

St James Episcopal Church

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JUNE 2026 MESSENGER

CONGRATULATIONS

To our very own **Rev'd Dr. Sebastiana Springmann** on her ordination to the priesthood! Sebastiana was ordained with five other ordinands by Bishop Justin Holcomb on Saturday, May 16th at 11:00 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, Winter Park. Sebastiana will be serving as Priest Associate for Pastoral Care and Spiritual Formation at St. James.



June GRIEF SUPPORT gathering

Hearts Healing Hearts

Our next Grief Support Gathering is on Thursday, June 04, in the Parish Hall. This is going to be an informal dinner with our grief partners who have attended all year. Your spouse or special someone who has supported you during our grief journey is also invited.

This meal is going to be “potluck”. I’m bringing fried chicken, plates, silverware, and drinks. Gail is bringing her famous rhubarb pie if she can find fresh rhubarb! If you haven’t already, RSVP by the end of the week.

Let me know if you are going to be able to join us and what you will be bringing, (vegetable, salad, appetizer, or dessert).

This is a good way to help each other heal and find a little joy in our lives again. Remember, you are not alone! Hope you can join us!

Hugs and prayers,

Susan Cyrus,

Grief Support Facilitator



Bible Study News

Jeff Brooke -Stewart

The Bible study group just completed a seven month study of the final book in our New Testament - The Revelation to John. I thoroughly enjoyed the time and hope that it helped in understanding this sometimes difficult book.

We normally run from September through May, but have so much going on this May that I suggest that we take a break until September. Since we just studied John’ Revelation , I have in mind that we look again at John’s Gospel. It is such a deep and spiritual account of the Gospel.

Please let me know if this sounds like a good idea.

Blessings, Jeff



DAUGHTERS OF THE KING



The Daughters of the King meet on the **2nd Wednesday** of each month at **2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**. Rather than having our traditional monthly meeting, we agreed to enjoy lunch together at noon on **Wednesday, June 10th**.

**McCracken's Irish Pub,
719 West Main Street, Leesburg**

Your participation is most welcome but optional. Kindly RSVP to me and I will make our reservation. *Catherine Holt*.

All are welcome!

SUMMER SCHEDULES

The following Ministries and groups will continue to meet during the summer:

Dulcimer

Food Drop

Stephen Ministry

Library

Ukulele - We will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Monday only.

Jody's Gift Shop will be closed throughout the summer and will re-open, September 6th.

The following Ministries and groups will not be meeting during the summer.

ECW

Daughters of the King

Grief Support Group

Music Programs:

Adult Choir

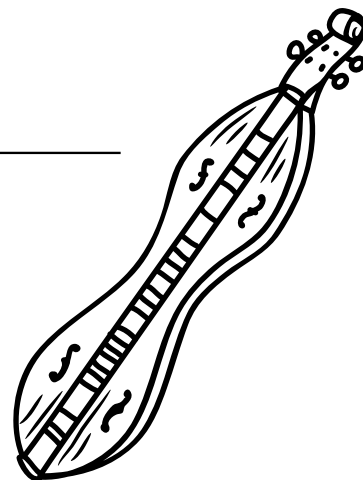
Bell Choir

Youth Programs

Cantate & Jubilate

The Dulcimer group meets on the **2nd and 4th Sunday** of the month from **2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall**.

If you would like to become a member or would like more information, please call the church office at **352-787-1981**.



Summit for All of Florida



Brotherhood
of
St. Andrew

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH

**Hosted by Diocese of Central
Florida Church of the Holy Spirit**

<https://holyspiritapopka.com/home-2/>
601 S Highland Ave
Apopka, Florida 32703

On Saturday June 6, 2026, The National office of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is sponsoring a workshop at Church of the Holy Spirit in Apopka. It is open to all. Below is the agenda for the day.

