

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.

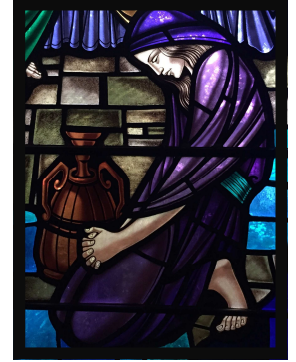
ST. JAMES MESSENGER

An Invitation to a Holy Lent

"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial, and by reading and meditating on God's Word".

Lent begins this year on
**ASH WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 2ND**

With the Imposition of Ashes at
8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.



This Lent, there are a number of opportunities for discipleship and learning for everyone to take part in:

- Linda Ames has distributed a copy of daily Lenten devotions on the Psalms called "Anatomy of the Soul" to the ECW. Copies are available for everyone at St. James to go through.
 - Jeff Brook-Stewart continues his Bible Study on Romans on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
 - Fr. Tom continues his study on Hebrews on Sunday mornings at 9:00.
 - Kathleen Trees will be starting a Sunday morning Mom's Group on the book *Lineage of Grace*, and Deacon Art will teach a Communion class for kids.
 - Our Men's Prayer Breakfast will be starting on Wednesday, March 9th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall, and will be held weekly during Lent. Also on March 9th, a Young Adult Bible study will start on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the Parish Hall. Both the Men's Breakfast and Young Adults will go through Seth Peter's YouTube series, "What is Mere Christianity?", based on the book by C.S. Lewis. Copies of the book are available.
- We encourage each of you to make a Lenten commitment to attend church every Sunday (as long as you are in town and not at work), and take part in at least one opportunity for learning and discipleship.***

MARCH 2022

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

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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

"WHAT IS MERE CHRISTIANITY?"

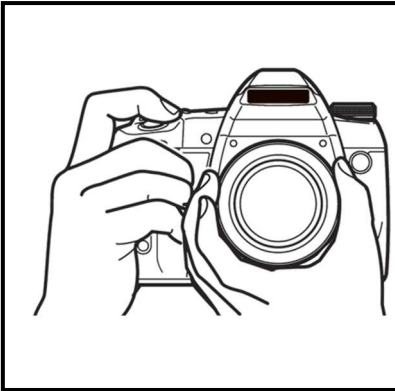


C.S. Lewis's landmark book *Mere Christianity* helped clarify the essential beliefs Christians hold regardless of their different backgrounds. It also set out to dispel misunderstandings of what Christianity is, and answer common objections to the Christian faith. Seth Peter is producing a series of 5-7 minute installments that summarize some of Lewis' key points. You can view this series, "*What is Mere Christianity?*" by going the web site "**The Faith We Confess.**" (thefaithweconfess.com)



QUILT OF VALOR

The Rev. Margaret Green-Witt, long-time member of St. James, was honored on February 10, 2022 with a patriotic quilt from Quilts of Valor® in recognition of her military experience and devotion to service. A Quilt of Valor® is a quality, handmade quilt that is machine or hand quilted. It is awarded to a service member or veteran who has been touched by war. The quilt says, unequivocally, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation". Margaret also celebrated her 102nd birthday on February 20,2022.



NEW PICTURE DIRECTORY

It is a brand new year, and time for a new picture directory for St. James in 2022! Someone will be available to take photos after each church service in the upcoming weeks. Please be sure to keep us up to date on your current address and contact information!

St. James Prayer List

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

LONG TERM

Judy Cable
Court Hintze
Dorothy Martin
Sandy Ostrowski
Dottie Elliott
Joyce Huey

Helen Robertshaw
Tammi Sue
Wayne Hedrick
Kay Palmer
Helen Williams
Hildeliza
Maria
Beryl Stokes
Shirley Fiebke
The Payne Family
Tom Manual
David Manual
Ginger Allison
James Curran

SHORT TERM (3 weeks).

