

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

IT'S TIME FOR THE PARISH WIDE DINNER!

**6:00PM, Tuesday, October 24th
Venetian Center, 1 Dozier Circle, Leesburg**



“USING OUR GIFTS TO SHARE GOD’S GRACE”

Join us on October 24th at 6:00 pm, as we begin our Fall Stewardship Program with a Parish Wide Dinner at the Venetian Center (next to the Leesburg Boat Club, off Dixie Ave). We will enjoy an evening of food and fellowship, and discuss what gifts we can use for the purpose of God’s glory. Our theme is, *“Using Our Gifts To Share God’s Grace.”*

Did you know that God has given you Spiritual Gifts to use? The Bible tells us,

**“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)

Do you want to find out what gifts you have? During the event, Bob and Jan Tindall will lead us in an activity to help us discover our Spiritual Gifts and discern how we can use them to bless our parish family.

There is no cost for the dinner, but we need you to reserve a spot so we can have an accurate head count. There will be RSVP cards in the Sunday bulletins, which you may place in the collection plate. Or, you can contact Pat at the church office at 352-787-1981, or office@stjames-leesburg.org. **Please respond by Thursday, October 19th.**

Ahead of the Parish Wide Dinner, as part of our stewardship ministry, we will have a **Summary of Finances Meeting** on **Sunday, October 22nd, at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall**. This will be our third financial presentation of the year, and is open to all members of St. James.

OCTOBER 2023

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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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 Priests: Rev'd William J. Boyer, 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, Terry 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

Paul Jordan
Chris Collins
Lauren Beacham
Luke P.
Larry Bonofiglio
Carole Warner
Dee Kermode
Fr. Bill Boyer
Mabel Burns
Jacqueline Jones
Shirley Long
Jesse Jones
Spencer Eaton
Robbie Eaton
Charlie & Lorraine
Johnson
Gail Robinson

SHORT TERM

Kim Wicklund
Pratt Carter
Fr. Jim Martin

IN MEMORIAM

There will be a funeral service with an interment for Kathy Billington at St. James on Saturday, October 21st, at 2:00 pm. Kathy passed away on July 15th in Minnesota.

GRIEF SUPPORT

The Grief Support Gathering will meet Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 3:00 PM at the Coffee Snob (1101-1 W. North Blvd, Leesburg). The topic: "Things you really miss after losing your loved one"
Want to find out more? Contact Susan Cyrus at (352) 636-8969

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

St. James has a support group for those who are dealing with, or have dealt with family members suffering from dementia. This group meets on the Fourth Wednesday of each month at 2:00PM in the Parish Hall. **Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2023.** If you, or anyone you know are dealing with these challenges and are interested in participating please call Dot Hay (352-552-8986) or the Parish Office at (352-787-1981).



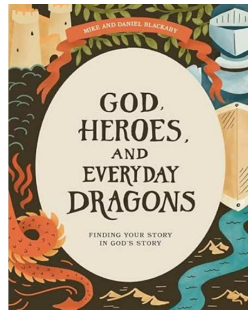
OCTOBER MUSIC UPDATE



Hello St. James and happy fall. I know I am not the only one looking forward to some cooler weather. I want to take this opportunity to share some news with everyone. Over the summer Fr. Tom asked me to consider changing up the service music for the remainder of the Pentecost season. Under his guidance we have decided to introduce Marty Haugen's "Mass of Creation" during our 10:15 worship on Sunday mornings. As a church we will learn together a new Gloria, Holy, Holy, Holy, Christ is Alive, and Lamb of God. We will also sing the AMEN before The Lord's Prayer. This is part of our prayerful effort to bring new life and praise to our worship each week. And rest assured the music we have been accustomed to every week is not being shelved indefinitely. I welcome your feedback and thoughts about the new service music.

Blessings, John

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Exciting things continue to happen with the children and youth at St. James! Last month, we launched 2 new programs: Children's Church and Middle and High Fellowship.

Children's Church is open to all Elementary students during the Sunday 2nd service. The kids have had a fun time learning the gospel lesson through games, art, drama, and discussion. We are also working on scripture memorization! I am still looking for a few more adult volunteers to fill up our Sundays. If you are in town and interested in spending a morning with this truly remarkable group of young people, please reach out at (352) 702-2062.

The Middle and High Fellowship group meets on Mondays. Doors to the St. Nicholas House open at 4pm to those who want to arrive early and chat, listen to music, play games, or just relax. We then go from 5-7pm with a group game, dinner, and guided discussion and prayer. Later this month, we will dive into a study of "God, Heroes, and Everyday Dragons" by Mike and Daniel Blackaby. 6th-12th graders are welcome to attend any time, even if they can't commit to every Monday. We've been having some excellent conversation and always welcome new opinions and insight!

