

**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 ST. JAMES EASTER!*



***Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

While not all restrictions are lifted yet, we rejoice at being able to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ in person this year, with some old and new activities. Our children were able to have their annual Easter Egg Hunt by the St. Nicolas House, and we had our first ever 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise service outside by the Memorial Garden. Plans are now in place to make it a regular Easter morning celebration.

We also celebrated our first Butterfly Release on Sunday, April 18th (held on the Sunday closest to Earth Day). Many thanks to our ECW ladies who put this wonderful family event together!



MAY 2021

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](mailto: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 Deacon:** Rev'd Jerry Steidl
- Parish Organist/Choir Director:** Deb Carraway
- Nursery Coordinator:** Carmen Rebusmen
- Director of Youth and Families:** Elizabeth Williams
- Minister to Teens:** Susie Brewer
- Treasurer:** Tom Grizzard
- Parish / Finance Secretary:** Pat Schaefer
- Sexton:** Doug Ames
- Housekeeping:** Diane Smith
- Vestry Members:** Bonnie Binneveld, Bill Cauthen, Marc Crouch, Kristen Daley, Kathy Davidson, Danny Delgado (Senior Warden), Harry Hackney, Chris Leware, Steve Merrill, Bob Tindall, Steve Treiber (Junior Warden), Patti Wolf

**MEET A NEW PARISHIONER!**

We have some new faces at St. James that we would like to introduce to you! This month we asked one of our new members, **Nora Cameron**, a regular at our 8:00 service, to answer a few questions for us. Be sure to greet her when you see her at church!



How long have you lived in Leesburg?

"Just one year"

What brought you to St. James?

*"I visited various churches, and then the pandemic hit. I had visited St. James, liked it and decided this would be the church."*

What do you especially enjoy about our church?

*"People were very friendly and welcoming, and even though we're still limited in what we can do, there is a lot going on".*

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Grounds and Facilities Committee** needs several volunteers with ideas or suggestions on how to prioritize and correct any current problems. We also need to create a preventative maintenance plan. This will involve a startup committee meeting and willing and capable hands for light work. Please contact Steve Treiber 563-529-5369.

**Messenger Team** needs volunteers to help prepare the Messenger for mailing. This takes place the last Wednesday of each month at 9:30am for approximately 2 hours. Please contact Paula O'Connor 352-787-6372..

**Operation Homebound** requires delivery of meals to those homebound in the Fruitland Park and Leesburg area. This will require 2-2 1/2 hrs of your time 2-3 days a month. Please call Pat at the office 352-787-1981.

# St. James Prayer List

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

## LONG TERM

Maggie Brooke-Stewart  
Kenny Edwards  
Erin Byrns  
Dottie Elliott  
Susan Peak  
Judy Cable  
Bob Cyrus  
Debbie Slappey

Florence Deeley  
Darwin Klug  
Jaden Cantrell  
TJ Hagist  
Kathy E  
Eric B.  
Cody Linker & Family  
Sue Greenwood  
Paul & Charlene Smigel  
Fred Neidhart  
Isabel Campbell

## SHORT TERM

(3 weeks).

Dorothy Martin  
Fr. Rick Cross  
Jim Mitchell  
Kathleen Magurean  
Butch O'Kelley  
Linda Weekley  
Jay Rutschow  
Bob Fiebke  
James, Chelsea, and  
their Twin Babies  
Nancy Austin



## IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Margaret Jackson, who passed away on April 13th. Margaret was an active member of St. James for several years, and was just two weeks shy of her 103rd birthday.

*Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord,  
And let light perpetual shine upon her.*

## FAMILY SUNDAY

Our next "Family Service" will be on **May 16th at 10:15** (Rescheduled from our initial date of May 2nd). We will have readings and prayers by our young people, and our Jubilate kids will sing! We will also be honoring this year's graduating seniors from St. James, and will have our Senior Sermon! Be sure to join us, either in person or by live-stream. (Since seating priority is given to families on this day, reservations may result in overflow for the 10:15 service).



Congratulations to Doug and Linda Ames on the birth of their first grandchild, Ephrem Andrew Ames Fuller, to their daughter Shannon and her husband Andrew! Ephrem was born on March 26th, 2021, in Ambridge, PA, weighing in at a healthy 7 lbs, 15 oz.

