

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.

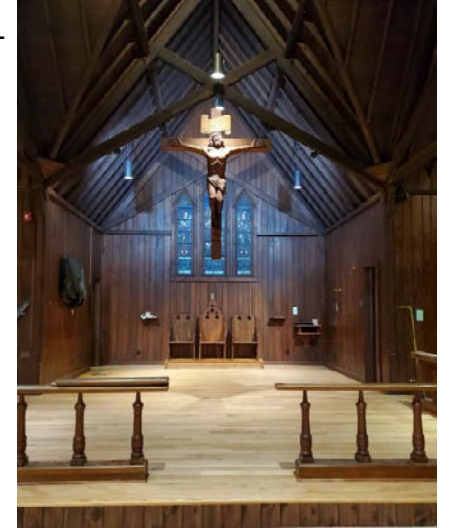
ST. JAMES MESSENGER

SANCTUARY REMODELING UPDATE

Steve Merrill, Junior Warden

Progress continues with the remodeling/updating of the Saint James sanctuary. The first project of replacing the seventy year old wiring began in early June and is nearly complete. All that remains for electrical work is some minor tidying up and the installation of circuits to power the new commercial air conditioning system that will replace the existing system located in the choir area.

The flooring project is divided into two phases - hardwood and carpet. The first phase of installing hardwood in the choir, altar and organ area began in late June. This phase is nearing completion; currently the flooring in the Altar area has been stained and sealed. The remainder of the hardwood flooring should be completed within another seven to ten days. Exact timing is dependent on the removal of the large air handler located in the choir area that is preventing the final few pieces of hardwood to be installed. Work on the new air conditioning system began the afternoon of July 28. If all goes well the new system should be operating by close of business July 31.



The installation of the new carpet in the pew area is currently scheduled to commence on August 3. If all goes as planned, the carpet plus reinstallation of the pews should be completed in five work days. After that, minor cleaning and set up should take place the week of August 10th.



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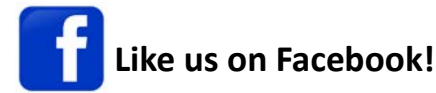
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CHURCH VESTRY & STAFF

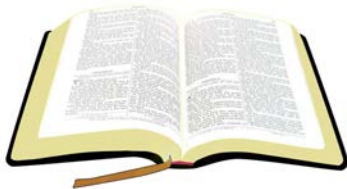
Rector: Rev’d Thomas Trees
Assisting Priests: Rev’ds Charles Hay, William J. Boyer, James Martin, Ron Peak
Assisting Deacons: Rev’ds Charlie Perrin, Jerry Steidl
Parish Organist/Choir Director: Deb Carraway
Nursery Coordinator: Carmen Rebusmen
Director of Youth and Families: Elizabeth Williams
Minister to Teens: Susie Brewer
Treasurer: Tom Grizzard
Parish / Finance Secretary: Pat Schaefer
Sexton: Doug Ames
Housekeeping: Diane Smith
Vestry Members: Bonnie Binneveld, Ted Bowersox, Marc Crouch, Kristen Daley, Kathy Davidson, Steve Merrill (Junior Warden), Bruce Saylor (Senior Warden), Dick Singletary, Joanie Smalley, Bob Tindall, Steve Treiber, Patti Wolf

PHOTOS/SCRAPBOOKING



In the quiet quarantine moments, several members of the E.C.W. are arranging photographs of parish events, personalities, garden settings, etc. to add to the historical record of church life at St. James. If you are a photographer and have photos you could and would share with others, please put these in an envelope and deliver them to the church office, marked for delivery to the E.C.W. or Library. It would also be appreciated if you would identify parishioners, dates of events on the backs of the pictures. We are hoping someone will have a few pictures of Fr. Grayson Garvin and our courtyard and butterfly gardens. Thanks for your help.
- E.C.W. Scrapbook Committee

**WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT...
ROMANS 8:28-39**



We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

St. James Prayer List

Call the church office (352)787-1981 with additions/deletions

LONG TERM

Kenny Edwards (N. Young)
Dottie Elliott
Holly Marston (M. Kirste)
Margaret Anderson (K.Knight)
Jeffrey Coward
Nancy Austin
Carey Campbell (K. Knight)

Judy Cable (B. Logan) 04/23/20
Ernest Peters (A. Snyder) 05/21/20
Margaret Branham 05/21/20
Richard Gabriel 05/26/20
Esther DePedro 05/28/20
Desiree Battle (S. Battle) 06/02/20
Barbara Mittemeier 06/02/20
Eugene Cringan 06/11/20
Judy Baxter 06/11/20
Helen Robertshaw 06/11/20
Gordon Roeglin 06/18/20
Donna Nelson 06/29/20
Donna Gaudet 06/29/20

SHORT TERM

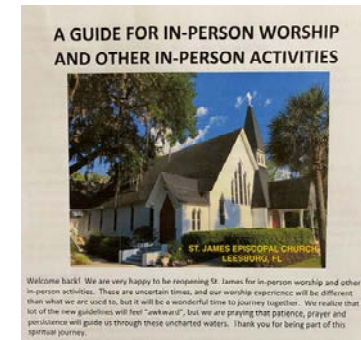
(3 weeks).

