

St. James Episcopal Church

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MESSENGER NOVEMBER 2025



“She has done what she could. She has anointed my body beforehand for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.” Mark 14:8-9

Join us for our **Stewardship Sunday on November 23rd**, when we will present our stewardship pledge for 2026. On this day we will also hold our **Ministry Fair**, which will take place in the Parish Hall after both the **8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services**. We want everyone at St. James to find ways to make use of the gifts God has given us to minister to his glory.

Our theme for Stewardship is **“A Sacrifice of Gratitude.”** Looking at the story of the woman who anointed Jesus with costly ointment, each of us should ask ourself, What attitudes is she exposing in me about how I use my resources for the gospel? Am I “playing it safe?” Or am I willing to be extravagant in what I offer him, just as he was extravagant in laying down his life for me?

Jesus said that what this woman did for the gospel will be spoken in remembrance of her. What will be said in remembrance of us? What sacrifice of gratitude will we offer for the gift of salvation we received from Jesus Christ? Thank you for your generous response to what Christ has done for you. See you on Sunday, the 23rd!

Our Mission

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

A WORD ABOUT ECW FUNDRAISING \$\$\$\$\$\$

Last year, through the hard work of ECW and the generosity of the St. James' parishioners, St. James was able to help support our community by donating to over 20 local charities. Throughout the year we will be highlighting some of these charities to keep you informed of our community outreach ministries and the important work we do. If you are not familiar with these worthy organizations, please look them up!

Forward Paths Foundation (info@forwardpaths.org) \$2500

Companions For Courage (info@companionsforcourage.org) \$500

This year, our fundraising proceeds are minus the profits of a Fall Bazaar. Yet, we know that many in the community are still counting on us for help. This is why we are working so hard to create new revenue sources to support our charitable giving ministries.

We thank you for your support. *Barnelia Woodward*

Current and future opportunities to support ECW's Fundraising **The Jody's Giftshop has the below items for purchase:**

- *New St. James' Stain Glass Christmas Ornament
Pre-purchase only.
- *Thanksgiving Pie Sales, Deadline to purchase
November 16th.
- *Blessing's Bracelet, Deadline to purchase to get
them for Christmas is November 16th.
- *Holiday Chances, \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.
- *Plant Sale is on December 7th, See
Chris Meade to order.
- *"Souper Bowl" takeout soup for the
Big Game is on February 8th!!
- *Tablescapes, "Love Is In The Air"
is on February 14th.

Tuesday, November 4th

*ECW Board Meeting takes place 9:00 a.m. in the St. Nicholas House.

*ECW General Meeting takes place at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

(Hosted by St. Anne's Chapter)

Friday, November 7th

*St. Martha's Chapter Luna Azul Mexican Restaurant Contact Lara Lahey for details. This Chapter meets in the evening and focuses on Christian Fellowship. Women of all ages are welcome, but this group is especially popular with busy working women and mothers of younger children.

Tuesday, November 18th

ECW Chapter Meetings
(Fellowship, Study and ECW Business)

- * St Anne's Chapter at 10:00 a.m.
in the Parish Hall -Study: (Chosen Series)
- *St Francis' Chapter at 10:00 a.m. in the
St Nicolas House - Study: (Walk In Love)
- *St. Cecilia's Chapter at 3:00 p.m.
in the Parish Hall - Study: The Parables

ECW PLANT SALE



WHEN: Sunday, December 7th between
and after services until 1:00 p.m.



WHERE: Church Courtyard

WHAT: Poinsettias, Landscape & Pollinator Plants

Also, order by November 21st to get flats (\$20.00 each) of the following:

Pansies, Petunias, Begonias & Snapdragons



For more information and to order
flats call / email Chris Meade

352-787-4241 or momeade@aol.com.



