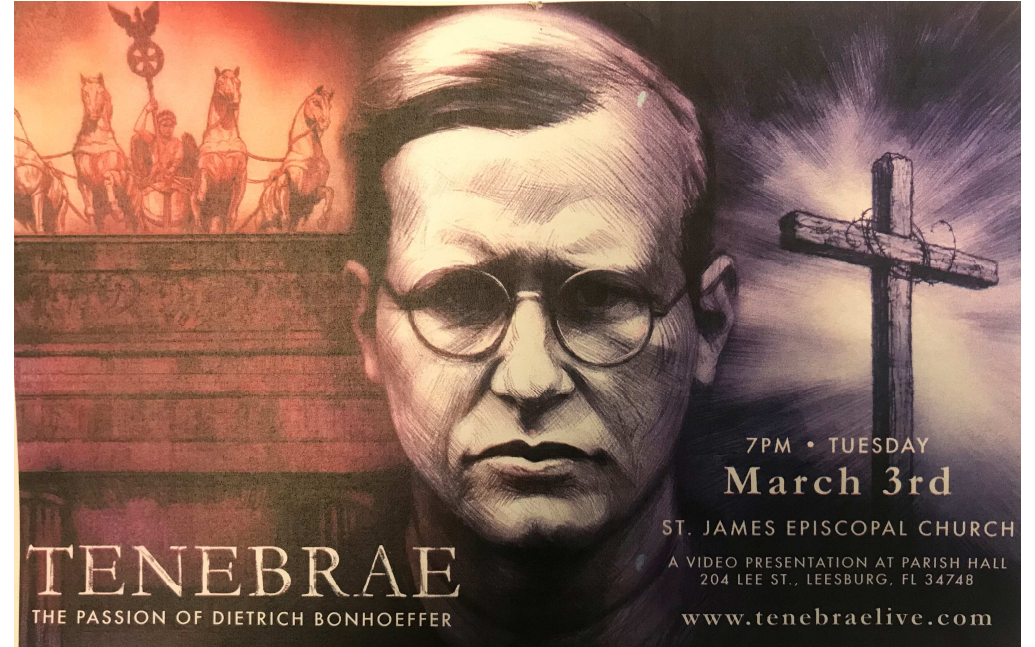


St. James seeks to be a community that grows more Christlike, expressing the love of Jesus Christ in our worship, our outreach, and our commitment to discipleship.

ST. JAMES MESSENGER



Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran theologian, pastor, and martyr, was one of few to speak up against Hitler. He worked diligently to help Jews escape persecution while urging other church leaders to actively defy the Nazi regime. He was arrested, imprisoned, tried for treason, and finally executed just days before the fall of Hitler and the end of World War II.

Inspired by Bonhoeffer's life and commitment, Huge McElyea, a longtime resident of Leesburg, has composed a staged oratorio using the 4th century monastic service of "Tenebrae." In this setting, Bonhoeffer is placed in a prison cell, looking back on his life through his letters to his family and fiancée, and, knowing he will probably not survive the war, reading and reflecting on the Passion of Jesus for the last time.

This one-hour performance was recorded in the historic Sage Chapel at Cornell University. Hugh McElyea, composer, will be present on March 3rd to give an introduction and, after the presentation, answer questions and invite open discussion.

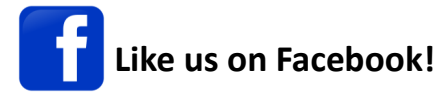
**March 3rd—7 PM— St. James Episcopal Church, Parish Hall
Open to the Public**

MARCH 2020

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Parish Organist/Choir Director: Deb Carraway
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Minister to Teens: Susie Brewer
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Sexton: Doug Ames
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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



On February 23rd, during the Sunday School hour, the Jamaica Medical Mission gave their presentation on their recent mission trip. The well attended event featured an excellent video, personal testimonies, and an award presented to Stuart and Herma Mowatt on the mission’s 30th anniversary. They also received travel cards for restaurants and hotels for their visits up north to see family.
Well done, Stuart and Herma!

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!!

March 3	10:00 am	ECW Monthly Meeting
March 3	7:00 pm	“Tenebrae” Presentation
March 6	7:30 am	Men’s Prayer Breakfast
March 11	2:00 pm	Daughters of the King
April 5	8:00 & 10:15 am	Palm Sunday Services
April 9	6:00 pm	Maundy Thursday/ Last Supper Presentation
April 10	12:00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy
	5:30 pm	Outdoor Stations of the Cross
April 12	7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am	Easter Services
	10:00	Easter Egg Hunt & Ice Cream Social

“ BOOKS BY BOYER”

Nancy Boyer, wife of Rev. Bill Boyer, is an author who has just recently opened an online book store, **Books by Boyer**, to showcase all the books that she has written. This is her labor of love and she would like to share it with her home church and any of their friends who may be interested. Her books include Inspirational Devotionals, Fiction and Historical Fiction, True Life stories and Children’s books.