*"Children are a blessing from the Lord,  
and the fruit of the womb is his reward"*  
*Psalm 127:3*



**THE ALPHA COURSE** is an opportunity to grapple with the bigger questions of life and faith - in a fun, nonthreatening, nonjudgmental online environment. It is an opportunity to share virtual fellowship with other people who are traveling on the same path. It is a great way to explore Christianity. It is for anyone who wants to feel more connected in this challenging time.

Our online sessions meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. After a brief welcome, there is a **30-minute video** that explores the basics of Christianity. This is followed by wonderful small-group discussion where you get to participate in your own way - to share or just listen.

Are you interested in joining? **Sign up** by sending an email to Dorry ([tinkrvl@gmail.com](mailto:tinkrvl@gmail.com)) and Delcie ([delciedr@hotmail.com](mailto:delciedr@hotmail.com)). Please include your first and last names, address, and a telephone number so we can call or text you if we need to.

## ECW NEWS

ECW (old and new) boards will meet on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. This will be followed by a general meeting at 11:00, featuring a speaker on Dementia and the Effects of Covid. Business to be conducted at 11:30 includes approval of proposed Charitable Gifts spending. A Parish Hall Picnic with bagged lunches will follow at noon. Advance reservations will ensure we order plenty of lunches! Please contact your chapter chairwoman or Bonnie Binneveld to add your name to the list.

Installation of the new board will be held on Mothers' Day, May 9<sup>th</sup>, during the 10:15 service.

Many thanks to Cheryl Nann and her committee for a lovely Butterfly Release between church services on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Thanks also to all who sponsored butterflies, attended, and helped in so many different ways.

### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Those desiring to offer flowers for any service – either in Memory of Loved Ones or in Thanksgiving, please contact Bonnie Binneveld @255-1658. On behalf of ECW, Bonnie will handle the monthly calendar for Altar and Madonna flowers. Then it is up to the donor to contact a local florist and make arrangements. They should bill you directly, not St. James. You can also reserve the Altar candle for \$5.00.

### FOOD DROP PROJECT

Thoughtfulness is to friendship as sunshine is to a garden! The rains were over, the gardens were gleaming highlighted with sunshine and there was not a cloud in the sky. It was a beautiful day for the APRIL FOOD DROP.

COLLECTED:                    909 pounds of food  
                                          \$870.00

ELEVEN MONTH TOTAL:    14,719 pounds of food  
                                          \$19,093.00

April showers brought an abundance of charitable gifts from St. James Parishioners . Thank you and BLESSINGS TO ALL. We look forward to our next FOOD DROP on the third Wednesday of the month, May 19th.



## *MUSIC MUSINGS* *May 2021*

“Christ is Risen, the Lord is risen indeed!”

Yes, friends, it's still Easter, and we continue celebrating the resurrection as we move through the Sundays of the Easter season. As followers of Jesus, we are called “The Easter People,” and there's a good reason for that: our faith is predicated on the historically affirmed birth, life, and death of Jesus, but most importantly his resurrection from the dead. He lives...and so do we!

As a result of that we serve and follow a risen Savior, and our lives should reflect how Christ lived, loved, and sacrificed. Can we model this kind of life as we go about our daily lives? Can we live with kindness and humility, even when tempted toward arrogance? Can we love with abandon, even those who have hurt and disappointed us? Can we sacrifice for the greater good even when it's uncomfortable, perhaps life-changing, to do so? I don't know the answers to any of these questions, but I know that it's what I am called to do, so I will seek Jesus and his heart, and trust God for the strength to live a life of faith. Much of my inspiration comes from the music that surrounds us, and I hope you will find the music planned for worship inspirational in your own journey:

May 2	“The Light of God's Love”	Jubilate
May 9	“10,000 Reasons”	Beth Williams
	“Like a River Glorious”	Nancy Moran and Deb Carraway
May 16	“Give Me Jesus” with “Steal Away to Jesus”	Charmaine and Dan Tenwinkel
May 23	“Holy Spirit, Come”	Stephanie Engel
May 30	“Patriotic Medley”	Jan Tindall, Flutist

Blessings as you live, love, and sacrifice in the name of Jesus!

