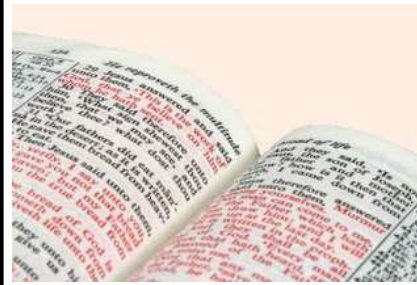


St. James seeks to be a community that grows more Christlike, expressing the love of Jesus Christ in our worship, our outreach, and our commitment to discipleship.

ST. JAMES MESSENGER



ST. JAMES INTERGENERATIONAL
SUNDAY SCHOOL
"RED LETTER EDITION"
STARTING SEPTEMBER 11TH,
@ 9:00 AM
IN THE PARISH HALL

Join us for our Intergenerational Sunday School, where children and adults interact together for lessons and activities that help us learn and apply the Scriptures to our lives. This year's program is the "Red Letter Edition", looking at the words of Jesus in the Gospels (marked by red letters in some Bibles). **Breakfast is included!**

Below is a list of scheduled lessons for the Fall. See you there!!!

September 11th – **Parable of the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin** (Luke 15:1-10)

September 18th — **The Unjust Steward** (Luke 16:1-13)

September 25th– **Rich Man and Lazarus** (Luke 16:19-31)

October 2nd – **Mustard Seed and Worthless Slaves** (Luke 17:5-10)

(October 9th – *No Sunday School*)

October 16th– **Widow and Unjust Judge** (Luke 18:1-8)

October 23rd– **Pharisee and Tax Collector in the Temple** (Luke 18-9-14)

October 30th– **Zacchaeus in the Tree** (Luke 19:1-10)

November 6th– **Woman with Seven Husbands** (Luke 19:27-40)

Now all the tax-gatherers and the sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him.
2 And both the Pharisees and the scribes began to grumble, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."
3 And He told them this parable, saying,
4 "What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it?
5 "And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.
6 "And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!'

SEPTEMBER 2022

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Visit our website at: www.stjames-leesburg.org



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 Priest: Rev'd. William J. Boyer,

Assisting Deacon: Rev'd Art Hollows

Parish Organist/Choir Director: Deb Carraway

Nursery Coordinator: Carmen Rebusmen

Children's Choir Director: Elizabeth Williams

Treasurer: Linda Weekley

Parish / Finance Secretary: Pat Schaefer

Sexton: Doug Ames

Housekeeping: Diane Smith

Vestry Members: Bill Cauthen, Marc Crouch, Kathy Davidson,
Danny Delgado (Senior Warden), Harry Hackney, David
Knowles, Chris Leware, Drew Logan (Junior Warden), Mackie
McCabe, Bob Tindall, Linda Weekley, Patti Wolf

St. James ECW Holiday Courtyard Bazaar Coming Soon!

The Bazaar Planning Committee has been hard at work already to prepare for the big day, **November 19th**. We need volunteers to help, both beforehand, and on the day itself. If you can help with crafting, please contact Marie Crouch at (804)402-2015. Many of the items we will be selling will be created at “workshop days” that Marie will lead.

The Plant Committee also needs help in these early preparation days. If you love plants but can't “grow your donations,” the chairs of the Plant Committee are also accepting monetary contributions to purchase plants for sale at the bazaar. Chris Meade (352-787-4241) and Winnie Tucker (352-551-7244) are the chairwomen of this committee.

One of our new committees, chaired by Eunice Mattear (727-415-5428), will be selling pet-related gifts and supplies at the Furry Friends Boutique. If you would like to volunteer or donate unused pet-related items, please contact Eunice.

If you would like to help but aren't sure how to best assist, please contact Dorry Curran at 949-633-8471. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

A Very special **THANK YOU** to **Paula O'Connor** who headed our Newsletter (Messenger) Committee for the last ten years. Paula and her volunteers came in once a month to collate, seal, label and stamp the Messengers for mailing. Unfortunately, Paula is unable to continue as her needs at home require her full time attention. I am asking for someone to take over that task and lead our volunteers. If anyone is willing, please call the office at 352-787-1981.

