

**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 AT ST. JAMES

*"I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close." Revelation 3:8*

As we celebrate the opening of our church doors, we are opening a new chapter in our parish story. We want this next chapter to tell a story of people who are growing in God's grace, embracing our mission with even more power and enthusiasm. We are truly opening our doors to tomorrow, in a very real way. But what will our "tomorrow" look like? How can we continue the good work God has begun in us, as individuals and as a community? How can we use the gifts that God has generously given us to fulfill our mission and, in doing so, give glory to His name? How can we find creative ways to engage people and support them in the joy of sharing in God's work on earth? In consultation with diocesan leadership, our vestry decided to appoint a stewardship committee to explore how we might improve our approach to stewardship. Committee members meeting over the past few months include: Susan Battle, Bill Binneveld, Claire Brooks, Dorry Curran, Shirley Dunne, Kay Oestreich, Steve Treiber, and Ed Walther. We want to find ways to recognize that all we do to support our parish mission *is* faithful stewardship and to find ways of increasing our commitment to stewardship as part of our ongoing discipleship. When we open the door to our church, we are opening the door to more than a building. Our church is our people. The people of St. James belong to God. He opens a door for us, leading us to the work He wants us to do in the world. With His help, we will grow in worship, outreach, and discipleship.

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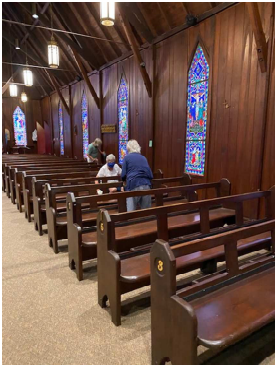


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Go to our website: [www.stjames-leesburg.org](http://www.stjames-leesburg.org); or  
Go to our Facebook page!

**CHURCH VESTRY & STAFF**

- Rector:** Rev'd Thomas Trees
- Assisting Priests:** Rev'ds Charles Hay, William J. Boyer, Ron Peak
- Assisting Deacons:** Rev'ds Charlie Perrin, Jerry Steidl
- Parish Organist/Choir Director:** Deb Carraway
- Nursery Coordinator:** Carmen Rebusmen
- Director of Youth and Families:** Elizabeth Williams
- Minister to Teens:** Susie Brewer
- Treasurer:** Tom Grizzard
- Parish / Finance Secretary:** Pat Schaefer
- Sexton:** Doug Ames
- Housekeeping:** Diane Smith
- Vestry Members:** Bonnie Binneveld, Ted Bowersox, Marc Crouch, Kristen Daley, Kathy Davidson, Steve Merrill (Junior Warden), Bruce Saylor (Senior Warden), Dick Singletary, Joanie Smalley, Bob Tindall, Steve Treiber, Patti Wolf

**MANY THANKS**

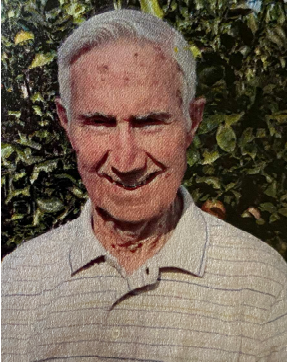


To all the volunteers that helped clean and prepare our Sanctuary for our re-opening, Steve and Linda Merrill, Dorry Curran, Wendy Krauss, Rita Clements, Kathy Davidson, Marc and Marie Crouch, Russ Vance, Patti Wolf, Becky Binneveld, Margaret Bolton, Sharon McCabe, and Bonnie Binneveld. We are sincerely grateful for your time and all the effort put in to cleaning and sanitizing our Sanctuary making it safe and ready to "come home" to.

**IN MEMORIAM**

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Virgil Bowles on September 7th, 2020. His private burial was held at St. James on September 23rd. He will be greatly missed.

*Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord,  
And may light perpetual shine upon him.  
May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,  
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



**PRAYERS FOR BILL BREWER**



We continue to lift up Susie Brewer, our Minister to Teens, and her husband Bill in prayer, as Bill continues to battle MDS. Bill continues to undergo chemotherapy treatments as he awaits a bone marrow donation.

