nore Christlike, expressing the love of our commitment to discipleship. St. James seeks to be a community that grows more Christlike, Jesus Christ in our worship, our outreach, and our commitmen

SUMMER SABBATICAL

I am grateful for this chance to get away for this two-month sabbatical after being here for seven years. I especially want to thank **Fr. Bill Boyer** for covering most of our Sundays and Thursdays while I'm gone. Fr. Bill was the Interim Rector at St. James in 2013 prior to my coming here. We rejoiced when he, Nancy, and their son Steve Boney decided to stay with us after we arrived. Be sure to join Fr. Bill, starting June 27th!





On July 11th and 18th we will be joined by a friend of mine from my former church in Lafayette, Louisiana: **Fr. Brandt Montgomery**. Fr. Brandt took over as Associate Rector at Church of the Ascension in Lafayette after I left there. He is now serving as Chaplain at St. James School in Hagerstown, Maryland. He received his M.Div. at Sewanee in Tennessee. Be sure to welcome him to our St. James in Leesburg!

For my time away, our family is planning a cross country trek by train, which will include a stop at Nashotah House in Wisconsin (an Episcopal seminary founded in the 1800s). There I am signed up for a summer course on the Letter to the Hebrews. Court and Linda Hintze, our seasonal members from Wisconsin, have graciously offered to let us stay with them. If the course goes well, perhaps it will become a fall Sunday School class!

I'll see you back in church on Sunday, August 22nd! -Fr. Tom

JULY-AUGUST 2021

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CHURCH VESTRY & STAFF

Rector: Rev'd Thomas Trees

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

Assisting Deacon: Rev'd Jerry Steidl

Parish Organist/Choir Director: Deb Carraway Nursery Coordinator: Carmen Rebusmen

Director of Youth and Families: Elizabeth Williams

Minister to Teens: Susie Brewer

Treasurer: Tom Grizzard

Parish / Finance Secretary: Pat Schaefer

Sexton: Doug Ames

Housekeeping: Diane Smith

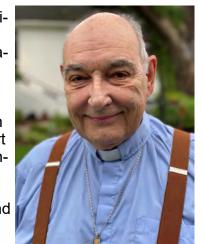
Vestry Members: Bonnie Binneveld, Bill Cauthen, Marc Crouch, Kristen Daley,

Kathy Davidson, Danny Delgado (Senior Warden), Harry Hackney, Chris Leware, Steve Merrill, Bob Tindall, Steve Treiber (Junior

Warden), Patti Wolf

WELCOME DEACON ART!

We are delighted to have our new Deacon, Art Hollows, join us at St. James. Deacon Art has been officially assigned to us by Bishop Brewer after moving here recently. Art was ordained a deacon at the Cathedral of St. Luke in Orlando in 1990 by Bishop Howe. While in our Diocese he served at Hope Episcopal Church in Melbourne. He then spent 20 years serving at Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Valrico. After his wife passed away last summer, Art decided to move to our area to be closer to his brother.



He is licensed as a Guardian Ad Litem in Florida, and enjoys working with various ministries such as acolytes, altar guild, and lay eucharistic ministers. Be sure to greet him at church when you see him!

UPDATE ON DEB



We are happy to report that Deb Carraway's back surgery on June 22nd was successful. They hope to send her home within a few days, where she will continue to recover and rehab over the next couple months. We appreciate your prayers and support!

We are also grateful to Nancy Moran for her willingness to serve as our organist over the summer while Deb recovers.

IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of **Milton Pettingill**, who passed away on May 29th. Milton and his wife Pat were regulars at our 8:00 service for many years before moving back to New Hampshire. Pat passed away a couple years ago.

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon him. Amen.



St. James Prayer List

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

LONG TERM

Maggie Brooke-Stewart

Kenny Edwards

Erin Byrns

Dottie Elliott

Susan Peak

Judy Cable

Debbie Slappey

Jaden Cantrell

TJ Hagist

Kathy E Eric B.

Cody Linker & Family

Sue Greenwood

Paul & Charlene Smigel

Fred Neidhart

Isabel Campbell

SHORT TERM (3 weeks).

Dorothy Martin Jim Mitchell

Kathleen Magurean

Bob Fiebke

James, Chelsea, and their baby

Bob Cyrus Angel Pearson Kathy Billington Becky Mitchell Ann Volmer, Jaqueline Jones,

Ernie Goodness, Margaret Bolton Deb Carraway



And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor these your servants, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



ST. JAMES WEEKLY VBS STARTING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11TH 4:00-7:00 PM

The St. James Youth Program is getting ready for an adventure -filled fall kick-off with **Treasured!** From the same company we used for Rocky Railway this past spring, our kids will have the opportunity to spend 6 weeks discovering that we are priceless to God. With this jungle, hidden treasure-themed program, we will use music, games, crafts, Bible lessons and videos to help teach how much God truly cares for us. Our adventures are open to pre-K thru 6th grade students. We will meet on Wednesday evenings, beginning August 11th, from 4-7pm with a simple meal provided, and we will also use Sunday mornings, starting August 15th, from 9-10am to reinforce what's being taught midweek. Sign-ups begin in July, so please contact the church office to help us plan well (and invite friends!) We are also looking for hands to help prepare and serve food on Wednesday nights, as well as group leaders (these can be high-school students). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Beth Williams at 352-702-2062 or the church office at 352-787-1981. We are so excited to be back together this fall! Please pray for us as we embark on this adventure with Treasured!