NEED TO MEET WITH FR. TOM?

If you would like to know when you can come by the church to meet with Fr. Tom, he will be available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to noon, and Thursdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.. If you would like to arrange for other times to meet, you can contact him by phone or text at (352) 643-1182, or by email at frtrees@stjames-leesburg.org.

St. James Prayer List

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

LONG TERM

Judy Cable
Court Hintze
Joyce Huey
Beryl Stokes
Dottie Elliott
Charles Hay
Kathy Billington

Bryan Hollows
Mary Thompson
Michael and
Cindy McCann
Michael Masters
Tim Hackney
Meg Johnson
Nancy Mitchell

SHORT TERM

(3 weeks).

Nadine Millett
Rhonda Jones
Doug Springmann
Joe & Margaret Branham
Dale Gray
Velma Hanson
Steve Garmig
Charles Stephens



IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences to the family and loved ones of **Elwood Baxter**, a longtime regular at our 8:00 service, who passed away on August 16th, 2022. He will be greatly missed!

*Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord,
And may light perpetual shine upon him.*

MOVING FORWARD GRIEF SUPPORT

The next Moving Forward Grief Support meeting will take place on **Thursday, September 8th, at 4:00 PM** at The Coffee Snob (1101 W North Blvd, Leesburg). If you would like to take part, or have any questions, 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 10:30 AM in the Parish Hall**. The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, September 27**. 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).

YOUTH CHOIR AT ST. JAMES

Our Youth Choir meets on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:45 PM for rehearsal, Christian Education, fun and snacks in the Church and Parish Hall. The Choir is divided into two groups: The *Laudate Group* (Kindergarten through 2nd Grade) meets in the Parish Hall from 4:00 to 5:00 for Christian Education, then 5:00 to 5:45 in the Church to sing. The *Jubilate Group* (Grades 3 through 8) sing in the Church from 4:00 to 5:00, then meet for Christian Education in the Parish Hall.

On Sunday, September 25th, following the 10:15 AM service, we will have a Youth Choir Christmas Kick-Off as preparation for the December 7th Christmas Program. Lunch will be included.

A multitude of thanks to all who continue to support our young people with your prayers, your kind words, and your gifts. God has the power to do amazing things with very little. I can hardly wait to see what He has planned for our little people this year!



Daughters of the King meet the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00PM in the Social Hall. All women are welcome to attend. Daughters will reconvene and meet **Wednesday, September 14 at 2 PM** in the Parish Hall. Please join us to hear Nancy Boyer, who will be with us to share her new book entitled "Growing Older...We All Walk This Path."

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Our Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet again on Wednesday, September 21st, at 8:00am in the Parish Hall. We will continue to go through C.S. Lewis book "Mere Christianity."



ECW NEWS

Chapter Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month either in a member's home or the Parish Hall.

New and old members are welcome to visit any and all Chapters at any time.

September's Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, September 19th

St. Anne's 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

St. Cecilia's 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

**St. Francis is meeting at Dee Kermode's residence, 10:00 am,
4315 Bent Creek Lane, Leesburg**

JODY'S GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop is being readied for opening on September 14th. It is amazing that we will start stocking shared holiday articles. If your summer was used for sorting and rearranging "treasures" you are no longer "loving" please bring to the shop". We are looking forward to supporting the bazaar through the shop and excited to feature treasures that be used for gifts, handmade items (made by you or someone, perhaps you encountered on your holiday trip this summer.) We are also needing volunteers to assist helping in the shop, give us a call and we can schedule a time. Take care and thanks for supporting our shop while supporting our community outreach. God is good. Rita Clements, 352-255-6802.

