

The St. James' Messenger
 204 Lee Street
 Leesburg, FL 34748-4915

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



A SPECIAL WEEKEND!

What a wonderful, pivotal event we had with Mary Parmer! Over 90 people attended our Saturday workshop, where Mary challenged us to pursue the core values of evangelism, hospitality, and belonging at St. James. As one attendee put it, Mary “lit a fire under us”. It is now up to us to follow through by putting our ideas into action. We have Invite, Welcome, and Connect teams in place, where you can use your gifts for ministry in a number of different areas. If you would like to join, a sign-up form is on the table in the back of the church. You can also find out more by contacting Marc Crouch at (804) 402-2011 or crouch.marc@yahoo.com

One way we can all practice evangelism is to put our new St. James decals on our cars. Be sure to grab one from the back table in the church! You can also pick up invitation cards to distribute, order a St. James polo or T-shirt, and purchase a copy of Mary’s book, *Invite-Welcome-Connect: Stories and Tools to Transform Your Church*.

May the benefits of this workshop bear long term fruit!

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
LEESBURG, FL

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Shirts are available in 3 sizes:
 (The Price Below with corresponding quantity applies regardless of Men's, Women's, Children's, and ALL for \$25 each and \$20, \$15, \$10, \$5 for \$10)

Men's: Large and XL for \$25 each and \$20, \$15, \$10, \$5 for \$10

Women's: Small, Medium, Large, XL for \$25 and \$20, \$15, \$10, \$5

Children's: Youth, Toddler, Infant for \$10, \$5, \$3

The Church and World provide (shown below) in both in Adult sizes: G, M, L, XL for \$15 and \$10. \$10, \$5 for \$10 and \$5 each.

Item	Size	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
Men's Polo Shirt				
Women's Polo Shirt				
Children's Polo Shirt				
Men's T-shirt				
Women's T-shirt				
Children's T-shirt				
Total				

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BE OUR GUEST

stories & tools to transform your church

Invite
 Welcome
 Connect

MARY FOSTER PARMER
 FOREWORD BY MICHAEL B. CURRY

MARCH 2023

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>

Church Mailing Address:

St. James Episcopal Church

204 N. Lee Street

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Services: Sunday 8:00AM & 10:15 AM

Thursday Healing Service 10:00AM

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Fr. Trees' cell: (352) 643-1182

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.

CHURCH VESTRY & STAFF

Rector: Rev'd Thomas Trees

Assisting Priest: Rev'd William J. Boyer

Assisting Deacon: Rev'd Art Hollows

Parish Organist/Choir Director: Deb Carraway

Nursery Coordinator: Carmen Rebusmen

Children's Choir Director: Elizabeth Williams

Treasurer: Linda Weekley

Parish / Finance Secretary: Pat Schaefer

Sexton: Doug Ames

Housekeeping: Diane Smith

Vestry Members: Bill Cauthen, Dorry Curran, Danny Delgado (Senior Warden), Harry Hackney, Terry Galyon, Linda Grizzard, David Knowles, Chris Leware, Drew Logan (Junior Warden), Mackie McCabe, Dick Singeltary, Linda Weekley



THE LAST SUPPER

April 6th, 6:00 PM

During the **Maundy Thursday** service on April 6th, St. James will once again present "**The Last Supper.**" This is a series of soliloquies based on scripture that takes place in the setting of DaVinci's painting of the same name. Thank you so much to the men of St. James who have stepped forward to play the apostles in our Maundy Thursday presentation.

LIBRARY CORNER—Margaret Branham

Having just selected the several EASTER books we have in our Parish Library from their shelves, I am placing them on the center table in Rm. 6, until near the end of Lent when they will be marched around the corner to the Parish Hall book truck.

Meanwhile, you are invited in to the library to read and enjoy these books. Don't miss them, as well as the Lenten books already on display in the parish hall.

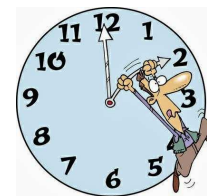
Now, as a special treat, here is a Lenten poem written by our resident poet, Janet Davis, from her collection titled PALM READERS.

LENT

A special time -	Give up sweets-	Both ways are good,
40 days of Lent -	A real sacrifice.	For body and soul,
Fast and study.	Or give up anger,	Making us stronger
With prayers to be sent.	And try to be nice.	Making us whole.

To give up, or give,
Which is best?
How do YOU answer
This heavenly test?

DON'T FORGET...



