

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

ST. JAMES VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Summer break is here, which means it's time to sign up for 2025 Vacation Bible School: "Magnified!"

From **Sunday, June 15th thru Friday June 20th.**

Kids will be encouraged to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all his promises to us.



Our evenings run from 5:45-8:30 pm with dinner provided. Registration is open to pre-K thru rising 6th grade

students. This can be done online or in-person at the church. Older youth who are looking to complete volunteer hours may reach out to Beth Williams for more information.

FAMILY NIGHT is the final night, Friday June 20th, from 5:45p.m. - 8:30 p.m. This is a celebratory family night open to all parents and church members to come out and see what we've been learning through the week! Please come out for an unforgettable conclusion to a wonderful week! We look forward to seeing you for "Magnified!" VBS 2025!

VBS QR Code:



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>

Church Mailing Address
St. James Episcopal Church
204 N. Lee Street
Leesburg, FL 34748



SUNDAY SERVICES **8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.**
HEALING SERVICE: **Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel**
FR. TREES' CELL & EMAIL: **(352)-643-118 EMAIL: frtrees@stjames-leesburg.org**
OFFICE PHONE: **(352) 787-1981 FAX: (352)787-1021**
OFFICE EMAIL: **office@stjames-leesburg.org**

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



Sunday services are livestreamed at 10:15 AM:
Go to YouTube and type
“Leesburg Stjames” or visit our Facebook Page.

CLERGY AND STAFF

Rector	Rev'd Thomas Trees
Deacon	Rev'd Art Hollows
Parish Secretary	Victoria Mymudes
Finance Secretary	Patricia Schaefer
Parish Organist/Choir Director	John Wilson
Youth Ministry and Choir Director	Elizabeth Williams
Sexton	Wylie Hill

2025 VESTRY

(Senior Warden) Terri Galyon, (Junior Warden) Bert Sofield, (Treasurer) Treasurer
Members: Bill Binneveld, Claire Brooks, Rita Clements, Tony Cobb, Susan Cyrus, Linda
Grizzard, Stuart Mowatt, Marvin Naylor, Dan Robuck, Dick Singeltary.



St. James Prayer List

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



SHORT TERM
(3 Weeks)

Mary Burnett
Jim Christian
Sherry Lash
Sally Lawrence
Margaret Peggy Link
Leroy McClurg
Paul & Charlie Smigel
Pam Thomas
Jim Statts

SHORT TERM
(3 Months)

Michael Baker
Ted Bedell
Marion Belson
Nina Bonney
Leon Burke
Corinne
Beverly Cox
Janet Davis
Randy Denk

Janet Davis
Keneta Gaillardet
Dale Jandzinski
David Lossing
Nadine Millett
Caroline Morrison
Gail Ostrander
Robin Rebusmen
Susan Reynolds
Judy Rigby
Paul Rizzo
Joseph Sahab
Ann Seagraves
Paul & Charlie Smigel
Doug Springmann
Peggy Steeves
Danny Thompson

LONG TERM

Baby Autumn
Michael Baker
Patricia Bailey
Nathan Battle

Scott Butler
Judy Cable
Beverly Caswell
Cregg Careins Jr.
Jasmine Cleeton
Birdy Connelley
Kristin Conner
Beth Crossley
Paul Dallaire
Berni Dodeci
David Dudley
Dottie Elliott
Keneta Gaillardet
Kami Hecker
Brook James
Ben Johnson
James Kevin Kaley
Susan Leonard
Katie Leware
Linda Long
Bill Mann
Becky Mitchell
Jim Mitchell

Brandon Morrison,
Belinda Morton-Rusk
Jared Mymudes
Curt Oestreich
Cindy Raczkowski
Bubba Robinson
Holly Rouse
Robert Sanchez
Charlie Schaefer
Steve Scharber
Donna Sharnosk
Jameson Small
Shelly Thomas
Dot Vedder
Julitta Velton
Kevin Watkins
Rob Yeager



UKULELE MINISTRY

Hello my fellow ukulele players,
Please mark these two below dates on your calendar for our community
outreach concerts.

June 24 - 10am - Tuesday
North Campus Nursing Center
700 N Palmetto Street.
Leesburg, (352) 323-2400



June 28 - 2pm - Saturday
Mayfield Retirement Center
460 Newell Hill Rd.
Leesburg, (352) 607-5319

Thanks everyone, Ralpf & Birdy

LIBRARY CORNER

June 8th is Pentecost Sunday, followed by the long Church Season of Pentecost. Of course, Pentecost includes the long, hot, good 'ole summertime'. This year's Pentecostal theme is: being unleashed to live a life worthy of your calling.