You can follow Susie's updates on their journey with MDS on her website

<https://teambrewer-fightingmds.blogspot.com/>

# St. James Prayer List

Call the church office (352)787-1981 with additions/deletions

## LONG TERM

Kenny Edwards (N. Young)  
Dottie Elliott  
Holly Marston (M. Kirste)  
Margaret Anderson (K. Knight)  
Jeffrey Coward  
Nancy Austin  
Carey Campbell (K. Knight)  
Bill Brewer

Judy Cable (B. Logan)  
Margaret Branham  
Richard Gabriel  
Helen Robertshaw  
Mason  
Donna Gaudet  
Bob Cyrus  
Charlie Perrin  
Donna Baker  
Teresa Schmitt

## SHORT TERM (3 weeks).

Lanny Ames  
Olga  
Bob Tindall  
Bob Fiebke  
Lonnie Johnson  
Fr. Ron Peak  
Annabelle Wright



*And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord,  
to comfort and succor all those who in this  
transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness,  
or any other adversity.*

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY AT ST. JAMES



Greetings, St James families!

Sunday School is coming soon! With Phase 3 Guidelines in place from the Diocese, we can meet in person starting Sunday, October 11th, at 9:15 AM. We are staying on track and trusting God with the curriculum, "Rocky Railway". Classes will be held outside the St Nicholas house. We'll have music, a craft, a Bible lesson and prayer. Take-home kits and online video will still be available for families who are continuing to worship at home. Ages 4 thru 12 are welcome, and parents are invited to stay, as well.

Family events are also Finally Back at St James! Join us on Sunday, October 18th for a drive-along scavenger hunt! Meet in the lower parking lot at 5:30 to get your list and connect with your team. Then, you'll be off to take pictures of your team members with the places and objects around town that the list requires. (Not too far a drive.) First team back wins! Once you're done, come on back to the church to celebrate with us (adhering to distancing requirements). Please call the church office with a head count so we can prepare correctly for you. We're very much looking to a fun night with church friends! If you have any questions, please contact Beth Williams at (352) 702-2062. See you all soon!

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL AND THURSDAY EUCHARIST SERVICES

Starting in October, Fr. Tom will resume teaching his adult Sunday School class in the Parish Hall on October 11th, at 9:15 AM. We will continue the course, "The Faith We Confess: A Look at the Thirty-Nine Articles.

Fr. Tom will also resume Thursday Morning Healing Eucharist services starting on October 8th, at 10:00 (to be held in the Parish Hall).

Attendance at both is limited to social distance seating, and attendance will be taken for safety purposes. To reserve a seat, contact the church office 352-787-1981





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| 1 Don Lindskoog       | 13 Jim Martin           |
| 2 Babs Treiber        | JoAnn Statts            |
| Ella Kate Daley       | 14 John Meier           |
| 3 Verna Lindskoog     | 15 Monika Bonner        |
| David Knowles         | Drew Logan              |
| Kay Haddenham         | 16 Ross Belson          |
| Matthew Ostrander     | Iris Stone              |
| 4 Susan Luth          | Bob Meade               |
| Dorothy Samler        | 19 Jack MacIntyre       |
| Charlotte Sanchez     | Caroline Oldham         |
| 5 Paul Smigel         | 20 Stephanie Engel      |
| Scott Daley           | Robert Lowery           |
| 6 Joe Northcott       | Angel Pearson           |
| 7 Nicholas Palmer     | Blythe Daley            |
| Ellen Brooks          | 22 Dorothy Martin       |
| 8 Jeff Brooke-Stewart | Mary Lynne Gentzle      |
| Tom Trees             | 23 Chris Leware         |
| Gordon Oldham         | Herma Mowatt            |
| 9 Chuck Bayette       | Elaine Rey              |
| Marie Gan             | Anika Trees (1st B-Day) |
| Georgia Koyl          | 25 John Hill            |
| Paula O'Connor        | 26 Joan Reid            |
| Michael Cyrus         | Judy Baxter             |
| Brynnan Curry         | 28 B. Murray Tucker     |
| 10 Barbara Hooker     | 29 Nigel Bailey         |
| Skellie Morris        | 30 Beryl Stokes         |
| 13 Sue Geiger         | Amy Raczkowski          |

- 1 George & Margaret Bolton
- 4 Wylie & Rebecca Hill
- William & Carolyn Hoth
- 7 Bill & Katie Mann
- 9 Chuck Bayette & Dottie Elliott
- Jack & Lita Sergio



- 16 Charles & Kathy Davidson
- 19 Russ & Gem Vance
- 23 Charles & Marti Doty
- 24 Lyle & Kay Haddenham
- 28 Mark & Kay Palmer
- 30 Jim & Dot Gustafson



At noon on September 30<sup>th</sup> in the Church Father Tom installed the officers of Daughter of the King for the coming year, September 2020-2021. Meg Bremer, President, Shirley Long, Vice-President, Nadine Millett, Secretary, Pam Thomas, Treasurer, Kay Oestreich, Adviser.