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| 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | Registration and light refreshments |
| 9:30 a.m. | Greetings by Ariff Mullins, Chapter Director |
| 9:35 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| 9:50 a.m. | A Look at Mentoring by Fr. Matt Marino, Rector,
Trinity Parish, St. Augustine |
| 11:00 a.m. | Break |
| 11:10 a.m. | What Are My Gifts, Tom Welch, BStA Executive
Director |
| Noon | Lunch, Greetings & Blessing by Parish Rector |
| 12:30 p.m. | Where We've Been & Where We Are Going by Jeff
Butcher, BStA Senior VP/Administration |
| 1:30 p.m. | Break |
| 1:40 p.m. | What's Your Chapter Story by local chapter
representatives |
| 2:15 p.m. | Closing Remarks by Fr. Ed Bartle, BStA Prov. IV
Vice President. |

Please register at: <https://forms.gle/xLH3gDaU2pS43Rdz9>
by June 3, 2026

Men's Prayer Breakfast

June 17th

The men of St. James meet for prayer, study, fellowship, and food on the third Wednesday of every month. We will meet again on June 17th, at 8:00 a.m. We will then take the months of July and August off, before reconvening in September.



Join us in June before our summer recess!



Thank you for taking part!

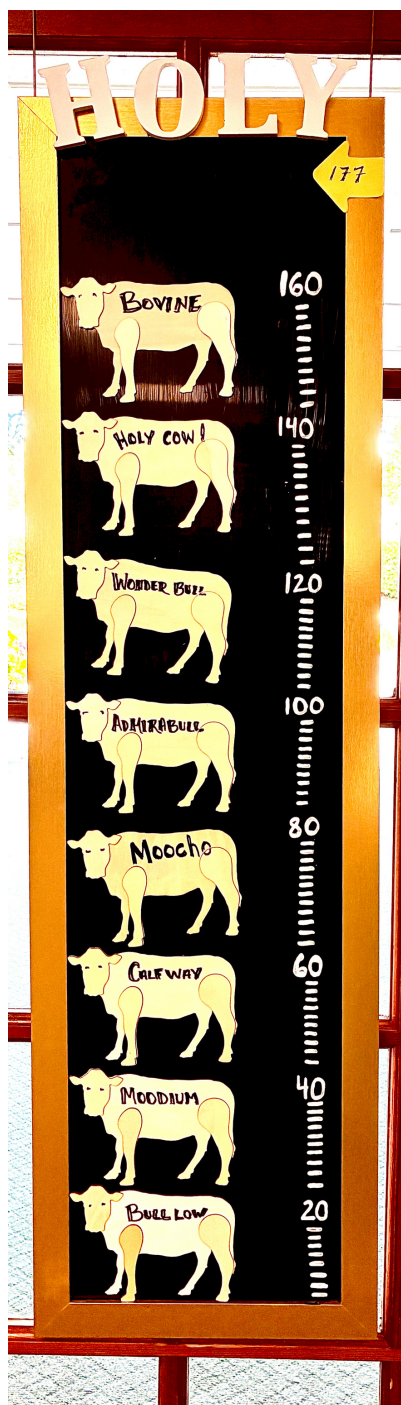
We wound up with a whopping **177** responses to the Congregational Assessment Tool put out by HolyCow! That was well beyond our initial goal, surging us past “Divine Bovine” status on our “Thermometer” and putting us “over the moon”!

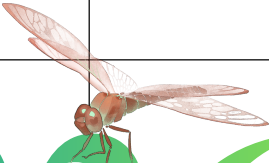
Our next step is for our Vestry to hold a three-hour Zoom meeting on June 11th with the HolyCow consultants to go over the results.

Following the consultation, we will have a Vestry retreat with Rev'd Cynthia Brust to begin the process of forming Mission and Vision statements, and the initial stages of Strategic Planning.

Following our retreat, we will hold a congregational meeting to share the steps we are taking. We will hold that meeting on **Sunday, June 28th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.** We invite all of you to join us!