I am assuming that being members of St. James, we are called to be Christians. Therefore, I am suggesting that perhaps you might like to avoid the Florida heat by staying inside in A.C. comfort where you could enjoy reading one of the delightfully informative Christian books we have available for you in THE PARISH LIBRARY, RM. 6. You will be surprised by the variety of books you will find in the P.L., which will be open as usual every Thursday morning from 8:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m., and as needed through your requests.

Discover the aspects of your library, and develop your Christian faith this summer.

Thanks for reading,
YOUR devoted librarian, MTB

HAPPY EASTERTIDE from the parish librarian, Margaret Branham



Our next Grief Support Gathering is Thursday, June 5th 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 June is *"Creative Tributes that Reflect the Lives of Our Loved Ones"*. Every life has a story worth telling. For some, it may include traditions passed down through generations. For others, it may involve something entirely different like a hobby, a collection, passion or something that doesn't just honor their life, but comforts and uplifts those they left behind. What have you done or plan to do that reflects the identity, legacy and life of your loved one?

God's Blessings to you all, Susan



YOUTH CHOIR SPRING PROGRAM

"With God's Help" was a great success! Our young people did an incredible job presenting music, skits, and scripture readings. Many thanks to our instrumentalists: Carrigan Findley, Noah Lahey, Sofia Lahey, Ethan Williams, and the wonderful John Wilson! Also, a big congratulations to our Most Improved Youth Chorister, Hayden Kelley, and to our Youth Chorister of the Year, Clara Lahey! All of our young musicians continue to bless this parish by sharing their gifts



from the heart. A video recording is up on the website and YouTube, if you'd like to see it or share it with a friend. Thank you for celebrating another year of music with us!

MAY ECW EVENTS

SPRING LUNCHEON ~ ECW'S 2025-2026 OFFICERS

Mary Burnett	President
Barney Woodward	1st Vice-President
Elaine Samson and Catherine Holt	Co-2nd Vice-Presidents
Karen Sofield	Treasurer
Eileen Pens	Secretary (continuing)

Our resident storyteller, Dorry Curran, presented an entertaining narrative “The Kingdom of Niveaux”..

Sharon McCabe thanked our Outgoing President, Sherry Lash, for her contribution to ECW.

Sherry introduced Elaine Buekle, from the Frontier Church, whose ministry is providing showers for the homeless population in Leesburg.

Elaine thanked ECW for donating toiletries and towels to support this worthy cause. Several organizations are joining this endeavor, including H2R, 1st Presbyterian Church of Leesburg and the Christian Care Benevolence Center.

The incoming President and former Treasurer, Mary Burnett, exhorted the members to move forward with optimism to face the challenges in the coming year.

Shirley Dunne expressed her gratitude for ECW'S donation of jewelry to Leesburg Elementary School. This generous effort made it possible for all 800 students to honor their mothers or grandmothers with a Mother's Day gift.

MOTHER'S DAY BUTTERFLY RELEASE ~ MAY 11TH

This annual event was a festive occasion featuring the Jubilate choir directed by Beth Williams. The release of over one hundred Swallowtail Butterflies, was accompanied by a rendition of “Somewhere over the Rainbow “ by Birdy Connelly and Ralph Lambert. The event raised \$1,252 in support of ECW'S Missions.



**SO
MUCH
FUN!**

CONNECT ORIENTATION SERIES

These sessions are designed to present information about several aspects of worshiping at St. James, and they are open to everyone -- "newcomers" and "old-timers" alike. All sessions will be held in the Parish Hall.

They run from 9:15 a.m. to 9:45. a.m. No registration is necessary -- just show up.

Series Schedule:

June 15: The History of St. James
June 22: "Why We Do What We Do"
-- Understanding the Service at St. James
June 29: The Missions At St. James

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Please join us on the second Wednesday
of every month at 2:00 p.m. in the
Parish Hall.

Our next meeting is scheduled for
JUNE 11TH

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The men of St. James are invited to join us
on the third Wednesday of every month at
8:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Our next meeting is scheduled for
JUNE 18TH.

Care-Givers Support Starting Wednesday, June 4th

For those who are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's Disease (AD) or dementia...

You are invited to join with other caregivers on the **First Wednesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.** As we begin, this group will be for those who attend St James and their friends or neighbors as appropriate. Those who have cared for a loved one with dementia or AD in the past are also welcomed. There's much to learn from available resources and our personal experience.

Our meetings are an informal gathering and our goal is to share confidentially, to listen to other caregivers and to learn from each other as we walk along this path. It always helps if you know you are not alone.

The gatherings do not include the loved one with symptoms or a confirmed diagnosis, to allow everyone to speak openly.

No sign-up necessary.

