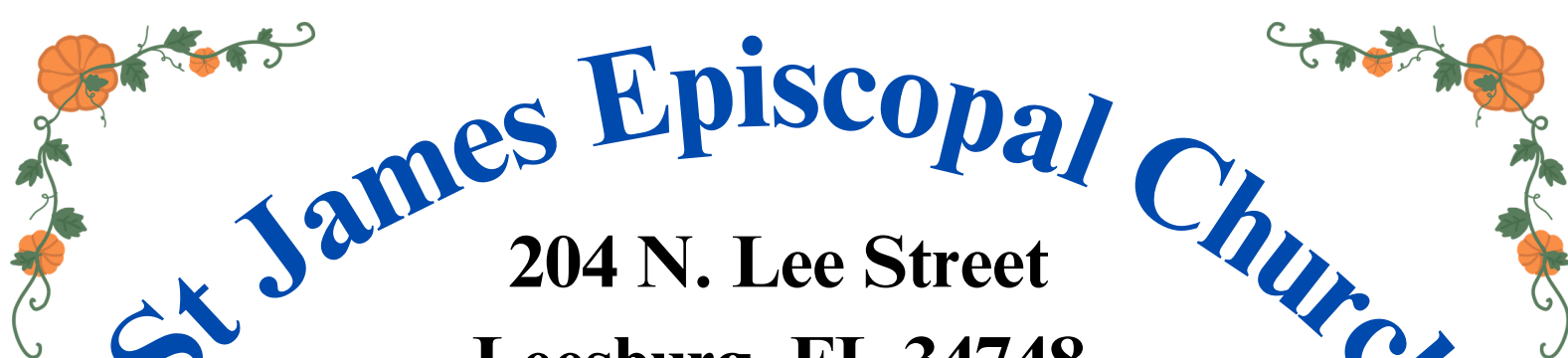




St James Episcopal Church

204 N. Lee Street
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OCTOBER MESSENGER 2026

Fall Stewardship Program & Parish-Wide Dinner

Monday, November 2nd from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Venetian Gardens, (Harris Room) 109 E. Dixie Ave, Leesburg, FL 34748

Join us as we begin our **Fall Stewardship Program** with a **Parish-Wide Dinner** at the **Venetian Center, next to the Leesburg Boat Club, off Dixie Avenue.**

Enjoy an evening of delicious food provided by Debbie's Catering, wonderful fellowship, and music from our very own St. James Ukulele Group!

Together, we will explore how we can live out our calling as stewards of the Gospel and discover ways to share God's love through our church and community.

There is no cost for the dinner, but reservations are required so we can prepare an accurate head count. **Please RSVP by Thursday, October 29th.**

RSVP cards are available in the church office, Nartex and the Parish Hall. You may return your completed card in the collection plate, or the church office. For more information, please call: **352-787-1981** or email **office@stjames-leesburg.org**.

We look forward to sharing this special evening with you!



DO.THE.GOOD.
2026 TASTE OF ST JAMES
Friday, Oct 2nd 6pm – 8pm



**Come Hungry For a
Night Of Good-Hearted Culinary
Rivalry to Benefit the
Jamaica Medical Mission**

There will be opportunities to vote for your favs with \$\$\$
And some fantastic auction items too



204 N Lee St
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34748

Tickets
are \$30

For Tickets
Click Here

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to DO THE GOOD
works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10



OCTOBER GRIEF SUPPORT

Our next Grief Support Gathering is Thursday, October 01, 2026, at St. James Episcopal Chapel located behind the church (204 N. Lee Street in Leesburg). Meet and Greet will start at 3:00 pm on the Veranda which is in front of the Parish Hall. Bottled water and a small snack (usually chocolate) are provided.

Our conversation topic for October is “How Do We Go from Being WE to ME?” Adjusting to life after the passing of a loved one, especially a spouse, is one of the most challenging transitions a person can face. Learning to live alone after losing your spouse is not about forgetting; it’s learning to live fully while carrying their memory with you. Join us as we share ways to adjust our lives and help us “Move Forward”.

