

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



LET'S CELEBRATE DOUG AND LINDA!

Our wonderful Sexton, Doug Ames, is retiring after nine years of service and ministry at St. James. His last Sunday will be September 17th.

Doug and Linda will be moving up to Pennsylvania to be near their children and grandchildren. The vestry is planning a reception after the 10:15 service that day to recognize and celebrate their time here. Please join us in the Parish Hall to send them forth into this new season God has for their lives. We look forward to offering our blessings, prayers, love and gratitude to both of them! We will have a light lunch and a cake.

A WORD FROM DOUG...

“And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’” Acts 16:9

9 ½ years ago Linda and I received our personal “Macedonian Call.” Unlike the Apostle Paul ours was not in the form of a dream but a phone call and an airliner! Father Tom and Kathleen flew us down from central New York to central Florida—would we join them in ministry? Thankfully, we said yes!

Serving our Lord and you, our fellow sojourners, has been a blessing. Linda and I sincerely thank you, both individually and corporately, for your affectionate hospitality. Working for St. James has been a labor of love. Linda and I pray that in sharing our life in Christ we have demonstrated to you His faithfulness and love “that surpasses all knowledge.” And though we look forward to our new adventure, we will miss our family at St. James.

Shalom,

Doug and Linda

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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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Thursday Healing Service 10:00AM

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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: Doug Ames

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



"TASTE OF ST. JAMES" Honoring 33 years of Mission Work

Back by popular demand, this wonderful evening of great food, drink and fellowship will be held Friday, September 29th, 6-8PM.

This event is a fundraiser for our Jamaica Medical Mission to raise funds for supplies, medical needs and shipping costs to and for Jamaica. To prepare for this special night, we need 7 more CHEFS, (can be couples, friends, groups, or church mission groups) to prepare enough food of ONE ITEM (2-4 ounces, a sampling) for 100 people to taste. The CHEFS, (participants) are encouraged to decorate their table and dress to match their food item's origin or theme. Prizes will be awarded.

Please contact Sharon McCabe, 352-267-8188, Shebylou@aol.com, if you are interested in BEING A CHEF AND HAVING A TABLE or DONATING A RAFFLE ITEM.

St. James members, guests and community are invited. Tickets are \$25 and will be available early September. Libations will be available that evening for a donation.

LIBRARY CORNER ~ Margaret Branham

The PARISH LIBRARY, located in Room 6, just across our parking lot from the Butterfly Garden has just received a gift of 9 DVDs, which helps to revive our audiovisual collection. This new collection, kindly donated by Linda Starnes, will be available for check out in September, and they look quite interesting (Eg. "The Holy City... and a Garden", " Road to Emmaus", "A.D. , Trials and Triumphs of the Early Church"). Also, after the Thursday Healing Service, those attending have been meeting in the library for fellowship and refreshments. Hope you will join us. Meanwhile, thank you, Linda for your gift.

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
Pratt Carter
Janet Davis
Ron Vedder
Paul Smigel

Kurt Cessna
Helen Williams
Sandy Oberholtzer
Gabie Selton
Bishop Michael Curry
Paul Jordan
Chris Collins
Lauren Beacham
Luke P.
Larry Bonofiglio

SHORT TERM

Carole Warner
Dee Kermod
Fr. Bill Boyer
Mabel Burns
Jacqueline Jones
Jesse Jones
Spencer Eaton
Robbie Eaton
Charlie & Lorraine Johnson

IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences to the family and loved ones of **Skellie Morris**, who passed away on August 13th, **Don Lindskoog** who passed away, August 14th and **Lauri Grizzard**, who passed away August 21st. Lauri's memorial service was held on August 26th. **A service for Skellie is planned for Sunday, September 17th, at 2:00 pm at St. James.**

GRIEF SUPPORT

The Grief Support Gathering will meet **Thursday, September 7, 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, 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).



