

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

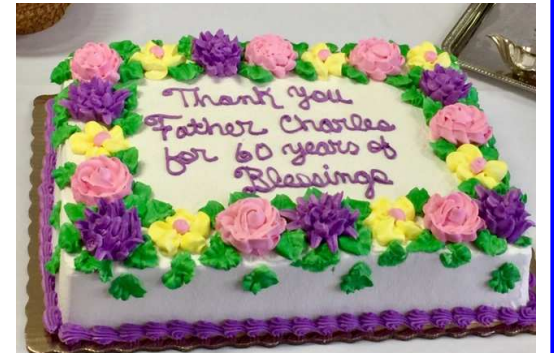
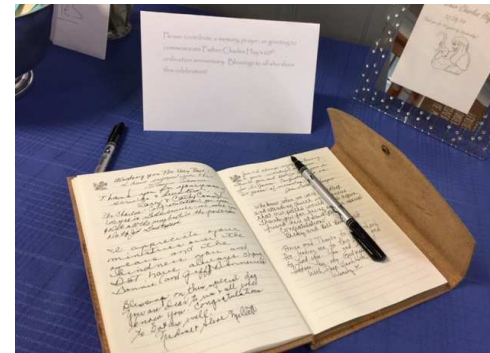


60 YEARS AND COUNTING!

Congratulations to Fr. Charles Hay, who celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Saturday, December 28th! A special reception for Fr. Charles was held in the Parish Hall to thank him for his ministry, with plenty of food, family, and friends to celebrate with.

After his ordination in 1959, Fr. Charles served as rector of St. Edwards in Mt. Dora. At this time he met Dot Herlong, a Leesburg native. He and Dot were married at St. James in 1964. After serving in other churches in Florida and Georgia, Fr. Charles and Dot returned to St. James 20 years ago, where they have been serving ever since. They continue to be an ongoing model of faithfulness and Christlikeness.

As part of his celebration, Fr. Charles preached at both services on Sunday, December 29th. Thank you, Fr. Charles!



JANUARY 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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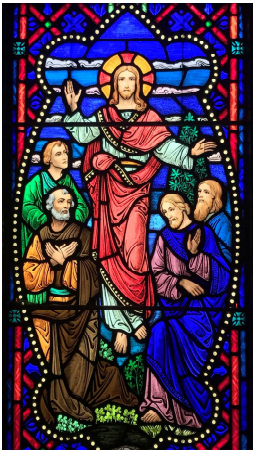
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CHURCH VESTRY & STAFF

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
Verger: Horace Harper
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: Nathan Battle, Bonnie Binneveld, Ted Bowersox, Claire Brooks, Kristen Daley, Danny Delgado, Drew Logan (Junior Warden), Steve Merrill, Bruce Saylor (Senior Warden), Dick Singletary, Joanie Smalley, Steve Treiber



*My gifts
My prayers
My pledge*

2020

A special Thank You to all of you who have made a financial commitment to St. James for 2020. We are excited to see what the Lord does as we see to grow more Christlike, taking steps to walk as Jesus walked. If you have not yet made your pledge for 2020 and would like to do so, cards are available in the back of the church or in the church office.

HOLIDAY TABLE LUNCHEON

The Holiday Table Luncheon and Fashion Show will take place on Friday, February 7, 2020. We are in need of 2 more hostesses to host and decorate a table showcasing your favorite holiday (Thanksgiving, Valentine’s Day, Halloween, etc). If you have some special holiday tableware that you would like to share, this event offers a great opportunity to do so. We are also in need of 6 volunteers (size 6 to 1X) to model an array of clothing from a local retailer. If you are interested in hosting or modeling, please call Jody Stokes at 352-326-2307.

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!!

January 3rd	7:30 am	Men’s Prayer Breakfast
January 7th	10:00 am	ECW Monthly Meeting
January 9th	6:00 pm	Alpha Course Begins
January 22nd	6:00 pm	Annual Parish Meeting
January 24th-25th		Annual Diocesan Convention in Winter Haven
January 25-February 1		Jamaica Medical Mission
February 9	1:00pm	Annual Family Pig Roast



The Daughters of the King will begin the new Year, 2020, with a series of three programs on Evangelism. The first in the series to speak will be Nancy Boyer, a member of St. James, and a prolific devotional writer. ***Life and Works of St. Paul*** is a book she wrote after the trip her and Fr. Boyer took this past year. Many of Nancy's photographs of Greece are included in this book. You are invited to join us, **Wednesday, January 8th at 2:00pm in the Parish Hall.** Kay Oestreich (352-326-2913) has several extra books, or borrow a book from a Daughter to prepare for an exciting afternoon.



