

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

“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith”.
Galatians 6:10

Please join us for a special continual learning opportunity at St. James this fall. The course is entitled, **BLESSED STEWARDSHIP: A Door Of Opportunity.** It will allow our parishioners to reflect on the gifts God gives us, explore our perceptions of stewardship, and have fun together. There will be four sessions. The sessions will take place in the Parish Hall on four Thursdays: 10/7, 10/14, 10/28, and 11/4. ***We plan to offer the course twice each day, once in the afternoon (1:00-2:30 pm) and once in the evening (7:00-8:30pm.)*** Each session will include activities and discussions. The sessions will build on each other, so we hope you can attend them all. Please consider signing up, even if you are not sure you can make all of them.



Here is our Schedule of Lessons, each focusing on a unique “Opportunity” for us to learn about Stewardship:

- Oct. 7th- Opportunity #1: Understanding How God Sees Us*
- Oct. 14th- Opportunity #2: Becoming The People God Wants Us To Be*
- Oct. 28th— Opportunity #3: Exploring The Role Of The Church*
- Nov. 4th—Opportunity #4: Getting Involved In The Work Of God*

To sign up, please contact **Dorry Curran at 949-633-8471** or **tinkrvi@gmail.com**. If you have questions or are on the fence about joining us, Dorry will be happy to answer any questions you have.

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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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Go to our website: 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
- Assisting Deacons:** Rev'd Jerry Steidl, Rev'd Art Hollows
- 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, Bill Cauthen, Marc Crouch, Kristen Daley, Kathy Davidson, Danny Delgado (Senior Warden), Harry Hackney, Chris Leware, Steve Merrill, Bob Tindall, Steve Treiber (Junior Warden), Patti Wolf

IN MEMORIAM

We are keeping Dee Kermode in our prayers at the passing of her twin daughters, Tami Brown and Teri Brown. Tami passed away on September 19th, and Teri passed away earlier this year on January 18th. A service of interment is being planned for both Tami and Teri.

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN



There will be a workday in the butterfly garden, **Thursday, October 28th** at 8:30 AM, and **every 4th Thursday of the month, thereafter..** All willing hands are appreciated. - Jan Tindall

LIBRARY CORNER

Discovering a good and readable religious book using the collection in our Parish Library, Rm. 6 "On the Corner", is much easier than you can imagine. Help is available from 2 enthusiastic librarians, or by referring privately to the 'The Catalog of New Books', recently updated and located on the library reading table. A copy of this catalog will soon be added to the book truck in the parish hall. Of course, simply browsing the shelves in the library, the serendipity approach, is also a great way to find the book that was meant for you, the special explanation for some theological question, the inspirational book that enhances your prayers, or renews your faith. We have that variety in our St. James collection. Make this the season that you check out a few books from our/your library. Looking forward to your visiting, The library staff.

St. James Prayer List

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

LONG TERM

Judy Cable
Kathy E.
Eric B.
Dorothy Martin
Sandy Ostrowski
Dottie Elliot
Chris
Aaron Jellison
Jane Sewell
Sarah Sisson
Pat Bergman
James Kaley

Becky Mitchell
Ann Volmer
Jacqueline Jones
Deb Carrway
Dot Vedder
Kristen Hopper
Ernie Gooness
Baby Atticus
Bob Fiebke
Kathleen Magurean
Nash Booth

SHORT TERM (3 weeks).

Court Hintze
Joyce Huey
Janet Estep
Keith Bangert
Nathan
Ana Rivera
Kathryn Knight
Verna Lindskoog
Paulette
Terry Folker

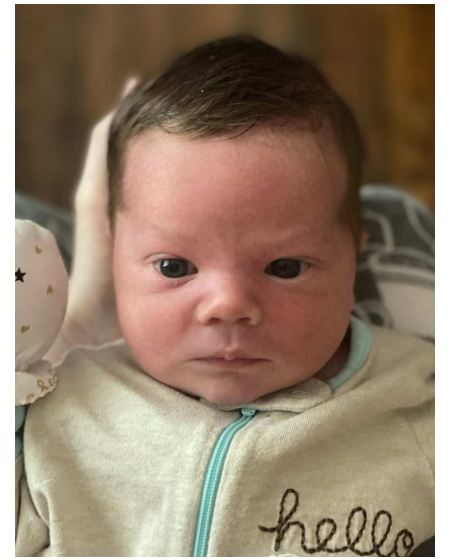


And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor these your servants, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome Peter Samuel Trees!

