

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



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY AND MINISTRY FAIR NOVEMBER 13TH, 2022 “STEPS TOWARDS GOD’S KINGDOM” 1st Thessalonians 2:12



Join us for our **Stewardship Sunday** on **November 13th**, where we will take our “steps towards God’s kingdom” by presenting our stewardship pledge for 2023, and participate in our annual **Ministry Fair**. The Ministry Fair will take place in the Parish Hall after both the 8:00 and 10:15 services. As a follow-up to our Focus on the Future meetings earlier this year, we are also forming five new committees addressing those areas where we would like to see growth in ministry. They are: 1) The “Invite-Welcome-Connect” Committee; 2) The Outreach Committee; 3) The Pastoral Care Committee; 4) The Fellowship Committee; and 5) The Spiritual Formation Committee. If you are interested in taking part in one of these, please sign up on November 13th!



One key ministry that will be featured at the 10:15 service on November 13th will be our Stephen Ministry. We will install four new Stephen Ministers, and hear a brief presentation on what Stephen Ministry has to offer.

Join the ECW for our:

**Courtyard Holiday
Bazaar
Saturday, November 19th
10:00AM ~ 2:00PM**



NOVEMBER 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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Thursday Healing Service 10:00AM

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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 Priests: Rev'd. William J. Boyer, Rev'd Ron Peak

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, 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

MEET THE BISHOP CANDIDATES

The Search Committee for the Diocese of Central Florida has announced three candidates for our next Bishop, who will be elected next January. They are:

The Rev'd Roy Allison, Rector, St. James, Ormond Beach;

The Rev'd Dr. Justin Holcomb, Canon for Vocations, Diocese of Central FL;

The Rev'd Dr. Stace Tafoya, Rector, Church of the Epiphany, Denver, CO.

The Diocese is sponsoring a series of Question and Answer sessions with the candidates from the week of November 7th-10th at various locations. The dates and locations are:

Monday, November 7th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Luke, Orlando

Tuesday, November 8th, at 10:30 a.m. at St. George's, The Villages

Tuesday, November 8th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Daytona Beach

Wednesday, November 9th, at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity, Vero Beach

Thursday, November 10th, at 10:30 a.m. at Camp Wingmann, Avon Park

Thursday, November 10th, at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints, Lakeland

For more information on each candidate, check out the Diocese of Central Florida web site (www.cfdioocese.org)



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Our Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet again on
Wednesday, November 16th, at 8:00am in the Parish Hall.
We are continuing with the video series on the Prayer Book by
Deacon Art Hollows.

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
Joyce Huey
Beryl Stokes
Dottie Elliott
Charles Hay
Kathy Billington
Nancy Mitchell
Lauri Grizzard
Stephen Norris
Charles Stephens
Meg Johnson
Larry Bonofiglio
Linda Grizzard
Dale Gray
Steve Garmig
Cricket Morrison
Brett Roberts
Cindy and Mike McCann
Greg Hickman
Gordon Roeglin
Wayne Hedrick

SHORT TERM

(3 weeks).

Keith Burnett
Donna Tweedle
Amy Hanson
Ron Sell
Tom Grizzard
Hannah Fleming

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the passing of Midge Shotwell, a longtime parishioner and Daughter of the King, on October 17th. Midge's memorial service will be on Monday, November 7th, at 2:00 p.m.

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

MOVING FORWARD GRIEF SUPPORT

Because of the upcoming preparations for the Bazaar, there will **NOT** be a Moving Forward Grief support gathering in November. Our next planned meeting is on **Thursday, December 1st, at 4:30 p.m. at The Coffee Snob** (1101-1 W. North Blvd, Leesburg).

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 will take place on **Wednesday, November 23rd**. 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).

WORSHIP IN MOTION

Thank you to all who have expressed interest in Worship in Motion! We will meet on Sundays twice in **November 6th and 27th**, in the Parish Hall from 5-6 pm. All ages are welcome. Please dress for comfort and mobility. For those who are unable to attend either of these evenings, but don't want to miss out on what is taught, I am happy to send a video of what is new. Just let me know. We will practice together simple movements to prayers, psalms and songs, followed by evening Compline, where we will incorporate what we have learned. I am very much looking forward to our time together in worship! -Beth Williams

LEESBURG CHRISTMAS PARADE

In an effort to improve our visibility in our community (and because it's fun!), we are planning to participate in the Leesburg Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3rd. We are looking for volunteers who are interested in helping with a variety of things to make this happen: planning and design, vehicle(s) and a trailer, shopping for supplies, construction/decoration, participants to walk/ride/drive the parade route, and a clean-up crew following the event. If you are interested in helping out with any of these tasks, . If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to the church office. Let's create something fun together! - Beth Williams

ST. JAMES INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

"RED LETTER EDITION"

@ 9:00 AM IN THE PARISH HALL

Our Intergenerational Sunday School is designed so that children and adults can interact together for lessons and activities that help apply the Scriptures to our lives. This year's program is the **"Red Letter Edition"**, looking at the words of Jesus in the Gospels. We will meet on **Sunday, November 6th**, then again on **November 20th**, with an Advent Lesson about our Christon Tree.

