodemus
March 12th	(Off for Spring Break)
March 19th	Healing the Man Born Blind
March 26th	Raising Lazarus
April 2nd	(Palm Sunday)
April 9th	(Easter)
April 16th	Doubting Thomas
April 23rd	Road to Emmaeus
April 20th	(Off for Bike Fest)
May 7th	(Off for Parish Picnic)
May 14th	(Mother's Day)
May 21st	"That They All May Be One"



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| 1 Elizabeth Graham | 21 Dianna O'Kelley |
| 4 Laura Braun | John Drawdy |
| Harper Bennett | 22 Terry Mitchell |
| 5 Jeanne Menichino | 23 John Oldham |
| Bert Sofield | Shelly Logan |
| Michelle Drawdy | 24 Barbara Logan |
| 7 Carol Domnisse | 26 Carole Fischer |
| 9 Steve Treiber | Joanie Smalley |
| 10 Cameron Reid | Ryan Oldham |
| 11 Steve Boney | 27 Debi MacIntyre |
| Iris Robuck | 28 Ronnie Young |
| 14 Linda Tucker | 29 Art Hollows |
| 15 Nary Hooper | Austin Breeden |
| Cile Oldham | 30 Keneta Gaillardet |
| Elijah Trees | Sue Greenwood |
| 18 Brenda Carter | Sharon McCabe |
| Marc Crouch | 31 Joe Branham |
| Stuart Mowatt | Jack Jones |
| Michael Gray | Gary Abbott |
| | Ansley Gray |



- 12 Ray and Ann Ozanne
 20 Larry and Paula O'Connor
 27 Ronnie and Nancy Young



The Daughters of the King meet the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00PM in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 11, 2023 when we resume our study of Parables. All women of the Parish are invited. Please join us for prayer and study.

BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jeff Brooke-Stewart will resume his Bible Study on Thursday January 26th, 2023 in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m. The study will continue up until Christmas, then start up again in the new year. They are currently in the third chapter of the First Epistle of John.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men of St James:

If you have not received correspondence from me by email, please contact me to be added to our list. We are re-organizing our group to serve GOD, Church, community, and fellowship with one another.

Thanks, and Blessings,

Fred (Ted) Kermode fkermode@verizon.net (941) 807-3176

PH Cell: 941 807-3176

Our Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet again on

Wednesday, January 18 th at 8:00am in the Parish Hall.

DIOCESE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA BISHOP'S ELECTION

We ask your prayers for the upcoming election of the Fifth Bishop of Central Florida on Saturday, January 14th, at Trinity Preparatory School in Winter Park. Our Candidates for Bishop are:

Rev'd Roy Allison, Rector, St. James, Ormond Beach, FL

Rev'd Dr. Justin Holcomb, Canon for Vocations, Dioc. of Central FL

Rev'd Dr. Stace Tafoya, Rector, Church of the Epiphany, Denver, CO

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Bishop for the Diocese of Central Florida, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	2	3 9:00 ECW Board Mtg 10:00 ECW General Mtg	4 12:00 Coffee and Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Adult Choir	5 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 4:00 Grief Support Gathering	6	7 11:00 Anne Disch Mem'l Service
8 8:00 Eucharist 10:00 Eucharist	9	10	11 12:00 Coffee and Philosophy 2:00 DOK Meeting 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Adult Choir	12 10:00 Healing and Anointing Service	13 10:00 Wreath Making Class	14 Election of the 5th Bishop of Central Florida (Trinity Prep Winter Park)
15 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	16	17 ECW Chapter Meetings	18 8:00 Men's Prayer 9:00 Food Drop 12:00 Coffee & Philos. 4:00 Jubilate 5:00 Finance Meeting 7:00 Adult Choir	19 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:00 Vestry Meeting	20	21
22 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist 11:30 Annual Parish Meeting	23	24	25 12:00 Coffee and Philosophy 2:00 Dementia/Alzheimer Support Group 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Adult Choir	26 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:30 Bible Study	27	28
29 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	30	31				