Jackie & Jaylon King
Allen Phillips
Kelley Bolender
Jamie Cook
Roxie Rowell
John Ellis
Sarai Welch
Gail and Gary Olsen



DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Some of us at St. James have been talking about forming a support group for those who are dealing with, or have dealt with family members suffering from dementia. An initial meeting of the Dementia/Alzheimers Support Group took place on Tuesday, February 22nd, at 10:00AM in the Parish Hall. It has been decided that this group will meet the third Wednesday of each month at 10:30AM in the Parish Hall. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 23rd. If you are interested in participating please call Dot Hay (352-552-8986) or the Parish Office at (352-787-1981).

IT'S BACK!!! SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

**TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST, AT 6:00pm
in the Parish Hall**



**Regular or Gluten Free
Join us in our final celebration before Lent!**

BISHOP'S VISIT AND CONFIRMATION



We are blessed to have Bishop Greg Brewer visit St. James again on Sunday, March 6th, at both the 8:00 and 10:15AM services. Our 10:15 service will include Confirmation and Reception. We will have a reception in the Parish Hall afterwards.

This will be the last official visit Bishop Brewer makes to St. James before his retirement next year.

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST IS BACK

The men's breakfast has been away for two years now. But rejoice we are bringing it back. COVID necessitated that the breakfast cease for a time. Now that the pandemic has eased we will startup the breakfast again. Initially, for Lent, it will be every Wednesday, starting on 9 March, at 8 AM. We will attempt to keep it to about 45 minutes. After Lent we will meet about once or twice a month. During Lent there will be some video presentations by our own Seth Peter based on "Mere Christianity."

Deacon Art Hollows



DON'T FORGET

Daylight Savings Time begins **Sunday, March 13th at 2:00am.** Remember to set your clock ahead one hour!

ECW NEWS

The next ECW meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 1st at 10:00AM**. It will be hosted by St. Cecelia Chapter. The program is "What Color is Your Egg?," led by Rita Clements, **ALL women are welcome**.

ECW CHAPTER MEETINGS Tuesday, March 15th

10:00 AM St. Francis (Hosted by Dorry Curran at her home)
10:00 AM St. Mary's (Hosted by Bev Parsons at her home)
10:00 AM St. Ann's (Hosted by Herma Mowatt in P.H.)
4:00 PM St. Cecilia's (Hosted by Katie Mann, Rita Clements, and Meg Bremer in PH)

ECW JODY'S GIFT SHOP NEWS FLASH

The shop now has **GIFT CERTIFICATES** for any amount that a person wants to "give". Please visit the shop and view many of the new items that have been given and buy a GIFT CERTIFICATE! Shop open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sundays between services.

MONTHLY FOOD DROP

Volunteers, Terri and Van Galyon, Tanina Singletary and Rita Clements met the LEESBURG FOOD BANK TRUCK awaiting the February Food Drop abundance of giving.

COLLECTED: 760 pounds of food
\$860.00

TOTAL TO DATE: 23,599 pounds of food
\$30,162.00

Thank you for your generous giving. Looking forward to the MARCH FOOD DROP, THIRD WEDNESDAY on MARCH 16th. Sending God's blessings.

Rita Clements



Music Musings

March 2022

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 2 Corinthians 5:17

When Paul and I got married he gave me a lovely engagement ring, along with a coordinating wedding band. It was a treasure to me, except for one thing: the white gold seemed to cause a negative reaction on my skin. After a while I tried wearing just a simple yellow gold band, but, alas, the same problem occurred. So the rings went in a box (and occasionally on a chain around my neck) but I pretty much adapted to going "ringless." A few years went by and suddenly it was our 15th anniversary. For that special occasion Paul gave me a beautiful cross necklace. Imbedded in it was my original engagement diamond (see picture below). He had had a local jeweler (who also happened to be the associate pastor at our church) "repurpose" the diamond; it became part of a new creation, designed just for me.

God has given us each a great gift through His immeasurable gracious powers. As he has taken the broken pieces of our lives and lovingly repurposed them, we have become beautiful new creations in Christ; *everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new...*



"Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise." (Love Divine All Loves Excelling, verse 4)

Be blessed, friends, knowing that you are God's treasure, that God has repurposed you for great things!