LIBRARY CORNER

On September 10th, during the ECW Fall Coffee, we will be sharing the albums of photographs and clippings representing activities and history at St. James. These records have been stored in the Parish Library. You will be surprised with the number of fine pictorial records we have. Several albums were recently relocated in the library when St. Nicolas House was being prepared for renovation. Come and enjoy all this history in the Parish Hall, from 10 a.m. till Noon. (Also, NEW books will be on the book trucks, available for browsing and check-out).



Music Musings

September

"Small deeds, done with great conviction; small deeds, each one wisely planned; Small deeds, touched by truth and beauty; small deeds guided by the hand of God."

This text from one of my all time favorite children's anthems came to mind recently as I was pondering a story I heard from a "beach friend" of ours. He and his family having been coming to New Smyrna Beach for years, staying at the same condo complex where we like to rent, and often overlapping with our time there. He told me this story a few years ago, and it has stayed with me as a wonderful example of how one can live out one's faith in seemingly small, yet important ways.

Bill is a recently retired judge, and he and his wife Laura have two adult children. Their daughter also comes to the beach with them each summer, and she and I have become good "beach buddies." When Ellen started attending college over twenty years ago, Bill started sending her postcards, I imagine as a way to encourage her in her move away from home. But he didn't just send a few postcards, he sent her one every day. That takes commitment. Subsequently he did the same for their son, who was a few years behind Ellen in school.

If that were the end of the story, it would be a beautiful tribute to a father who loves his children so much that he wanted to stay invested as they grew into adulthood, helping them know they were loved and appreciated. But that's not the end of the story for, you see, he has continued this postcard ministry, as he likes to call it, by sending postcards to a variety of people each and every week... other family members and church youth group members who were college students, and then shut ins. Throughout his working life and still today, he writes and sends multiple postcards four days a week. This seemingly small deed has morphed into a beautiful ministry that I'm sure touches the hearts of all who receive one of his cards.

I have been so encouraged by this story as it reminds me that each one of us has a part to play in God's grand design. Big or small, or somewhere in between, we can all reach out to touch the lives of others, guided by the hand of God. A simple act of kindness can sometimes speak more than words could ever say about our faithful and loving God.

By the way, here are the verses from the "Small Deeds" anthem:

I may never be like Noah, and build a mighty ark, **but I can** light one candle to drive away the dark.

I may never be like Moses from Pharaoh's yoke be freed, **but I can** lend a helping hand to those who are in need!

I may never be like Hannah, and give to God my son, **but I can** give the gift of love to people, one by one.

So what is your "postcard ministry," friends? Pondering my own and hoping you will do the same!