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimers-Dementia Care Givers Group welcomes all who have a loved one or are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia. We meet to discuss the ways and means of expressing compassion and how to care for our loved ones in the midst of a difficult challenge. As a care giver, what is the best response to the many repetitive questions that are asked by your loved one? And what can be done when other uncontrolled behaviors arise? Also, we will look at some online resources that deal with this and a variety of other situations while caring for someone with dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

All discussions are kept in strict confidentiality. Please note that our meetings are for caregivers only (and not the one with A/D) to allow the freedom to share as needed. Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 10:30 in the Parish Hall.**

We hope to see you then, Jeff Livesay



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



A prayer shawl ministry is a ministry of compassion and the love of knitting or crocheting. The shawls are a source of God's unconditional love, wrapped around a person for comfort and solace, for people going through a difficult time, as well as, times of celebration and joy. If you are interested in this Ministry, you may contact Joyce Walworth.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Our next Grief Support Gathering is this **Thursday, November 06, 2025, at St. James Episcopal Chapel** located behind the church (204 N. Lee Street in Leesburg). Meet and Greet will start at 3:00 on the Veranda In front of the Parish Hall. Bottled water and a small snack (usually chocolate) are provided.

Our conversation topic for **November is “Unraveling the Mysteries of Grief Fatigue”**. How many times have you said to yourself “Why am I so Tired?” I must confess I say this just about every night. Grief fatigue (or Grief Exhaustion) goes beyond the typical tiredness we experience in our daily lives and stems from the immense emotional and psychological strain that grief places on us. How long does Grief Exhaustion last? Join us as we discuss the mysteries of being so fatigued and try to find ways to “recharge” ourselves amidst the challenges of grief exhaustion.

Our grief support group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one and needs support from others who know firsthand what they are going through.

Hope to see you Thursday, November 6th at St. James Episcopal Church Chapel

Susan Cyrus, Grief Support Facilitator



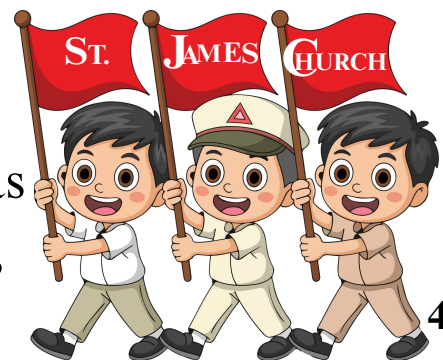
With joy and gratitude to Almighty God, the St. James community warmly invites you to celebrate the Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate of **Sebastiana G. Springmann** on: **Saturday, November 15, 2025** at The Cathedral Church of St. Luke 130 N Magnolia Ave, Orlando, FL 32801.

If you signed up to take the bus, it will leave from **St. James** at **11:00 a.m.** The price is **\$21.00 per person**. Payment needs to be collected by **November 7th**.

This can be paid in the Church office. *Thank you.*

LEESBURG CHRISTMAS PARADE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

St. James will be participating in this year's Christmas Parade. If you would like to join in on the festivities, please contact the church office at **352-787-1981**.





KEEP FLIPPING THOSE TOPS



The holidays soon will be here with all the festivities, wreaths hung on the door, turkeys roasting and family and friends dropping in.

Now a suggestion for a very special gift. This would be your support of the Ronald McDonald House, where parents are able to lodge, have home cooked meals while their child is being cared for at the Arnold Palmer Hospital on campus in Orlando.

The monetary donations you send will support the "Home away from Home" for these families.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Florida

**To make a gift by mail, send your check made out to RMHC of Central Florida to
P.O. Box 547537 Orlando, FL 32854-7537. To make a gift by phone call 407-206-0957.**

P.S. Your donation is tax deductible.

Many Blessings to all for the coming year. *Meg Bremer*



LIBRARY CORNER



We have been gifted with some fine books that will soon be available for check out from our parish library collection. One of these is titled **SPIRES IN THE SUN**, by Rich and Eschbach, on the subject of carpenter gothic churches in Florida. Of course, both St. James of Leesburg and Holy Trinity are included, with much fascinating history of both structures. We have two copies of the book, and if you do check them out, please return the books within one week. Checking them out means finding the book card at the back of the book, signing your full name and placing it the little box on the book truck. Thanks for your cooperation.

And many thanks to Peg Hopper for her gifts, one copy of "Spires in the Sun" and a copy of 'Rage Prayers'.