Our youth choirs are already in preparation for Christmas! We had a great kick-off and will continue to work hard in the coming months. We're always welcoming to new singers, from kindergarten all the way up to seniors in high school. The Christmas concert is a good opportunity for those who are new and want to "try it out." Also, new this year, our youth choirs will be singing for the pets (and their people) on Wed. Oct. 4th for the Blessing of the Animals!

It is truly a blessing to work with our young parishioners and to help guide them as they grow. There are many new things this season, and I thank you for your prayers as we see God working in our young people!

Beth Williams, Youth Ministry and Music Director

ST. NICHOLAS HOUSE BLESSING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST



We are pleased to report that after nearly two years of work, the St. Nicholas House has been renovated and is open for use! Beth is already holding children's choir and children's church on Wednesdays and Sundays, and meetings have been held in the new conference room.



We will officially bless and commission the St. Nicholas House for use on Sunday, October 1st, immediately after the 10:15 service. At that time you will be free to tour the St. Nicholas House if you haven't already.

Many thanks to John O'Kelley for overseeing the project, and his son Michael O'Kelley for providing the architectural design. Thank you also to David Knowles, Drew Logan, and the St. James Vestry for seeing this important project through to completion! *"Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it". (Psalm 127:1)*

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 dates are as follows:

October 1: The History of St. James

October 8: Why We Do What We Do (A Look at Liturgy)

October 24: Spiritual Gift Discernment (*Topic #3; this initial presentation will be done during our Parish Wide Dinner.*)

October 29: The Missions of St. James

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) October News

ECW GENERAL MEETING, October 3, 10:00 in the Parish Hall
Deacon Kim Spear, Community Outreach Leader

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Tuesday & Wednesday, October 17-18

Oct. 17—St. Anne's, Hostess: Linda Hintze & Sandy Pruet, Parish Hall, 10 AM

Oct. 17—St. Francis', Hostess: Sandy Bonofiglio, St. Nicholas House, 10 AM

Oct. 17—St. Cecilia's, Hostess: Terri Galyon & Linda Weekley, Parish Hall, 3:45

Oct. 18— St. Martha's, McCrackens, 6:00 PM

UTO In-Gathering October 8 & 15

MONTHLY FOOD DROP

Fall has greeted our monthly FOOD DROP with 30 cars being met by our loyal volunteers, Jan Tindall, Tanina Singeltary, Terri and Van Galyon and Rita Clements. There is a saying, "most smiles are started by another smile". This is so true with the parishioners and community members that drop off the food and money. It is a fun project!

COLLECTED: 995 pounds of food
\$680.00

TOTAL TO DATE: 37,994 pounds of food
\$46,767.00

Our next FOOD DROP will take place on Wednesday, October 18th from 9:00-12:00. See you there with smiles. Blessings to you all.

JODY'S GIFT SHOP HOURS

Sunday Between services
Wednesday: 10:00-2:00
Thursday: 10:00-2:00
Friday: 10:00-2:00

The shop reopened on Sunday, September 10th with a flurry of activities throughout the week. We have received an abundance of merchandise helping to make the sales for revenue to fund ECW mission work locally and globally. We are in need of volunteers to manage the shop for one time each month, or volunteer for the substitute list. THE CHOSEN 2023 STAINED GLASS ORNAMENT, "FISHERMEN," IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE GIFT SHOP, ECW CHAPTERS, OFFICE, OR ECW GENERAL MEETING IN OCTOBER. THE COST IS \$25.00, PLACED WITH THE ORDER, BY THE DEADLINE OF OCTOBER 18TH, IN ORDER TO BE RECEIVED BY THE HOLIDAYS.

THE MEN'S STEAK-OUT RETURNS!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND @ 5:00 PM

We invite the men and boys of St. James to join us for our annual Steak-Out at the **Knowles Ranch in Okahumpka on Sunday, October 22nd. Tickets are \$25**, and may be purchased after church on Sundays in October.

We also encourage you to join us for our next **Men's Prayer Breakfast** on **Wednesday, October 18th, at 8:00am** in the Parish Hall. We are going through the series, "What is Mere Christianity?"



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have a service for the Blessing of Animals on **Wednesday, October 4th at 6:00 p.m.** on the Veranda. Our children's choir will sing two selections! *"All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices let us sing."*

ST. JAMES INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

"RED LETTER EDITION"

@ 9:00 AM IN THE PARISH HALL

We have had a wonderful month of lessons with our Intergenerational Sunday School, where children and adults interact together for lessons and activities that help us learn and apply the challenging words of Jesus in the Gospels. *Join us! Breakfast is included!*

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.



