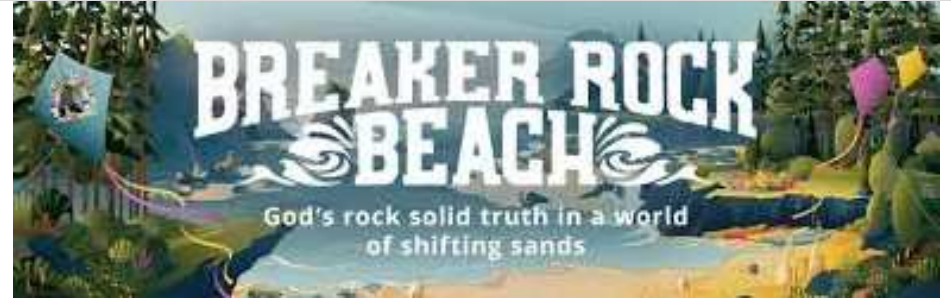


St. James seeks to be a community that grows more Christlike, expressing the love of Jesus Christ in our worship, our outreach, and our commitment to discipleship.

## ST. JAMES MESSENGER



Vacation Bible School is almost here!

**June 17-21, 6:00-8:30pm**

In a world full of change, it is sometimes hard to tell what is true. We can always hold on to God because HIS truth NEVER changes!

All **early Pre-K thru 5th grade** students are invited to join us for a week of games, music, crafts, food and fun as we explore "Breaker Rock Beach!" Invite a friend or neighbor!

**Registration is open** on the church website, and paper copies will be available between services on Sundays. We always welcome walk-up guests, but an early head count will help ensure we have enough food and craft supplies.

~NEW THIS YEAR~

We will wrap up the week by hosting a celebratory **Family Day** on **Sunday, June 23rd from noon to 3pm**. This will included water slides, games, food and drinks.

All parishioners are welcome to attend and see what the kids have been learning about at "Breaker Rock Beach!"

**JUNE 2024**

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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**

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

**LONG TERM**

Judy Cable  
Dottie Elliott & Family  
Charles Stephens  
Jim Mitchell  
Doug Springmann  
Paul Smigel  
Fr. Bill Boyer  
Larry Bonofiglio  
Mabel Burns  
Kathryn Knight  
Pratt Carter  
Shirley Long  
Haley Williams  
Brian Tuttle

**SHORT TERM**

Bill Jones  
Janet Davis  
Baby Violet  
Marcus Outzen  
Van Galyon

Fr. Charles Hay  
Curt Oestreich  
Mary Frances Block  
Stephanie Engel

### IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences to the family and loved ones of **Betty Luther**, a long-time parishioner of St. James, who passed away on May 21st. Betty’s memorial service will take place on Saturday, June 8th, at 11:00 AM

### 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](mailto: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 **June 6th.**  
“What Did Our Loved Ones Teach Us”  
Coffee Snob - 1101 North Blvd. W, Ste. #1 Leesburg  
Want to find out more? Contact Susan Cyrus at (352) 636-8969

### LIBRARY CORNER

Allow me to start the summer season by suggesting a few books available on the Parish House youth book truck (top shelf), which are dedicated to our YOUTH- GROUP READERS. I'm hoping in the busy summer months you will have the opportunity to read these special titles:

- “A Little God time for Teens”,
- “Bible Promises for Life for Teens”,
- “Devoted, a Girl’s Guide to Good Living with a Great God”,
- “My Faith, My Life, a Teen’s Guide to the Episcopal Church”,

And, if you have never read any of C.S. Lewis’s Narnia stories, I believe all would enjoy reading at least “ The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe”.

Happy summer! Let me know, young people, if you read one or more of the titles listed here. [There is a reward for doing so.] Margaret Branham, Parish Librarian, 352-787-5893

### INVITE-WELCOME-CONNECT UPDATE



The “Invite” component of Invite Welcome Connect is all about Evangelism. Most of us appreciate the passive efforts afforded us. Here are your current options to passively invite folks to join us at God’s table.

1. **Our IWC business card.** Always keep 2-3 on you in case opportunity arises.
2. **Car decals.** Be proud of being a member of St James. Put the decal on to show that. Decals are always available at the back of the church and/or in the narthex.
3. **Shirts.** Don’t have your St James polo and/or tee-shirt yet? Order forms are on the table at the back of the church. We can order at any time, so put your order in.