On November 1st we will be joining in the **St. James Yard Sale**, offering **BEST SELLERS**, of recent fiction and non fiction publications. Many "pricey" books will be sold for only \$5. Of course, books make great Christmas presents. A few children's books will also be included.

DON'T MISS THE SALE.

The St. James Librarian, *Margaret Branham*

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters of the King meet on the **2nd** Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. **Our next meeting November 12th.**

Please celebrate with us the induction of our newest members on Sunday, **November 23rd.**



All are welcome!



ST. JAMES MEN'S MINISTRY

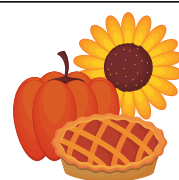
The Men's Ministry holds a prayer breakfast on the **3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.**

Their next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 19th.**

If you are interested in joining the Men's Ministry, please contact: **Ted Kermode**

All are welcome!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 			
2 21st Sunday After Pentecost ALL SAINTS DAY <i>Visit by Rt. Rev'd W. Jay Lambert</i> 8:00 Eucharist (RITE I) <i>9-12 Jody's Gift Shop Open</i> 10:15 Eucharist (RITE II) (Confirmation & Baptism) 11:30 Cantate 6:00 Young Adult Bible Study (St. Nicholas House)	3 6:00 Beginner Ukulele 7:00 Advanced Ukulele	4 9:00 ECW Board Meeting (St. Nicholas House) 10:00 ECW General Meeting (Parish Hall)	5 10:30 Caregiver Support Group (Parish Hall) <i>10-12 Jody's Gift Shop Open</i> 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy (Coffee Snob) 4:30 Jubilate 5:45 Bell Choir 6:45 Adult Choir
9 22nd Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist (RITE I) <i>9-12 Jody's Gift Shop Open</i> 10:15 Eucharist (RITE II) 11:30 Cantate 2-5 Meier's 40th Wedding Anniversary Private Party (Parish Hall) 3:00 Dulcimer 6:00 Young Adult Bible Study (St. Nicholas House)	10 3:00 Stephen Ministry 6:00 Beginner Ukulele	11  VETERANS DAY 12-5 YOUTH OPEN HOUSE (St. Nicholas House) 	12 <i>10-12 Jody's Gift Shop Open</i> 12:00 Coffee Philosophy (Coffee Snob) 2:00 Daughters of the King (Parish Hall) 3:30 Youth Swing Dance 4:30 Jubilate 5:45 Bell Choir 6:45 Adult Choir
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23 24th Sunday After Pentecost Stewardship Sunday 8:00 Eucharist (RITE I) 9:00 Ministry Fair (Parish Hall) 10:15 Eucharist (RITE II) <i>9-12 Jody's Gift Shop Open</i> (DOK New Member Induction) 11:30 Cantate 3:00 Dulcimer 6:00 Young Adult Bible Study (Parish Hall)	24 6:00 Beginner Ukulele	25	26 <i>10-12 Jody's Gift Shop Open</i> 12:00 Coffee Philosophy (Coffee Snob) 5:45 Bell Choir 6:45 Adult Choir
30 1st Sunday of Advent 8:00 Eucharist (RITE I) <i>9-12 Jody's Gift Shop Open</i> 10:15 Eucharist (RITE II) (St. Nicholas House)	11:30 Cantate 6:00 Young Adult Bible Study		

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	1 SATURDAY
  		ST. JAMES YARD SALE 8:00 - Noon
6 8:30-12-Library Open 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service <i>10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open</i> 3:00 Grief Support (Chapel) NOTE: There is No Bible Study Tonight	7 <i>10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open</i>	8
13 8:30-12-Library Open 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service <i>10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open</i> 6:30 Bible Study - Revelation (Parish Hall)	14 <i>10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open</i> 7:00 "Glitter & Gather" Holiday Concert Morrison United Methodist Church, Leesburg	15 ECW PIE PICK-UP SEBASTIANA SPRINGMANN'S ORDINATION <i>1:00 p.m. Cathedral Church Of St Luke</i> <i>130 N Magnolia Ave, Orlando</i> Bus leaves from St. James at 11:00 a.m. 11-1 Adult Choir Christmas Rehearsals
20 8:30-12-Library Open 10:00 Healing & Anointing <i>10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open</i> 6:30 Vestry Meeting 6:30 Bible Study - Revelation (Parish Hall) (St. Nicholas House)	21 11:00 Celebration of Life for Nadine Millett St. James Episcopal Church	22 11-1 Adult Choir Christmas Rehearsals
27 10:00 Thanksgiving Eucharist 	28	29

