

St James Episcopal Church

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MESSENGER

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.



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

This group is for anyone who is taking care of or who has ever taken care of a love one. Connect with others who understand the challenges of caregiving.

This group is run by Jeff Livesay and meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. **Our next meeting is on Wednesday, July 2nd.**

GRIEF SUPPORT

Our next Grief Support Gathering is **Thursday, July 3rd** at **The Coffee Snob** (1101 W. North Blvd, Leesburg 34748) after closing. The Meet and Greet will start at 3:00pm with the meeting starting around 3:15pm. Remember, if you want to order a drink or something to eat, come earlier.

Our conversation topic for July is **“Tackling the Difficulties of Being One after Loss”**. Everything changes after you lose a loved one, especially a spouse! Being without them is harder than we could have ever imagined. For many of us it feels like we have lost several important people in our lives: our best friend, lover, peer, co-parent, confident, and even business partner. How do we recover, fill this void and manage the loneliness?

Join us for sharing things that we definitely understand. Know that you are not alone in this journey and we're all about helping each other **“Move Forward”**.

Hope to see you Thursday.

Susan Cyrus, Grief Support Facilitator



LIBRARY CORNER



I recently asked this question (of Safari): is **THE SEASON OF PENTECOST** a good time to promote **THE BEATITUDES**? The answer came back, YES, followed by an explanation, “Pentecost marks the coming of the Holy Spirit to empower believers.

The Beatitudes provide a framework for a blessed and Godly life, emphasizing traits like meekness, righteousness, mercy and peace making. The Holy Spirit provides the spiritual strength and guidance to live out these values in daily life.”

So with this mandate, I hereby reprint The Beatitudes from Sermon on the Mount, Matt 5:2-10?...And He opened His mouth and He taught them saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the Earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

There are 2 books on the parish hall book truck to further explain **THE BEATITUDES TO AVID READERS.**

Have a grand summer and read lots of books, says the Parish Librarian, **Margaret Branham**



JULY BIRTHDAYS



1st Eunice Mattear	11th Linda Oldham	24th Wylie Hill
Nancy Russell	13th Valerie Abbott	25th Vicky Murphy
4th Harold Jackson	Daniel Austin	26th Winnie Tucker
Peggy Bryson	Steve Merrill	27th Heather Waters
5th Ann Ozanne	Susan Battle	28th Kara Pearson
6th Sean Lahey	14th Mandy Tweedle	Marti Doty
Lauren McClurg	16th Kurt Cessna	31th Sandi Nolan
Isaac Trees	Sandra Bryant	
7th Rob English	17th James Christian	
Robin Rebusmen	Peggy Steeves	
8th Jeff Engel	Timothy Knowles	
Cheryl Nann	Julitta Velton	
Rob Bowersox	18th Leslie Bennett	
9th Makenna Grizzard	Bill Binneveld	
10th David Dudley	Charles Esselburn	
Dottie Elliott	Cheryl Nann	
Grady Logan	19th Kristen Daley	



JULY ANNIVERSARIES



1th Jeff & Bonnie Binneveld	20th James & Jean Christian
4th James & Patricia Parker	22th Bill & Chris Leware
B. Murray & Linda Tucker	27th Gordon & Sue Roeglin
5th Jason & Joanie Smalley	28th Jim & JoAnn Statts
7th Bert & Karen Sofield	29th Bill & Becky Binneveld
10th Wesley & Diane Brannon	31st Bill & Robin Cauthen
11th Charles & Betty Stephen	Bob & Rita Clements
12th Bruce & Debbie Saylor	

Ted & Gail Ostlander celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 28th. They now reside in Ashville, N.C.



The First Ronald McDonald House



The first Ronald McDonald House was opened in **Philadelphia in 1974**. Jim Murray, general manager of the Eagles was raising funds for one of his players' daughters, Kim who had Leukemia. Then he met Children's Hospital of Philadelphia oncologist, Audrey Evans.

Together they worked with Elkman Ad Agency, which handled the McDonald account, and took the name of their mascot, Ronald McDonald, to name this new enterprise. Now that you know the beginnings of RMD you need to know about Audrey Evans and her beginnings. Born in York, England in 1925, one of three children. She began school at a Quaker school before advancing to boarding school in Bristol, England, where she stayed until the start of WWII, went home to attend The Mount School in York. In Audrey's senior year she developed tuberculosis and was sent home.

Audrey trained at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in the early 50s. She was the only female in the medical school. Struggled, and failed. She did two years of residence at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, again being the only female!

Finishing her degree in 1953, Audrey received a Fulbright Fellowship to Boston Children's Hospital. Where she trained for two years under the father of modern chemotherapy, Sidney Farber. To finish her medical training in the oncology unit at Johns Hopkins University in 1955

Finishing this amazing saga in July.