### 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](mailto:frtrees@stjames-leesburg.org).

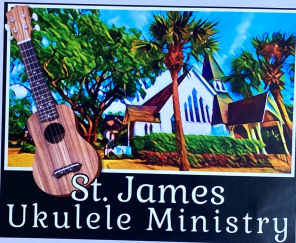
### CONNECT ORIENTATION SERIES

The next presentation of the Connect Orientation Series will start on **June 9th, at 9:15 AM in the Parish Hall.** These sessions are designed to present information about several aspects of worshiping at St. James, and they are open to everyone -- "newcomers" and "old-timers" alike. No registration is necessary. Our Series Schedule is listed below:

- June 9th: The History of St. James
- June 16th: "Why We Do What We Do" -- Understanding the Service at St. James
- June 23rd: Ministry and Mission at St. James

### FINANCIAL UPDATE MEETING

Throughout the year we hold meetings to present a summary overview of our parish finances. Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, June 2nd, at 9:15 AM in the Parish Hall.** We will have materials available. Anyone who is interested or has questions is invited to attend.



### 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. There is always room for more. Bring a Ukulele and join the fun!

### MEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month Men’s Prayer Group will not meet in June, July and August. We will re-convene the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in September. Have a wonderful, Blessed Summer, Ted Kermode

### THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Jeff Brooke-Stewart’s Bible study is taking a break through the summer after their meeting on May 30th. They will restart the Book of Acts in September, continuing through, verse-by-verse.

## ECW UPDATE

May was an eventful month for ECW beginning with our Spring Covered Dish Luncheon on May 7, which was attended by a record number of ladies, including four new ECW members. The entertainment was provided by St. James Ukulele Ministry, which is led by Ralph Lambert and Birdy Connolly. The audience appreciated this enthusiastic group of musicians as well as the opportunity to participate in a “vigorous” Sing A Long.

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Mother’s Day, our annual Butterfly Release attracted a large crowd. We were blessed with good weather, a charming choral presentation by St. James Jubilate Choir and the inspiring visual effect of the colorful Painted Lady Butterflies flying over the church.

On May 19<sup>th</sup> our newly installed officers were introduced to the congregation following a Blessing by Father Tom.

**From your ECW President :** May concluded a truly productive and inspiring year. Your generosity, hard work, and dedication to the outreach of St. James to our community and beyond, were richly blessed. The influence of the giving of your time, treasure and talent, had real effects on the following (I name just a few):

- The unsheltered who are living among us and those making a new life after homelessness.
- Foster children making a start in young adulthood
- Women and girls experiencing abuse and those escaping and recovering from sex trafficking
- Families of hospitalized young ones
- Our neighbors experiencing hunger
- Young ones needing a lift within their financially challenged families

You all worked to support organizations serving these and others to the tune of over \$23,000.

Thanks to Becky for her leadership in fundraising for charitable giving and to you for your vital work and support. A special thanks to Bob Tindall for his leadership of a very successful auction night that significantly boosted our ability to give. Together, we worked to change lives for the better. It has been a great year of good work, warm fellowship, fun and growth. Thank you! May God continue to bless your compassionate and faithful Spirit in the coming year and keep you safe until we meet again!

The peace of Christ be with you,  
Sherry Lash

### Ronald McDonald House

Members of St. James are well aware of the ECW’s project, Flip-Tops, or Pull-Tops, which is the devise that when pulled will open your aluminum can. This small ring can bring big rewards to RMD and their three guest houses in Orlando. These little rings earned \$10,000! How? By you and your friends and neighbors pulling the small ring on your cold drink can, soup can, pet food can or wherever you find such a ring.

There is a replica of a house, who’s roof may be lifted off and your rings saved for Ronald McDonald Guest Houses in Orlando.

## FROM JOHN, OUR ORGANIST....

Thank you to everyone for helping make my first year at St. James such a great experience. The support and love I feel from our church family is a testament to the Holy Spirit’s presence among us.

Music evokes different things in people. Perhaps more so when it is to bring glory to God. Though I consider myself a traditionalist, I do try to keep my heart and mind (and ears) open to different types of music. My promise is to always strive to keep Christ first in the music I share with the church.

Please consider being part of our music ministry at St. James. The new choir season will kick off with “Summer Singing Saints” in late August and we will have a bell choir rehearsal on 6/26 at 6:00 in the parish hall.

With God’s guidance I know our music ministries will continue to grow and flourish at St. James.

## THANK YOU

for supporting  
the young artists  
of St. James!  
It has been an  
incredible year!



## Wed. Aug. 14

we start back  
for rehearsals!  
Send any young  
singers our way.  
We love making  
new friends!

## YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Led by Joel and Leanne Trees

Ours is a vibrant and fun young adult ministry dedicated to engaging young Christians in discussions about how to navigate and represent Christian values in today’s society. We welcome people from all backgrounds to join in open discussions, offering equal opportunities for everyone to share their views and opinions. Our goal is to embody and share Christ-like faith authentically and openly, encouraging even the toughest questions as part of our journey together. This group meets weekly for dinner and fellowship on **Saturday nights at 7:00 PM in St. Nicholas House**. The primary focus is on young adults, aged 18 and over. However, it is open to teenagers aged 16 and above, provided we have their parents contact information and consent for their attendance.