ECW

The ECW held it's last meeting on May 4th. They will be on hiatus from now until September when they begin their new year. As in the past, we are hoping that we can begin again, as we've done in the past, with our "Fall Coffee." More information will follow as we get closer to that time.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Those desiring to offer flowers for any service – either in Memory of Loved Ones or in Thanksgiving, please contact Bonnie Binneveld @255-1658. On behalf of ECW, Bonnie will handle the monthly calendar for Altar and Madonna flowers. Then it is up to the donor to contact a local florist and make arrangements. They should bill you directly, not St. James. You can also reserve the Altar candle for \$5.00.

FOOD DROP PROJECT

Following through with our JUNE FOOD DROP, we witnessed, "there is nothing that cannot happen today" It became obvious from John 3:18, Let us not love only in words or in talk, but let us put our love in action and make it real. Our real love became evident:

COLLECTED: 980 POUNDS OF FOOD

\$1950.00

YEARLY TOTAL: 16, 792 POUNDS OF FOOD

\$21,968.00

A reminder for the JULY FOOD DROP that SCHOOL IS OUT and the need for many families becomes greater. We will see you on **Wednesday**, **July 21st**, for our 14th month of generous giving. BLESS YOU AND THANK

YOU!



- 1 William James Durham Young Sydney Tucker
- 3 Marie Booth Kay Oestreich Becky Binneveld
- 4 Judy Bedell Suzanne Oldham
- 5 Bethany Trees
- 6 Ryan McCabe
- 7 Bob Cyrus
- 8 Linda Merrill
 David Lossing
 Rahnee Grizzard
- 9 Mitchell Graham
- 11 Elle Beltran Kathy Gentile
- 13 Fran Bollenbach
- 14 Linda Carrico
- 15 Van Galyon



BIRTHDAYS 17 Kimmey Young

- 18 Jim Statts
- 19 Ann Kupferberg Richard Tuke Ted Ostrander
- 21 Delcie Durham Charles Singeltary
- 23 Cheryl Knowles Holly Cauthen
- 24 Patricia Cyrus
- 26 Ginny Cleaves
- 27 Nancy Boyer
- 29 Barney Kranz Ed Walther
- 30 Charlene Smigel

- 2 Stuart & Herma Mowatt
- 5 Charles & Lorraine Johnson Steve & Linda Merrill
- 8 Darryl & Jennifer Seamans
- 12 Dan & Charmaine Tenwinkel
- 14 Larry & Barbara Demaline Sean & Elizabeth Graham



- 15 Michael & Patricia Cyrus Bob & Shirley Fiebke
- 17 Jim & Mary Hooper
- 19 Chris & Doss Hermann John & Suzanne Oldham
- 24 Chip & Fran Deems
- 29 Elwood & Judy Baxter
- ANNIVERSARIES 31 Harry & Sue Hackney

- Nancy Russell
 Morgan Raczowski
 Rilev Raczkowski
- 4 Harold Jackson Peggy Bryson
- 5 Anne Ozanne
- 6 Isaac Trees
- 7 Robin Rebusmen
- 8 Jeff Engel Cheryl Nann Rob Bowersox
- 9 Makenna AGrizzard
- 10 Dottie Elliott Grady Logan
- 11 Linda Oldham
- 13 Kathryn Knight Valerie Abbott David Dumont Steve Merrill Susan Battle
- 14 Mandy Tweedle

- 16 Kurt Cessna Sandra Bryant
- 17 Peggy Steeves K.C. (Docie) Hardy Timothy Knowles
- 18 Leslie Bennett Wilma Braun Bill Binneveld
- 19 Kristen Daley
- 21 Lee Hilbish
- 23 Carolyn Orme Michael Huey
- 24 Wylie Hill
- 25 Donna Tweedle
- 26 Winnie Tucker
- 28 Kara Pearson Marti Doty
- 29 Kevin Braun
- 30 Marvcin Naylor Jason Booth
- 31 Sandi Nolan

- 1 Jeff & Bonnie Binneveld
- 2 James & Nancy Moran Ed & Sandy Ostrowski
- 4 Jim & Pat Parker B. Murray & Linda Tucker
- 5 Doug & Éileen Pens Jason & Joanie Smalley
- 10 Wes & Diane Brannon
- 11 Charles & Betty Stephens
- 12 Bruce & Debbie Saylor



- 16 Jerry & Susan Steidl 22 Bill & Chris Leware Ron & Dot Vedder
- 25 Bill & Donna Tweedle
- 26 Gordon & Sue Roeglin
- 29 Bill & Becky Binneveld Gary & MaryLynne Gentzle
- 31 Bill & Robin Cauthen Bob & Rita Clements



. The Daughters of the King met on June 9 in the Parish Hall. We had a 'summer meeting' which included our Prayer List with Father Tom. We continued the morning with a discussion of chapter 7 of the book, *Meeting the Spirit*. We will have similar meetings in July and August.

