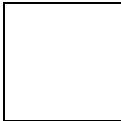


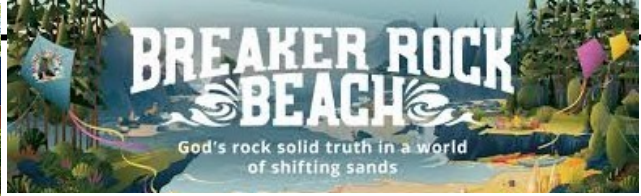
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St. James seeks to be a community that grows more Christlike, expressing the love of Jesus Christ in our worship, our outreach, and our commitment to discipleship.

ST. JAMES MESSENGER

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024



"Breaker Rock Beach" VBS was a wonderful success! St James was blessed to host 30 students from preschool thru upcoming 6th graders for 5 nights of fun and learning. Our theme of "God's Truth Never Changes" really resonated with the kids as we explored the difference between some things the world tells us are true and what God tells us is REALLY true! They learned a lot and had a great time. We were also blessed to have over 30 volunteers working to make it all happen with decorations, food prep, Bible lessons, games, crafts, and just being around to help encourage and make sure everything ran smoothly.

We wrapped things up with a well-attended family celebration day the following Sunday. Families enjoyed lunch in the Parish Hall. The VERY big water slide was a popular way for the kids to play and cool off!

God is doing exciting things with our youth. It would not be possible without the many hands willing to give their time and talents as an investment in our young people. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers. May the seeds we've planted continue to grow with God's help!



JULY 2024

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Sunday services are livestreamed at 10:15 AM:
Go to YouTube and type “**Leesburg Stjames**” or
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CHURCH VESTRY & STAFF

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

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



The “**Welcome**” component of our Invite Welcome Connect ministry is all about Hospitality. All of us can take part in it!

Invite • Welcome • Connect

Most of us appreciate the efforts of a host to make us feel welcomed in their home.

Here’s what you can do to help make our guests at St James feel “at home.”

- Become a greeter
Ushers, become greeters if no greeters are available.
- If you see a person with a guest name tag sitting near you, go out of your way to make them feel welcomed.
- If you don’t recognize someone, introduce yourself (They may be new and came in the side door and were missed by the greeters, or maybe it is not their first week at St James but they are newbies).
- Invite them to coffee and snacks in the parish hall after the service.
- Introduce them to others.

We want them going home with a warm fuzzy feeling about life at St James. You may be the one that makes that happen.

LIBRARY CORNER—Margaret Branham

Marilynne Robinson, a new author for me, was glowingly reviewed recently in my favorite magazine, The New Yorker; she is revered at age 76 as a philosopher through both her fiction and non-fiction. She has received a Pulitzer Prize and other literary accolades. Her favorite random comment is “you know”, but Robinson, who is a beloved teacher of writing, recently retired, goes further to say, “there is a lot we do not already know, but no limit to what we could learn, and no reason to underestimate one another in doing so”.

This declaration has made me eager to read her novels: “Housekeeping”, “Gilead”, “Lila”, “Jack”. I will start this summer, with thanks to Fr. Trees for recommending her books, which will be made available to you, dear readers, on the Parish Hall book truck by the end of June. There will be other ‘best reading’ experiences waiting for you to discover in the Parish Library, Room 6, open on Thursday mornings all summer. Bless you all, Margaret Branham

St. James Prayer List

Call the Church Office (352)787-1981 with additions/deletions

LONG TERM

Judy Cable
Dottie Elliot and family
Charles Stephens
Jim Mitchell
Doug Springmann
Paul Smigel
Fr. Bill Boyer
Larry Bonofiglio
Mabel Burns
Pratt Carter
Shirley Long
Haley Williams
Brian Tuttle
Bill Jones
Baby Violet
Marcus Outzen

