

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022



A BIG Thank You to everyone who made our Jerusalem Marketplace VBS a fantastic experience! We had a joyous time singing songs of praise, eating dinner, doing crafts, playing games, and learning about the life of Jesus during Holy Week. Our daily Dramas covered the story of his triumphal entry on Palm Sunday, his institution of the Lord's Supper, his betrayal and crucifixion, and his resurrection from the dead. We also studied important Hebrew words in our Synagogue School—especially that all important word, "Shalom"—which means "Peace!"



JULY 2022

ECW BAZAAR NEWS

The annual ECW Holiday Courtyard Bazaar, scheduled for 11/19/2022, will be here before we know it. Our bazaar planning committee had its initial meeting and want to invite all parishioners, both women AND men, to get involved. We would also like to make sure we have opportunities for people who have professional or personal responsibilities during the weekdays. We can be flexible with scheduling so that as many of our parishioners who wish to take part can do so.

Marie Crouch is heading up our Crafts Committee. She is already working to provide materials and setting up workdays for folks who will be creating items for our sale. We could certainly use additional sewers and other crafters. If you are able to help in this area, please contact Marie at (804)402-2015.

We have three other committees that still need chairs. These committees are the Furry Friends Boutique (selling items for our pets), the Physical Lay-out/Logistics Committee (in charge of figuring out how to set up the booths and other facility-centered concerns on the day of the bazaar), and the Children's Christmas Shopping Superstore (selling reasonably priced items that children might purchase as gifts for family members). Even if you have not been involved with the bazaar in the past, please consider agreeing to chair one of these committees. Marie Crouch, Dorry Curran, and those who have prior experience are willing to support and help you.

Besides the Furry Friends, Physical Lay-out/Logistics, and Children's Christmas Shopping, we need workers to help with the following:

Committee
Publicity
Cashiers
Green Thumb
Sweet Shop
Candy
Door Prizes
Carry-out Food
Lunch
Christmas and Other Crafts
Volunteer Hospitality
Clean-up Committee
Day After Sale

Chair
Babs Treiber
Mary Burnett
Chris Meade/Winnie Tucker
Iris Robuck/Nancy Russell
Kathleen Trees
Jeanine Rowell/Becky Mitchell
Jan Tindall
Sharon McCabe
Marie Crouch
Babs Treiber
Pending
Dorry Curran

If you can help, please contact Dorry Curran at (949)633-8471 or tinkrvi@gmail.com. Thank you so much!

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CHURCH VESTRY & STAFF

Rector: Rev'd Thomas Trees

Assisting Priests: Rev'ds Charles Hay, William J. Boyer

Assisting Deacons: 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: 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**

St. James Prayer List

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

LONG TERM

Judy Cable
Court Hintze
Joyce Huey
Beryl Stokes
Renee Lashley
Bishop Brewer
Kurt Cessna
Meaghan and River Michael
Bryan Hollows
Tom & Helen Robertshaw
Charles Hay
Paul Smigel
Maura Nathanson
Ron Vedder
Mary Thompson
Michael and Cindy McCann
Mary Burnett
Michael Masters

SHORT TERM

(3 weeks).

JoAnne Statts
Teresa and Edward Schmitt
Tim Hackney
Dottie Elliott
Charles Stephens



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Grief Support Group will meet July 7th at 4:00PM in the Parish Hall. Anyone who has lost a loved one or someone dear to them and needs the support of others is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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 10:30 AM in the Parish Hall.** The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, July 27th.** 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).



ST. NICHOLAS HOUSE PROGRESS REPORT

David Knowles

The St. Nicholas House was built as a parsonage about 60 years ago. It served that purpose for almost 5 decades. Currently it is used mostly for storage and youth activities. It is in need of some TLC and a rededication. A building committee was formed with five members: Junior Warden Drew Logan, Vestry Members Marc Crouch, David Knowles, Linda Weekly, and Contractor John O'Kelly. Michael O'Kelly, architect, was a former acolyte at St. James, and has also been most helpful in our efforts.

Our plan included improvements that go from flooring to roof. Also, our plan changes the use of the building from a house with many bedrooms and interesting small spaces to an OPEN CONCEPT nursery, youth, teen center. We identified seven areas that need special attention: the roof, skylights, office, porch, kitchen, deck, and bathrooms. I deliberately leave out some of the details to keep this report to one page. We developed a rough cost to make these changes at \$165,000. This is a large number, but the replacement cost of St. Nicholas house could be \$350K-\$400K. The Vestry approved our plan and the finance committee found appropriate funding.

To begin our total renovation, the first step was to clear out the real treasures that have accumulated over the years. We are going to move some storage to different parts of the church to better utilize what space we have now. A pod is also available for some items. ECW has had a spring sale and cleared much of their inventory. When we complete the plan ECW will be permanently moved to classroom #2 where a portion of the nursery is located now. It is closer to Jodie's Gift Shop. Classroom #8, the acolyte room, will move to classroom #3 the other portion of the nursery. The Jamaica Mission will have a home in classroom #8. The youth items are still being boxed and moved to the pod. When complete, the kids and the nursery will move back to St. Nicholas house where they will have bathrooms and an updated kitchen. We suspect that opening up the interior with new flooring and a little paint will make this area very attractive to our youth.

The building committee has met many times in the last three months to finalize our design, but we want to proceed carefully. Some repairs have already been made on the southwest corner of the building which needed repair badly. Overall, the "bones" of the building appear good and we optimistically hope to move all the equipment out of the pod and back into St. Nicholas house by this fall. Anyone who would like to move boxes or remove walls, your help is invited and appreciated.

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.