CHILDREN & YOUTH AT ST. JAMES

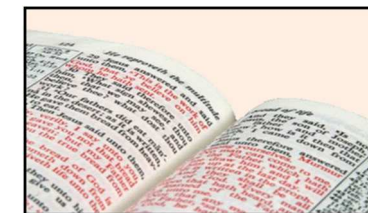
Wednesday evenings continue with our youth choir rehearsals in the St Nicholas House. Middle and high students meet 4-5pm, then K thru 5th grades meet 5-6pm. Snack, free time and a brief lesson are offered in the Parish Hall at the alternate times: elementary from 4-5pm and middle/high from 5-6pm.

COMING SOON!

Starting later this month, St James will host a small group for middle and high school students. We will meet on Mondays in the St Nicholas House for fellowship, food, and a focused study/discussion time. More details to follow.

ALSO later this month, we will begin offering Children's Church during the 2nd service for K thru 5th grade students. This will include a lesson, activity, and scripture memorization. The group will join the main service during announcements so families can be together for the Eucharist. If you are interested in assisting during Children's Church, please reach out to Beth Williams (352-702-2062) or the church office to sign up for a Sunday morning. Stay tuned!

ST. JAMES INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL RED LETTER EDITION FALL 2023



We are back again for our **Red Letter Edition Sunday School!** We will kick off the year on **September 10th, at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall.** We'll have some fun-filled learning activities for children and adults that focus on the words and deeds of Jesus in the Sunday Gospel reading. Breakfast is included!

Our fall schedule will focus on some of the most challenging parables of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, including the Unforgiving Servant. The Parable of the Tenants, the Wedding Banquet, and the Ten Bridesmaids.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

Please mark your calendars for two upcoming events:

The Fall Coffee Morning

ECW commences a new year with a convivial "get together".

It takes place on **Saturday, September 9th at 10:00am, in the Parish Hall.**

Lunch will be provided by the ECW Board Members.

All women are invited to attend this event.

The Holiday Bazaar

This annual event is scheduled for Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11th from

9:00am to 2:00pm

The success of this fundraiser depends on everyone's help.

Please make plans to volunteer.

Ronald McDonald House Outreach

As many of you know there are three Ronald McDonald Houses in the Orlando area, each "Pulling Pop Tops".

Our combined goal is to pull enough Pop Tops to earn \$10,000. So, how many Pop Tops are needed? Let's not stop to count, just keep PULLING!

Reminder: ECW CHAPTER MEETINGS COMMENCE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

ECW MONTHLY FOOD DROP

We were surprised by our overcast, and slightly breezy weather for the ST. JAMES AUGUST FOOD DROP. Jn Tindall, Tanina Singeltary, Terri and Van Galyon, greeted 26 cars and gratefully accepted food and money to continue our support of the Leesburg Food Bank.

COLLECTED: 785 pounds of food
 \$625.00

TOTAL TO DATE: 36,999 pounds of food
 \$46,087.00

Thanks so much to all of you for your contributions to this important local mission. Our next FOOD DROP will be on September 20th, from 9:00AM-12:00PM. We look forward to seeing you there!.

"We may give without loving, but we cannot Love without giving."



Invite • Welcome • Connect

CONNECT SERIES

The "Connect" group of the Invite-Welcome-Connect Ministry is sponsoring a series of orientation presentations. These 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 10:00 (location TBA, hopefully be 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 (This will ordinarily be Topic #3, done at church. However, for this initial presentation of the topic, it will be done during our annual Fall Fellowship Dinner.)

October 29: The Missions of St. James

ALPHA @ ST. JAMES

The Alpha Course Meets Tuesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 PM, until October 17th. The Alpha Course is an opportunity to grapple with the bigger questions of life in a nonthreatening environment—addressing key matters of our Christian faith. Dinner is included. There is still time to join!



THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Jeff Brooke-Stewart plans to reconvene his Bible study on John on **Thursday, September 21st at 6:30 pm.** Jeff would also like to offer this word of thanks for those who have been praying for Carole Warner:

"The prayers of the church have been much appreciated. After 7 weeks in hospital and rehab, Carole is back home and receiving physical therapy in-home four times a week. Still a way to go but thankful for the progress." Jeff Brooke-Stewart.