ECW NEWS

ECW Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 1st, 9:00 AM
ECW General Meeting, Tuesday November 1st, 10:00 AM
Hostess St. Cecilia. Program is Ukraine by Nancy Boyer

ECW Chapter Meetings, Tuesday, November 15th
St. Anne's, 10:00 AM Parish Hall, Hostess: Sally Lawrence
St. Francis', 10:00 AM, , Hostesses: Marie Crouch and Mary Burnett
3724 Plantation Blvd., Leesburg
St. Cecilia's, 3:45 PM, Parish Hall, Hostesses, Patti Wolf and Margaret Bolton

The new evening ECW chapter- "St. Martha" Chapter will meet next month on the third Wednesday (November 16th) at 6 pm at Stavro's Restaurant in Fruitland Park for dinner. Please RSVP to Sue Hackney (suehackney@gmail) or Leah Delgado (leahdelgado625@gmail.com) .

Jody's Gift Shop

Our ECW Jody's Gift Shop is changing into holiday colors featuring Thanksgiving and Christmas. We have added a wonderful variety of items for table settings, decorations for the tree and house with lovely offerings for gift giving. We are now stocking Advent Calendars being offered for many different age groups. Thanks for your generous donations as we continue to welcome new or gently used Christmas décor items for decorations and gift giving along with any other items you choose to donate. Thanks to our volunteers and parishioners who continue to support the shop as the proceeds
WELCOME TO THE SHOP TO DONATE, SHOP and/or VISIT .
SEE YOU AT THE BAZAAR ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

Food Drop

The temperatures went down and required layering in dress for volunteers, Susan Cyrus, Tanina Singeltary and Rita Clements for the St. James FOOD DROP . Our parishioners continued to meet the challenge of food prices continuing to rise as 20 cars and several "walk ins"...

COLLECTED 611 POUNDS OF FOOD
\$1,005.00

TOTAL TO DATE. 28,502 POUNDS OF FOOD
\$37,173.00

Thank you for the many blessings. We look forward to the NOVEMBER FOOD DROP {GETTING READY FOR THANKSGIVING} on the third Wednesday, November 16.



Music Musings November

- "Who'll be a witness for my Lord?" -

This, friends, is the question each one of us is called to answer every day. And the best part is that as Christ followers we can all answer in the affirmative, but thankfully there is no one "right way" to accomplish it! Over the years I have had a front row seat to lives of some of the most amazing saints, and the ways they have witnessed to the goodness of our God...

June was a fixture in our hometown and in the choir, too. She was a local radio celebrity, convening the "swap shop" live daily. Everybody knew her voice and her affable way. But at church she was also known for her memorable voice, famously singing, "I Believe," whenever asked. Loving and kind, June spread the love of Jesus wherever she went.

A few years into our marriage we landed in a church near Asheville NC, and met an army of saints. One of them was **Joan**, who was a longtime follower of Jesus. She could sing, but also had a great sense of humor. She could make everyone laugh, even her super-serious pediatrician husband. And her work ethic was second to none; she worked circles around those of us half her age, and everything she did was kingdom driven. What a blessing she was.

Eventually we met **Judy**, beautiful saint of God, who first introduced us to early versions of praise and worship music in a little Episcopal church outside of Atlanta. Her voice and keyboard skills were both lovely, but what was so memorable was her winsome nature. She witnessed for Jesus in ways large and small, but anyone who met her was changed for the better, and for good.

At some point we met **Jim**, who became and continues to be a dear friend. I had both of his girls in children's choir over several years' time. Jim was a leader in our church, and a man with strong faith, but his greatest witness was how much he loved his family, and how loyal he was to both his family and friends. He showed us all what it means to be in community, shining the light of Christ through a very tangible witness of a life well-lived.

Doug was one of my favorite saints in recent memory. His legacy includes a deep biblical knowledge, but it wasn't just head knowledge, nor did he feel compelled to "testify" at the drop of a hat. Instead, he embraced the gospel of grace so fully that his very presence calmed many a stormy sea. His life was not an easy one, fraught with personal, professional, and physical struggles, but he never lost sight of the Savior he loved so dearly. In every moment of even his later life he witnessed to the God who gave him breath, the God who ordained every single day that was meant to be.

I loved all of these people, each in a particular season of my life, and I love you all, saints of God here at St. James. Please keep witnessing to the goodness of God, each in your own way. You will never know how many lives you will touch along the way, how many memories you will give that point to a God who creates, redeems, and sustains. Looking forward to our celebration of All Saints on Sunday, November 6. I hope you enjoy the choir's anthem that day, "Witness," and will continue to answer "yes" to the question, "Who'll be a witness for my Lord?"