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 **October 11th**. Meetings are not just for DOK members. Feel free to join in!



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| 2 Babs Treiber | 15 Monika Bonner |
| Wayne Griffin | Drew Logan |
| Ella Kate Daley | 16 Ross Belson |
| 3 David Knowles | Bob Meade |
| Kay Haddenham | 17 Sandy Bonofiglio |
| 4 Charlotte Sanchez | Cindi Fletcher |
| 5 Paul Smigel | 19 John MacIntyre |
| Scott Daley | Carolyn Oldham |
| 6 Joe Northcott | 20 Stephanie Engel |
| 7 Nicholas Palmer | Robert Lowery |
| Ellen Brooks | Angel Pearson |
| 8 Jorge Fernandez | Mary Frances Block |
| Jeff Brooke-Stewart | Blythe Daley |
| Tom trees | 21 Kenneth Herring |
| 9 Marie Gan | 22 Mary Lynn Gentzle |
| Paula O'Connor | 23 Chris Leware |
| Michael Cyrus | Herma Mowatt |
| Brynnan Curry | Elaine Rey |
| 12 Marvin Wilson | Ethan Williams |
| 13 Jim Martin | 25 John Hill |
| JoAnn Statts | 26 Judy Baxter |
| Larry Block | 28 B. Murray Tucker |
| 14 John Meier | 30 Amy Raczkowski |



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



THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

9:00 AM-2:00PM

This annual event, scheduled for Veterans Day, is a fun day for everyone, and provides money for the ECW to support our many worthwhile causes. One important part of the day is the luncheon. This year we will be serving chili, hot dogs, cornbread, salad and beer bread. In order to purchase the food to sell, we are asking you to consider a monetary donation to help offset the costs. Envelopes are available in the Parish Hall and in the Office. Checks should be made out to Saint James ECW.

Preparations for the Bazaar continue, with more workshops in October. (Dates to be announced). One Saturday morning workshop will demonstrate how to create a Jewelry Organizer. This workshop is open to the ladies and gentlemen of our congregation. Participants need a hammer and a screwdriver and are encouraged to bring any large picture frame or small pieces of wood. Marie Crouch would like to thank any ladies working on Bazaar items and remind them to contact her so she can organize the inventory.

The **Candy Booth** needs your sweet support for the Bazaar! Please practice your best candy-making skills, even if you didn't know you had any. Use the month of October to come up with a recipe or two that you trust. We welcome any kind of candy – peanut brittle, any type of fudge, Buckeyes, pralines, anything chocolate, or just surprise us. Please label your masterpiece. If you let me know in advance, I will prepare signs for each sweet treat. Many thanks in advance from Bonnie Binneveld.

Carry-Out Cuisine— This year we are instituting pre-orders. There will be a table in the courtyard to take orders on October 15, 22 & 29. You can order your favorite dishes without worry that they will be gone. Orders will be filled early on the day of the bazaar so be sure to bring your coolers.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OUTREACH

It's oh so EASY to Flip the Top but to remember to bring the Flip Top to the RMD House in the Parish Hall is difficult.

Let's fill it to the Top!

Thank you for your support, Meg Bremer.



2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 18th Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Connect Class (10/1, 10/8, 10/29) 10:00 Children's Church 10:15 Eucharist 11:30 St. Nicholas House Dedication	2 6:30 Stephen Ministry	3 9:00 ECW Board Mtg 10:00 ECW Gen'l Mtg 6:00 Alpha	4 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 6:00 Blessing of the Animals 7:00 Adult Choir	5 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:30 Bible Study	6	7
8 19th Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Children's Church 10:15 Eucharist	9 PH Reserved (Sue Hackney PEO)	10 6:00 Alpha	11 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 2:00 DOK 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Adult Choir	12 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:30 Bible Study	13	14 11:00 Baptism Della Rose Jones
15 20th Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Children's Church 10:15 Eucharist	16	17 ECW Chapter Meetings 6:00 Alpha (Final Meeting)	18 8:00 Men's Prayer 12:00 Coffee & Philos. 4:00 Jubilate 5:00 Finance Meeting 7:00 Adult Choir	19 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:00 Vestry 6:30 Bible Study	20	21 2:00 Memorial Service for Kathy Billington
22 21st Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Summary/Finances 10:00 Children's Church 10:15 Eucharist 5:00 Men's Steakout	23 Priests' Retreat at Canterbury	24 6:00 Parish Wide Dinner at Venetian Gardens	25 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Adult Choir	26 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:30 Bible Study	27	28
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