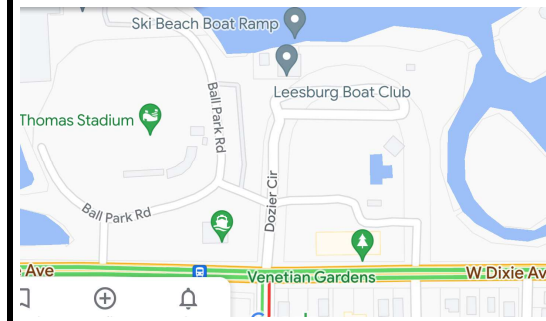


St. James seeks to be a community that grows more Christlike, expressing the love of Jesus Christ in our worship, our outreach, and our commitment to discipleship.

ST. JAMES MESSENGER



HURRAY! THE PARISH PICNIC IS BACK!

May 1st @ 12:00 PM

For the first time in three years we will be able to host our Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, May 1st at the Leesburg Boat Club in Venetian Gardens (31 Dozier Circle). We will gather at Noon. Meat, beverages and sides will be provided. Parishioners are asked to bring a dessert to share. Spend your Sunday in fellowship with your St. James family!

JOIN US FOR THE BUTTERFLY RELEASE!

May 8th @ 9:15 AM



The St. James ECW is hosting its Second Annual Butterfly Release on Sunday, May 8, 2022, at the Butterfly Garden, from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. You may Adopt a Butterfly at the cost of \$10 each one. Names of those remembered will be read at the release; there will also be plants and a few other garden things available for purchase.

MAY 2022

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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**

HOLY BAPTISM



We rejoice at the Baptism of **Kane Carter Oldham**, the firstborn son of Byron and Dana Oldham, on April 3rd, 2022.

"We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood."

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

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

- Jeff Brook-Stewart's Bible Study on Romans: Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
- Fr. Tom's class on Hebrews: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. (until May 22nd)
- Kathleen Trees's Mom's Group: Sundays at 9:30 am , discussing the book *Lineage of Grace* by Francine Rivers.
- The Men's Prayer Breakfast: First and Third Wednesdays at 8:00 am, discussing the video series, "What is Mere Christianity?"
- The Young Adult Group: Wednesdays, at 6:30 pm, discussing "What is Mere Christinity?"

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
Roxie Rowell
Frank Dulac
Sarai Welch
John Ellis
Gail & Gary Olsen
Susan Deeley Wells
Rev. Charles Hay
Jerry Steidl
Dot Vedder
Jim & Becky Mitchell
Margaret Branham
Tom Grizzard
John Winn
Harry Hackney
Lauren Stokes-McClurg
Renee Lashley
Bishop Brewer
Kay Oestreich

SHORT TERM

(3 weeks).

Eddie Thompson
Meaghan and River Michael
Bryan Hollows
Tom & Helen Robertshaw



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A new support group is being 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 begin its first meeting on **Thursday, May 5th 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, May 25th**. 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).

YOUTH SUNDAY AND END OF YEAR PROGRAM

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 15th at 10:15 AM**, as we hold our annual **Youth Sunday Service!** Our young people will read the lessons and prayers, the Jubilate Choir will sing, we'll recognize our acolyte and chorister of the year, and celebrate our graduating seniors!



Then, on **Wednesday, May 18th, at 5:30 PM** in the Parish Hall, our young people will put on their End of Year Program, "**The Light of God's Love**".

Be sure to support our young people in their commitment to the Lord and to the worship and ministry of St. James!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Many of you know about the St. James Stewardship Committee. Our task is to encourage and support faithful stewardship in our community. We define stewardship as taking good care of all the gifts God gives us, using His gifts wisely, and sharing His gifts generously. The Stewardship Committee plans and implements opportunities for parishioners to participate in the work of God by sharing their many gifts. Most recently, we updated the parish's ministry list and created the "Door of Opportunity" to inform our parishioners about all the avenues we have for people to serve and be served. We also offered the four-part **Blessed Stewardship** course. This course gave our parishioners the dedicated time and space to consider how our thoughtful, prayerful stewardship flows from and strengthens our relationship with God.

We are looking for people who would like to join us on the Stewardship Committee. Stewardship is a year-round program, not just a once-a-year pledge drive. It takes diverse ideas, prayerful planning, and faithful effort to maintain a vibrant stewardship program. We would like to involve more people, representing various backgrounds, in our important work. If you would like to volunteer, or just have questions, please contact Fr. Tom Trees (call or text 352-643-1182, email frtrees@stjames-leesburg.org) or Dorry Curran (call or text 949-633-8471, email tinkrvl@gmail.com).

ECW NEWS

The next **General ECW Meeting is Tuesday, May 3rd, at 11:00** with our **Annual Luncheon**. The luncheon is hosted by our Hospitality Committee and the outgoing ECW Board.

ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH ARE WELCOME.

Lunch is being prepared by a local restaurant so a \$10 donation is suggested to cover the cost.

The Board will meet at 9:30 am prior to the meeting.

We will be collecting items (toiletries/composition books/study Bibles/Devotional books for the ministries at Lowell Correctional Institute for Woman run by Chaplain Kris Schonewolf who spoke at the April General Meeting.

Congratulations to our new ECW Officers!!!

President, Sharon McCabe, 1st Vice President, Cherie Knowles

2nd Vice President, Marie Crouch and Dorry Curran

Treasurer, Mary Burnett, Assist. Treasurer, Barbara Morgan

Secretary, Kathy Davidson, Chaplain, Linda Ames.

The New Board will be installed on Mother's Day at the 10:15 service.

And a Big Thank You to our outgoing Board Members for their time and dedication: Bonnie Binneveld, Rita Clements, Sue Roeglin, Nancy Russell.

ECW JODY'S GIFT SHOP

We have had a successful season and will be **CLOSING AT THE END OF MAY FOR THE SUMMER.**

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

A 16"x20" watercolor by artist Jan Tindall "depicting the Ukrainian sunflower re-growing and triumphing over the hammer and sickle which tried to cut down the Ukrainian nation" will be on display in the gift shop throughout the week in and on Sundays, in the courtyard.

All proceeds will be sent to the United Society Partners in the Gospel, an Anglican Christian aid organization recommended by Bishop Brewer for the Ukrainian brave men, women and children.

Cash and /or check can be written to St. James ECW with memo line indicating "Ukrainian Help"

TICKETS \$5.00 PER OR 6 FOR \$25

**JODY'S GIFT SHOP SPRING YARD SALE
SATURDAY, MAY 21,
9:00- 12:00**



Music Musings

May 2022

*"Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home...
I love you and you are mine."*

The value of being loved, called, and valued...immeasurable. That is the gift that God gives us each and every day. The text of this anthem by David Haas reminds us that we are not alone, that we are known and called by God for purposes that are often beyond our understanding.

I have frequently laughed at the situations into which God has placed me, situations that challenge my comfort, require me to step out (in faith?) into a new reality. I remember being in Junior High School (that's what they used to call it "back in the day") and my friends wanted me to play the piano in our school's talent show. Though I had played for many years by then, I was terrified. Very much an introvert, I didn't do solo work; I played well enough to accompany for my band friends at their solo and ensemble contests, but the thought of playing by myself in front of actual people was more than I could bear. My friends wouldn't take no for an answer, however, so I reluctantly agreed to play...as long as they let me play behind the stage curtain. Which they did. Until halfway through the piece, at which point they opened the curtain so I could be both seen and heard. And you know what? I survived.

God calls and equips, in spite of our frailties, in spite of our fears. This has been a lesson that I continue to learn, but I am blessed to truly believe that I, that you, are loved and called by God. Embrace God's call, dear ones, and press on!

Yours in Christ,

Deb Carraway

Music Director and Organist

p.s. The piece I played at my Junior High Talent Show was "Born Free." □ A bit of irony, brought to you by our great and awesome God! (*Born free, and life is worth living, but only worth living 'cause you're born free.*)



- 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 William Boyer
Gretchen Gray
- 14 Charles Hay
- 15 Paul Motto
- 16 Allen Puckhaber
Shirley Dunne
Rebecca Hill

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



Anniversaries

- 2 Butch & Dianna O'Kelley
- 10 Paul & Charlene Smigel
- 12 John & Debi MacIntyre
- 16 Ted & Patti Wolf
- 19 Ted & Sharon Bowersox
- 23 Pratt & Brenda Carter
- 23 George & Robin Rebusmen
Steve & Babs Treiber
- 25 Russell & Jerrie Jacobus
- 27 Allen & Berta Puckhaber
Durham & Kimmey Young
- 31 Mackie & Sharon McCabe

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!

Also, if you would like to order a **nametag**, please call the office, Let us know if you would like a magnetic (\$8.00) tag or a pin (\$5.50) and it will be ordered for you..

MONTHLY FOOD DROP

In these challenging times, we lean on our FAITH. From 1 Corinthians 16:13 & 14, :
Be alert; stand firm in the faith; be brave; be strong.
Do all your work in love.

St James parishioners were working in love with our April FOOD DROP. Volunteers, Terri and Van Galyon, Tanina Singletary and Rita Clements met the 25 cars, drivers and passengers with the FOOD DROP.

COLLECTED:	775 pounds of food \$1445.73
TOTAL TO DATE:	25,113 pounds of food \$32,792.73

From Ephesians 4:32, Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving each other. Thank you for your generous support and giving. See you at our next FOOD DROP, MAY 18, THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. With God's Love, Rita



Daughters of the King continue to meet the **Second Wednesday of the month at 2:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall.** Our next meeting is on **May 11th.** All women of the church are welcome. We will share ideas and topics for future meetings. Please join us for prayer and discussion.

The Library Corner

FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING

(Discovered in a book I've been reading)

Planting your spring garden:

Three rows of peas

- 1. PEACE of mind, 2. Peace of heart, 3. Peace of soul.

Four rows of squash

- 1. Squash gossip, 2. Squash indifference, 3. Squash grumbling, 4. Squash selfishness.

Four rows of lettuce

- 1. Lettuce be faithful, 2. Lettuce be kind, 3. Lettuce be patient, 4. Lettuce really love one another

No garden is complete without turnips:

- 1. Turnip for meetings, 2. Turnip for service, 3. Turnip to help one another

To finish our garden we must have thyme:

- 1. Thyme for each other, 2. Thyme for family, 3. Thyme for friends.

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There will be a big crop to gather, because, as you know, you reap what you sow.



2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 3rd Sunday of Easter 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist 12:00 Parish Picnic	2	3 9:30 ECW Board Mtg 11:00 ECW Gen'l Mtg/ Luncheon	4 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 6:30 Young Adult Bible 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	5 10:00 Eucharist 4:00 Grief Support Group 6:30 Bible Study	6	7
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