The Daughters will be meeting during June, July and August to continue updating our prayer list. Our prayer list is made up of your loved ones upon your request. Just contact a Daughter.

The Daughters will begin a new year September 8th. As it is our custom we invite all interested women in the congregation to join us, to learn about our Martha and Mary Chapter. Have a wonderful, carefree and safe summer.

THE LIBRARY CORNER

Good news, your Parish Library will be open, as usual, during the summer months on Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. 'til Noon. During the season of Pentecost, we are planning a display of books written by members of our St. James congregation (Boyer, Brooke-Stewart, Curran, Lindskoog, Meador, Morris, Pulley, Rast, Davis, Deeley and Weekley.) Later in the season we will promote books by well known religious authors, Max Lucado, Henri Nouwen, Elaine Pagels, and N.T. Wright. Have a blessed summer, stay cool and read a few good books. -

Your Librarians, Margaret and Linda

JODY'S GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop is now closed for the summer months beginning June 2nd, and will reopen on **Wednesday**, **September 1st**. The shop can be open during the summer by appointment.

Chances for the painting "St. James by Moonlight" by Jan Tindall, will be available through the summer at a cost of \$10 per chance.





Week of July 4th

8:00 Eucharist Rite I Sun 4th 10:15 Eucharist Rite II 10:00 Eucharist/Healing 8th Thu

Week of August 1st

Sun 1st 8:00 Eucharist Rite I 10:15 Eucharist Rite II 5th 10:00 Eucharist/Healing Thu

Week of July 11th

Sun 11th 8:00 Eucharist Rite I 10:15 Eucharist Ritell Wed 14th 10:00 DOK 10:00 Eucharist/Healing 15th Thu

Week of August 8th

Sun 8th 8:00 Eucharist Rite I 10:15 Eucharist Rite II Wed 11th 10:00 DOK 4:00 Treasured! VBS 12th 10:00 Eucharist/Healing Thu

Week of July 18th

Sun 18th 8:00 Eucharist Rite I 10:15 Eucharist Rite II Wed 21st 9:00 Food Drop 22nd 10:00 Eucharist/Healing

Week of August 15th

Sun 15th 8:00 Eucharist Rite I 9:00 Treasured! VBS 10:15 Eucharist Rite II Wed 18th 9:00 Food Drop

Week July 25th

Sun 25th 8:00 Eucharist Rite I 10:15 Eucharist Rite II 29th 10:00 Eucharist/Healing Thu

4:00 Treasured! VBS 19th 10:00 Eucharist/Healing

Week of August 22nd

Sun 22nd 8:00 Eucharist Rite I 9:00 Treasured! VBS 10:15 Eucharist Rite II 4:00PM Treasured! VBS Wed 25th 26th 10:00 Eucharist/Healing Thu

While you are away... Join us for On-Line Worship!





Week of August 29th

Sun 29th 8:00 Eucharist Rite I 9:00 Treasured! VBS 10:15 Eucharist Rite II



Music Musings July—August 2021

"O God, our help in ages past, our **hope** for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home."

This text from one of the most majestic hymns of our faith has always been an inspiration to me, especially uplifting in times of struggle. As the summer unfolds, there will be challenges for me personally, and I'm sure for many of you, as well. When these times arise, I often hold on to the hymns of our faith, which have become a source of both comfort and encouragement, so I recommend this to all of us as a way to meditate on the tenets of our faith.

This particular hymn focuses on **HOPE**, which is essential in our spiritual walk; it's what keeps us moving forward on the journey. I'm clinging to hope, and praying that you will, too!

Here's some music for your inspiration that will be featured in worship this summer:

ration of America"	Jan Tindall, Flute
Am, Lord"	Tom and Linda Grizzard
Listen to Your Children Praying"	Charmaine Tenwinkel
Alone"	Women's Ensemble
Bread, One Body"	Ensemble
/ Cup, Lord"	Tom and Linda Grizzard
ou My Vision"	Stephanie Engel, Soloist,
	Jan Tindall, Flute
By the Riverside"/"Standin' in the	e Need of Prayer" Ensemble
ngle's Wings"	Charmaine Tenwinkel
	ration of America" I Am, Lord" Listen to Your Children Praying" Ricad, One Body" Cup, Lord" ou My Vision" By the Riverside"/"Standin' in the

Cling to hope, my friends, and have a blessed summer,

Deb Carraway

"Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our **hope** of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." Romans 5: 1-5