



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



THANK YOU  
DEB  
CARRAWAY!



We are grateful for the transformative impact Deb has had on our choir and music ministry over the last nine years. She directed our choir in joyful anthems on Sundays, led the "Summer Singin' Saints," started up our handbells, coordinated with Beth in our children's programming, and produced phenomenal Christmas programs each year. Through her tireless work our choir became a community that grew from eight to over thirty.

Deb's final Sunday with us will be on **May 21st**. After the 10:15 service we will have a special reception for Deb in the Parish Hall. Please join us in celebrating Deb's time with us as she and her husband Paul begin their new journey of life in retirement. "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

We are also pleased to announce that we have found a new Organist/Choir Director to serve after Deb. His name is John H. Wilson. John will begin at St. James on Sunday, June 11th.



MAY 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](mailto:office@stjames-leesburg.org)>

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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

#### HOLY BAPTISM



We rejoice at the Baptism of **Lynsie Baldwin**, at our 10:15 service on Sunday, April 23rd. Her Sponsors were Kathleen Trees, Amy Careins, and Eric Anselmo. Congratulations Lynsie!

*"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."*



#### CALLED!

The St James Youth choirs are INCREDBLY GRATEFUL for the generous contributions received as part of their spring musical! We've raised \$1,843 (as of now) which is enough to sponsor 3+ foster care children as they attend Christian summer camp. Your support has given our kids a clear example that their willingness to serve can make a real difference in the world. May we all continue to have open hearts and listen to God's call on our lives. We're looking forward to seeing you all on May 14th for Youth Sunday!

#### 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](mailto:frtrees@stjames-leesburg.org).

## 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  
Stephen Norris  
Laurie Grizzard  
Jim Mitchell  
Becky Mitchell  
Doug Springmann  
Pratt Carter  
Jean Hogan  
Janet Davis  
Ron Vedder  
Justin  
Dennis Kusenda  
Corbett Knowles  
Paul Smigel

Joan Reid  
Janet Galbreath  
Haley Grace Hart  
Kurt Cessna  
Hellen Williams  
Sandy Oberholtzer  
Clyde Jonathan Smith  
Jimmy  
Nadine Millett

### SHORT TERM

Rosie Bello  
Ann Terrill  
Linda Hopkins

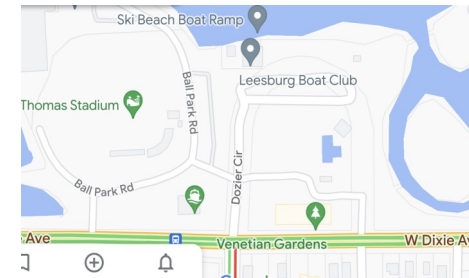


### **GRIEF SUPPORT**

The Grief Support Gathering will meet **Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 4:00 PM** at the **Coffee Snob** (1101-1 W. North Blvd, Leesburg). The topic will be, "Remembering Cherished Phrases or Quotes of your Loved One." 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, May 24, 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).



### **TIME AGAIN FOR THE PARISH PICNIC!**

**May 7TH @ 12:00 PM**

Our St. James Annual Parish Picnic will take place on **Sunday, May 7th** 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. If your last name begins with A-L, please bring an appetizer. If it begins with M-Z, bring a dessert. Spend your Sunday in fellowship with your St. James family!

### **YOUTH SUNDAY MAY 14TH**

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, at 10:15 AM**, for our **Youth Sunday Service!** Our young people will read the lessons and prayers, the Jubilate and Laudate Choirs will sing, we'll recognize our acolyte and chorister of the year, and celebrate our graduating seniors! Be sure to support our young people in their commitment to the Lord and to the worship and ministry of St. James!



## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

ECW Board Meeting - 10 AM

ECW May Spring Luncheon  
11:00 AM, Parish Hall

All ladies and their guests are invited to our Annual Spring Luncheon.  
Please come for our last gathering until September.  
Lunch is provided by our Hospitality, Board and ECW Committees.

### CHAPTER MEETINGS

May 16th

St. Anne's, St. James Parish Hall, 10 AM  
St. Francis', St. James' St. Nick Patio or Chapel, 10 AM  
St. Cecilia's, St. James Parish Hall, 3:45 PM

May 17th

St. Martha's, 6:00 PM at Ski Beach in Venetian Gardens

### LIBRARY CORNER—Margaret Branham

We remain in the season of Easter, in the period of EASTERTIDE, which concludes after 50 days (7 weeks including Easter Sunday). Then, on May 28th this year, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday(also known as Whitsunday) when the faithful celebrate by wearing red in remembrance of our Lord's death upon the cross, or might also wear white in honor of the babies wearing white at baptismal/ christening ceremonies on this holy Sunday commemorating the day,2000 years ago, when the Holy Spirit descended upon His disciples, and to us. This is not the best explanation, but read Acts 2: 1-31 to improve upon it. On the first Pentecost (harvest) Sunday all those years ago, Peter preached a sermon so powerful that thousands of people were converted to Christianity in Jerusalem.