Hope to see you Thursday, October 1st as we gather in the Chapel at St. James Episcopal Church. 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. Attached you will find a copy of the flyer to share with friends/family.

Blessings to you all,

Susan Cyrus, Grief Support Facilitator



Margaret Emerson’s Ordination - 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 10th

The Cathedral Church of St. Luke - 130 N Magnolia Ave, Orlando, FL 32801

Margaret Emerson was a beloved member of St. James for more than 50 years. Some of you may remember her by her maiden name, *Margaret Berry*.

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Margaret is being ordained! She wanted to make sure her St. James family knew about this special occasion and invites you to celebrate this meaningful milestone with her.



Altar and Madonna Flowers.

Those desiring to offer flowers for any service – either in Memory of Loved Ones or in Thanksgiving, please contact **Bonnie Binneveld @255-1658**.

On behalf of ECW, Bonnie will handle the monthly calendar for Altar and Madonna flowers. Then it is up to the donor to contact a local florist and make arrangements. They should bill you directly, not St. James. You can also reserve the Altar candle for a suggested donation of \$5 - \$10. Candle checks should be made out to St. James with Altar Guild notation on memo line. They can be given to church secretary



DISCOVERY:

A Christian Journey Spiritual Formation Opportunity Coming Your Way



St. James will be offering a new spiritual formation opportunity starting on October 10th. This class is being presented by **Dorry Curran, Deacon Art and Rev'd Sebastiana**. They will present the classes on five Saturdays over the next ten months. The sessions will include videos, small group discussions, class activities, and **LUNCH!** The course is **FREE** and available to everyone. Each session will focus on a different liturgical season and explore a different spiritual education topic. This is a wonderful chance for us to nurture our spiritual lives individually and in community.

We will meet in the **Parish Hall from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** on the following dates:

- **10/10/26 (Season after Pentecost- “ordinary time”): Roots of Ministry**
- This session will cover the structure and liturgical traditions of our Episcopal faith.
- **12/5/26 (Season of Advent): Journey of Faith**
- This session will cover some of the basics of Christian belief and how we see those beliefs unfolding in today's life.
- **2/20/27 (Season of Lent): Path to Spiritual Maturity**
- This session will cover how to nourish ourselves with spiritual meat and grow in faith. How do we find a way to live **IN** this world and not **OF** it?
- **5/15/27 (Season of Pentecost): Our Spiritual Gifts**
- This session will cover how to identify the spiritual gifts God gives us and how to use them to do His work.
- **7/17/26 (Season after Pentecost- “ordinary time”): The Great Commission**
- This session will cover the concepts of evangelism and discipleship.

If you are interested or if you would like to register for this journey, please contact:

**Dorry Curran (949-633-8471, tinkrvl@gmail.com) or
Rev'd Sebastiana (352-460-1806, revsebastiana@stjames-leesburg.org)**

If you are unable to attend all the sessions, please join us for the sessions for which you are available. Because we want our whole St. James family to participate with us, we are providing a link to the videos and study guide:

Discovery Series Resources - EDOT

Even if you cannot attend our Saturday sessions, please join us in this program by independent study of the videos and student guide. If you do plan to attend the Saturday sessions, it will be helpful to review the video before the gathering. We will watch the videos in our session but

ECW NEWS

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) October Invitation

Ladies, you are invited to join us at our next ECW General Meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. In addition to fellowship and light appetizers, Dr. Bob Tindall will present a program on the Stephen Ministry which he oversees for St. James. This program promises to be enlightening and inspiring and offers another way to “serve” others. A brief business meeting will follow the presentation.

The October ECW general meeting theme focuses on “Fall Harvest” by collecting donations of nonperishable and canned food for our local food bank. Please bring any food items to the meeting that you would like to donate to this cause.

ECW AND JODY’S GIFT SHOP HOLIDAY CHANCES

Come view and choose your “favorite” available on the the veranda. On the following Sundays: Octoberr **25th**, **November 1st**, **November 8th** and **November 15th**.