Birthdays

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| 1 Gloria Flad
Terrell Bounds | 16 Doug Ames
Margaret Saxton |
| 2 Bob Tindall
Lorraine Johnson | 18 Tom Grizzard
Pat Schaefer |
| 3 Pratt Carter | 19 Hailey Pearson
Shirley Herring |
| 4 Haley McCabe | 21 Matthew Hill |
| 5 Valerie Naylor
Steven Morgan | 22 Barbara Comstock
Rob Yeager |
| 8 Joyce Walworth | 25 George McCabe
Patti Wolf |
| 9 Harry Hackney
Sochi Mwsu | 26 Jason Smalley
Peter Trees |
| 11 Charlotte Boudreau
Gary Booth | 28 Dot Vedder |
| 12 Wendy Krauss | 30 Dorry Curran
Sean Graham
Lynsie Anselmo |
| 14 Lelani Travers
Cecelia Rebusmen | |
| 15 Jean Christian | |



Anniversaries

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| 1 Joe and Margaret Branham | 15 Doug and Linda Ames |
| 8 Lonnie and Meg Johnson | 17 Mark and Peggy Steeves |
| 11 Marvin and Valerie Naylor | 28 Ted and Dee Kermode |
| 14 Robert and Kitty Bryan | 30 Jason and Gretchen Gray |

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our **Men's Prayer Breakfast** will meet again on **Wednesday, September 20, at 8:00am** in the Parish Hall. We are going through the series, "What is Mere Christianity?"

To learn more about our Men's Fellowship, contact Fred (Ted) Kermode at fkermode@verizon.net, (941) 807-3176 or (941) 807-3176



JODY'S GIFT SHOP

Sunday	Between services
Monday:	10:00-2:00
Thursday.	10:00-2:00
Friday.	10:00-2:00

THE SHOP WILL REOPEN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH in a SHOP WITH A NEW AIR CONDITIONER but you will not need a sweater!

We are excited for the new season and welcome you for a visit and to volunteer. . We are in process accepting interesting and special items that may be a "loss" to you but a "treasure "for someone else. These items will be accepted on the days and times posted.

THE OPENING SHOP SEASON ALONG WITH THE BAZAAR AND THE DOWNTOWN LEESBURG MARKET WILL BE A HAPPY AND PRODUCTIVE TIME TO COME VISIT. WE CONTINUE TO ACCEPT HANDMADE ITEMS, UNIQUE COLLECTIBLE PIECES, ITEMS FOR GIFT GIVING AND OTHER TREASURES! THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT TO ECW FOR OUR CHARITABLE MISSIONS.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR: HONORING VETERANS

Since our Holiday Bazaar will take place on November 11th, we will be honoring our Veterans that day!



It's time to begin signing up to help out. We need YOU.



There will be sheets available for this at our Fall ECW Coffee and there will be a sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Special needs are: Items for raffle , baked goods, frozen dinners for Take out Cuisine, and plants.

Workshops will continue to create crafts.



The Daughters of the King meet the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00PM in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, September 13th**, when we continue our study of Parables. All women of the Parish are invited. Please join us for prayer and study.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 14th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00AM Eucharist 10:15AM Eucharist	4 LABOR DAY Office Closed	5 6:00 ALPHA	6 12:00 Coffee and Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Adult Choir	7 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	8 Set Up for Fall Coffee (Susan Battle)	9 10:00 ECW Fall Coffee 
10 15th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	11 6:30 Stephen Ministry	12 6:00 ALPHA	13 12:00 Coffee and Philosophy 2:00 DOK Meeting 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Adult Choir	14 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	15	16
17 17th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist 11:30 Reception for Doug & Linda Ames 2:00 Mem'l Service Skellie Morris	18	19 ECW Chapter Meetings 10:00 St. Ann's 10:00 St. Frances 3:45 St. Cecelia's 6:00 ALPHA	20 8:00 Men's Prayer 12:00 Coffee & Philos. 4:00 Jubilate 5:00 Finance Meeting 7:00 Adult Choir	21 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:00 Vestry Meeting 6:30 Bible Study	22	23 ALPHA RETREAT 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
24 18th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	25	26 6:00 ALPHA	27 12:00 Coffee and Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Adult Choir	28 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:30 Bible Study Set-Up Taste of St. James	29 6:00 "Taste of St. James" 	30