Daylight Savings Time begins **Sunday, March 12th at 2:00am.** Remember to set your clock ahead one hour!

St. James Prayer List

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

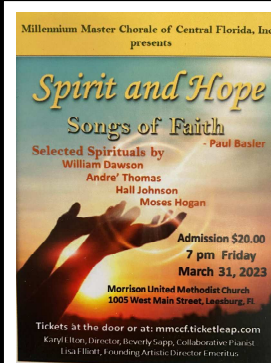
LONG TERM

Judy Cable
Dottie Elliott
Joyce Huey
Charles Hay
Kathy Billington
Charles Stephens
Nancy Mitchell
Stephen Norris
Laurie Grizzard
Jim Mitchell
Becky Mitchell
Doug Springmann
Shirley Fiebke
Jean Hogan
Deb Bellabio
Emma Jackson
Rebecca Avilla
Vicki Hedrick
Jon Goodman
Ernie Rossi
Justin

Debbie Sharkey
Pratt Carter
Daryl Nelson
The Payne Family
Gerry
Deborah Welsh
Tim McCrae
Joe Welsh
Janet Davis
Ron Vedder

SHORT TERM

Janet Galbreath
Haley Grace Hart
Valerie Naylor
Beryl Stokes
Dennis Kusenda
Corbett Knowles
Joan Reid
Kurt Cessna
Hellen Williams
Sandy Oberholtzer



SPIRIT AND HOPE: SONGS OF FAITH

Join the Millennium Master Chorale on Friday, March 31st at 7:00 PM at Morrison Methodist Church. Tickets are \$20.00, available at the door or

GRIEF SUPPORT

The Grief Support Gathering will meet **Thursday, March 2nd, 2023, at 4:00 PM at the Coffee Snob** (1101-1 W. North Blvd, Leesburg). The topic will be, "What Keeps You Going on the Toughest Days".

Want to find out more? Contact Susan Cyrus at (352) 636-8969

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 2:00PM in the Parish Hall**. The next meeting which will take place on **Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023**. 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).

A Lenten Reminder...

We encourage each of you to make a Lenten commitment to attend church, if possible, every Sunday, and take part in at least one opportunity for learning, fellowship and discipleship:

- Coffee & Philosophy:** Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. (at The Coffee Snob)
- Jeff Brook-Stewart's Bible Study:** Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
- Intergenerational Sunday School:** Sundays at 9:00.
- Men's Prayer Breakfast:** 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:00 AM.
- ECW General Meeting:** 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM.
- ECW Chapter Meetings:** 3rd Tuesday or Wednesday of the month.
- Daughters of the King:** 2nd Wednesday at 2:00 PM
- Grief Support Group:** 1st Thursday at 4:00 PM (at The Coffee Snob)
- Dementia Support Group:** 4th Wednesday of the month.

2023 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

This year members of the ECW received a copy of the 2023 Lenten Devotional produced by the North American Lutheran Church entitled, "Loved and Freed." It was edited by Andrew Ames Fuller, son-in-law to Doug and Linda Ames. Extra copies are available for anyone who wants one in the back of the church. If you would like us to send you a copy, contact us at the church office.

A WORD OF GRATITUDE FOR DEB...

As you well know, worship is essential to our spiritual life at St. James, which couldn't happen without the gifted leadership of Deb Carraway. Deb took our choir from a membership of eight to over thirty. Along with the hymns and choir anthems on Sundays, solos and "Summer Singin' Saints," she directed the most amazing Christmas programs we have ever had at St. James. After nine years of faithful service here, Deb will enjoy the fruit of her labors in retirement. Her last Sunday is scheduled for May 21st. We will sure miss her, and are grateful for her work in the transformation of our choir. Be sure to let her know what a blessing she has been to us!

We are in the process of selecting a new Organist/Music Minister. We covet your prayers as we seek someone to lead this ministry with the same passion and gifting for worship. Our hope is to have someone ready at the beginning of June.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

TUESDAY, MARCH 7TH

ECW BOARD MEETING, 9 AM

GENERAL MEETING, 10 AM (PARISH HALL)

Program: What's in a Song by Deb Carraway and Nancy Moran

Hostesses: St. Cecelia's

TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST

CHAPTER MEETINGS

St. Ann's, 10 AM (Parish Hall)

St. Francis', 10 AM (26719 White Plains Way, Arlington Ridge)

St. Cecilia's, 3:45 PM (Parish Hall)

Note: St. Martha's will not meet in March due to Spring break

A NEW ECW OUTREACH...