Bob Cyrus
Charlie Perrin
Tom Beverin
Donna Baker
Bill Brewer
Paul Smigel
Susan Peak



*And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord,
to comfort and succor all those who in this
transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness,
or any other adversity.*

REOPENING ST. JAMES



We continue to make plans for reopening for worship at St. James. Our initial plans to hold services in July were dealt some setbacks due to the rise in Covid cases. Currently we have a Reopening Committee in place that is putting together a Guide for In-Person Worship that will be sent out to each of you. We are hoping to time our return for worship with the completion of renovations on the interior of our church.

Once we commence in-person worship, we will continue to record our services so those who stay at home can continue to watch. We will livestream the service on Sunday mornings. Stay tuned!

PEO STAR SCHOLARSHIP

CONGRATULATIONS to our own Brynнан Curry for being awarded the PEO Star Scholarship Award! This scholarship was awarded to Brynнан based on her excellence in leadership, extracurricular activities, community service, academics and potential for future success. For these reasons Brynнан was chosen among several candidates. Well done, Brynнан.



FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

The ECW has been taking on alternative fund raising methods to enable them to support their selected charities. One of them is RADA Cutlery. All the cutlery is made in the USA and of good quality. The catalog also includes other items such as dips, soups and no-bake pies for any occasion. If you are interested in helping support the ECW you can stop by the parish office and view the catalog or contact Becky Binneveld.



ECW MONTHLY UPDATE

The ECW is now on hiatus for the summer. They will resume in the fall starting with the “*Fall Coffee*’ on Saturday, September 12th (tentative). Our chapter chairwomen are:

- St. Ann Shirley Dunne (352-314-0048)
- St. Cecilia Terri Ross (407-399-7492)
- St. Francis Dorry Curran (949-633-8471)
- St. Mary Nadine Millet (352-250-4997)

The ECW is open to all the women of St. James. If you would like to join please contact any of the chapter chairwomen or ECW president **Bonnie Binneveld** .



FOOD DROP PROJECT

As temperatures soared, so did ST. James FOOD DROP PROJECT! Our July 15th FOOD DROP brought cause to celebrate! We raised \$1035.00 and dropped 814 pounds of food !! THIS BRINGS OUR 3 MONTHS TOTAL TO : **\$3075.00 ALONG WITH 4412 POUNDS OF FOOD !** THANK YOU AGAIN AND HURRAH ! With masks and elbow hugs, we will see you and welcome your generosity for the next ST.JAMES FOOD DROP ON **AUGUST 19TH** (third Wednesday, of the month) ,8:00-12:00. Blessings to you all.



MUSIC MUSINGS August 2020

Paul and I have been most recently enjoying some time at the beach, a place that feeds my soul and rejuvenates me for the days ahead. Normally while here I spend much time planning for fall worship and Christmas choir programs. This year is a bit different, as you can imagine.

The place we have stayed for several years has a beautiful sunrise view at New Smyrna Beach, but also affords us a peek at the lighthouse in Ponce Inlet just north of us. The condo’s “name” is “The Lighthouse,” which is very appropriate since every room (and I mean EVERY room) in the unit is filled to overflowing with lighthouses of every shape and size. This includes (but is not limited to) prints, wall hangings, various lighthouse replicas, plates, cups, salt and pepper shakers, and even the finial on top of the paper towel holder. These people are serious about their lighthouses! And, particularly in this season, I think I should be, too. Lighthouses were built with the distinct purpose of leading ships out of the turbulent ocean waters safely into harbor. Right now, I am thankful for this imagery, this reality, as we look to God to steer us through these difficult days into the safety of His presence.

So during this season I am trying to live gratefully and use my time wisely as I sail toward the safety of the harbor. We are looking at ways to keep music in worship alive and meaningful, and I am hopeful that God will inspire me in my planning for Sundays, as well as for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons. Prayers are, as always, appreciated.

I leave you this month with the first verse of an old Southern Gospel song, which has been sung by several different Gospel musicians through the years, even Elvis Presley himself!

*There’s a lighthouse on the hillside that overlooks life’s sea.
When I’m tossed it sends out a light that I might see.
And the light that shines in darkness now will safely lead me home,
If it wasn’t for the lighthouse my ship would sail no more.*
“The Lighthouse” – Ronny and Kenny Hinson, 1970

Be safe friends, continually looking toward the One True Light Who can safely lead us home: Christ Jesus, the beacon for our lives, and hope for all who will see.

