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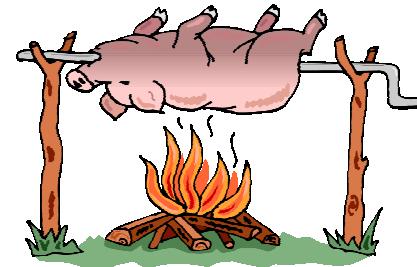
ST. JAMES MESSENGER



NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

The 133rd Annual Parish Meeting at St. James was held on **Wednesday, January 22nd, at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall.** At that time, the following new Vestry members were nominated and accepted: **Marc Crouch, Kathy Davidson, Bob Tindall, and Patti Wolf.** We would like to thank our outgoing vestry members, Nathan Battle, Claire Brooks, Danny Delgado, and Drew Logan for their service and dedication to St. James.

Also at our meeting, Bruce Saylor was selected again to be our Senior Warden, and Steve Merrill was elected as Junior Warden.



ANNUAL FAMILY PIG ROAST

Mark your calendars: The Annual Family Pig Roast will take place on **Sunday February 9th at 1:00PM.** It will be held at: the home of **Dan and Iris Robuck (9341 Silver Lake Drive, Leesburg).**

Meat and drinks, will be provided. We ask you to bring a side dish or a dessert as follows: if your last name begins with A-J, bring Vegetables; K-J, bring Starches; and T-Z, bring desserts.

Many thanks to the Robuck's for hosting us
See you there!!

FEBRUARY 2020

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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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

Tenebrae: The Passion of Dietrich Bonhoefer



Tenebrae: The Passion of Dietrich Bonhoefer, is an artistic performance combining the story with musical composition, about a Lutheran minister in Germany who protested the actions of Adolf Hitler whose leadership involved invasion of the rights of people, and, in particular, the destruction of all Jews.

Mark your calendar for **March 3rd at 6:30PM** when, a video presentation will be offered for your viewing in the Parish Hall, to share a stirring story of one person’s dedication to his values and the courage to stick to them no matter what the consequences. The video will start at 7 pm, but you’ll want to come at 6:30 for coffee and a chance to meet the composer of this production, Hugh McElyea, and learn about his impetus to write this incredibly moving story. Some of you may know Hugh, who has been a lifetime resident of Leesburg and was a student in Leesburg schools.

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.



WHAT’S COMING UP!!

February 4	10:00 am	ECW Monthly Meeting
February 6	12:00 pm	Men’s Bible Study Begins
February 7	7:30 am	Men’s Prayer Breakfast
February 7	11:00 am	Holiday Luncheon
February 9	1:00 pm	Annual Pig Roast
February 10	7:00 pm	Choral Festival at Morrison
February 12	2:00 pm	Daughters of the King
February 12	5:00 pm	Valentine’s Youth Event
February 25	6:00 pm	Pancake Supper
February 26	7:30 am, 12:00 & 6:00 pm	Ash Wednesday
February 28	5:30 pm	Stations of the Cross begins
March 3	6:30 pm	“Tenebrae” Presentation

VALENTINE'S YOUTH EVENT

Our youth leaders are planning a very special St. James Singing Telegram Marathon for our Seniors who don't have a sweetheart to sing to them this February! We want them to know they are dearly loved by our church. The practice will be on **Sunday, February 9th**, at 9:00 a.m., and our songs will be delivered between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 12th!**



If you know a senior who should be on our list,
call Kathleen at 337-241-3434.

If you would like to sing with us, call Beth at 352-702-2062.

LAST SUPPER PLANNING MEETING

On Monday evening, **February 3rd**, there will be an organizational meeting held in the Chapel, in preparation for "The Last Supper." The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsals will begin on March 2nd for the performance on Maundy Thursday

IN MEMORIAM

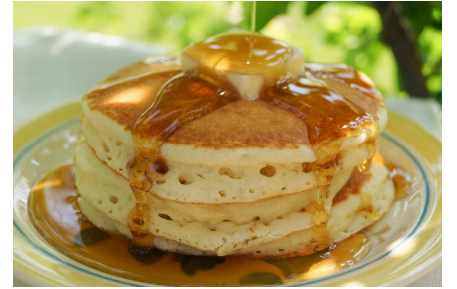
We offer our condolences to the family and loved ones of **B. Murray Tucker, Jr.** who passed away on January 20th. Murray's funeral will take place at St. James on Saturday, February 8th, at 11:00 a.m.

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

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH AT
6:00pm
in the Parish Hall**

**Regular or Gluten Free
Join us in our final celebration
before Lent!**



HOLIDAY TABLE LUNCHEON

The Holiday Table Luncheon will take place on **Friday, February 7, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.** This luncheon will showcase our hostesses' favorite holiday (Thanksgiving, Valentine's Day, Halloween, etc). Tickets for this event are \$25.00.

If you would like further information or purchase a ticket, please contact Jody Stokes at 352-326-2307

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The men of St. James meet for breakfast and a time of prayer on the first Friday of each month, from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. Our next meeting will be held on **Friday, February 7th** in the Parish Hall. We are going through a series of videos on the first 11 Chapters in Genesis by a web site called "**Inspiring Philosophy.**"

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Beginning **Thursday, February 6th**, we will be having a Men's Bible Study each Thursday from 12:00-1:00pm in the Parish Hall. The first study will be on "The Book of James."

ECW MONTHLY UPDATE

The next monthly meeting of the St. James Episcopal Church Women will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. The scheduled program is on The Art of Floral Arranging and the History of Peddler's Wagon, presented by Kevin Jenness.