Daughters of the King will continue to meet throughout the summer. The **Peaceful Pathway Threshold Singers** will join us at our **July 13th** meeting to share musical prayers. We meet in the Parish Hall at 2:00PM. All women of the parish are welcome to join us to hear the singers and share prayers.
For his sake, Shirley Long, President

ECW MONTHLY FOOD DROP June 15, 2022

Thank you so much for coming out and supporting our June Food Drop. Because of you, our team, Tanina Singeltary, Jan Tindall, Van and Terri Galyon were able to collect:

COLLECTED: 732 pounds of food
\$605.00

TOTAL TO DATE: 26,465 pounds of food
\$33,957.73

We greeted 18 cars as they delivered up and many more people had brought food prior to the "drop" day.

We are grateful for your generosity and compassion. Your continued support is so greatly appreciated in our community!!

Our next 'Food Drop' will be on **Wednesday, July 20th**, from 9:00AM-12:00Noon. We hope to see you there!



Music Musings

July 2022

*"Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. **Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.** Psalm 30:4-5*

Nights can be challenging for many; the worries of the day become magnified as darkness settles in. Additional thoughts occur to us that can breed anxiety, and often the hours seem interminable. It can be debilitating, and exhausting. But...we have tools in our spiritual toolboxes to help lighten the darkness. Prayer is the first line of defense, of course, and it has become a nighttime staple for me. I also occasionally walk through the house in an effort to get a renewed appreciation of all the blessings I enjoy. But often it's music that can soothe and refresh for the day to come...

"The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever."

"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord..."

"Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine, oh what a foretaste of glory divine..."

"Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will lead you home; I love you and you are mine..."

"Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art – thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light."

We sing these songs in church as acts of worship and affirmations of our faith; we "sing" them at other times as a reminder to ourselves of the faithfulness of God even during the darkest hours of our days...and nights.

Be blessed, friends, and seek the light, remembering that God has promised **"joy comes with the morning!"**

Yours in Christ,

Deb Carraway

Music Director and Organist



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| 1 Eunice Mattear | 14 Mandy Tweedle |
| Nancy Russell | 16 Kurt Cessna |
| Morgan Raczkowski | Sandra Bryant |
| Riley Raczkowski | 17 Peggy Steeves |
| 4 Harold Jackson | Timothy Knowles |
| Peggy Bryson | 18 Leslie Bennett |
| 5 Anne Ozanne | Wilma Braun |
| 6 Isaac Trees | Bill Binneveld |
| 7 Robin Rebusmen | 19 Kristen Daley |
| 8 Jeff Engel | 21 Lee Hilbish |
| Cheryl Nann | 23 Carolyn Orme |
| Robert Bowersox | Michael Huey |
| 9 Makenna Grizzard | 24 Wylie Hill |
| 10 Dottie Elliott | 25 Donna Tweedle |
| Grady Logan | 26 Winnie Tucker |
| 11 Linda Oldham | 28 Kara Pearson |
| 13 Kathryn Knight | Marty Doty |
| Valerie Abbott | 29 Kevin Braun |
| David Dumont | 30 Marvin Naylor |
| Steve Merrill | Jason Booth |
| Susan Battle | 31 Sandi Nolan |



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| 1 Jeff & Bonnie Binneveld | 11 Charles & Betty Stephens |
| 2 Jim and Nancy Moran | 12 Bruce & Debbie Saylor |
| Ed & Sandy Ostrowski | 22 Bill & Chris Leware |
| 4 Jim & Patricia Parker | Ron & Dot Vedder |
| B. Murray & Linda Tucker | 25 Bill & Donna Tweedle |
| 5 Douglas & Eileen Pens | 26 Gordon & Sue Roeglin |
| Jason & Joanie Smalley | 29 Bill & Becky Binneveld |
| 7 Bert & Karen Sofield | Gary & Mary Lynne Gentzle |
| 8 Gary & Carol Domnisse | 31 Bill & Robin Cauthen |
| 10 Wesley & Diane Brannon | Bob & Rita Clements |



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Our Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet at **8:00 AM on July 13th** this month (the 2nd Wednesday instead of the 3rd, since Fr. Tom will be gone the following week). We continue to go through C.S. Lewis' book Mere Christianity.

IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences to the families and loved ones of
Marie Booth, who passed away on June 23rd,
Sandy Ostrowski, who passed away on June 26th, and
Chuck Bayette, who passed away on July 6th.

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

LIBRARY CORNER

Generous and caring people donate books to our Parish Library, and I read them, at least some of them. Thus, I have discovered a new (to me) author, whose name is Harold Kushner. He is a native New Yorker, graduate of Columbia University, rabbi, recipient of several honorary degrees, etc. You may have read his book "When bad things happen to good people".

A later book, which I cheerfully recommend is "How good do we have to be?", a fine summer read, not over-long but helpful, and which teaches tolerance starting with forgiveness of our self-perceived guilt and leading to being tolerant of others. A book critic writes, "If there were a quick fix for our troubled globe, teeming with humanity, it would be the profoundly tolerant message at the heart of this book."

You will find this enlightening book on the library book truck in the parish hall. Check it out, read and enjoy and return it promptly for others to read.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and safe summer, Your Parish Librarian



2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 4th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	4 Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED	5	6 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy	7 10:00 Eucharist 4:00 Grief Support Group	8	9
10 5th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	11	12	13 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 12:00 Coffee & Philos. 2:00 DOK	14 10:00 Eucharist	15	16
17 6th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	18	19	20 9:00 Monthly Food Drop	21 10:00 Eucharist	22	23
24 7th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Morning Prayer 10:15 Morning Prayer Preaching: Deacon Art Hollows	25	26	27 10:30 Alzheimer/ Dementia Support Group	28 10:00 Eucharist	29 2:30 Burial at Bushnell Kathleen Magurean	30
31 8th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist Celebrant: Fr. Bill Boyer						