Yours in Christ,
Deb Carraway
Music Director and Organist



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| 2 Kathy Billington | 17 Becky Mitchell |
| 3 Debbie Saylor | Kathryn Walling |
| 5 Charlie Davidson | 18 James Hooper |
| Dan Robuck III | Larry Demaline |
| 7 Mary Berry | 19 Susan Steidl |
| Diane Brannon | Ann Tuke |
| 8 Sara Gray | 21 Alberto Gan |
| 9 Sue Hackney | 22 Dan Robuck Jr, |
| 10 Chip Deems | Andon Gray |
| 12 Libby Hackney | 26 Jeannine Rowell |
| 14 Nancy Young | Kay Palmer |
| Joyce Huey | 27 Kathy Davidson |
| 16 Pam Thomas | 28 John O'kelley |
| 17 Betty Luther | |



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| 9 John & Denise Meier | 26 Jim & Barbara Logan |
| 12 Ross & Marion Belson | Bob & Dot McVey |
| 17 Dan & Iris Robuck | Michael & Amy Raczkowski |

The Library Corner

Here comes the autumn weather, the fall season, and increased opportunities to cozy up in your favorite chairs at home to READ a good book and also to READ TO A YOUNG PERSON IN YOUR HOME. Take advantage of the selection of books recently added to our parish library collection and on display on the book trucks in the parish hall. There are books for both adults and the youth members of St.James. While you are attending Sunday School, check them out.

Thanks to Beth Williams for her gift of children's books for our collection. And by the way, we need both past pictures of Christmas events and the decorated sanctuary and new photos of upcoming events for our history of St.James photo albums. So...if you are photographing, don't forget sharing with your friends, the librarians, who are completing these albums. We thank you! Margaret & Linda

. BAZAAR FOOD FUN!!!

As our annual ECW Holiday Courtyard Bazaar approaches on **November 19th**, we want to ask for help with our food offerings.

Lunch

Sharon McCabe is again chairing our popular lunch bunch. Our menu will include a number of offerings, including turkey salad. If you would like to donate money to offset the cost of the ingredients, please give your donation to Sharon or bring it to the church in an envelope marked "TURKEY MONEY." Please make any checks payable to St. James ECW with "TURKEY MONEY" on the memo line.

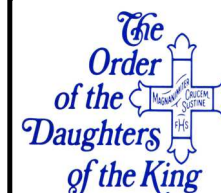
Sharon will also need workers to help prepare, sell, and serve the lunch on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (November 17, 18, and 19.)

Carry-out Cuisine

Last year, we launched our "Carry-out Cuisine" booth that offered delectable homemade frozen meals. The booth was so successful, it sold out of merchandise before we could say "Merry Christmas!" This year, please consider donating quiches, bazaar corn chowder (recipe available from Jan Tindall), vegetable soups (with or without meat), bean soups, chicken tetrazzini, beef burgundy, coq au vin, and/or Hungarian goulash. Soups can be in 1 quart or 1-quart bags. Casseroles can be 9x9 or 9x13. Please wrap casseroles in aluminum foil or freezer paper (preferred). Label everything appropriately.

If you have a cooler that the "Carry-out Cuisiners" can borrow to use on the bazaar day, please contact Jan Tindall. If any bazaar workers plan to purchase carry-out items, please bring a cooler for that purpose.

Contacts: Sharon McCabe 352-267-8188, shebylou@aol.com

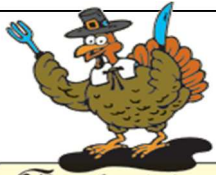


The Daughters of the King will have an anniversary celebration at their November meeting 11/9/22. Special presenters will discuss Beginnings: Beginning of National Daughters of the King, beginning of St James Church, and the beginning of our local Martha Mary Chapter. Please join us in celebrating each of these beginnings.

NOVEMBER



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 ECW Board Mtg. 10:00 ECW Gen'l Mtg	2 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	3 10:00 Eucharist 6:30 Bible Study with Jeff Brooke-Stewart	4	5
6 22nd Sunday after Pentecost ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist Acolyte Commissioning 5:00 Worship in Motion	7 2:00 DOK Board Mtg	8	9 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 2:00 DOK Mtg. 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	10 10:00 Eucharist 6:30 Bible Study with Jeff Brooke-Stewart	11	12
13 23rd Sunday after Pentecost STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist 9:00-12:00 Ministry Fair	14	15 ECW Chapter Mtgs. 10:00 St. Ann's (PH) 10:00 St. Francis' 3:45 St. Cecelia's (PH)	16 8:00 Men's Prayer Bkf 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 5:00 Finance Meeting 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	17 10:00 Eucharist 6:00 Vestry Mtg. 6:30 Bible Study with Jeff Brooke-Stewart	18	19 10:00-2:00 Courtyard Holiday Bazaar
20 Last Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist Installation of DOK Board	21	22	23	24  <i>Thanksgiving</i>	25 Office Closed	26
27 First Sunday of Advent 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist 5:00 Worship in Motion	28	29	30 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Choir Rehearsal			