Meg Bremer



JUNE FOOD DROP



Volunteers, Tanina and Dick Singeltary, Jan Tindal along with Bob and Rita found shade under the trees and welcomed the June Food Drop community for food and monetary givers. We were joined with donations from our VBS children who donated with a nightly sharing for the week.

TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED:

- ~ 570 pounds of food from St. James
- ~ 38 pounds of food from the Harris Chain Sail and Power Squadron Club.
- ~ 106 pounds of food from St. James VBS for a total of 714 pounds of food and \$355.00

TOTAL AMOUNT TO DATE:

~50,868 POUNDS
OF FOOD
~ \$58, 909.00

We enjoyed and felt the blessings from the participation of our VBS children this month. .Watch for the pictorial sharing on ST. JAMES WEBSITE. We continue to challenge the summer weather and look forward to your wonderful support as our Leesburg Food Bank remains open throughout the summer. **The Next FOOD DROP is scheduled on Wednesday, JULY 16th from 9:00-12:00.**

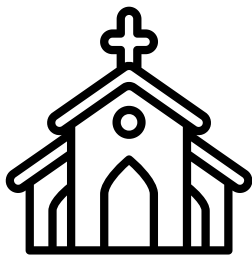
OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS US . As one of our children shared:

“The Lord is my shepard, I have all I need”
“Giving makes living more loving”

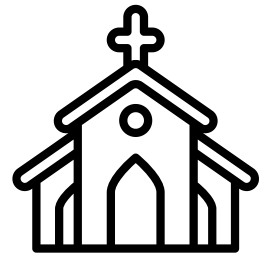
Blessings to you, Rita



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<div>6</div> <div>4th Sunday After Pentecost</div> <div>8:00 Eucharist (RITE I)</div> <div>10:15 Eucharist (RITE II)</div> <div>2:30 Dulcimer Class</div> <div>3:00 American Grassroots Concert</div> <div>Fruitland Park Community Methodist Church</div>	<div>7</div> <div>6:00 Beginner Ukulele</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div> <div>12:00 Coffee & Philosophy (Coffee Snob)</div> <div>2:00 Daughters of the King (Parish Hall)</div>	<div>10</div> <div>8:30-12 Library Open</div> <div>10:00 Healing & Anointing Service</div>	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div>
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ST. JAMES MINISTRIES



There are many ways to get involved here at St. James through our are ministries. Some of our key ministries will be presented this month and in the August Messenger. Consider some of the ways to become connected to the life of our church.

ALTAR GUILD

The St. James Altar Guild is an organization of women who are dedicated to preparing the altar and sanctuary for each worship service. Each of the four teams serves on a given week each month, which includes its important role in preparation for weddings, funerals and other special services. Altar Guild members are unsung heroes in assuring that the worshipful experience can be fully appreciated by those who attend services at St. James.

If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild, please contact:

Becky Binneveld or Barbara Morgan

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters of the King (DOK) is an order of women dedicated to prayer, service and evangelism. Each day the Daughters pray for those on the St. James prayer list and others in need of prayer. The Daughters at St. James, known as the Martha and Mary Chapter meet monthly for Bible Study and discussions, and to exchange ideas for enhancing the worship life of the Church. Father Tom has inspired us through scripture, pointing out how as Christians we can follow Christ, and to work, pray and give for the spread of the kingdom of God.



The Daughters of the King meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m.

Our next meeting will be on July 9th.

If you are interested in joining the Daughters of the King, please contact:

Keneta Gaillardet or Cathy Holt



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN



The mission of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) is to empower women to do Christ's ministry in the world. It is not an easy challenge to deal with women from such diverse lifestyles, circumstances, and preferences as exist at St. James, but our journey embraces a vision for ALL women of St. James to become a vibrant blend for all ages and to recognize the beauty of coming together to support and strengthen friendships while sharing the love of Christ. Members belong to specific chapters that meet monthly and a general meeting of all chapters is also held monthly. Meetings include Bible study, special programs related to a theme that is selected annually, planning for fundraising events and discussion of the business of the organization.

If you are interested in joining the Episcopal Church Women (ECW), please contact:

Mary Burnett



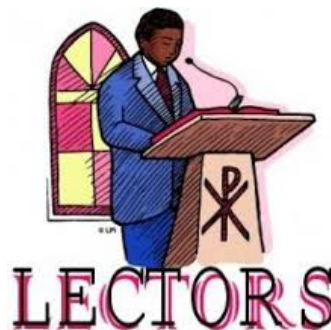
OPERATION HOME BOUND

Operation Home Bound provides hot meals to those who are homebound, five days a week, year round, including all holidays. Meals are prepared at the Operation Home Bound Center at North Lake Presbyterian Church in Lady Lake. A team of dedicated

members of St. James delivers the meals to Church members and other shut-ins in the Leesburg area.