Van Galyon
Helen Williams
Fr. Charles Hay
Curt Oestreich
Brandon Morrison

SHORT TERM

Jack LaVoie
Bubba Robinson
Pat Schaefer
Monika Bonner
Keneta Gaillardet
Rob Yeager
Becky Mitchell
Linda Grizzard
Nathan Battle
Julita Velton

IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences to the family and loved ones of **Mary Frances Block**, who passed away on June 25th, 2024. Mary Frances’ funeral will take place at St. James on **Saturday, July 27th, at 11:00 AM.**

*Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;
May her soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God,
Rest in peace. Amen.*

GRIEF SUPPORT

The Grief Support Gathering will meet **Thursday, July 11th, 2024, at 3:00 PM at the Coffee Snob** (1101-1 W. North Blvd, Leesburg). The topic will be, “Reasons Why the Second Year of Grief Might Be Harder than the First”. Want to find out more? Contact Susan Cyrus at (352) 636-8969

WELCOME VICTORIA MYMUDES!



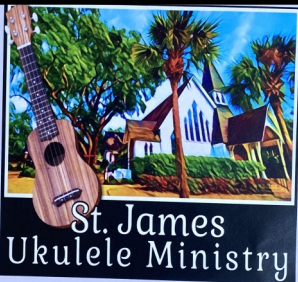
We are delighted to have Victoria Mymudes, a member of St. James for the past seven years, joining our staff full time. Victoria will be learning to take on both the secretarial and financial responsibilities Pat Schaefer has held for the past ten years. We continue to pray for Pat as she recovers from surgery on her broken elbow, and prepares for her retirement in September.

ST. JAMES MEMBERSHIP FORMS

The Membership Committee is in the process of updating our membership rolls for St. James. On July 7th, we will have new Membership Forms inserted in the Sunday bulletins. We are asking everyone who is currently a member, or who wishes to be considered a member, to fill the forms out. We will keep the forms on the back table after that for anyone to fill out. They may be included in the offertory plate during the service, placed in the church replica in the back, or brought to the church office. We will also mail out forms for those members unable to attend on Sundays.

FR. TREES ON VACATION

Father Tom and his family will be away for the first three Sundays in July, both for vacation and Continuing Education at Nashotah House seminary. Deacon Art and Fr. Bill Boyer will preside over the services for those Sundays. Sebastiana Springmann will preach on July 7th and 14th. Deacon Art will preach on July 21st (celebrating St. James’ Day). Thank you Deacon Art, Fr. Bill, and Sebastiana!



UKULELE LESSONS CONTINUE!

The Ukulele Ministry will continue to meet over the summer, every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. Our next meetings are on July 8th, and 22nd. There is always room for more. Bring a Ukulele and join the fun!

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)



SAVE THE DATE!
Leading In Love
1 Corinthians 13



WHAT: "Leading In Love" is a dedicated retreat day of fellowship. We will break bread together, enjoy a special featured speaker, have time for individual prayer and reflection, share ideas in small group discussions, and worship God as one chorus of beautiful individual voices.

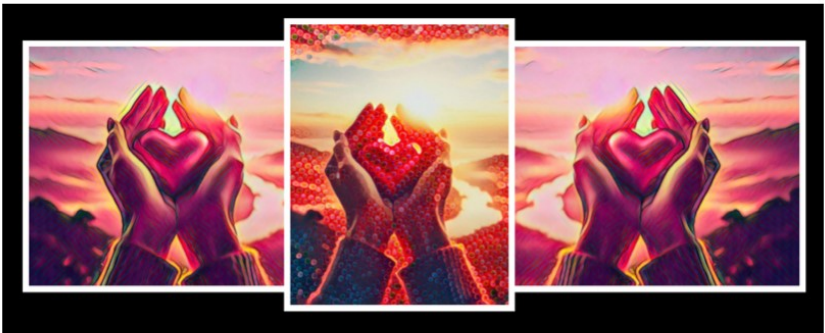
WHO: As disciples of Christ, we are all called to be leaders. This event is for the Episcopal Churchwomen Board, those ladies interested in serving ECW in leadership in the future, and for any woman who would like the chance to grow together with sisters in Christ.