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| 2 Patricia Parker     | 14 Cobe Smalley     |
| 3 Lee Rowell          | 16 Lonnie Johnson   |
| 5 C.L. Hermann        | 17 Peg Hopper       |
| 8 Rev'd Jan Galbreath | Carol Young         |
| Katie Mann            | 18 Annabelle Wright |
| 9 Eric Kubicsek       | 21 Gem Vance        |
| 10 Ted Bowersox       | 23 Birdy Connolly   |
| Katy Wilson           | 25 Luke Logan       |
| Debora Ballabio       | 26 Nora Cameron     |
| Robert Sanchez        | 28 John Russell     |
| 12 Kitty Bryan        | 29 Danny Delgado    |
| Leah Delgado          | Liz Tucker          |
| 13 Eileen Pens        | 30 Patricia Jackson |
| Marion Belson         |                     |



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| 5 Fr. Bill and Nancy Boyer       | 20 Robert and Terri Brock        |
| Michael and Linda Gray           | 21 Jeffrey and Denise Carpenter  |
| Robert and Chris Meade           | 22 Lawrence and Mary Block       |
| 6 Fr. Charles and Dot Hay        | Steve and Nadine Millett         |
| 8 Scott and Kristen Daley        | 24 Curt and Katherine Oestreich  |
| 9 Doug and Sebastiana Springmann | 25 Danny and Leah Delgado        |
| 14 Nathan and Susan Battle       | 27 Andrew and Laura Braun        |
| Gary and Teresa Neumann          | 28 Richard and Tanina Singeltary |
| 16 Michael and Denise Saylor     |                                  |

### MAY FOOD DROP

A beautiful day greeted volunteers, Bernie Dodeci (new team member), Terri and Van Galyon, Tanina Singeltary, Jan Tindall and Rita Clements while 19 cars with drivers and walk-ins DROPPED In the May FOOD: COLLECTED: 622 pounds of food \$555.00

TOTAL TO DATE: 43,209 pounds of food \$53,127.00

At a recent LAKE COUNTY FOOD BANK BOARD MEETING, it was announced that our St. James Episcopal Church was one of the top 6<sup>th</sup> contributors for the year. Thanks for your dedication in reaching out to the needs of many in our community.

We are getting ready to meet the summer heat and look forward to seeing you at the June 18<sup>th</sup> FOOD DROP FROM 9:00-12:00 . Gratefully yours.

### JODY'S GIFT SHOP

Good news, a project that has been in the planning for 3 years is becoming a reality. A new entrance "face lift" will start in June and July and become ready for September.

**WATCH FOR THE GRAND RE-OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JODY'S GIFT SHOP!**

A special thank you to all the your support given throughout the year. As summer approaches, we will be doing inventory, preparing to CLOSE FOR THE SUMMER on May 31<sup>st</sup>. If needed, please contact the office for special shopping . Your support is met with multitudes of blessings. Have a great summer!



The Daughters of the King meet the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting will be on **June 12, 2024 at 2 pm.** Fr. Tom will be leading us in a Bible Study.

**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!



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| 2 Second Sunday after Pentecost<br>8:00 Eucharist<br>9:15 Financial Update Mtg<br>10:15 Eucharist                                                                      | 3                                                                                                                 | 4                | 5<br>12:00 Coffee & Philos.<br>2:00 DOK                                        | 6<br>10:00 Healing &<br>Anointing Service<br>3:00 Grief Support                  | 7<br>1:30 Membership<br>Committee Meeting | 8<br>11:00 Memorial Service<br>for Betty Luther |
| 9 Third Sunday after Pentecost<br>8:00 Eucharist<br>9:15 Connect Class<br>10:15 Eucharist                                                                              | 10<br><br>6:30 Stephen Ministry<br>7:00 Ukulele Lessons                                                           | 11               | 12<br>12:00 Coffee & Philos.<br>2:00 DOK                                       | 13<br>10:00 Healing &<br>Anointing Service                                       | 14                                        | 15                                              |
| 16 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost<br>8:00 Eucharist<br>9:15 Connect Class<br>10:15 Eucharist                                                                            | 17 6:00-8:30 VBS                                                                                                  | 18 6:00-8:30 VBS | 19 6:00-8:30 VBS<br>9 - 12 Food Drop<br>12:00 Coffee & Philos.<br>5:00 Finance | 20 6:00-8:30 VBS<br>10:00 Healing &<br>Anointing Service<br>6:00 Vestry (@Romac) | 21 6:00-8:30 VBS                          | 22                                              |
| 23 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost<br>8:00 Eucharist<br>9:15 Connect Class<br>10:15 Eucharist<br><br>30 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost<br>8:00 Eucharist<br>10:15 Eucharist | 24<br>7:00 Ukulele Lessons<br> | 25               | 26<br>12:00 Coffee & Philos.<br>6:00 Bell Choir<br>Rehearsal                   | 27<br>10:00 Healing &<br>Anointing Service                                       | 28                                        | 29                                              |