Here we are, just past Labor Day. Labor Day was once a day of National celebrations, many parades, marching Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guards, bands and floats. And many, many family and neighborhood picnics. The next day would be the first day of the new school year.... look at us now.... We are holding our breath and counting the days, praying that a new outbreak of Covid-19 doesn't happen. Please be careful, wear your mask! And be kind.

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall. Psalm 55:24

### RAFFLE for JAMAICA MEDICAL MISSION

AN ORIGINAL PAINTING of Venetian Gardens Painted by DONNA TWEEDLE is being raffled to raise funds for the 2021 Jamaica Medical Mission. TICKETS are One for \$20, Three for \$40, Eight for \$100 .Call Sharon McCabe for tickets and info, 352-267-8188



### **UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)**

**"The National UTO Board is changing the focus for the next round of grants to center around recovery efforts from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. UTO will be there to help with the spiritual and economic recovery process here and throughout the world until 2022!**

Therefore, the Board is accepting donations for what is now called the remaining 2020 Ingathering. To contribute, simply text "INGATHER" to 41444, or mail to The United Thank Offering, DFMS - Protestant Episcopal Church, PO Box 958983, St. Louis, MO 63195-8983. Every donation will be acknowledged with a card and recorded. Please put St. James, Leesburg, FL on the memo line.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our St. James' Family. You help so much by giving thanks and providing offerings to share your blessings. God bless you -- stay safe, stay well, stay grateful." Dottie Elliott, UTO Chairwoman

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## Join us for Worship and Sunday School!

### October 4th

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist 8:00 and 10:15AM  
Blessing of the Animals 12:00 PM

### October 8th

Holy Eucharist and Anointing 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall

### October 11th

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist 8:00 and 10:15 AM  
Sunday School at 9:15 AM

### October 15th

Holy Eucharist and Anointing 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall

### October 18th

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist 8:00 and 10:15 AM  
Sunday School at 9:15 AM  
Family Scavenger Hunt 5:00 PM

### October 22nd

Holy Eucharist and Anointing 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall

### October 25th

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist 8:00 and 10:15 AM  
Sunday School at 9:15 AM

### October 29th

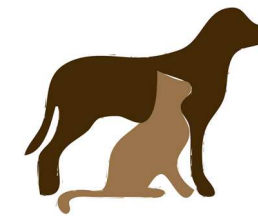
Holy Eucharist and Anointing 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall



My name is Matthew Hill; I am 16 years old, and a life-long member of St. James. Recently I began to work on my Eagle project for Scouts BSA, in which I plan to give informational presentations about human trafficking, and collect supplies to donate to survivors of this horrible crime. The coronavirus situation delayed my plans significantly; however, I am determined to proceed.

I would love to give an online presentation to any church groups or congregation members who are interested. My goal is to obtain five or more backpacks from this church, and the ECW has placed a box in the Parish Hall for items that are needed. Each backpack needs to be filled with clothing, basic toiletries, prepaid cell phones, new plush toys, and wet wipes. Alternatively, these items can be purchased off of my Amazon wishlist. Please email me at [matthewhill878@gmail.com](mailto:matthewhill878@gmail.com) or call at 352-801-2218 if you would like a link to this list, or have any questions at all. Thanks in advance!

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have a service for the Blessing of Animals on **Sunday, October 4th, at 12:00 PM** on the Veranda. Please wear a mask (for people, not pets!) and practice social distancing. "All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices let us sing!"

## LIVESTREAM TECH SUPPORT

Are you interested in working with the production of our livestream services on Sunday mornings? We could use your help! We need assistants in the areas of audio and visual editing. We are hoping to find enough volunteers to sign up on a monthly basis. If you would like to participate, contact Seth Peter Trees at 352-431-5814.



Holy Communion packets are available each week! Please contact Pat at the office to set up a time to pick up your packet. You can call (352-787-1981) or email ([office@stjames-leesburg.org](mailto:office@stjames-leesburg.org))