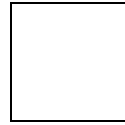


The St. James' Messenger
204 Lee Street
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St. James seeks to be a community that grows more Christlike, expressing the love of Jesus Christ in our worship, our outreach, and our commitment to discipleship.

ST. JAMES MESSENGER



Be our Guest on ALPHA!
Starting Tuesday, August 6th
6:00-8:00 PM

St. James will be starting our fifth ALPHA Course on August 6th. An ALPHA course is an opportunity to grapple with the bigger questions of life and faith in a fun, nonthreatening, nonjudgmental environment.

ALPHA was originally designed for people who would not necessarily identify as churchgoers or Christians, but we find that it is equally valuable to ANYONE who wants to feel closer to God and His Church.

ALPHA is an 11-week course, meeting from 6:00-8:00pm on Tuesday evenings in the parish hall. It also includes one Saturday retreat day. There is no cost to participate in the program. Please consider joining us and, also, inviting people in your life that may be searching for answers to their spiritual questions.

Each evening starts with a shared supper, continues with a short video about some aspect of Christianity, and concludes with small group discussions. In the small group discussions, we encourage guests to raise any ideas, perspectives, questions, doubts, or objections they have. You can say as much or as little as you wish.

If you would like more information or would like to sign up to attend the ALPHA course, please contact Dorry Curran at 949-633-8471 or tinkrvl@gmail.com. You can also see Dorry to get a brochure with more details, which includes comments from past ALPHA @St. James guests.

Also, if you can help provide a supper for one of the sessions or would like to participate in producing the course, Dorry would love to have your assistance!

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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

Rev’d Thomas Trees	Rector
Rev’d Art Hollows	Assisting Deacon
John Wilson	Parish Organist/Choir Director
Elizabeth Williams	Youth Ministry and Choir Director
Linda Weekley	Treasurer
Victoria Mymudes	Parish Secretary
Pat Schaefer	Finance Secretary
Wylie Hill	Sexton

Vestry Members: **Bill Binneveld, Rita Clements, Terri Galyon (Senior Warden), Linda Grizzard, David Knowles, Drew Logan (Junior Warden), Mackie McCabe, Stuart Mowatt, Marvin Naylor, Dan Robuck, Dick Singeltary, Linda Weekley.**

St. James Prayer List
Call the Church Office (352)787-1981 with additions/deletions

<u>LONG TERM</u>		<u>SHORT TERM (3 Weeks)</u>
Judy Cable	Bill Jones	Dot Vedder 7-9-24
Dottie Elliott & Family	Van Galyon	Karen Sofield 7-29-24
Fr. Charles Hay	Marcus Outzen	
Charles Stephens		
Jim Mitchell		
Doug Springmann		
Paul Smigel		
Fr. Bill Boyer		
Larry Bonofiglio		
Mabel Burns		
Pratt Carter		
Shirley Long		
Haley Williams		
Brian Tuttle		



The Martha & Mary Chapter of the Daughters of the King will meet
On **Wednesday, August 14th**, in the Parish Hall, at 2 pm.
All ladies of the St. James are welcome to attend.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

A prayer shawl ministry is a ministry of compassion and the love of knitting or crocheting. The shawls are a source of God’s unconditional love, wrapped around a person for comfort and solace, for people going through difficult times, as well as, times of celebration and joy.
If you are interested in this Ministry, you may contact
Joyce Walworth 727-517-5078 or joywalw2@gmail.com .

GRIEF SUPPORT

The Grief Support Gathering meets on the
First Thursday of every month at 3:00 PM at the Coffee Snob.
Our next meeting is **August 1st**
“Exploring How Music Can Help to Mend our Broken Hearts”
Coffee Snob - 1101 North Blvd. W, Ste. #1 Leesburg
Want to find out more? Contact Susan Cyrus at (352) 636-8969

LIBRARY CORNER

I love to travel, but haven’t the physical ability to do this lately. So, I’ve become an “armchair traveler”, meaning I sit in my air-conditioned parlor and read books about famous, must see before you perish travel destinations. Recently, I have chosen England as my travel destination and am happily reading booklets located in our parish library collection which feature the great gothic cathedrals located there. We have 15 of these pleasant, pictorial booklets, and it is a real treat to compare the wonders of these fabulous, holy buildings. You may do some armchair traveling, too, since the booklets will be available for check out from the parish hall book truck through August.