The women of ECW have a new Outreach program and hope that you will be "Pulling" with us. We are saving pop tabs (aka pull tabs). These aluminum tabs are found on many cans, soda, pet food, soup, fruit and vegetable and even beer cans. Just PULL and save.

WHY? To support Ronald McDonald House.

WHERE & WHO? Central Florida is fortunate to have a Ronald McDonald House in Orlando, a hotel type of arrangement for families to stay free of charge while their child is hospitalized. The family is served home cooked meals and a play-room is available for siblings.

It's easy, just PULL and save. There will be a collection box in the Parish Hall for you to bring your PULL tabs for collection. Pulling together we can make a difference.



JODY'S GIFT SHOP HOURS

Sunday	After the 8:00 and 10:15 Services
Wednesday	10:00-2:00
Thursday.	10:00-2:00
Friday.	10:00-2:00



Music Musings

March 2023

*"It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it;
You spread His love to everyone; you want to pass it on."*

This hymn, "Pass it On," came into popularity in the early 1970s, first as a part of a youth musical entitled, "Tell it Like it Is," then as a standalone song eventually published in many hymnals. It was an integral part of my teenage years, and I sang it many times at youth group and youth choir. We LOVED this song and would sing it with gusto at the drop of a hat. There were probably plenty of people who looked askance at such a simple and folksy piece, doubting that it should be included in a collection of hymns which also featured Charles Wesley classics such as "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" and "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." But included it was, and in my Methodist tradition it became part of the "new" 1989 hymnal.

In its simplicity it beautifully sets forth something to which we, as disciples of Christ, should aspire: spreading the love of God to all, no strings attached. And also by telling those who will listen about the certainty of God's provision as shown to us at every twist and turn of life. We trust God for the future, because God has been so faithful to us in our journeys at every age and stage. It is a beautiful, and always timely, story to share with the world.

I am grateful for the remembrance of "Pass it On" at this point of my life. It inspired me as a teenager, and continues to do so in my not-so-teenage years. Though I am concluding my tenure at St. James in May, I am reminded that God has called me to remain in Him, passing on the love He has so graciously and generously given to me.

The closing verse of "Pass it On" is my prayer for you all:

*I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found;
You can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountaintop; I want my world to know;
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.*

Yours in Christ,
Deb Carraway
Music Director and Organist



Birthdays

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



Anniversaries

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

ST. JAMES INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL RED LETTER EDITION

We meet in the Parish Hall at 9:00 AM for fun-filled learning activities for children and adults on the Gospel reading for the day.

Breakfast is included! Below is our schedule for March:

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| March 5th | Jesus and Nicodemus |
| March 12th | (Off for Spring Break) |
| March 19th | Healing the Man Born Blind |
| March 26th | Raising Lazarus |



The Daughters of the King meet the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00PM in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 when we resume our study of Parables. All women of the Parish are invited. Please join us for prayer and study.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Jeff Brooke-Stewart's Bible Study meets on Thursday evenings in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m. They have just begun the 2nd Chapter of the Gospel of John.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our **Men's Prayer Breakfast** will meet again on **Wednesday, March 15th at 8:00am** in the Parish Hall. We are going through the series, "What is Mere Christianity?" To learn more about our Men's Fellowship, contact Fred (Ted) Kermode at fkermode@verizon.net, (941) 807-3176 or (941) 807-3176

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 at (352) 643-1182, or by email at frtrees@stjames-leesburg.org.

March

2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Adult Choir	2 10:00 Eucharist 4:00 Grief Support Mtg 6:30 Bible Study	3	4
5 2nd Sunday in Lent 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	6 6:30 Stephen Ministry	7 9:00 ECW Board Mtg 10:00 ECW Gen'l Mtg	8 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 2:00 DOK Meeting 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Adult Choir	9 10:00 Eucharist 6:30 Bible Study	10	11
12 3rd Sunday in Lent 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	13	14	15 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 5:00 Finance Meeting 7:00 Adult Choir	16 10:00 Eucharist 6:00 Vestry Meeting 6:30 Bible Study	17	18
19 4th Sunday in Lent 8:00 Eucharist (Sunday School Off) 10:15 Eucharist	20	21 ECW Chapter Meetings	22 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Adult Choir 2:00 Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group	23 10:00 Eucharist 6:30 Bible Study	24	25
26 5th Sunday in Lent 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	27	28				