

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 NOVEMBER 19th, 2023



“USING OUR GIFTS TO SHARE GOD’S GRACE”

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” (1st Peter 4:10)

Join us for our **Stewardship Sunday** on **November 19th**, where we will “use our gifts to share God’s grace” by presenting our stewardship pledge for 2024, and participating in our annual Ministry Fair. The Ministry Fair will take place in the Parish Hall after both the 8:00 and 10:15 services.

This year our pledge cards contain an additional line giving you the opportunity to “pledge” involvement with at least one of our ministries at St. James. We want everyone at our church find ways to make use of their Spiritual Gifts for ministry. Our Parish Wide Dinner featured a “Gift Inventory” to help discern what areas in which God may use us. If you didn’t have a chance to take the inventory, don’t worry. It will be offered as part of our regular “Connect” classes throughout the year at St. James. Or, if you can’t attend the class, but would like a copy of one, let us know!



One of the key ministries we offer at St. James is Stephen Ministry. We will install our new Stephen Ministers at the 10:15 service on November 19th. Information on Stephen Ministry can be found in the pews, and will be available at the Ministry Fair.

Join the ECW for our:

**Courtyard Holiday
Bazaar
Saturday, November 11th
9:00AM ~ 2:00PM**



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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 Priest: Rev'd. Ron Peak

Assisting Deacon: Rev'd Art Hollows

Parish Organist/Choir Director: John Wilson

Youth Ministry and Choir Director: Elizabeth Williams

Treasurer: Linda Weekley

Parish / Finance Secretary: Pat Schaefer

Sexton: Wylie Hill

Housekeeping: Diane Smith

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

St. James Prayer List

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

LONG TERM

Judy Cable
Dottie Elliott
Joyce Huey
Charles Hay
Charles Stephens
Stephen Norris
Jim Mitchell
Becky Mitchell
Doug Springmann
Janet Davis
Ron Vedder
Paul Smigel
Kurt Cessna
Helen Williams
Gaby Felton
Bishop Michael Curry

Lauren Beacham
Luke P.
Larry Bonofiglio
Carole Warner
Fr. Bill Boyer
Mabel Burns
Jacqueline Jones
Shirley Long
Jesse Jones
Spencer Eaton
Robbie Eaton
Charlie & Lorraine
Johnson
Gail Robinson
Kim Wicklund
Butch O'Kelley
Kevin Carter

SHORT TERM

Paul & Charlene Smigel
Loretta Tyson
Beverly Bounds
Brian Tuttle
Haley Williams
Olive
Kathryn Knight

GRIEF SUPPORT

The Grief Support Gathering will meet **Thursday, November 2nd, at 3:00 PM** at the **Coffee Snob** (1101-1 W. North Blvd, Leesburg). The topic: **"Creating New Ways to Honor Our Loved Ones during the Holidays"**
Want to find out more? Contact Susan Cyrus at (352) 636-8969

IN MEMORIAM



We mourn the loss of some of our dear parishioners recently, and offer our condolences to their families and loved ones:



Doug Pens (husband of Eileen) passed away on October 13th;
Bishop Russ Jacobus passed away on October 24; and
Fr. Jim Martin passed away on October 25th.

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



YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Open House! Thanksgiving is a family day, and the day AFTER Thanksgiving will be a church family day!

On **November 24th**, the **St Nicholas House** will be open from **9am to 5pm** to all ages for a day of food and fellowship. The 3 rooms will be set up for board games, card games, puzzles, arts and crafts, Legos, video games, and movies. Drop by for a little while so we can enjoy spending time together, and feel free to bring a friend!

Please bring a food item to share. (Great way to work thru leftovers!) Drinks and snacks will be provided. Also, childcare is available for anyone who would like to get some shopping done. Please let Beth Williams know in advance if you'll be dropping off.

HOLY BAPTISM



We rejoice at the baptism of **Della Rose Jones** (granddaughter of Rhonda Jones) at St. James on Saturday, October 14th!

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.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Join us for our **Men's Prayer Breakfast** on **Wednesday, November 15th**, at **8:00am** in the Parish Hall. We are going through *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis.

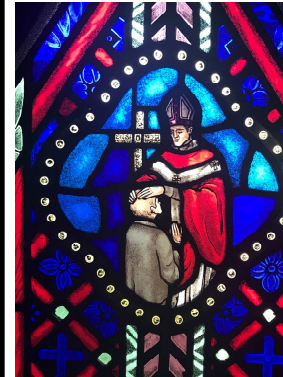
We had a great turnout for our Men's Steak-Out at the Knowles Ranch on October 22nd, with over 55 attendees! Thanks to David Knowles, Mackie McCabe, Ted Wolf, and everyone who made this a great evening of fellowship! "How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1).