Also, Alpha studies will be coming up in August, and we have prepared a list of 40 Alpha - related books available in the St. James library. Copies of this list are also in the parish hall. Visit the library and we will help you locate books in the Alpha collection. The library, Rm.6, is open on Thursday mornings and on call **352-787-5893**.

- from the Parish Librarian, Margaret, inviting you to “check ‘em out”. (Sign your name on the book cards located inside the back cover of all our books, your full name and the date, please, place the card in the little box on the top shelf of the book truck, read and enjoy, and return the booklets in a timely fashion for others to read).

INVITE-WELCOME-CONNECT UPDATE

Connecting newcomers to St James

Connecting is the process of making them feel like they belong and closing the back door through which they might slip out if they don’t feel a connection. At St James this involves a process of contacting them, being available to help them see where they will fit in within St James and tracking the status of each newcomer.

Bob Tindall has done a super job of preparing and presenting the 3-part series for newcomers: The History of St. James, Why We Do What We Do, and Ministries at St. James. Bob also has a small group of people who are our “Liaisons” to St. James. He provides our liaisons with the materials and instructions they need to make a first contact via the mail. This takes about 15 minutes once or so a month. This small group could certainly welcome growth if you would like to help in this ministry. Just ask Bob about it the next time you see him.

Need to Meet with Fr. Tom?

If you would like to 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.

YOUTH CHOIR RETURNS!

Back to school means back to youth Choir! Rehearsals for all treble singers grades K thru 12 will resume on **Wednesday, August 14th, from 4-6pm in the St Nicholas House.**



Our first night back will be a more relaxed evening as we listen thru our fall selections, play a few music games and enjoy light refreshment. Regular rehearsals will continue every Wednesday with the older Cantate ensemble meeting at 4 and the full Jubilate choir meeting at 5. We love new friends, so feel free to invite any young singers to give it a try! Reach out to Beth Williams with any questions at (352) 702-2062.



The St. James Ukulele Ministry continues to grow in numbers as we gather twice a month to learn new songs and enjoy fellowship with each other.

This month is an exciting time for us as we prepare to sing and play in a concert for the Waterman Village on August 19th. We have prepared lyrics and shakers so everyone can sing along with us .

It’s our first time singing/playing at a retirement home and we are hoping to share our love for Christ through our music and invite as many people as possible to join us or come to church .

We also have T-shirts now so are really going to be a force on the day .

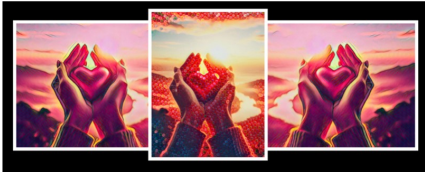
Praise God !!



ECW UPDATE August 2024



The coming months will be eventful for our ECW members, commencing with the **ECW Women's Leadership Retreat on August 24th**. Sherry Lash and Birdy Connolly are inviting all ECW Officers and Board members to participate in this event entitled **"Leading in Love"**. Any other women from St. James are welcome to attend. The theme of the retreat is to enhance our leadership skills using Christ's teaching to inspire us. The retreat will take place in the Parish Hall and will commence with Morning Tea from 8:15am until 9:00am, followed by the retreat program from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Stay tuned for more details and opportunities to register.



August 27th ECW Board Meeting at 10:00 am in St Nicholas House.

September 7th Welcome Back Fall Coffee at 10:00am in the Parish Hall.

At our first meeting of the new year, please join us to meet our new Board and learn about the events planned for the coming year while enjoying a convivial morning of food, fellowship, and entertainment. Chapter Meetings take place on September 17th.

JUNE AND JULY FOOD DROP

It was a "TOSS UP" for which was the hottest month but Volunteers, Terri and Van Galyon, Jan Tindall, Tanina Singeltary and Rita Clements joined forces for combined months of sweat and greeting 40 cars and or walk-ins.

COLLECTED:	1286 pounds of food, \$1,195.00
TOTAL TO DATE:	45,275 pounds of food, \$54,897

It will still be hot but we will be there to greet you on Wednesday, August 21 from 9:00-12:00. With reference to Deacon Art's sermon, we are SERVANTS giving and serving our community "in need". Bless you.

ST. JAMES POLO & T-SHIRTS

We have 10 new orders for St James polo and tee shirts in hand, and we want to do a follow-up before submitting the order.

We have been asked to have an option for women's 3/4 sleeve polo shirts. These are now available for \$30. If any woman who has submitted a new order in the last few weeks wants to switch to 3/4 sleeves, please contact me directly via email, call, or text.