The 30th Jamaica Medical Mission will take place from January 25th-February 1st, at St. Mary's Anglican Church in Port Maria. More than 50 people, including several members of St. James, will be attending. The mission team will schedule a date on a Sunday morning to report on the trip after their return.

We pray to you, Lord, for the upcoming Jamaica Medical Mission. Guide and protect them with safe travel and good health. Make them effective and fruitful in sharing the love of Christ with those in need. Amen.



Alpha at St James

An Invitation to Explore the Meaning of Life

Starting **Thursday, January 9th**, and running until March 26th, we will be hosting the Alpha Course. 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 about the Christian faith 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?"

A number of people expressed interest in Alpha at the Ministry Fair. We will have a planning meeting soon for those wanting to be involved in leading small groups or bringing meals. For more information, contact Doug Ames at 315-404-2311.

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 you own!

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, January 3rd** 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."

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!

ECW MONTHLY UPDATE

The next monthly meeting of the St. James Episcopal Church Women will be held on **Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.** The scheduled program is “**LIFE Programs for Widows/ Widowers**” presented by Rick Reed.

Chapter Meetings—January 21, 2020

The next monthly chapter meetings take place on Tuesday, January 21st. Three chapters meet at 10:00 a.m.: St. Ann’s (Hosted by Debi MacIntyre (6604 Borg St., Leesburg in Highland Lakes); St. Francis’ (Hosted by Doss Hermann (2962 Cedar Grove, The Villages); and St. Mary’s Linda Merrill (24138 Peekskill St., Leesburg in the Plantation). The St. Celilia’s chapter meets at 7:00 p.m. Hosted by Susan Cyrus and Dianna O’Kelley (1652 Loves Point Drive, 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** .

BAZAAR SPENDING 2019-2020

ST JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN			
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PROCEEDS FROM BAZAAR 2019			
	Ck for Doug Ames	100	20722.60
	Ck for LHS 9th Grade	100	
	proposed budget 2020-21	11500.00	20522.60
			9022.60
WORLD			
	St James Jamaica Medical Mission	100.00	
	EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT	1000.00	
COMMUNITY			
	SAMARITAN INN/CHRISTIAN CARE CENTER	600.00	
	LAKE & SUMTER CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER	600.00	
	SUNRISE ARC	600.00	
	LIFE STREAM	400.00	
	LAKE & SUMTER DEAF & HEARING	300.00	
	HAVEN OF LAKE AND SUMTER COUNTIES	400.00	
	BOYS & GIRLS CLUB	500.00	
	NEW VISION	300.00	
	LEESBURG FOOD BANK	500.00	
	SALVATION ARMY	600.00	
	NORTH LAKE PRESBYTERIAN/OPERATION HOMEBOUND	600.00	
	RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF CENTRAL FL	400.00	
	LAKE COUNTY SCHOOL SOCIAL SERVICES	700.00	
	BOGGY CREEK	200.00	
	FORWARD PATHS FOUNDATION	500.00	
	CORNERSTONE HOSPICE	400.00	
	JOINING HANDS AND FOOD MINISTRY	300.00	
	Total gifts	9000.00	
TOTAL :	Note* Four Walmart \$10.00 Gift cards for Girls and Boys Club	40	
	Budget for 2020-21	11500	
		20500.00	
	Balance to be included in spring spending	22.6	



MUSIC MUSINGS January 2020

While looking ahead to all that God has for us in the new year I would be remiss if I didn’t take a moment to gratefully acknowledge the many ways God has blessed this past year! Both weekly worship and seasonal celebrations have been enhanced by the musical contributions of so many of our talented parishioners. Special thanks to all who made our Advent and Christmas events extra special:

St. James Choir – Exceptional musical leadership each Sunday, and then 30 strong for Christmas as we presented, “The Word Was God.”