Tickets are **\$1.00** each or **6 for \$5.00** The drawings will take place at the December ECW General Meeting. All proceeds will be given to the community ministries!

ECW CHAPTER MEETINGS ~ SEPTEMBER 15TH

10:00 a.m. ~ St. Anne’s (Parish Hall) 10:00 a.m. ~ St. Francis’ (St. Nicholas House)

3:00 p.m. ~ St. Cecilia’s (St. Nicholas House)

St. Martha’s Chapter : This group focuses on Christian Fellowship and is especially popular with busy working women and mothers of younger children.

This Chapter meets monthly in the evening at a restaurant. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact **Lara Lahey at the following: (407) 461-7014** or **lara.lahey@yahoo.com**

SEPTEMBER FOOD DROP

Nothing like a sunny day to help recognize the long days of summer are stretching into a bit cooler .Your continuing support of our ST. JAMES FOOD DROP remains building in order to meet the needs of many in our community.

Volunteers, Terri and Van Galyon, Jan Tindall, Tanina Dick Singeltary, along with Bob and Rita Clements and dog, Kobi welcomed the donations while hoping for colors of autumn to come into play. Thank you St. James Community for your food and monetary support. You all are Messengers filled with the HOLY SPIRIT.

TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED:

~ **420 Pounds of Food**

~ **\$980.00**

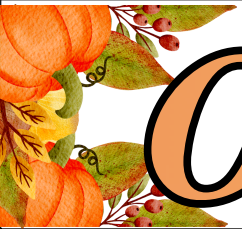
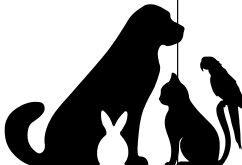


TOTAL AMOUNT TO DATE:

~**55,618 Pounds of Food**

~ **\$64,260**

Please join us for the October Food Drop scheduled on Wednesday, October 21st from 9-12.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
  OCTOBER 2026						
4 19th Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist (RITE I) 9-12 Jody's Gift Shop Open 10:15 Eucharist (RITE II) 12:30 JDOK / JBSA Program (St. Nicholas House)	5 	6 9:00 ECW Board Meeting (St. Nicholas House) 10:00 ECW General Meeting (Parish Hall) 6:00 Blessing of Animals	7 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy (Coffee Snob) 5:00 Choristers } St. Nicholas House 5:30 Catechesis } 5:45 Bell Choir 6:45 Adult Choir	8 8:30-12 Library Open 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open 10:00 Healing & Anointing (Chapel) 6:30 Bible Study - Gospel of John (Parish Hall)	2 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open 6:00 - 8:00 TASTE OF ST. JAMES 	3 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Monika Potter St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Eustis, FL
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58th Diocese of Central Florida Convention

We look forward to gathering as a diocesan family for the 58th Convention of the Diocese of Central Florida on Saturday, November 7, 2026, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy in Melbourne.

This second Convention of 2026 begins a new annual November to November schedule for the diocese, a change made in response to requests from our churches. This yearly rhythm allows clergy and lay leaders to prepare for Convention ahead of a busy holiday season and enables approval of the diocesan budget before the start of the calendar year.

We invite you to take part in this meaningful one-day Convention as we celebrate our shared ministry and help shape the life of our diocese together. Our time will include worship, fellowship, the bishop's Convention address, elections and votes on any proposed amendments and resolutions. We will gather for the 58th Diocesan Convention in the Scott Center for Worship and the Performing Arts on the Upper School campus of Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy in Melbourne.

Ample complimentary parking is available on campus, and golf carts will be available to help delegates who need mobility assistance get from the main parking area to the Tiger Café near the Scott Center for Convention check-in. Signage will direct attendees to parking, shuttle stops and check-in, which will open at 7:30 a.m.