"Glitter & Gather" Holiday Concert

Presented by Millennium Master Chorale of Central Florida

Friday, Nov 14th, 2025 at 7:00 PM



Morrison United Methodist Church, Leesburg



Celebrating the best of choral music

Tickets are \$20.00 (Students \$15.00) at the door or online at mmccf.ticketleap.com

Karyl Elton, Director

Beverly Sapp, Collaborative Keyboardist

Lisa Elliott, Founding Artistic Director Emerita



Several of our Choir members will be performing in this concert.

St. James Music Ministry Presents



"Light Has Come"

Sunday, December 14th at 4:00 p.m.

~Featuring~

-St. James Adult Choir
-St. James Youth Singers:
Jubilate & Cantate
-14-piece Orchestra

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***This is not a ticketed event. Join us as we celebrate through song! 8**

OCTOBER FOOD DROP

Tag Team Effort was the name of the October Food Drop. It started with the ECW GROUP meeting at tables cleverly decorated with a variety of food products, lights, pumpkins, fall leaves and flowers arranged by our women. Joint effort continued with volunteers, Terri and Van Galyon, Barbara Logan, Dick Singletary along with Rita and Bob Clements welcoming additional donations of food and monetary gifts for the October FOOD DROP.

TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED:

~ 426 POUNDS OF FOOD from St. James ECW women

~ 28 pounds of food from the Harris Chain Sail and Power Squadron Club.

~ 520 POUNDS OF FOOD from St. James parishoners

TOTALLING: 974 POUNDS OF FOOD ~ \$325.00

TOTAL AMOUNT TO DATE:

**~51,852 POUNDS
OF FOOD**

~ \$59,234.00

JOIN US FOR FOOD DROP on Wednesday, November 19th from 9:00-12:00. To help fill the Thanksgiving Baskets, there are some "specials needs" : Cans of cranberries(whole and jellied, Cans of green beans, Cans or jars of turkey gravy , Boxes of dressing mix, Boxes of cake mixes, Cans of icing, and monies that will go for turkeys (If designated). IF YOU PREFER TO BRING YOUR OWN SPECIALS, ALL ARE WELCOMED! RIGHT NOW, THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR CEREALS ! Blessings to you all.

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



WE WANT TO



"SEE YOU"



A new Picture Directory is being prepared. Many of you have turned in your "Member Information Sheet"; thank you. Many of you have provided a picture; thank you.

In order to be listed as a member of St. James, you will need to fill out a "Member Information Sheet". If you have not done so yet, they are available in the Narthex at church, and at the Church Office.

If you have not yet submitted a picture, there are several ways to do this:

1. Catch Bob Tindall before or after the **10:15 Service**, and he will take your picture.
2. Send Bob Tindall a photo via email or text: **walruselect@gmail.com (717) 575-3092**
3. Respond to an email you will get from the Picture Directory company. This email will be personalized to have your name, and it will be signed by Bob Tindall.
4. Drop off a photo at the Church Office.



ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST



SHORT TERM

Amy McCombs	October 6th	Tim Thomson	October 15th
Danny Thompson	October 13th	Patricia Bailey	October 15th
Julitta Velton	October 14th	Kurt Cessna	October 22nd
Ann Kupferberg	October 14th	Kim Flemming	October 22nd
Dorri Brooke	October 14th	Art Hollows	October 23rd
Beverly Bounds	October 14th	Jared Mymudes	October 23rd
Bob Clements	October 14th	Georgina Fauta	October 23rd
Frank Peter	October 14th	Carlos Alvarado	October 23rd
Donna Shanosk	October 15th	Jose Mestre	October 23rd
Kathy Shanosk	October 15th	Hank Fisher	October 23rd