Yours in Christ,  
**Deb Carraway**



- 1 Brian Brooks
- 2 Robert Bryan  
Rylan Beck
- 6 Delores Griffin
- 7 Butch O'Kelley  
Chris Meade
- 8 Connor Rebusmen
- 9 Isabella Rey  
Olivia Grizzard
- 10 Jim Gustafson  
Ivey Young
- 13 Bill Boyer  
Gretchen Gray
- 14 Charles Hay
- 15 Paul Motto
- 16 Shirley Dunne  
Rebecca Hill

- 18 Ted Bedell
- 19 Marie Crouch
- 20 Helen Williams
- 21 Sadie Rae James
- 22 Colton Northcott
- 25 Dot Hay  
Sydney Johnson
- 26 Karen English  
Nadine Millett
- 28 Charles Johnson  
Allison Waddell
- 30 B. Murray Tucker V  
Linda Hopkins  
B. Murray Tucker
- 31 Amy Bowersox



- 2 Butch & Dianna O'Kelley
- 10 Paul & Charlene Smigel
- 12 John & Debi MacIntyre
- 16 Ted & Patti Wolf
- 19 Ted & Sharon Bowersox
- 21 John & Gail Robinson

- 23 Pratt & Brenda Carter  
George & Robin Rebusmen  
Steve & Babs Treiber
- 25 Russell & Jerrie Jacobus
- 27 Durham & Kimmey Young
- 31 Mackie & Sharon McCabe



Who was to know in 2019 when our chapter volunteered to host the Diocesan Assembly of CF Quarterly Meeting here at St James, the meeting date was scheduled to be May 1<sup>st</sup>. But should you pass our campus, parking lot or the church on Saturday, May 1, not a soul would be present, nor a car in the parking lot, where would all the Daughters be? Home, in front of their laptops, Ipads or cellphones. Due to Covid-19, we will have the meeting via Zoom.

Since St. James DOK chapter of Martha and Mary is host of the meeting, Shirley Dunne will give a short history of our church. Dorothy Vedder will tell the history of our chapter. Father Trees is to give a homily, as he is to be the guest speaker.

We will certainly miss greetings and conversations with our Sisters of afar.

### JODY'S GIFT SHOP

"Jody's Gift Shop" is open on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15, and from 11:15 to Noon. It is also open on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Gift Shop will be closed for the summer months beginning June 2nd, and will reopen on Wednesday, Sept. 1st. However, the shop can be open during the summer by appointment only. Call the office at 352-787-1981

### FROM OUR LIBRARIAN

This poem by Julia Donaldson reflects the joy and magic of reading. All we need is a little extra time to once again enjoy this pursuit, as we all have done. Visit your Parish Library and rediscover this special joy. We will be open during the summer to share our many fine books. Margaret and Linda, Librarians for St. James

I opened a book and in I strode  
Now nobody can find me.  
I've left my chair, my house, my road,  
My town and my world behind me.

I've made some friends.  
I shared some tears and laughter  
And followed the road with its bumps and bends  
To the happily ever after.

I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring  
I've swallowed the magic potion.  
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king  
And dived in a bottomless ocean.

I finished my book and out I came.  
The cloak can no longer hide me.  
My chair and my house are just the same,  
But I have a book inside me.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	3	4 10:00 ECW Board Mtg 11:00 ECW Gen'l Mtg	5 1:00 Coffee & Philosophy 6:30 Alpha	6 10:00 Eucharist	7	8
9 8:00 Eucharist 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist Installation of ECW Officers	10	11	12 1:00 Coffee & Philosophy 6:30 Alpha	13 10:00 Eucharist	14	15
16 8:00 Eucharist 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	17	18 10:00 St. Ann's ECW 4:00 St. Cecilia's ECW	19 1:00 Coffee & Philosophy 5:00 Finance Meeting 6:30 Alpha	20 10:00 Eucharist 6:00 Vestry	21	22
23 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	24	25	26 1:00 Coffee & Philosophy 6:30 Alpha	27 10:00 Eucharist	28	29
30 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	31 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED					