

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

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE Supplemental Meeting June 14th, 2022 6:30-8:30 PM

We had wonderful participation at our St. James FOCUS on the Future brainstorming meeting on May 24th. Twenty-five parishioners gathered to discuss their long-term aspirations, interests, and suggestions for our St. James community. It was a productive time to fellowship together and share ideas about the future of St. James. The purpose of the gathering was to offer suggestions to our vestry as they craft a long-term action plan. The group generated over fifty options for our vestry to consider. There is no guarantee that we will be able to implement any specific option, but the vestry will use this input as a powerful driving force in their planning. The vestry will report back to the parish on the disposition of the suggestions. Thank you to all those who participated!

Because of the COVID outbreak in our parish, some people who planned to attend were not able to participate. As a result, we will hold a **Supplemental FOCUS on the Future meeting on Tuesday, June 14th, 2022, in the Parish Hall from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.** This session will be for those who were not able to attend the May 24th meeting. If you DID NOT attend the first meeting and would like a chance to participate, **please email Dorry Curran at tinkrvl@gmail.com by June 10, 2022**, to register. Please provide a phone number and a valid email address. Dorry will be sending you documents to review before the meeting.

Before the last meeting, we accepted suggestions by email, text, and telephone. There were challenges weaving that input into the process we used during the meeting and making sure it received proper consideration. Dorry made it work but it was not ideal. If you have input to contribute, please register and attend this meeting.

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Go to our Facebook page!

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**

YOUTH SUNDAY CONGRATULATIONS

We had a wonderful Youth Sunday on May 15th, as our graduating seniors Ferrell Young and Avery Brooks gave excellent sermons, our young people read the lessons and prayers, and the Jubilate Choir sang. We also gave out the Chorister of the Year Award to Lila Van Beek, and the Acolyte of the Year Award to Grady Logan. Well done!



OPERATION HOMEBOUND

The summer is upon us and we have lost a number of our snowbirds to the North, which leaves us short drivers for the next 5 months. If anyone would like to help in this Ministry, and you can spare 2 hours, 2-3 days a month, please call the parish office or email me at the address below. These are people in need that need us for their one meal a day. Please take heart and consider this Ministry. Thank you
Pat Schaefer 352-787-1981
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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.

St. James Prayer List

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

LONG TERM

Judy Cable
Court Hintze
Sandy Ostrowski
Dottie Elliott
Joyce Huey
Beryl Stokes
Susan Deeley Wells
Rev. Charles Hay
Jerry Steidl
Dot Vedder
Jim & Becky Mitchell
Tom Grizzard
John Winn
Harry Hackney
Renee Lashley
Bishop Brewer
Kurt Cessna
Shirley Fiebke

SHORT TERM

(3 weeks).

Paul Smigel
Maura Nathanson
Nadine Millett
Charmaine & Dan Tenwinkel
Ron Vedder
Steve Boney
Monika Bonner



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A new support group has been formed at St. James for anyone who has lost a loved one and needs the support of others. The group is open to anyone and will be holding its next meeting on **Thursday, June 2nd at 4:00 PM** in the St. Nicholas House.

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, June 29th**. 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).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!

June 27th-July 1st
5:30-8:00 PM

We invite you to join us for our weeklong VBS at St. James as we adventure through our **JERUSALEM MARKETPLACE** Holy Land Adventure! Crafts, Dramas, Games, and Songs will reinforce the Daily Bible Point that is carefully integrated into each activity. Dinner will be served. Our VBS is open to ages Pre-K through 5th Grade. Families may attend as a unit, and teen helpers are welcome!

To register, or to volunteer to help, please contact **Kathleen Trees** at **337-241-3434**. See you there!



OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Don't forget: St James has opportunities for discipleship and learning for everyone to take part in at church:

-Jeff Brook-Stewart's **Bible Study on Romans** meets on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall (until June 30th)

-**The Men's Prayer Breakfast** now meets once a month on the Third Wednesday at 8:00 am in the Parish Hall. We are discussing the video series, "What is Mere Christianity?" Our next meeting will be on **June 15th**

ECW NEWS

The woman of St. James attended the last ECW Meeting until next September with a lovely lunch hosted by our Hospitality Committee.

Thank you so much to Babs Treiber and her crew for a wonderful morning.

On Mother's Day the new Officers and Committee Chairwoman of the ECW were installed at the 10:15 service. Congratulations!

And Big Thank You to Bonnie Binneveld and last year's Officers and Committee Chairwoman.

Upcoming

Bazaar Planning Meeting, June 2nd at 10 AM in the PH

ECW Fall Coffee, Saturday, September 10th

Annual Bazaar, November 19th

All Woman of St. James are invited to participate in all ECW activities, meetings and events.

FOOD DROP May 18,2022

The Leesburg Food Bank Truck met us on a day filled with sunshine and generous St. James parishioners. Our team volunteers, Terri and Van Galyon, Tanina Singletary, Jan Tindall and Rita Clements greeted 13 cars and drivers to collect the day's bounty:

COLLECTED: 620 pounds of food
\$560.00

TOTAL TO DATE: 25,733 pounds of food
\$33,352.73

Our FOOD DROP will continue throughout the summer. From Psalm 117:2, God's love is strong.

We continue to live with challenges that make us discover things about ourselves that we never knew. Be safe through God's love. Thank you for your support and continuous giving. Drive by on JUNE 15TH FOR OUR THIRD WEDNESDAY of the month FOOD DROP.