Yours in Him,
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| 1 William James | 16 Victoria Mymudes |
| Durham Young | 17 Kimmey Young |
| Sydney Tucker | 18 Jim Statts |
| 3 Marie Booth | 19 Richard Tuke |
| Kay Oestreich | Ted Ostrander |
| Becky Binneveld | Ann Kupferberg |
| 4 Judy Bedell | 21 Delcie Durham |
| Suzanne Oldham | Charles Singeltary |
| 6 Ryan McCabe | 23 Cherie Knowles |
| 7 Bob Cyrus | Holly Cauthen |
| 8 Linda Merrill | 24 Patricia Cyrus |
| David Lossing | 26 Ginny Cleaves |
| Rahnee Grizzard | 27 Nancy Boyer |
| 9 Michell Graham | 29 Ed Walther |
| 11 Ellie Beltran | 30 Charlene Smigel |
| 13 Fran Bollenbach | 31 Benjamin Rowell |
| 15 Van Galyon | |



ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 Stuart & Herma Mowatt | 15 Bob & Shirley Fiebke |
| 5 Charles & Lorraine Johnson | 17 Jim & Mary Hooper |
| Steve and Linda Merrill | 19 Chris & Doss Hermann |
| 12 Dan & Charmaine Tenwinkel | John & Suzanne Oldham |
| 14 Larry & Barbara Demaline | 24 Chip & Fran Deems |
| Sean & Elizabeth Graham | 29 Elwood & Judy Baxter |
| 15 Michael & Patricia Cyrus | 31 Harry & Sue Hackney |

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 to noon, and Thursdays from 11:00 to noon. 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.



Connected spiritually: We may be socially distanced but we are spiritually connected. The Daughters of the King stay connected in their daily prayers for each other, for all of St. James, and for all of the DOK in the world. It is our Rule of Life.

In an abundance of caution, we have not been meeting in person. We are concerned for the health and welfare of each other and for St. James. We look forward to when we can gather in the Parish Hall and be together. We will meet the second Wednesday of the month at 2 PM when the curve is flattened.

In the meantime, we are preparing for a study of the Holy Spirit, in the Life Guide series booklet entitled "Meeting the Spirit". If you would like a copy, please contact Meg Bremer. (352-399-6393)

RAFFLE for JAMAICA MEDICAL MISSION

AN ORIGINAL PAINTING of Venetian Gardens

Painted by DONNA TWEEDLE

is being raffled to raise funds for the

2021 Jamaica Medical Mission.

The drawing has been postponed until we can attend at least 2 Sundays at church.

TICKETS are One for \$20, Three for \$40, Eight for \$100

Call Sharon McCabe for tickets and info, 352-267-8188

Tickets are also available in the Church Office.



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A NOTE FROM SUSIE BREWER

Minister to Teens

Join us for On-Line Worship and Sunday School!



Go to YouTube and type “**Leesburg Stjames**” or
Go to our website: www.stjames-leesburg.org; or
Go to our **Facebook** page!

August 2nd

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of Holy Eucharist

August 9th

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16th

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 23rd

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



During our time of separation, we will offer Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. You can pick up a Communion packet at the church, and receive Communion at home while you watch the service. Our next Communion service will be on **August 2nd**. Please contact Pat at the office to set up a time to pick up your packet. You can call (352-787-1981) or email (office@stjames-leesburg.org)

Dear St. James Family,

Bill and I have been so blessed by so many kind notes and supportive gifts through our battle with MDS. We cannot thank you enough for how you have loved and supported us. We are grateful for each of you. We continue to face the battle ahead and of us with faith that God will carry us through. There are days that our faith is shaken and leaves us heavy with burden and fear, but somehow there is always a light that shines in the darkness and reminds us we are not alone.



I began a blog a few months ago, as a friend suggested, so I could more easily share what we are going through, give updates on specific prayers needs, and to simply share our story. It has been a blessing for me to do this as I am able to let go of so much and know that our friends and family are able to know how to pray for us through this. I do not update daily but only as I feel led. I am including the link in this letter, so if you would like to stay up to date, you can check in on our journey and battle with MDS. Feel free to follow the blog and hopefully updates will show through your email. Thank you all again for all of the prayers and support. We could not face this challenge alone and we are grateful for all who walk along side of us. <https://teambrewer-fightingmds.blogspot.com/>

FOCUS ON
THE INSIDE:



ST. JAMES
YOUTH
LESSONS



Beth Williams is staying in touch with our families through her Facebook group called **Focus on the Inside: St. James Youth Lessons**. It is a private group that allows you to participate safely through pictures, videos, and the like. You can message Beth to join the group if you want to be part of it.