For more information, call or text Jeff Livesay / 571-335-3430

JUNE



BIRTHDAYS

2nd Patricia Parker
 3rd Lee Rowell
 5th C.L. Hermann
 8th Rob English
 Rev'd Janet Galbreath
 Katie Mann
 9th Eric Kubicsek
 10th Ted Bowersox
 Katy Wilson
 Debora Ballabio
 Robert Sanchez
 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 Rebekah Shuniak
 Annabelle Wright
 21st Gem Vance
 Patrick Kelly
 23rd Birdy Connolly
 25th Cheryl Dudley
 Luke Logan
 26th Nora Cameron
 28th Carole Fischer
 John Russell
 29th Danny Delgado
 Liz Tucker
 30th Cindy Esselburn
 Pat Jackson

ANNIVERSARY

1st Gordon & Linda Oldham
 Seth Peter and Bethany Trees
 5th Michael and Linda Gray
 Robert and Chris Meade
 6th Christopher & Cynthia Corley
 8th Scott and Kristen Daley
 9th Doug and Sebastiana Springmann
 14th Nathan and Susan Battle
 Gary and Teresa Neumann
 Jason & Joanie Smalley
 16th Michael and Denise Saylor



18th Bob and Jan Tindall
 20th Robert and Terri Brock
 21st Justin & Tina Meyer
 Jeffrey and Denise Carpenter
 22nd Steve and Nadine Millett
 24th Curt and Katherine Oestreich
 25th Danny and Leah Delgado
 27th Andrew and Laura Braun
 28th Richard and Tanina Singeltary

MAY FOOD DROP

Volunteers, Tanina and Dick Singeltary, Terri and Van Galyon, Barbara Logan . and Rita Clements met our faithful food and monetary givers for the HOT DAY IN MAY FOOD DROP!

COLLECTED: 870 POUNDS OF FOOD from St. James
 62 POUNDS OF FOOD . Harris Chain Sail and Power Squadron Club
 962 POUNDS OF FOOD
 \$500.00

TOTAL TO DATE: 50,154 POUNDS OF FOOD / \$58,554.00

In the past, we experienced that cold weather conditions had not stopped our faithful givers at St. James and this past month, the hot May temperatures did not stop us either. Thank you. A neighbor friend in our community collected food from her neighborhood and shared, “ she had once been homeless and was thankful she could “give back” through our FOOD DROP MISSION WORK. We continue to challenge the summer weather and look forward to your wonderful support as our Leesburg Food Bank remains open throughout the summer. See you at the next FOOD DROP, Wednesday, June 18th from 9:00-12:00.

OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS US. BLESSINGS TO YOU.
BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT, EPHESIANS 5:18

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


Maybe the most essential component of 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 an easy one as 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 (like the ushers who are assigned once every 7 weeks at the 10:15 service). 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.
 Contact/Text **Chris Leware to offer your help (352-255-2535)**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 7th Sunday of Easter 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist 2:30 Dulcimer Class	2 6:00 Beginner Ukulele	3	4 10:30 Care Givers Support Group (Parish Hall) 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 5:45 Bell Choir 6:45 Adult Choir (Last day of Practice for both Bell and Adult Choir)	5 8:30-12 Library Open 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 3:00 Grief Support	6 D-DAY 	7
8 The Day of Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist 2:30 Dulcimer Class	9 6:00 Beginner Ukulele 7:00 Advanced Ukulele	10	11 10:30 Care Givers Support Group (Parish Hall) 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 2:00 Daughters of the King	12 8:30-12 Library Open 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	13	14 
15 1st Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist 2:30 Dulcimer Class VBS 5:45-8:30 FATHER'S DAY	16 3:00 Stephen Ministry 6:00 Beginner Ukulele Ukelele Ministry VBS 5:45-8:30	17 VBS 5:45-8:30	18 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9-12 Food Drop 10:30 Care Givers Support Group (Parish Hall) 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 5:00 Financial Committee VBS 5:45-8:30	19 JUNETEENTH 8:30-12 Library Open 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:30 Vestry Meeting VBS 5:45-8:30	20 5:45-8:30 VBS FAMILY NIGHT	21 WEDDING Justin Meyer & Tina English 
22 2nd Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist 2:30 Dulcimer Class	23 6:00 Beginner Ukulele 7:00 Advanced Ukulele	24 Ukulele Ministry 10:30 North Campus Nursing Center	25 10:30 Care Givers Support Group (Parish Hall) 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy	26 8:30-12 Library Open 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	27	28 Ukulele Ministry 2:00 Mayfield Retirement Center
29 3rd Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist 2:30 Dulcimer Class	30 6:00 Beginner Ukulele	