If you are interested in being considered for a delegate to the convention, please call the church office at: **(352) 787-1981 / office@stjames-leesburg.org**



LIBRARY CORNER

The most recent acquisition in our **PARISH LIBRARY, ROOM 6**, is home grown, meaning that the author of **“the work”** is local. Alright, I will give up the mystery: Rev. Dr. Sebastiana Springmann has donated copies of 24 of her sermons delivered in St.James sanctuary during 2024-26 in preparation for her ordination to the priesthood.

The sermons of Rev. Sebastiana are in a white notebook placed on the library table. Please do not remove the individual copies from the notebook, but if you would like personal copies, ask the librarian, Margaret, to make them for you. These are memorable and inspiring revelations of scripture which have comforted us and will do so again.

Thank you most sincerely, Mother Sebastiana.

- Just a reminder, the parish library is open for reading, meditation and browsing on Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. each week. 🙏



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



2nd	Ella Kate Daley Alexis Dunmire Babs Treiber Collin York	12th	Marvin Wilson Debra Bowman Judy Leavers Drew Logan	23rd	Cynthia Corley Kathy Geyer Tim Herbst Chris Leware Herma Mowatt Anika Trees
3rd	Kay Haddenham David Knowles	16th	Ross Belson	25th	John Hill
4th	Charlotte Sanchez	17th	Bob Meade Sandy Bonofiglio Alexandra Graham	26th	Judy Baxter
5th	Scott Daley Nicole Rondello Ellen Christine Brooks	19th	Bella Meyer	28th	Murray Tucker III Amy Raczkowski
7th	Jeff Brooke-Stewart	20th	Jack Macintyre Caroline Oldham	29th	Nigel Bailey
8th	Jorge Fernandez Rev'd Thomas Trees Linda Springer	21st	Stephanie Engel Angel Pearson Ken Herring	30th	Murray Tucker III
9th	Marie Gan Brynnan Curry Paula O'Connor				



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

1st	George & Margaret Bolton	16th	Charlie & Kathy Davidson
4th	John & Becca Hill William & Carolyn Hoth	19th	Russ & Gem Vance
5th	David & Cheryl Dudley	24th	Lyle & Kay Haddenham
7th	Bill & Katie Mann	30th	Jim & Dot Gustafson





ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST



The St. James Prayer List is organized into two sections: A **Short-term list** and a **Three-Month List**. Names are initially placed on the short -term list for three weeks, after which they are moved to the three-month list. At the end of the three -month period, names will be removed unless a request is made for them to remain. Please call the church office if you would like to place someone on the Prayer List. (352) 787-1981 / office@stjames-leesburg.org

Short Term ~ 3 Weeks

Cheryl Dudley	September 29th	Alex Biby	September 25th
Kay Oestreich	September 29th	Martha Biby	September 25th
Nan Burnsed	September 29th	Aubrey Honeycutt	September 25th

In Memoriam:

Mariann Beck, David Healey
Monika Potter & Charles Stephens

3 Months

Bill Bowersox	September 1st	Dee Kermode	August 9th
Diane Brannon	September 1st	Michael Saylor	August 3rd
Autumn Hollows	August 27th	Cricket Morrison	August 3rd
Tom Dalton	August 23rd	Charlie Johnson	July 28th
Mary Hooper	August 17th	Kay Haddenham	July 28th
Barbara Morgan	August 10th	Kristen Daley	July 18th
Dott Vedder	August 10th	Alexis Dunmire	July 16th
Larry Coolbroth	August 10th		

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

Church Office Information

Monday-Thursday ~ 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday ~ 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Closed ~ Saturday & Sunday

(352) 787-1981 / office@stjames-leesburg.org

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Priest Associate

Rev'd Art Hollows

Deacon

Victoria Mymudes

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John Wilson

Parish Organist/Choir Director

Wylie Hill

Sexton

VESTRY

(Senior Warden) Cherie Knowles, (Junior Warden) Bert Sofield,

(Treasurer) Nigel Bailey

Members: Bill Binneveld, Claire Meade, Rita Clements,
Tony Cobb, Susan Cyrus, Sean Lahey, Nancy Moran, Stuart Mowatt,
& Dee Saylor.

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.