To learn about the Men's Ministry, contact Ted Kermode at (941) 807-3176.

NEED TO MEET WITH FR. TOM?

If you would like to 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 fitrees@stjames-leesburg.org.

CONFIRMATION AND COMMUNION CLASSES



We are delighted that **Bishop Justin Holcomb** will make his first visit to St. James on Sunday, December 17th. Ahead of his visit, we will have a **Confirmation Class** for anyone interested in being confirmed or received by Bishop Justin at his visit. You may also attend if you simply want to learn more about our Episcopal/Anglican tradition, and our beliefs. Deacon Art Hollows will lead our class on **Sundays at 9:00 in the St. Nicholas House, from November 5th--December 3rd**. If you are not able to attend all the classes, we will also have a review class on December 10th.

Communion Class will also be lead by Beth Williams during **Children's Church from November 12th-December 10th** (the last Sunday will be a review). Some of our older students participated in this class several years ago, and are welcome to join us for review. We do have several younger students who will be going through this class for the first time, and they will receive a special blessing from the Bishop on his visit on December 17th.

CONNECT SERIES

The "Connect" group of the Invite-Welcome-Connect Ministry is sponsoring a series of orientation presentations to be repeated throughout the year. They are intended to be helpful for people who are new to St. James, but may be of interest to other parishioners as well.

The "Connect Series" will be presented on Sundays from 9:15 to 9:45 in the St. Nicholas House. The final class for the fall, "**The Missions of St. James,**" will take place on **Sunday, November 12th**.

ST. JAMES INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our **Red Letter Edition** Sunday School will be off for November. Other Sunday School options will be available, between the Confirmation Class, and Connect Class. We will reconvene for a special **ADVENT EVENT** on **Sunday, December 3rd**. Be sure to join us!

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) November News

ECW GENERAL MEETING, November 7th, at 10:00AM in the Parish Hall
Felicia Stewart, (H2R) Hope to Restoration, will be our speaker

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Wednesday, Nov.15 & Tuesday, Nov. 21

Nov. 21—St. Anne's, Hostess: Sally Lawrence, Sue Roeglin, Parish Hall, 10 AM

Nov. 21—St. Francis', Hostess: Kathy Davidson, St. Nicholas House, 10 AM

Nov. 21—St. Cecilia's, Hostess: Sharon McCabe, Iris Robuck, Parish Hall, 3:45 PM

Nov. 15— St. Martha's, @ McKraken's, Main Street, Leesburg, 6:00 PM

MONTHLY FOOD DROP

Our October FOOD DROP was met with awesome cool weather and greeted by volunteers, Terri and Van Galyon, Tanina Singletary and Rita Clements. Our motto for the day, "only as we give with no thought of getting do we really get", is so true with our parishioners and community members who share food and money for those in need.

COLLECTED: 630 pounds of food
\$740.00

TOTAL TO DATE: 38,624 pounds of food
\$\$47,507

Once again, thank you for your generous support. Our next FOOD DROP will take place on Wednesday, November 15th from 9:00-12:00. We welcome you to:

Let us come before God's presence with Thanksgiving.
Psalm 95:2.



AN IDEA TO BOLSTER OUR FOOD BANK MINISTRY

Most people want to help the less advantaged with food, but many do not have a convenient way to do this. Let the people in your neighborhood, clubs, classes, etc., know that our church collects food monthly for the Leesburg Food Bank, and if they will bring their donations of food, toiletries and paper goods to your house, you will transport it to the Food Bank Truck for them.

LIBRARY CORNER



The Book in the Garden.....

Do you know about this book? If not, read on. There IS indeed a large, illustrated book in the butterfly garden, north of the parish library and the church parking lot. Its title is FLORIDA'S FABULOUS BUTTERFLIES, INCLUDING A SPECIAL CHAPTER ON MOTHS. You may have been told about it during our springtime butterfly release day. This wonderful book with full color illustrations of butterflies and moths, with information on butterfly conservation and activities, plus brief biographies of the author, Thomas Emmel, and photographer, Brian Kennedy, is a real gem. Find the dark green, slanted metal table where it is located. Then open up the little "door" below the table, and VOILA! there's the book. Where are all the real flitting, flying butterflies? All around you in the garden, sampling the nectar provided by the flowers. See how many you can identify with help of the wonderful book you located; then replace it in its cubby hole below the slanted table, and be thankful to the St. James folks who created this beautiful haven, THE BUTTERFLY GARDEN, and who also supplied the benches and information to help all of us to enjoy one of nature's most divine species, the butterflies.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Join Jeff Brooke-Stewart on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall for his weekly verse-by-verse study of the Bible. They are currently studying the Gospel of John. (Note: There will be no meeting on November 2nd due to the All Soul's Service of Remembrance at St. Thomas in Eustis).