If you are interested in joining Operation Home Bound, please contact:

Anne Kupferberg or Debi Macintyre



If you have an interest in becoming a Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lector or an Usher, please sign up in the church office.



ST. JAMES MENS MINISTRY



The St. James Men's Ministry continues to sponsor social events for men and boys of the Church and their guests, including an annual Steak Out Dinner and a Fish Fry, while striving to expand its opportunity to assist the Parish in a variety of ministries and activities, as needed. In addition, the club sponsors an annual Pig Roast, which is open to the entire parish and their guests, and is one of the social highlights of the year. We also meet for the Men's Prayer Breakfast on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 8:00 a.m. for food, fellowship and bible study. We will not be having a meeting in July, but will be back on August 20th.

If you are interested in joining the St. James Men's Club, please contact:

Ted Kermode

UKULELE MINISTRY

The St. James Ukulele Ministry just wrapped up a wonderful week, playing two one-hour concerts at local retirement homes.

It was truly a blessing to connect with so many dear people in our community! We love making it interactive by handing out lyrics and rhythm instruments so everyone can join in the fun.

This ministry meets every Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for the beginners and every other Monday at 7:00 p.m. for the Advanced.



If interested in joining this group, please contact:

Ralph Lambert or John Burr



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.

WHO ARE STEPHEN MINISTERS?

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation.

WHAT DO STEPHEN MINISTERS DO?

After being matched with a person experiencing a life crisis, the Stephen Minister meets with that person on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support, as long as the need for care exists.

HOW CAN I BECOME A STEPHEN MINISTER?

Stephen Ministry training is typically offered once a year. The next session starts in the Fall, starting September 16, 2023. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact either:

Bob Tindall or Sherry Lash



This concert is being held on **Sunday, July 6th at 3:00 p.m.** at the Fruitland Park Community Methodist Church. This is a **FREE** concert, a freewill offering will be taken.



ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST



SHORT TERM

Paul & Charlie Smigel	June 1st	Dorry Curran	June 9th
Keneta Gaillardet	June 1st	Todd Boyd & Family	June 9th
Jan West	June 9th	Rita Clements	June 23rd
Barbara & Don Fodor	June 24th		

3 MONTHS

Janet Davis	May 6th	Pam Thomas	May 25th
Joseph Sahab	May 6th	Jim Christian	May 25th
Dale Jandzinski	May 12th	Leroy McClurg	May 25th
Sally Lawrence	May 20th	Margaret Peggy Link	May 29th
Mary Burnett	May 21st		



In Memoriam: We offer our condolences to the family and loved ones of Delores Griffin, who passed away on June 27, 2025. Delores and her husband Wayne have been regular attendees at our Sunday 8:00 a.m. service. “Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord; and my light perpetual shine upon her.”

LONG TERM

Baby Autumn, Michael Baker, Patrici Bailey, Nathan Battle, Marion Belson, Peggy Berutich, Nina Bonney, Bill Boyer, Joe Branham, Margaret Branham, Susan Burden, Mabel Burns Scott Butler, Judy Cable, Cregg Carreins Jr., Beverly Caswell, Jasmine Cleeton, Birdy Connelly, Kristin Conner, Corinne, Beth Crossley, Beverly Cox, Paul Dallaire, Randy Denk, Berni Dodeci, Jimmy Draime, David Dudley, Dottie Elliott, Art Hollows, Kami Hecker, Brook James, Ben Johnson, James Kevin, Kaley, David Knowles, Katie Leware, Elizabeth Linberger, Linda Long, David Lossing, Bill Mann, Nadine Millett, Becky Mitchell, Jim Mitchell, Brandon Morrison, Caroline Morrison, Belinda Morton-Rusk, Jared Mymudes, Curt Oestreich, Gail Ostrander, Cindy Raczkowski, Paul Rizzo, Bubba Robinson, Holly Rouse, Robert Sanchez, Charlie Schaefer, Steve Scharber, Donna Sharnosk, Jameson Small, Peggy Steeves, Ann Seagraves, Shelly Thomas, Danny Thompson, Dot Vedder, Julitta Velton, Kevin Watkins & Rob Yeager, Sue Roeglin.

The Messenger is a monthly publication of St. James' Episcopal Church in Leesburg, Florida. It is mailed on the last week 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: Victoria Mymudes <office@stjames-leesburg.org>

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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John Wilson, Parish Organist/Choir Director

Elizabeth Williams, Youth Ministry & Choir Director

Wylie Hill, Sexton

VESTRY MEMBERS

(Senior Warden) Terri Galyon, (Junior Warden) Bert Sofield,

(Treasurer) Tom Grizzard

Members: Bill Binneveld, Claire Brooks, Rita Clements,
Tony Cobb, Susan Cyrus, Linda Grizzard, Stuart Mowatt,
Dan Robuck, Dick Singeltary