Thank you for helping us build St. James' future!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <i>The Radiance of Summer</i>	1	2	3 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy (Coffee Snob)	4 8:30-12 Library Open 10:00 Healing & Anointing (Chapel) 5:00 p.m. End of the Season Grief Dinner (For Attendees) (Parish Hall)	5	6
7 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist (RITE I) 10:15 Eucharist (RITE II)	8 3:00 Stephen Ministry 6:00 Beginner Ukulele 7:00 Advanced Ukulele (Parish Hall)	9	10 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy (Coffee Snob) 12:00 Daughters of the King Lunch McCracken's Irish Pub, 719 West Main Street, Leesburg	11 8:30-12 Library Open 10:00 Healing & Anointing (Chapel) 6:30 Vestry Zoom Meeting	12 	13 11:00 Memorial Service Larry Block
14 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist (RITE I) 10:15 Eucharist (RITE II) 2:30 Dulcimer (Parish Hall)	15	16	17 9:00 - 12:00 Food Drop 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy (Coffee Snob)	18 8:30-12 Library Open 10:00 Healing & Anointing (Chapel) 	19	20
21 4th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist (RITE I) 10:15 Eucharist (RITE II)	22 6:00 Beginner Ukulele 7:00 Advanced Ukulele (Parish Hall)	23	24 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy (Coffee Snob)	25 8:00 Weeding Day Butterfly Garden 8:30-12 Library Open 10:00 Healing & Anointing (Chapel)	26	27
28 5th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist (RITE I) 9:00 Review of HolyCow! Congregational Assessment Tool (Parish Hall) 10:15 Eucharist (RITE II) 2:30 Dulcimer (Parish Hall)	29	30	 			



Ronald McDonald Annual Bowl-A-Thon is an annual signature fundraising event bringing together Central Florida's families, local residents, and corporate partners together for three hours of bowling, a full-service pizza buffet, exciting prize draw opportunities, and a lively social atmosphere.

Every dollar raised helps provide a comforting "home away from home" for families with seriously children receiving care at Orlando's pediatric hospitals so they can focus on healing. You can get tickets or be come an event sponsor by calling Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Florida (407) 206-0957 ext. 106



LIBRARY CORNER



Much of my time at St. James Episcopal Church, since becoming a member in 1974, has been spent in the parish library, now established in Room 6, around the corner from the parish hall, facing the parking lot and butterfly garden. However, during the last several years, as well as attending Sunday services in our beautiful sanctuary, I also attend the healing services in the St. James Chapel, held weekly on Thursday morning.

To me, and many others who are experiencing the stress of poor health, spiritual dilemmas and other problems for family and friends, these services provide great comfort. The services are usually led by Father Trees and include scripture reading, unction, communion and prayer. Fr. Trees also presents brief biographies of saints, coordinated with their date of birth on the Thursday we are meeting. We also have music during the healing service, with Nancy Moran playing the recently restored organ, and the attendees singing two of the favorite hymns. Seth Peter Trees and Paul, one of the student graduates of Holy Trinity School, Fruitland Park, play their guitars and lead us in singing more modern hymns. The Chapel itself, built in the 1930s, is the perfect place to meet with its well-cared for, historic furnishings. Following the service, attendees often meet in the parish hall for refreshments and socializing.

I sometimes have the chance to talk about the fine books that are part of our parish library collection.

Healing services are definitely a plus in the Christian life we are enjoying here at St. James, and you are all invited.

Blessings from your friendly parish librarian,
Margaret.

MAY FOOD DROP

Many children in Lake County will have “delicious meals and snacks this summer, thanks to St. James parishioners’ shopping for the May Food Drop! We volunteers , Tanina and Dick Singeltary, , Barbara Logan, Bob and Rita Clements and dog, Kobi met and visited with our faithful donators in the community and members bringing in food and monetary contributions for the May Food Drop.

TOTAL COLLECTED:

675 pounds of food

\$810.00

TOTAL TO DATE:

53,017 pounds of food

\$60, 970 00

We are looking forward to our next FOOD DROP on the third Wednesday of the month, June 17th from 9:00 to 12:00. There are also FOOD BINS in the parish hall for earlier drops. The Leesburg Food Bank continues to appreciate the increasing DONATIONS for food and monetary contributions for those in our community. Blessings to you all and Stay Safe!

God is great! ~ Psalm 70:4

Greeters and the “Welcome” Ministry of IWC at St. James



Maybe the most essential component of Invite, Welcome, Connect, (IWC) is how we show our hospitality through our greeters. Without them, we will struggle to keep newcomers at St. James. To make this work, we need to grow our roster of greeters for both services. Both men and women are encouraged to participate.