Yours in Christ,

Deb Carraway

Music Director and Organist

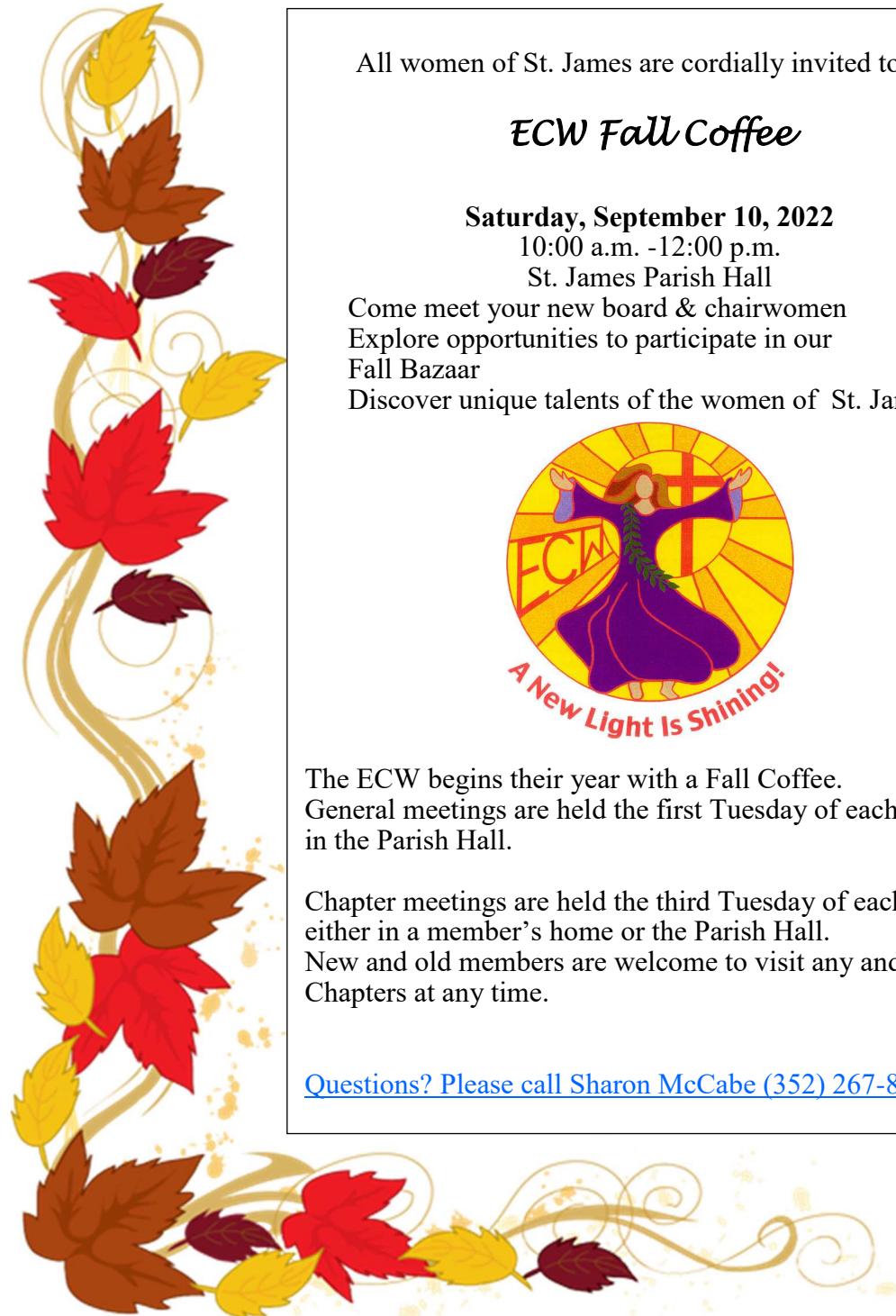


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Shirley Herring |
| 5 Valerie Naylor
Steven Morgan
Landon Donovan | 21 Matthew Hill |
| 6 Jerrie Jacobus | 22 Barbara Comstock
Rob Yeager |
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Patti Wolf
Susan Soltysiak |
| 11 Charlotte Boudreau
Gary Booth | 26 Jason Smalley |
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If we have missed listing your birthday or anniversary, I apologize. Please contact Pat at the office (352-787-1981) so we can be sure to update your profile.



All women of St. James are cordially invited to the

ECW Fall Coffee

Saturday, September 10, 2022

10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

St. James Parish Hall

Come meet your new board & chairwomen

Explore opportunities to participate in our
Fall Bazaar

Discover unique talents of the women of St. James



The ECW begins their year with a Fall Coffee. General meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Hall.

Chapter meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month either in a member's home or the Parish Hall. New and old members are welcome to visit any and all Chapters at any time.

[Questions? Please call Sharon McCabe \(352\) 267-8188](mailto:Sharon.McCabe@stjamesparish.com)



2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	2	3
4 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6	7 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	8 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 4:00 Moving Forward Grief Support at The Coffee Snob	9	10 10:00 ECW Fall Coffee
11 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	12 6:30 Stephen Ministries	13	14 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	15 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	16	17
18 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	19	20 ECW Chapter Meetings 10:00 St. Ann's (PH) 10:00 St. Francis (at home of Dee Kermode) 4:00 St. Cecelia's (PH)	21 8:00 Me n's Prayer 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 5:00 Finance Meeting 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study	22 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:00 Vestry Meeting	23	24
25 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	26	27	28 10:30 Dementia/ Alzheimer Support Group 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 6:30 YA Bible Study 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	29 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	30	