WHEN: Saturday, August 24, 2024

WHERE: St. James Parish Hall at 204 N. Lee St., Leesburg, FL 34748

WHY: 2 Peter 3:18 says "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Our day of "Leading In Love" will grow our grace and knowledge in fellowship with one another.

NEXT STEPS: Stay tuned for more information about the day's activities and how to register.



OPERATION HOMEBOUND

Operation Homebound is a mealtime ministry that volunteers from St. James support. It's a daily meal delivery program available to those who are not able to prepare meals for themselves. They do not have to be homebound or disabled. They can be someone that lives alone and can't cook for themselves or finds it difficult getting out and about shopping for their meals.

If you know of someone who would benefit from this program – perhaps a neighbor or a friend or even a family member – and they live in the immediate area of Leesburg or Fruitland Park, please share this information!

For additional information or to register, they should call
352.689.1075 – North Lake Presbyterian Church

Operation Homebound provides one meal (per person) per day, Monday through Friday – including holidays. There is a cost involved, but it is minimal. Also, scholarships are available for those that need financial assistance. To participate in this ministry as a volunteer, please reach out to Ann Kupferberg at 301.305.7093 or Debi MacIntyre at 352.408.2009.

Thank you for your support!

A NEW GIFT SHOP
AWNING!



We have a new look to the front of our Gift Shop! An awning was recently installed to protect the front doors from moisture damage due to rain. The look matches the overhang of the side door to the church.



Many thanks to Drew Logan, or Junior Warden, for overseeing this project in a timely manner, and to our ECW for making a generous contribution toward its completion.



Birthdays

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| 1 Eunice Mattear | 16 Kurt Cessna |
| Nancy Russell | Sandra Bryant |
| Morgan & Riley Raczkowski | 17 James Christian |
| 4 Harold Jackson | Peggy Steeves |
| Peggy Bryson | Timothy Knowles |
| 5 Ann Ozanne | Julitta Velton |
| 6 Isaac Trees | 18 Leslie Bennett |
| 7 Robin Rebusmen | Bill Binneveld |
| 8 Jeff Engel | 19 Kristen Daley |
| Cheryl Nann | 23 Michael Huey |
| Rob Bowersox | 24 Wylie Hill |
| 9 Makenna Grizzard | 25 Donna Tweedle |
| 10 Dottie Elliott | 26 Winnie Tucker |
| Grady Logan | 28 Kara Pearson |
| 11 Linda Oldham | Marti Doty |
| 13 Valerie Abbott | 29 Kevin Braun |
| Steve Merrill | 30 Marvin Naylor |
| Susan Battle | Jason Booth |
| 14 Mandy Tweedle | 31 Sandi Nolan |



Anniversaries

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| 1 Jeff & Bonnie Binneveld | 20 James & Jean Christian |
| 2 James & Nancy Moran | 22 Bill & Chris Leware |
| 3 & Susan Hughes | 25 Bill & Donna Tweedle |
| 4 James & Patricia Parker | 27 Gordon & Sue Roeglin |
| B. Murray & Linda Tucker | 28 Jim & JoAnn Statts |
| 5 Jason & Joanie Smalley | 29 Bill & Becky Binneveld |
| 7 Bert & Karen Sofield | Gary & Mary Lynne Gentzle |
| 10 Wesley & Diane Brannon | 31 Bill & Robin Cauthen |
| 11 Charles & Betty Stephens | Bob & Rita Clements |
| 12 Bruce & Debbie Saylor | |



Be Our Guest- In 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!



2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy	4 10:00 Holy Eucharist (Independence Day)	5	6
7 7th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist Sebastian Springmann, Preaching	8 7:00 Ukulele Ministry	9	10 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy	11 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	12	13
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21 St. James' Day 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist Deacon Art Hollows, Preaching	22 7:00 Ukulele Ministry	23	24 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy	25 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	26	27 Mary Frances Block Memorial
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