This ministry is easy because the number of guests on any Sunday is not large, and the duties are simple. With a large enough roster, a person need not greet more than once a month. **Chris Leware** is ready to provide training as needed. Here is the gist of the duties:

*Arrive early (9:45 for the 10:15 service, for example), *Smile a lot *Introduce yourself to any guests that morning, *Hand them a red bag and describe what is in it, *Show the welcome card with a pen and ask them to fill it out before they leave, *Offer a name tag and marker, *Lead them into the sanctuary and introduce them to somebody near where they sit, *Encourage them to go to coffee after the service, *Introduce them to Father Tom and others after the service & *Take a picture of any newcomer cards that morning to text as instructed to others who will provide essential follow up.

Please consider this ministry to support your St. James family. St. James needs you. If interested please contact/text **Chris Leware to offer your help (352-255-2535).**



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



2nd Patricia Parker
Winston Robuck

3rd Lee Rowell

5th C.L. Hermann

8th Rob English
Rev'd Janet Galbreath

Katie Mann

Dawn Putala

9th Lara Lahey
Eric Kubicsek

10th Ted Bowersox
Robert Sanchez
Katy Wilson

11th Catherine Holt

12th Kitty Bryan
Leah Delgado

13th Marion Belson
Denise Meier
Eileen Pens

14th Cobe Smalley

16th Lonnie Johnson

17th Jean Hogan
Peg Hopper

Carol Young

18th Annabelle Wright

21st Pat Kelly

Gem Vance

23rd Birdy Connolly
Christopher Corley

24th Kimberly Reitter

25th Cheryl Dudley
Luke Logan

26th Nora Cameron

28th Carole Fischer
John Russell

29th Danny Delgado
Liz Tucker

30th Cindy Esselburn
Patricia Jackson



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



1st Gordon & Linda Oldham
Seth Peter and Bethany Trees

5th Bill & Nancy Boyer
Michael and Linda Gray
Robert and Chris Meade

6th Christopher & Cynthia Corley

8th Scott and Kristen Daley

9th Doug and Sebastiana Springman

10th Jim & Joyce Walworth

14th Nathan and Susan Battle
Gary and Teresa Neumann
Jason & Joanie Smalley

16th Manish & Meredith Bhatt
Michael and Dee Saylor

18th Bob and Jan Tindall

20th Robert and Terri Brock

21st Justin & Tina Meyer
Jeffrey and Denise Carpenter

22nd Steve and Nadine Millett

23rd Christopher & Cynthia Corley

24th Curt and Katherine Oestreich

25th Danny and Leah Delgado

27th Andrew and Laura Braun

28th Richard and Tanina Singeltary





ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST



The St. James Prayer List is organized into two sections: A **Short-term list** and a **Three-Month List**. Names are initially placed on the short -term list for three weeks, after which they are moved to the three-month list. At the end of the three -month period, names will be removed unless a request is made for them to remain. Please call the church office if you would like to place someone on the Prayer List. (352) 787-1981 / office@stjames-leesburg.org

Short Term ~ 3 Weeks

Pat Kelly	May 26th	Joe Branham	May 13th
Debbie Willis	May 26th	Andy Hall	May 6th
Dot Vedder	May 26th	Zack Hall	May 6th
Jena Rae Formella	May 13th		



3 Months



Marion Belson	April 30th	Dawn Durst	April 16th
Alexis Dunmire	April 27th	Patricia Bailey	April 16th
Katie Galbreath	April 20th	Michael Gray	March 10th
Alana Goodman	April 20th		

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Church Office Phone: (352) 787-1981 / Email: office@stjames-leesburg.org

Please visit our website at: www.stjames-leesburg.org

CLERGY & STAFF

Rev'd Thomas Trees, Rector
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Rev'd Dr. Sebastiana Springmann	Priest Associate
Rev'd Art Hollows,	Deacon
Victoria Mymudes	Parish Secretary
John Wilson	Parish Organist/Choir Director
Elizabeth Williams	Youth Ministry & Choir Director
Wylie Hill	Sexton

VESTRY

(Senior Warden) Cherie Knowles, (Junior Warden) Bert Sofield,
(Treasurer) Nigel Bailey

Members: Bill Binneveld, Claire Meade, Rita Clements,
Tony Cobb, Susan Cyrus, Sean Lahey, Nancy Moran, Stuart Mowatt,
& Dee Saylor.

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.