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Leesburg, FL 34748
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SEPTEMBER 2025



Our Mission

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

MESSENGER

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimers-Dementia Care Givers Group welcomes all who have a loved one or are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia. We meet to discuss the ways and means of expressing compassion and how to care for our loved ones in the midst of a difficult challenge. As a care giver, what is the best response to the many repetitive questions that are asked by your loved one? And what can be done when other uncontrolled behaviors arise? Also, we will look at some online resources that deal with this and a variety of other situations while caring for someone with dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

All discussions are kept in strict confidentiality. Please note that our meetings are for caregivers only (and not the one with A/D) to allow the freedom to share as needed. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 10:30 in the Parish Hall.

We hope to see you then, Jeff Livesay

GRIEF SUPPORT

Our next Grief Support Gathering is this Thursday, September 04, 2025 at the Coffee Snob, (1101 W. North Blvd, Leesburg 34748) after closing. Our conversation topic for September is "Coping with Apathy during our Grief Journeys". As grievers it is helpful to become aware of apathy or as Gary Roe (Grief Counselor) calls it – "Whatever Land". Join us for a discussion about learning to recognize the signs and ways for coping with feeling indifferent or lacking emotion.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

God has blessed this ministry with 17 so I have decided to change the location of our meetings to the Chapel, behind St. James Episcopal Church on 204 N. Lee St., starting in OCTOBER. Directions and accommodations will be discussed at this gathering. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Hope to see you Thursday, September 4^{th} at the Coffee Snob . Susan Cyrus, Grief Support Facilitator

■ DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters of the King meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

A dual service of Preparation for Membership and Installation of New Officers of the Martha and Mary Chapter of the Daughters of the King will be held on Wednesday, September 10th at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

All are welcome!

ST. JAMES MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's Ministry holds a prayer breakfast on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17th.

If you are interested in joining the Men's Ministry, please contact: **Ted Kermode**

All are welcome!

PLEASE WELCOME BARNELIA WOODWARD

2025-2026 ECW PRESIDENT

First and foremost, thank you for your patience and making me feel welcome in my new position as president. Special thanks to those who have reached out to me with words of support and wisdom. It meant so much and what a help!!!!

Mary would have done a wonderful job, and we will certainly miss her! But we will also respect her decision by wishing them all the happiness they each deserve as we move on to a new year full of hope and promise here at St. James.

I am honestly excited about the upcoming year and believe that we will make a true difference in our lives and the lives that we touch though our ECW missions and ministry.

WELCOME BACK ECW COFFEE

Saturday, September 6th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Whether you are new to St. James or have never attended an ECW function, we invite you to join us for coffee, refreshments, fellowship, and music for our tradition Fall Coffee to kick a new ECW year." Hope to see you there, Barney Woodward

ECW CHAPTER MEETINGS

The ECW Chapter Meeting will start up again this month. We have three ECW Chapters and their meeting times and locations are listed below:

10:00 a.m. St. Annes (Parish Hall) ~ 10:00 a.m. St. Francis (St. Nicholas House) 3:00 p.m. St. Cecilias (Parish Hall)

KEEP FLIPPING THOSE TOPS

You all know how important the Flip Tops are to Ronald McDonalds. We thank you all for your continued support. It takes 1,200 flip tops to make a pound, so many, many tops are needed! Not to worry, with all of us pulling we are able to support the three RMD houses. Of course the other houses are pulling too.

A big thank you comes from the families of seriously ill children who are in the hospital here in Orlando. The families are able to stay as guests at the Arnold Palmer house, on the campus of the hospital with no costs to them. It's the Flip Tops that do it!!!!

Meg Bremer

As I opened up my IPad to write a Messenger article for September, I wondered ARE WE STILL IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST? The answer, of course, is YES. We have 12 more SUNDAYS, if we count from Sept. 7th, before the season of ADVENT begins on November 30th.