Yours in Christ,



Deb Carraway, Music Director and Organist



Birthdays

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| 1 William Mann
Margaret Panlilio | 19 Lucienne Trees |
| 2 Deb Carraway
James Battle | 20 Nathan Battle |
| 4 Lee Curry | 21 Gordon Oldham
Gus Grizzard |
| 6 Anna Delgado | 23 Mark Steeves
Shirley Long
Barbara Morgan
Cameron Donovan |
| 8 Ta'kee Cobb | 24 Janet Davis
Maggie Graham |
| 9 George Rebusmen
Ted Wolf | 25 Gail Ostrander
John Meier
Jessica Graham
Mandy Cauthen |
| 10 Barbara Demaline | 26 Terri Galyon |
| 12 Charles Tucker
Caroline Walling | 27 Meg Bremer
Dan Tenwinkel |
| 13 George Singeltary | 28 Linda Grizzard
Jim Logan |
| 15 Kristen Bowersox | 30 Kaitlyn Waddell |
| 16 Rita Clements
Jennifer Seamans | |
| 17 Ray Ozanne
Linda Tomasello
Shirley Fiebke
Scott Braun
Audrey Logan | |



Anniversaries

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| 6 Alberto & Marie Gan | 19 Colin & Jeanmarie York |
| 16 Court & Linda Hintze
Richard & Pat Stanton | 23 Tom & Kathleen Trees
25 Simon & Katie Van Beek
30 Keith & Mary Burnett |

If your Birthday or Anniversary does not appear in the Messenger, please call Pat in the office at 352-787-1981 so that your profile can be updated. We don't want anyone left out!



The Daughters of the King continues to meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 2:00 P.M. in the parish hall. We are reviewing The Study Guide which is used in preparing a Daughter for admission to the Order. All women of the Parish are invited. Join us to learn more about Daughters

The Library Corner

In The March issue of THE DAILY WORD I found this quotable message for Tuesday, March 1st, the eve of the Lenten season of 2022. It is titled "Ready". It pleases me to equate the words 'reading' and 'ready', so I have chosen to share this with all of you who are reading The Messenger.

"With joy in my heart, I am ready to grow. ON THE EVE OF THE LENTEN SEASON, I take time for reflection. Guided by indwelling Spirit, I recall all that has brought me this day. I savor the good and give thanks for those rich blessings. I release unpleasant memories, also giving thanks for lessons learned and opportunities for growth. I ready my mind and heart for new opportunities to live, give and grow as I prepare for Lent to begin. I affirm gentleness, ready to do all I am guided to do. My spirit soars to new heights. My heart is light, and my soul is free. I am ready to grow, ready to receive my good. I celebrate all that I have and am. I step forward in faith, open to abundant blessings."


These profound words and many other devotions, prayers and reflections are always available in your Parish Library. Visit us and discover the joy of it all. Blessings, Margaret & Linda

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.



2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 ECW Board Mtg. 10:00 ECW Gen'l. Mtg. 6:00 SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER	2 ASH WEDNESDAY IMPOSITION OF ASHES 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM 6:00 PM (No Coffee & Philosophy)	3 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:30 Bible Study	4	5
6 1st Sunday in Lent BISHOP BREWER VISITATION 8:00 AM 10:15 AM	7 2:00 DOK Board Mtg.	8	9 8:00 Men's Breakfast 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 2:00 DOK Meeting 4:00 St. James Youth 6:30 Young Adults	10 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:30 Bible Study	11	12 11:00 Mem'l Service Ruth Mitchell 2:00 Mem'l Service Sarah Sisson
13 2nd Sunday in Lent 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	14	15 ECW Chapter Meetings 10:00 St. Francis 10:00 St. Mary's 10:00 St. Ann's (PH) 4:00 St. Cecilia's (PH)	16 8:00 Men's Breakfast 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 St. James Youth 5:00 Finance Meeting 6:30 Young Adults 7:00 Choir Rehears	17 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:00 Vestry Meeting 6:30 Bible Study 	18	19
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