Here is a prayer for Pentecost: Dear Heavenly Father, on this day, 2000 years ago, you inaugurated the church by having the Holy Spirit descend to your believers. We rejoice that you have allowed us, men and women of all faiths, to experience new life. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, our comforter, our guide, and so many other things. And may we continue to celebrate this day until Your return. Amen.



### A Mission Thank You to the Congregation

We offer a warm and heartfelt Thank You to all who have, in so many ways, supported the Jamaica Medical Mission over these past years. The 2023 Mission was a wonderful success. 51 volunteers traveled to Port Maria and with the help of the Outreach Committee at St. Mary's Church, set up clinics in both the church and parish hall where 1,391 patients received care, medication and physical therapy.

The Mission presentation at St. James on Sunday, April 16 went very well. It was enjoyable and satisfying as we watched the Mission video and listened to the testimony of some of the volunteers who went on the mission.

If you were not able to attend the presentation and would like to receive a copy of the 2023 Mission Report please send me your email address and I will send it to you. (My email is [stumowatt@usa2net.net](mailto:stumowatt@usa2net.net)). Also the video will be posted on the St. James website.

Concerning donations of over-the-counter medication and supplies for the 2024 Medical Mission, we ask for gift cards gift cards to Sams, Walmart, Costco, Walgreens and CVS. Monetary donations should be made payable to St. James Episcopal Church with Medical Mission indicated on the memo line of your check. Your contributions can be left at the church office,

Sincere thanks,

The JMM Committee



Birthdays

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Brian Brooks    | 17 Kathie Narrow       |
| 2 Robert Bryan    | 19 Marie Crouch        |
| Rylan Beck        | 20 Helen Williams      |
| 6 Delores Griffin | Sarah Araque           |
| 7 Butch O'Kelley  | 21 Sadie Rae James     |
| Chris Meade       | 22 John Crane          |
| 8 Connor Rebusmen | Colten Northcott       |
| 9 Isabella Rey    | 25 Sydney Johnson      |
| Olivia Grizzard   | Dot Hay                |
| 10 Jim Gustafson  | 26 Karen English       |
| Ivey Young        | Nadine Millett         |
| 13 William Boyer  | 27 Carole Warner       |
| Gretchen Gray     | 28 Charles Johnson     |
| 14 Charles Hay    | Allison Waddell        |
| 15 Paul Motto     | 30 B. Murray Tucker, V |
| 16 Shirley Dunne  | Linda Hopkins          |
| Rebecca Hill      | 31 Amy Bowersox        |



Anniversaries

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



**ASCENSION DAY SERVICE  
THURSDAY, MAY 18TH  
@ 6:30 PM  
Deacon Kim Spear, Speaker**

For the past couple years, St. James has teamed up with St. Thomas in Eustis, and St. Edwards in Mt. Dora, for joint services on special Holy Days. This year, St. James will host a service of Holy Eucharist on **Ascension Day, May 18th, at 6:30 PM.** Clergy and Parishioners from the other churches will participate with us.

Our guest speaker for the service will be **Deacon Kim Spear**, currently serving at St. Edwards. Kim is the oldest daughter of Fr. Terry Jackson, who served as Rector of St. James for thirty years, from 1973-2004.



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, May 10th** when we continue 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 pm. We continue to read through the Gospel of John, verse by verse. You do not have to be a member of St. James to attend. You can join any time!

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Our **Men's Prayer Breakfast** will meet again on **Wednesday, May 17th, 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](mailto:fkermode@verizon.net), (941) 807-3176 or (941) 807-3176



# 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10:00AM ECW Board Mtg 11:00 ECW Spring Luncheon	3 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy	4 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 4:00 Grief Support Group	5	6
7 Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist 12:00 Parish Picnic	8	9	10 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 2:00 Daughters of the King	11 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	12	13
14 Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist Youth Sunday	15	16 ECW Chapter Meetings 10:00 St. Ann's St. Frances 3:45 St. Cecelia's	17 8:00 Men's Prayer Bkfst 9:00-12:00 Food Drop 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 6:00 ECW St. Martha's	18 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:30 Ascension Day Service	19	20
21 7th Sunday of Easter 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist Reception for Deb Carraway	22	23	24 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 2:00 Dementia Support Group	25 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:00 Vestry Meeting	26	27
28 Day of Pentecost Whitsunday 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30	31			