As you will be reading in this issue of The Messenger, activities and programs galore are scheduled for the next few months. All of us will be so much wiser if we participate in at least a few of these programs and meetings that advance our Faith. Books about our Episcopal "way" will remain on the parish house book truck for the use of study groups, and I have added a set of books on MIRACLES, a Memorial Gift from the Ray Emerson family to our Parish Library. These are comforting to read as we approach the Advent season, when miracles do occur.

We sincerely hope each of you will visit the book truck and your parish library, Room 6, open on Thursday mornings. Come, visit and discover.

Margaret Branham, St James Church Librarian



ST. JAMES MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY



St. James is getting ready for another Pictorial Directory. All the data collected from the Membership Information Forms will be listed in this Pictorial Directory, unless you notify us otherwise.

If you do not want your name, photo, phone # or email address listed, please notify the Office. The information to be listed in the Pictorial Directory is as follows:

- 1. Your Name.
- 2. Your Photo. You may submit a photo or request a photo be taken by the church staff.
- 3. Your Address.
- 4. Phone Number. The Phone number listed on the Membership Form will be shown.
- 5. Email Address. An email address for each individual will be shown.

If you would like to be considered a member of St. James, please fill out the Membership Information Form located in the Narthex & Church Office.

For more information, please contact Bob Tindall.

Jody's Gift Shop Is Re-Opening Sunday, September 7th



50% sale on all items throughout the month of September.



Hours of Operation:



Please Welcome Liesl Brunner to St. James as our new financial secretary. Liesl is a graduate from UCF with a degree in Business & Accounting. Her skills and experience will make her a valuable contibution to St. James.

Liesl is originally from Alberta, Canada, but has lived in Florida since she was 3 years old. She lives in Eustis with her parents Laura and Keven Brunner, along with her two older brothers and a younger sister. She enjoys hiking, kayaking and spending time with her cat, "The Baron".

We are excited to have Liesl on board!

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Important Youth Choir Info! Info!

Our young singers are back to weekly rehearsals, but that's not all! On Sunday, Sept. 14th, we will have our Christmas Kick-off in the St Nicholas House! All young singers are encouraged to stay after church for lunch, a few games, and a first look into our songs for Christmas and Advent. If you know any young people who may be interested in singing with us, this is a great opportunity for new members to give it a try and see what we're all about. Pick-up is at 2:30 pm. Any parents who would like to stay as helpers, please let me know.

For all SUPPORTERS of our young singers, we are excited to be joining the Leesburg High School Singing Jackets for their fall concert! This will take place on Thursday, October 9th at 7pm in the LHS Auditorium. Tickets will be available for \$10.00 online and at the door, and proceeds will be shared among the participating choral groups. Please come out and encourage our young people as they share their talents beyond our own campus, and help us in showing God's love for Leesburg and beyond. We hope to see you there!

St. James ECW Thanksgiving Blessings and Pie Sale



_____ Pecan Pies \$11.00 each \$_____ Total # of Pies TOTAL AMOUNT \$_____

PLEASE TURN ORDERS INTO JODY'S GIFT SHOP OR PLACE IN PIE BOX IN CHURCH OFFICE

All orders must be submitted and paid by 11/16/25 cash or checks payable to St. James ECW with pies in memo line All orders can be picked up at church in the courtyard Saturday November 22nd, between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Questions: Contact:



Bernie Dodeci OR Rita Clements



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AUGUST FOOD DROP

When God's children are in need, you be the one to help them. ROMAN 12:13

And the help came with the August Food Drop. Your continuing support of ST. JAMES FOOD DROP increased our support with donations even on an extremely hot day. Our volunteers, Terri and Van Galyon, Barbara Logan, Tanina and Dick Singeltary, along with Bob and Rita Clements welcomed the donations while making sure water to drink was plentiful. Thank you St. James Community for your food and monetary support. while welcoming our August Food Drop.

You all are MESSENGERS OF BLESSINGS FOR OTHERS.

TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED:

- ~ 743 POUNDS OF FOOD from St. James
- ~ 73 pounds of food from the Harris Chain Sail and Power Squadron Club, \$560.00
- ~ 637 pounds of food for a total of \$680.00

TOTAL AMOUNT TO DATE:

~52,248 POUNDS OF FOOD

~ \$60,149.00

You are appreciated with God's blessings for your continued "meeting at the church the third Wednesday of each month with food and or monetary contributions. Looking forward to seeing you at the FOOD DROP, Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 17TH from 9:00-12:00.

BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL





Friday, October 3rd, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Every year St. James participates in the Jamaica Medical Mission. This is a national Ministry that brings hope to communities across Jamaica by sharing supplies, skills and medical expertise to individuals that might not otherwise have easy access to such needed resources.

Several volunteers from St. James travel to Jamacia each year to take part in this ministry and the Taste of St James is a Fundraiser for supplies and medical needs to benefit the Jamaica Medical Mission.

We need 20 CHEFS to prepare enough food for 100 people to taste. The food items need to be ONE ITEM only, (2–4 OUNCES, A SAMPLING). This can be anything from a chocolate dessert to a delicious steak hors d'oeuvre, we encourage creativity.

Tickets are \$25 per person and will be on sale every Sunday between services and in the church office throughout September.

Please contact Kathleen Trees or Aaralyn Howell for more information.

REVELATION

Bible Study with Jeff Brooke-Stewart

Beginning on September 4th at 6:30 p.m., we will begin a Fall/Winter evening Bible study in the Parish Hall.

Let me say that "I have been persuaded" to lead the group through the final book in our scriptures - The Revelation to John, or simply; Revelation. I did lead a group through Revelation quite some years ago here at St James, and many members asked for this study again.

Revelation is arguably the most complex book in scripture. But in its complexity it also has much beauty. Over time it has received many interpretations, understandings and has led to various prophetic thoughts. It has inspired poets and authors. MacLean Gilmour described it as "a drama of a high order set on a cosmic stage". It undoubtedly was the model for C.S. Lewis' novel "The Last Battle".

Revelation contains timeless practical advice to the church and it builds to a wonderful affirmation of Christ. There is of course, the introduction of seemingly complex apocalyptic references to dragons and beasts and stars falling to earth, (just imagine that for a moment!), but with careful reading and discussion they need not confuse us, but rather help our understanding.

I use the **English Standard Version (ESV) Bible.** I recommend a very inexpensive (\$4.00 as I recall) little book from Amazon entitled "**ESV Scripture Journal: Revelation**". Opposite each page of scripture is a lined blank page for your notes. Very helpful.

I'm looking forward to this! Jeff Brooke-Stewart



St. James Christmas Concert



This year St. James will be hosting a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 14th at 4:00 p.m.

This year's Christmas Concert will be featuring both the Adult and Youth Choir, as well as, many guest musicians. Our first rehearsal will be immediately after church on September 14th at the St. Nicholas House.

If you would like to be part of the choir for this special event, please let me know.

Many thanks, John Wilson, Music Director

TEMPORARY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN



If you have medical equipment at home that you no longer need, is in good working condition, and that you would be willing to loan to a fello parishioner for a short-term, we need your help.

St. James would like to set up a **Medical Equipment Directory** for our parishioners. This directory will be filled with names and numbers of individuals they can call for an equipment loan after an accident or befo a planned surgical procedure.

If you are interested, please contact Janice Tindall.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Dr. Terrell Bounds Gloria Flad