Jubilate – Beautiful singing every week, plus joining the adults for “The Word Was God,” AND presenting your own musical, “Children Get Ready to Go and Tell It.”

Instrumentalists – Musicians with talents galore supported worship, and brought some lovely music to our pre-Christmas Eve celebrations.



Ensembles – Men’s and Women’s ensembles alike brought an extra measure of joy to our musical offerings this season.

What a joy to be able to serve with these musicians at St. James!

As we prepare to ring in a new year of worship, outreach, and service, I hope you will consider contributing your own talents to the Music Ministry. Here are some ideas for you:

Adult and Children’s choirs will resume on Wednesday, January 8. Jubilate (children) rehearse at 4:45 in the St. Nicholas House, and the adults rehearse at 7 p.m. in the Chapel.

Instrumental ensemble will begin again on Wednesday, January 15. If you play a band or orchestral instrument (or used to!) please join us for the merriment and music-making. We rehearse at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Call if you need additional information, and I pray that you will be blessed in 2020!

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1 Elizabeth Graham
 3 Pat Strohl
 4 Laura Braun
 5 Jamey Binneveld
 Jeanne Menichino
 5 Michelle Drawdy
 Kay Oestreich
 7 Holly Stokes
 9 Steve Treiber
 10 Cameron Reid
 11 Steve Boney
 Iris Robuck
 13 Carl Ferguson
 14 Virginia Caccamise
 Linda Tucker
 15 Mary Hooper
 Cile Oldham
 Elijah Trees
 Bob Braun
 18 Brenda Carter
 Marc Crouch
 James Angelos
 Stuart Mowatt

18 Michael Gray
 Mary Grizzard
 20 Connie Heroy
 21 Dianna O'Kelley
 22 Evy Pauling
 23 Florence Deeley
 Jim Mitchell
 John Oldham
 Shelly Logan
 24 Barbara Logan
 26 Carole Fischer
 Joanie Smalley
 Ryan Oldham
 27 Debi MacIntyre
 28 Ronnie Young
 29 Austin Breeden
 30 Keneta Gaillardet
 Sue Greenwood
 Sharon McCabe
 31 Joe Branham
 Jack Jones
 Ansley Gray
 Thomas Grizzard



12 Ray & Anne Ozanne
 14 Bob & Susan Cyrus
 Terry & Sheila Starr
 20 Larry & Paula O'Connor

25 Horace & Patti Harper
 27 Ronnie & Nancy Young
 29 John & Lelani Travers

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Please mark your calendars for the **133rd Annual Parish Meeting** which will take place on **Wednesday, January 22nd at 6:00PM** in the Parish Hall. We will begin with a Pot Luck Supper followed by the meeting. Join us as we review key events from 2019, confirm our budget, and look forward to what God has in store for us in 2020.

We will also select four new members for our vestry. The nomination committee consists of our outgoing members: **Nathan Battle, Claire Brooks, Danny Delgado, Drew Logan**. Please contact any member of the committee or Fr. Trees if you have someone you would like to nominate.

IN MEMORIAM

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and loved ones of **Georgianna Morris**, who passed away on Tuesday, December 17th. A member of St. James since 1947, and resident parish historian, Georgianna's life and legacy will be irreplaceable. Her funeral was held at St. James on Friday, December 27th, where she was interred in the Memorial Garden.

*Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord,
 May light perpetual shine upon her.
 May her soul and the souls of all the departed,
 Through the mercy of God,
 Rest in peace.*

MEMORIAL GARDEN CROSS

Many thanks to our parishioner, Marc Crouch, for taking the time to repaint and refurbish the cross in our Memorial Garden! This cross is one of the defining images of our church and its grounds, and highlights our faith in our risen Lord's victory over the grave.

*We thank you, Lord, and we bless you,
 For by your holy cross
 you have redeemed the world.*





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist 2:00 MAYS Rehearsals resume	6 6:30 Stephen Ministry	7 9:00 ECW Board Mtg 10:00 ECW Gen'l Mtg	8 4:45 Jubilate 7:00 St. James Choir	9 10:00 Eucharist 6:00 ALPHA	10	11
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