3 MONTHS

Donna Shanosk	September 2nd	Richard Herbert	September 19th
Kathy Shanosk	September 2nd	Earl Peck	September 29th
Nancy Ann Rishe	September 2nd	Angel Deacon	September 29th
Dee Kermode	September 3rd	Lisa Craig	October 2nd
Luke Cain	September 4th	Georg Sullivan	October 2nd
Isabel & Gabriella	September 4th	Jase Martin	October 2nd
Doug Springmann	September 10th		

LONG TERM

Baby Autumn, Michael Baker, Patricia Bailey, Nathan Battle, Marion Belson, Peggy Berutich, Nina Bonney, Todd Boyd & Family, Joe Branham, Margaret Branham, Susan Burden, Mabel Burns Scott Butler, Judy Cable, Cregg Carreins Jr., Beverly Caswell, Leroy McClurg, Jasmine Cleeton, Birdy Connelly, Kristin Conner, Corinne, Beth Crossley, Beverly Cox, Kurt Cessna, Paul Dallaire, Janet Davis, Randy Denk, Berni Dodeci, Jimmy Draime, David Dudley, Daniel Durst, Barbara & Don Fodor, Gaillardet, Art Hollows, Kami Hecker, Brook James, Ben Johnson, James Kevin, Kaley, Cynthia Kennedy, David Knowles, Sally Lawrence, Katie Leware, Elizabeth Linberger, Margaret Peggy Link, Linda Long, David Lossing, Bill Mann, Becky Mitchell, Jim Mitchell, Brandon Morrison, Caroline Morrison, Belinda Morton-Rusk, Jared Mymudes, Curt Oestreich, Gail Ostrander,, Amber Prescott, Cindy Raczkowski, Diana Reis, Jack & Judy Rigby, Paul Rizzo, Bubba Robinson, Holly Rouse, Robert Sanchez, Steve Scharber, Donna Sharnosk, Jameson Small, Fredrick Stevens, Peggy Steeves, Ann Seagraves, Pat Thomas, Shelly Thomas, Danny Thompson, Dot Vedder, Julitta Velton, Kevin Watkins & Rob Yeager, Sue Roeglin, Jan West.



IN MEMORIAM NADINE MILLETT



We offer our condolences to the family of Nadine Millett, who passed away on Sunday, November 2, 2025. Rest and eternal grace to her, O Lord.

Her service is scheduled for **Friday, November 21, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.** at St. James Episcopal Church. **10**

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd Gordon Ziegelman	15th Peggy Berutich
3rd Alana Goodman	16th Pam Thomas
Debbie Saylor	Skipper Wilson
4th Bill Hughes	17th Becky Mitchell
5th Charlie Davidson	18th Cregg Careins
Dan Robuck III	Jim Hooper
6th Patricia Bailey	Larry Demaline
7th Mary Berry	Mike Kindel
Diane Brannon	21st Alberto Gan
8th Jim Hooper	22nd Andon Gray
9th Blanca Crabtree	David Lawrence
10th Chip Deems	23rd Deni Lawrence
John Burr	24th Cynthia Newton
12th Sue Heaney	25th Simon Van Beek
14th Nancy Young	26th Jeannine Rowell
Joyce Huey	28th John O'Kelly

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

4th Joel & Leanne Trees	14th Charles & Cindy Esselburn
9th John & Denise Meier	17th Dan & Iris Robuck
12th Ross & Marion Belson	26th Jim & Barbara Logan
14th Fredrick & Jan West	

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday Services:

8:00 a.m. (Rite 1) & 10:15 a.m. (Rite II)

Healing & Anointing Service:

Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

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CLERGY & STAFF

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Parish Organist/Choir Director
Youth Ministry & Choir Director
Sexton

VESTRY

(Senior Warden) Terri Galyon, (Junior Warden) Bert Sofield,
(Treasurer) Tom Grizzard

Members: Nigel Bailey, Bill Binneveld, Claire Meade, Rita Clements,
Tony Cobb, Susan Cyrus, Linda Grizzard, Stuart Mowatt,
Dan Robuck, Dick Singletary

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