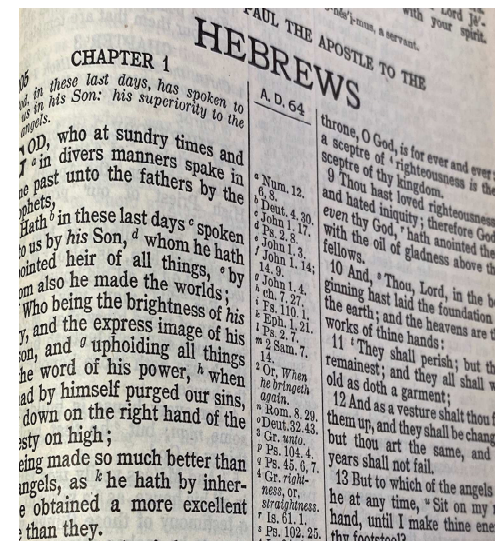
We rejoice in announcing the birth of Peter Samuel Trees on Sunday, September 26th, at 2:46 AM, weighing a healthy 8 lbs, 12 oz, and measuring 20 inches. Peter is the 2nd child of Seth Peter and Bethany (and the 2nd grandchild of Fr. Tom and Kathleen). Mother and baby are doing quite well.

"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord". Psalm 127:3

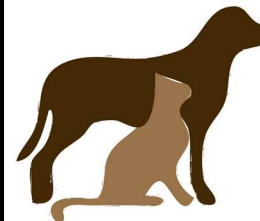


SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH FR. TOM SUNDAYS AT 9:00AM IN THE PARISH HALL

This fall we will take a close look at the Letter to the Hebrews (traditionally attributed to Paul but anonymously written). We will address its significant themes and ask how they apply to our lives today. These themes include: its defense of Christian faith, its emphasis on the High Priesthood of Christ, its invitation to "draw near," and its warnings of judgment. Come and discover its important message!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have a service for the Blessing of Animals on **Wednesday, October 6th, at 6:00 PM** on the Veranda. "All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices let us sing!"

ECW NEWS

The next meeting of the ECW will take place on Tuesday, October 5th. Our guest speaker will be Joanie Smalley, Main Street Executive Director of the Leesburg Partnership. Joanie will tell us "What's going on in Leesburg!" At this meeting we will also announce the winner of the "St. James by Moonlight" painting. Tickets are still available in the Parish Office. They are \$10 each.

JODY'S GIFT SHOP

Our advisory board has recommended **A CHANGE IN OUR REOPENING DATE to OCTOBER 3rd.**

SHOP HOURS:

Sunday -Between services
Monday: 10:00-3:00
Thursday. 10:00-3:00
Friday. 10:00-3:00

This change is based on the revised COVID 19 guidelines applicable in the Diocese of Central Florida. MASKS ARE RQUIRED AND FOR SALE! There is a difference from our St. James guidelines. WE WILL BE AVAILA-BLE ON AN APPOINTMENT BASIS . APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE THROUGH PAT AT THE OFFICE AT 352-787-1981. SHE WILL COORDINATE WITH ONE OF THE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS. Thank you, stay safe and prayers go with you. Rita Clements

FOOD DROP PROJECT

In a flurry of activity, the September FOOD DROP went into action. The Leesburg Food Band truck arrived and our St. James parishioners , Terri and Van Galyon, Becky Binneveld, Rita Clements and Tanina Singletary started organizing. The food started being dropped at 9:00 am and continued until 12:00 pm. It is enjoyable participating with friendly exchanges with our generous parishioners dropping bags and boxes of much needed food, believing that together we are better. Thank you and God bless.

COLLECTED:	877 pounds of food \$1209.00
YEARLY TOTAL	19,069 pounds of food \$25,037.00

Thank you and looking forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, October 20th** (third Wednesday of the month). Be safe.



Music Musings October 2021

"May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord..." Psalm 19:14

The value of a good filter cannot be overstated. A car does not run well if its oil filter is clogged. A swimming pool, the same thing; the filter should be cleaned regularly. Some of us sleep with a fan running at night because fans are a filter for outside noise and distraction. Filters provide a valuable service. So when I read this verse from Psalm 19 (which also is the text for one of this month's choir anthems) I am reminded that in matters of the heart, God is our best filter, for if we want to be found pursuing God's best we will constantly filter our thoughts and actions through the mind and heart of God. For me this often requires taking a breath, saying a prayer, pausing long enough to collect my thoughts, then speaking with clarity and hopefully with kindness. What a challenge!