Music Musings

June 2022

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4: 8,9

Earworm (noun): A catchy song or tune that runs continually through a person's mind. Perhaps this is a malady that is particular to my profession, but I doubt it. Having been aware of it for years, however, I am learning that so much of what flows in and out of my brain as an earworm is most often a direct result of the music that surrounds me day in and day out. With that thought in mind, I am beginning to pay attention (often with a bit humor) to the earworms that sometimes plague me for days.

I am learning that I have a pretty eclectic playlist! ☺ Sometimes it could be a favorite hymn or anthem or instrumental piece from worship. Sometimes beautiful symphonic or choral works thanks to Sirius XM. But it could also be songs from Peter, Paul, and Mary, the Monkees, Carole King, or the Beatles. (Yes, my generational sensibilities are showing.) But, here's the thing: I am grateful for each of these musical fragments, and what they have meant and continue to mean in my life. Yes, many of them are distinctly sacred in nature, but not all. They do all represent, for me, things that are "honourable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent, praiseworthy." I am grateful for a diverse life experience, and grateful to the God who is the author of all that is good, no matter the genre.

So what's the playlist of your life? Can you see how God has been there at every twist and turn, giving you memorable moments along the way? The "sacred" can be found in everyday events, so celebrate your earworms, friends, and give thanks to the God Who gives us a beautiful tapestry of life in its myriad forms.

Yours in Christ,

Deb Carraway

Music Director and Organist

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- 2 Patricia Parker
- 2 Samantha Parker
- 3 Lee Rowell
- 4 John Drawdy
- 5 C.L. Hermann
- 8 Janet Galbreath
- Katie Mann
- Berta Puckhaber
- 9 Eric Kubicsek
- 10 Ted Bowersox
- Robert Sanchez
- 12 Catherine Bryan
- Leah Delgado
- 13 Eileen Pens
- Denise Meier
- 14 Marion Belson

- 14 Coburn Smalley
- 16 Lonnie Johnson
- 17 Peg Hopper
- Carol Young
- 18 Annabelle Wright
- Ed Johns
- Rebekah Shuniak
- 21 Clara Vance
- 23 Beverly Booth
- 25 Luke Logan
- 26 Nora Cameron
- 28 John Russell
- 29 Danny Delgado
- Liz Tucker
- 30 Bev Parsons
- Patricia Jackson



- 1 Seth Peter and Bethany Trees
- 5 Bill and Nancy Boyer
- Michael and Linda Gray
- Bob and Chris Meade
- 6 Charles and Dot Hay
- 8 Scott and Kristen Daley
- 9 Doug & Sebastiana Springmann
- 14 Nathan and Susan Battle
- Gary and Tess Neumann
- 16 Fred and Carolyn Orme


- 17 Brian and Claire Brooks
- 18 Bob and Jan Tindall
- 20 Robert and Terri Brock
- 21 Jeffrey and Denise Carpenter
- 22 Steve and Nadine Millett
- 24 Curt and Kay Oestreich
- 25 Danny and Leah Delgado
- 27 Andrew and Laura Braun
- 28 Ted and Gail Ostrander
- Dick and Tanina Singeltary

Come On, Everybody! Let's Put On A Bazaar!

The ECW is planning our annual bazaar for Saturday, November 19, 2022. This is an opportunity for our parish family to work together to raise money for local charities, fellowship with one another, and show the love of God to the larger community. There are so many blessings associated with this endeavor.

We are inviting anyone who is interested in helping plan and produce the bazaar (women and men!) to attend the first general planning meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 10:00am in the parish hall. We will consider our timeline and begin forming working committees.

Thank you for considering this fun and rewarding ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Dorry Curran at (949)633-8471 or tinkrvl@gmail.com.



Several Daughters attended different meetings throughout the diocese, bringing reports of activities held at those meetings. We are continuing to accept contributions for Canterbury Retreat Center. We thank parishioners for their support. We continue meeting the second Wednesday of each month at 2 PM. All women of the parish are invited. Please join us for prayer and fellowship. For His sake, Shirley Long

LIBRARY CORNER

Your parish library, easily located in Room 6 at the corner of playground and butterfly garden, will be open as usual through the summer; Thursday mornings between the hours of 8 and 12 noon. The book truck displays will still be available to you on Sunday mornings. The young people's books will also be located in the parish hall during June, July and August.

To start the summer season, we will display adult books about travel, so you can indulge in "armchair travel" to Israel, around America to visit some historic small churches and our National Cathedral in D.C., and the great Gothic cathedrals of England. Remember, if you wish to borrow a book from our library collection, please leave the book card representing it behind with your name on it and the date you borrowed it. This is an honor system. Thank you for following the rule. Have a wonderful summer, with lots of reading, and if you need a librarian's help, please call 352-787-5893. Margaret and Linda, your Parish Librarians



2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study	2 10:00 Eucharist 4:00 Grief Support Group NO EVENING BIBLE STUDY TONIGHT	3	4
5 The Day of Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	6	7	8 12:00 Coffee & Philos. 2:00 DOK Meeting 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study	9 10:00 Eucharist 6:30 Bible Study	10	11
12 1st Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	13 2:00 DOK Board Mtg.	14	15 8:00 Men's Prayer Bkfst 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study	16 10:00 Eucharist 6:30 Bible Study	17	18
19 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	20	21	22 10:30 Alzheimer/ Dementia Support Group 12:00 Coffee & Philos. 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study	23 10:00 Eucharist 6:30 Bible Study	24	25
26 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	27 Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:00 pm	28 Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:00 pm	29 12:00 Coffee & Philos. Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:00 p.m.	30 10:00 Eucharist 6:30 Bible Study (Last Study of Season) Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:00 p.m.	July 1st Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:00 p.m.	