2nd Lorraine Johnson Bob Tindall

4th Haley McCabe

6th Steve Holt

8th Joyce Walworth

9th Sochi Nwosu

11th Charlotte Boudreau

12th Joshua Bills

Wendy Krauss

Scott Sharer

13th Aime Marie Jandzinski

14th Cecilia Rebusmen

15th Jean Christian

Mick Hall

18th Meredith Bhatt

Tom Grizzard

Pat Schaefer

19th Shirley Herring

Hailey Pearson

20th Sofia Lahey

21st Paige Sahab-Binneveld

Matthew Hill

22nd Barbara Comstock

24th Leanne Trees

25th Susan Soltysiak

Patti Wolf

26th Cobe Smalley

Peter Trees

27th Bernie Dodeci

28th Dot Vedder

30th Sean Graham

Dorry Curran

Lynsie Anselmo



SEPTEMBER ANIVERSARIES

1st Joseph & Margaret Branham

8th Lonnie & Meg Johnson

11th Dale & Aimee Marie Jandzinski

14th Bob Jr. & Kitty Bryan

15th Nigel & Patricia Bailey

17th Mark & Peggy Steeves

18th Roger & Kimberly Reitter

19th Shaun & Victoria Mymudes

28th Ted & Dee Kermode

30th Jason & Gretchen Amber Gray

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ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST

SHORT TERM

Amber Prescott
Daniel Durst
August 12th
August 14th
Fredrick Stevens
August 14th
Diana Reis
August 14th
August 14th
August 26th
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3 MONTHS

Pat Kelly
Patricia Bailey
July 20th
Art Hollows
July 20th
Jack & Judy Rigby
July 28th
Dottie Elliott
July 30th

IN MEMORIAM:



Delores Griffin & Salvatore Pastore



LONG TERM

Baby Autumn, Michael Baker, Patricia Bailey, Nathan Battle, Marion Belson, Peggy Berutich, Nina Bonney, Todd Boyd & Family, Joe Branham, Margaret Branham, Susan Burden, Mabel Burns Scott Butler, Judy Cable, Cregg Carreins Jr., Beverly Caswell, Leroy McClurg, Jim Christian, Jasmine Cleeton, Birdy Connelly, Kristin Conner, Corinne, Beth Crossley, Beverly Cox, Paul Dallaire, Janet Davis, Randy Denk, Berni Dodeci, Jimmy Draime, David Dudley, Dottie Elliott, Barbara & Don Fodor, Gaillardet, Art Hollows, Kami Hecker, Brook James, Dale Jandzinski, Ben Johnson, James Kevin, Kaley, David Knowles, Sally Lawrence, Katie Leware, Elizabeth Linberger, Margaret Peggy Link, Linda Long, David Lossing, Bill Mann, Nadine Millett, Becky Mitchell, Jim Mitchell, Brandon Morrison, Caroline Morrison, Belinda Morton-Rusk, Jared Mymudes, Curt Oestreich, Gail Ostrander, Cindy Raczkowski, Paul Rizzo, Bubba Robinson, Holly Rouse, Robert Sanchez, Steve Scharber, Donna Sharnosk, Jameson Small, Peggy Steeves, Ann Seagraves, Pat Thomas, Shelly Thomas, Danny Thompson, Dot Vedder, Julitta Velton, Kevin Watkins & Rob Yeager, Sue Roeglin, Jan West.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday Services:

8:00 a.m. (Rite 1) & 10:15 a.m. (Rite II)

Healing & Anointing Service:

Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Church Office Phone: (352) 787-1981 / Email: office@stjames-leesburg.org
Please visit our website at: www.stjames-leesburg.org

CLERGY & STAFF

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Victoria Mymudes

John Wilson

Elizabeth Williams

Wylie Hill

Deacon

Candidate

Parish Secretary

Parish Organist/Choir Director

Youth Ministry & Choir Director

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VESTRY

(Senior Warden) Terri Galyon, (Junior Warden) Bert Sofield, (Treasurer) Tom Grizzard

Members: Bill Binneveld, Claire Meade, Rita Clements, Tony Cobb, Susan Cyrus, Linda Grizzard, Stuart Mowatt, Dan Robuck, Dick Singeltary

The Messenger is a monthly publication of St. James' Episcopal Church in Leesburg, Florida. It is published on the last week of each month and highlights parish news for the upcoming month. **Deadline for submissions is on the 15th of each month.** Submissions should be sent to: Victoria Mymudes <office@stjames-leesburg.org> 12