And yet, in the midst of life's challenges God gives us moments of pure joy, chances for us to be his hands and feet, to be reflections of his goodness. Music is a profound way of doing that, so if you'd like to consider participating in the music ministry, here are some options:

St. James Choir – Rehearsals have resumed on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. As per our most recent Covid protocols, we will rehearse masked and distanced; please consider joining us for the season.

St. James Christmas Choir – "Hope...The Heart of Christmas." If you are not ready to commit to the choir on a weekly basis but would like to join us for Christmas, you are welcome to do so. There is music available now, along with a CD to assist your learning. Also, there will be a day retreat held on October 9 to give us the opportunity to "woodshed" the music as we head into a busy season. Call Deb (see # below) for more information.

Instruments of Praise – Gathering to rehearse during this season of Covid has been difficult, but with some creativity and flexibility I believe we can reconvene our merry band of players. If you play an instrument, please call Deb, and let's find ways to once again praise God using the instruments in our midst.

As we practice "holy filtering," perhaps we can be intentional with our kind words, using them to lift each other up. Filter for good, my friends... Let's do this thing!!

Yours in Christ,
Deb Carraway 352.978.3186



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



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| 1 George & Margaret Bolton | 16 Charlie & Kathy Davidson |
| 4 Wylie & Rebecca Hill | 19 Russ & Gem Vance |
| William & Carolyn Hoth | 23 Charles & Marti Doty |
| 7 Bill & Katie Mann | 24 Lyle & Kay Haddenham |
| 9 Chuck Bayette & Dottie Elliott | 28 Mark & Kay Palmer |
| Jack & Lolita Sergio | 30 Jim & Dot Gustafson |



**Who is a Daughter?
She wears this cross.**

The Daughters of the King meet the **second Wednesday of the month at 2:00PM in the Parish Hall**. All women of the parish are welcome to join us. We will be reviewing the Daughters Handbook. It will be an opportunity to learn about the Daughters of the King. Please come join us. If you need extra prayers for yourself or loved one, please let a Daughter know, and she and all other Daughters will offer prayers.

ST. JAMES JUBILATE & CHRISTMAS REHEARSAL

Starting in October, the St James youth will begin rehearsing for their Christmas production! On Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30, grades K-8 will meet in the St Nicholas House for music rehearsal (Jubilate). 5:30-6:30 will be script practice/blocking. Sunday mornings, youth will meet from 9-10 for snacks, a Bible lesson, and some more Christmas play practice. It's going to be a fun time together focusing on the gifts we've been given, and what we should do with them. Please join in as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth!

If you are interested in joining, please contact **Beth Williams** at **352-702-2062** or the church office at 352-787-1981.

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

Beginning on October 3rd, we will once again make the Nursery available for babies and young children during the 10:15 service. All Nursery workers will remain masked. If you would like to place your child in the Nursery, or are interested in helping, please contact our Nursery Coordinator, Carmen Rebusmen, at 352-242-8511

COFFEE & PHILOSOPHY

Starting on October 6th, our Wednesday "Coffee & Philosophy" meetings will start at 12:00 PM at The Coffee Snob at 1101-1 W. North St., Leesburg. Come join us!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:00 Eucharist 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Eucharist	4	5 9:00 ECW Board Mtg 10:00 ECW Gen'l Mtg	6 12:00 Coffee/Philosophy 4:30 Jubilate 6:00 Blessing of the Animals	7 10:00 Eucharist 1:00 & 7:00 "Blessed Stewardship"	8	9
10 8:00 Eucharist 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	11	12	13 12:00 Coffee/Philosophy 2:00 DOK 4:30 Jubilate 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	14 10:00 Eucharist 1:00 & 7:00 "Blessed Stewardship"	15	16
17 8:00 Eucharist 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	18	19 ECW Chapter Mtgs 10:00 St. Ann's (P.H) 4:00 St. Cecelia's (P.H.)	20 12:00 Coffee/Philosophy 4:30 Jubilate 5:00 Finance Committee 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	21 10:00 Eucharist 6:00 Vestry Mtg	22	23
24 8:00 Eucharist 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	25	26	27 12:00 Coffee/Philosophy 4:30 Jubilate 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	28 7:00 Butterfly Garden 10:00 Eucharist 10:00 Altar Guild Mtg. 1:00 & 7:00 "Blessed Stewardship"	29	30
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