The Daughters of the King meet the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00PM in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting will be on **November 8th**. We will also have our annual **DOK Sunday** with Installation of New Members on **Christ the King Sunday, November 26th at the 10:15 service**.

TIME TO FALL BACK!



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 5th, at 2:00 AM.
Remember to turn your clocks back and take back the hour we lost in the Spring!!!



- 3 Alana Goodman
Debbie Saylor
- 5 Charlie Davidson
Dan Robuck III
- 7 Mary Berry
Diane Brannon
- 8 Sara Gray
- 9 Sue Hackney
- 10 Chip Deems
- 12 Susan Heaney
Libby Hackney Urbon
- 14 Nancy Young
Joyce Huey
- 16 Nancy Susens

- 16 Pam Thomas
- 17 Betty Luther
Becky Mitchell
- 18 Jim Hooper
Larry Demaline
- 19 Ann Tuke
- 21 Alberto Gan
- 22 Dan Robuck
Andon Gray
- 24 Cynthia Newton
- 26 Jeannine Rowell
Kay Palmer
- 27 Kathy Davidson
- 28 John O'Kelley



- 9 John & Denise Meier
- 12 Ross & Marion Belson
- 17 Dan & Iris Robuck

- 26 Jim & Barbara Logan
Robert & Dorothy McVey
Amy & Michael Raczkowski

JODY'S GIFT SHOP

The shop remains busy with the help of our ECW volunteers. The sixth stained glass window ornament will be available at the ECW Bazaar, for those who placed orders, with the shop being open at the Bazaar. Additional ornaments will be available in small quantity. The earlier 5 stained glass ornaments are now available as well. This gives on the opportunity to collect all six, or to purchase ones you have missing. They are on display in the gift shop along with beautiful gifts and handmade items. We are getting ready for the Bazaar and the Downtown Leesburg Market while offering items for sale for the holiday season. The revenue is used in reaching out to those in need in our community and/or world-wide missions.

"God cares for people through people." Blessing to you. Thank you for supporting ECW through Jody's Gift Shop!



THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
9:00 AM-2:00PM**

Honoring Our Veterans on Veterans Day!

The ECW Bazaar is November 11th from 9:00AM-2:00PM. Many Volunteers will make this a success. Please consider how you can help on this special day. We are still in need of:

Cakes, Cookies, Pies, Breads, Fudge, Divinity and candy of any kind. Potted Plants, Crafts (please contact Marie Crouch) and Vintage Treasures (please contact Sudan Cyrus). This will be a great chance to wear your Saint James shirt and a smile.

Invite your friends, neighbors and family to come. For more information contact Becky Binneveld (352)406-8135 or rbbi83@aol.com.

BAZAAR PLANT SALE

While Poinsettias are NOT available, you can still guarantee that you can dazzle your neighbors by pre- ordering from the flats of pansies, petunias, snap dragons and begonias.

November 3rd is the deadline for pre-orders.
Please contact Chris Meade (352) 787 4241, or Winnie Tucker (352) 551 7244.

CANDY GRAM

Bonnie Binneveld would like to remind her Candy Crew to contact her so she can reconfirm your confectionary creations. She would prefer that the candy be delivered on November 10th so that signage can be prepared, but she will accommodate late arrivals. All the candy must be sliced and presented on a serving platter.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OUTREACH

Last week when I was adding my Pop Tops for Ronald McDonald Pop Tops Collection, Terry Galyon stopped by and asked me a question. "Do you know how many Pop Tops it takes to equal a pound?" Of course, I had to say no. The answer was 1,228 Aluminum Top Pops. How many would you say we have? Let's keep pulling Pop Tops to support RMD House.



2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 6:30 Adult Choir	2 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 3:00 Grief Support	3	4 3:00 Wedding Joel Trees & Leanne Brignoni
5 23rd Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Children's Church 10:15 Eucharist/ Baptism	6	7 9:00 ECW Board Mtg 10:00 ECW Gen'l. Mtg.	8 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 2:00 DOK 4:00 Jubilate 6:30 Adult Choir	9 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:30 Bible Study	10	11
12 24th Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Children's Church 10:15 Eucharist	113	14 ECW Chapter Meetings	15 8:00 Men's Prayer 12:00 Coffee & Philos. 4:00 Jubilate 5:00 Finance Meeting 6:30 Adult Choir	16 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:00 Vestry 6:30 Bible Study	17	18
19 Christ the King 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Children's Church 10:15 Eucharist	20	21	22 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Adult Choir	23 10:00 Thanksgiving Service	24 9:00AM-5:00PM Open House at St. Nicholas House for Children and Families	25
26 1st Advent 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Children's Church 10:15 Eucharist DOK Sunday	27	28	29 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Adult Choir	30 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:30 Bible Study		