Chapter Meetings—February 18, 2020

The next monthly chapter meetings take place on Tuesday, February 18th. Three chapters meet at 10:00 a.m.: St. Ann's (Hosted by Herma Mowatt, 27326 Falcon Feather Way, Leesburg, in Legacy) .St. Francis' (Hosted by Kathy Davidson, 4849 Sable Ridge Ct., Leesburg, In Plantation) and St. Mary's Hosted by K.C. Docie and Marilyn DuBrul, 25335 Hibiscus St., Leesburg, in Plantation) The St. Cecilia's chapter meets at 7:00 p.m. (Hosted by Katie Mann, Meg Bremer and Rita Clements, 712 Newell Hill Rd., Leesburg). The ECW is open to all the women of St. James. If you would like to attend, please contact any of the chapter hostesses, or ECW president **Becky Binneveld**.



Daughters of the King meet the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00PM.

On **February 12th** Daughters of the King will have a program about Evangelism . If you have ever wondered about what Evangelism entails, come hear Father Tom tell us how we too can become an Evangelist. DOK will meet at 2:00 in the Parish Hall, Wednesday the 12th. Refreshments will be served, please join us.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. JAMES SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM

Our Sunday School for children and adults will resume Sunday, January 12th. Beth Williams will meet with children grades K-8 in the St. Nicholas House. Fr. Tom will resume his class in the Parish Hall. We will cover the **Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion**. These make up the classic Anglican formulation of faith that is both reformed and Catholic. What do they say? Come and find out!



MUSIC MUSINGS February 2020

**Crescendo Choral Festival
Monday, February 10, 2020**

7:00 p.m.

Morrison United Methodist Church

St. James Choir will again participate in this festival, along with other local church and community choirs. It is a wonderful evening of diverse musical offerings, and we hope you will join us! Tickets are required, but are free and available in the St. James Church Office.



Alpha at St James

An Invitation to Explore the Meaning of Life

Alpha began on January 9th and will be running until March 26th. It is not too late to join in. Alpha is an introduction to the Christian faith specifically geared toward those who don't come to church. Each weekly meeting provides opportunity for anyone to ask questions in a non-threatening environment. Some topics include "Who is Jesus?", "Why Did Jesus Die?", "How Can I Have Faith?", "Why and How Should I Read the Bible?", "Who is the Holy Spirit?" and "Does God Heal Today?"

For more information, contact Doug Ames at 315-404-2311, or Dorry Curran at 949-633-8471.

Millions of people have been reached around the world with the gospel through Alpha. This will provide an excellent opportunity to reach out to a friend who does not yet have faith—and to strengthen your own!



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| 1 Londa Gray | 13 Carolyn Hoth |
| 2 James Breeden | Joel Trees |
| Ed Ostrowski | 17 Ann Snyder |
| 4 Linda Hintze | 19 James Parker |
| Elaine Samson | Linley Van Beek |
| 5 Charles Stephens | 20 Margaret Green-Witt |
| 6 Seth Peter Trees | Lolita Sergio |
| Meghan Young | 22 Dot Gustafson |
| 7 Jan Tindall | Doug Pens |
| Katie Van Beek | Bobbe Lunsford |
| 8 Mark Palmer | 23 Susan Cyrus |
| 9 Ronald Luth | 25 Fran Deems |
| Ferrell Young | Ron Parsons |
| 10 Cori Padgett Macdonald | 26 Nancy Moran |
| 11 Margaret Bolton | 27 Avery Brooks |
| 12 Trey Waddell | 29 Sue Roeglin |
| Elwood Baxter | |
| Bill Tweedle | |
| Tess Neumann | |
| Charmaine Tenwinkel | |
| Lisa James | |
| Ross Hackney | |



February Anniversaries

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| 6 William & Lisa James | 27 Ron & Bev Parsons |
| 12 Dan & Nancy Austin | 28 Robert & Amy Bowersox |
| 15 James & Susan Soltysiak | |

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not mentioned, please call the office at 352-787-1981 so we can be sure to have it on file.

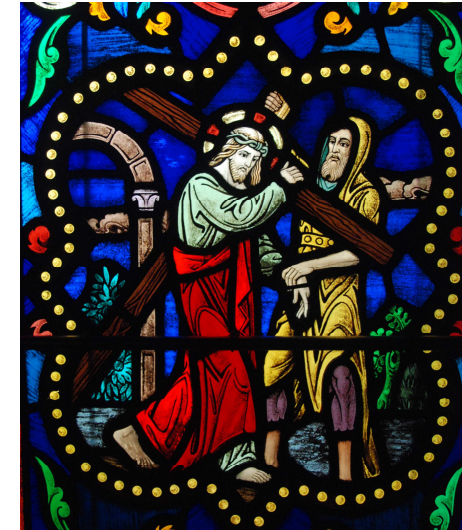
A Holy Lent

"I invite you, therefor, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial, and by reading and meditating on God's Word"

Lent begins this year on

Ash Wednesday, February 26th

With services for the Imposition of Ashes in the church at
7:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent, *Stations of the Cross* will be celebrated every Friday night **beginning on February 28th, at 5:30PM in the church.** This will be a lay- led service, using the *Stations* that currently hang on the side walls in the church. Come join us for this meaningful way to recall the final hours of Jesus. For further information contact Fr. Trees or Bob or Jan Tindall.



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2 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	3 6:30 Stephen Ministry 6:30 “Last Supper” Meeting	4 9:00 ECW Board Mtg 10:00 ECW Gen’l Mtg	5 2:00 DOK Board Meeting 4:45 Jubilate 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	6 10:00 Eucharist 12:00 Men’s Bible Study 6:00 Alpha	7 7:30 Men’s Prayer Breakfast 11:00 Holiday Luncheon	8
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