Snowbirds. If you would like to order shirts to have when you return (and pay for then too), please contact me directly via email, phone call, or text and we'll get an order turned in for you.

As a reminder, we take payment when you get the shirts from us.

Thanks

Marc Crouch

FROM JOHN, OUR ORGANIST...

"Summer Singing Saints" returns to our 10:15 service on **August 18th, August 25th, and September 1st.**

Anyone who would like to sing in our St. James Choir is exuberantly encouraged to come join us. You do not have to commit to the whole year. You can join us for just one Sunday or all three. The plan is to meet at 9:15 before each service to rehearse.



Please don't hesitate in reaching out if you would like to sing. Our choir welcomes anyone with the willingness to share in the Gospel through music and song.

Lastly, our **Vocal Choir** rehearsals will begin **Wednesday, August 21st, at 7pm;** and our **Bell Choir** rehearsals will begin **August 28th at 6pm.** Rehearsals will be weekly and both held in our chapel.

Blessings,
John



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



1 William James
Durham Young
3 Katherine Oestreich
Rebecca Binneveld
4 Judy Bedell
Suzanne Oldham
5 Bethany Trees
6 Ryan McCabe
8 Eric Anselmo
William Hoth
Linda Merrill
David Lossing
9 Mitchell Graham
11 Elle Beltran

13 Frances Bollenbach
15 Cyrus Galyon
16 Victoria Mymudes
Nancy Mitchell
17 Kimmey Young
18 Jim Statts
19 Ann Kupferberg
23 Cheryl Knowles
24 Patricia Cyrus
27 Nancy Boyer
David Dunmire
28 Uju Amadi
29 Edward Walter
Barney Woodward

ANNIVERSARIES

2 Stuart and Herma Mowatt
5 Charles and Lorraine Johnson
Stephen and Linda Merrill
14 Larry and Barbara Demaline
Sean and Elizabeth Graham
15 Michael and Patricia Cyrus

17 Terrell and Beverly Bounds
James and Mary Hooper
19 C.L. and Doss Herman
John and Suzanne Oldham
24 Chip and Fran Deems

BAZAAR CRAFTING

Get Ready!!! In preparation for our Annual Bazaar which will take place on Saturday, November 16th, Crafting Sessions have been scheduled as follows:

Thursday, August 8th, 9:00am-12:00pm
Tuesday, August 20th, 9:00am-12:00pm
Tuesday, September 10th, 6:00pm-9:00pm
Thursday, September 19th, 6:00pm-9:00pm

They will take place in the Parish Hall, except for September 10th, which will take place in the St. Nicholas House. Many hands are needed. So please join us for fun and fellowship, and help make the Bazaar a great success.

Ronald McDonald House

You never know where the next bag of Pull-Tabs will come from. When traveling from Connecticut, I struck up a conversation with the Flight Attendant, talking about Ronald McDonald House. When leaving the plane, I was handed a bag of Pull-Tabs.

“A TASTE OF ST. JAMES”

Friday, September 27th, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

A Fundraiser for supplies and medical needs for the

Jamaica Medical Mission

20 CHEFS are needed that will prepare enough food of
ONE ITEM, (2-4 OUNCES, A SAMPLING)
for 100 people to taste.

St. James' members, guests and community are invited.
Tickets on sale Sundays and in the office in September.

*Please contact Sharon McCabe,
352-267-8188, Shebylou@aol.com
if you are interested in BEING A CHEF
or donating a Raffle Item*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 3:00 Grief Support Group	2	3
4 11th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	5 7:00 Ukulele Lessons 6:30 Stephen Ministtry	6:00-8:00 Alpha	7 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy	8 9:00 Crafting 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	9	10
11 12th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	12	13 6:00-8:00 Alpha	14 12:00 Coffee & Philos. 2:00 DOK 4:00 Youth Choir 5:00 Finance Mtg	15 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:00 Vestry	16	17
18 13th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	19 7:00 Ukulele Lessons	20 9:00 Crafting 6:00-8:00 Alpha	21 9:00 Monthly Food Drop 12:00 Coffee & Philos. 4:00 Youth Choir 7:00 Adult Choir	22 10:00 Healing & Anointings Service	23	24 ECW Retreat: "Leading in Love"
25 14th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	26	27 10:00 ECW Board Mtg 6:00-8:00 Alpha	28 12:00 Coffee & Philos. 4:00 Youth Choir 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Adult Choir	29 10:00 Healing & Anointings Service	30	31 