She is now working on her fourth devotional book, which should be published soon. Please let her know if you would like to be notified when new books come on to her site. Her email is boyerwrites@yahoo.com.

From all proceeds at the **Books by Boyer** online bookstore, **10% will go to the support of foreign missions**, specifically our **Jamaica Medical Mission**. The following website previews all of her books: www.booksbyboyer.org



GOT PHOTOS???

Our librarian, Margaret Branham, is in the process of putting together memory books for St. James. If you have any pictures of meaningful events that have taken place at St. James please consider sharing them. If you would kindly have them printed, they can be left in the church office and Pat will make sure Margaret gets them, Thank you for sharing!

IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences to the family and loved ones of **Mary Walther**, who passed away on February 12th. Mary and Ed Walther have been members of St. James for 20 years. Her funeral is scheduled for Saturday, February 29th, at 11:00 a.m.

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



A Holy Lent

“I invite you, therefore, 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”

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.

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, March 6** 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

Men’s Bible Study is held each Thursday from 12:00-1:00pm in the Parish Hall. We are continuing our study on The Epistle of James.

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

Our Sunday School for children and adults meets every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Students grades K thru 5 meet in the St. Nicholas House for food, craft, lesson and games as we discuss Bible Heroes whom God used in extraordinary ways!

Fr. Tom’s adult class in the Parish Hall is currently covering 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! Discussions have been lively and informative. Breakfast is included.

ECW MONTHLY UPDATE

The next monthly meeting of the St. James Episcopal Church Women will be held on **Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10:00 am** in the Parish Hall. The scheduled program is on **Human Trafficking** presented by a representative of the Lake County Trafficking Task Force.

Chapter Meetings—March 17, 2020

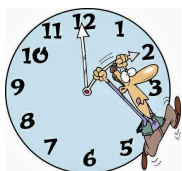
The next monthly chapter meetings take place on Tuesday, March 17th. Three chapters meet at 10:00 a.m.: St. Ann's (Hosted by Fran Bollenbach, (5300 Greens Drive, Lady Lake in Harbor Hills) .St. Francis' (Hosted by Nancy Russell 24015 Robinwood St. Leesburg, In Plantation) and St. Mary's Hosted by Paula O'Connor 6110 Wade St., Leesburg in Highland Lakes) The St. Cecilia's chapter meets at 7:00 p.m. (Hosted by Becky Binneveld, 2122 Park Holland 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** .



The Daughters of the King will be completing their series on Evangelism with Father Ron's presentation, *A Plan for Evangelism That Really Works*.

We have been fortunate to have had Nancy Boyer review her travels along the paths of St. Paul through her trip to Greece and her recent book. Father Tom inspired us through scripture, pointing out that our duty as Christians is to follow Christ, and to work, pray and give for the spread of the kingdom of God.

Our meeting will be March 11th, in the Parish Hall. All women of St. James are most welcome to join us.



DON'T FORGET

Daylight Savings Time begins **Sunday, March 8th at 2:00am**. Remember to set your clock ahead one hour!



MUSIC MUSINGS March 2020

As we embark on our Lenten journey, we remember the sacrifice of Christ, and reflect on our own constant need for repentance and renewal. Throughout the season we will have many opportunities in worship to be challenged by the gospel story, and to be inspired by music that reminds us to focus on Jesus, our Savior.

Please take time for personal reflection this season, and join the St. James congregation in worship as often as you are able. Here are some of the musical offerings that will be a part of these Lenten services:

March 1	"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" "Hear Our Prayer"	St. James Choir Jubilate
March 8	"Lord Have Mercy "So High"	St. James Choir Jubilate
March 15	"O Christ Surround Me" "Amazing Grace"	St. James Choir Nancy Moran and Deb Carraway
March 22	"The Lord is My Shepherd" "Great is Thy Faithfulness"	St. James Choir Ladies Ensemble
March 29	"He'll Be There" "On Eagle's Wings"	St. James Choir Jan Tindall, Flute

"I lift up my eyes to the hills...from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth..." Psalm 121:1-2

Stay faithful this season, friends, and may you be blessed as we worship and journey together!

Deb Carraway
Director of Music/Organist

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| 6 Anna Delgado | 23 Shirley Long |
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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.

ECW SPRING FUNDRAISER: APRIL 22, 2020



Please mark your calendars and spread the word! Plan to join us for the 1st ECW Earth Day Fair. We need help to prepare ahead of time and on that day. We will be selling plants at the fair so start your cuttings now so we will have plenty to sell, especially plants that butterflies love. If you are available to help, please contact Cheryl Nann 352-446-8018.

VENDORS

We are looking for vendors to rent table space for a donation of \$20.00 to sell their products at our Earth Day Fair. If you know of anyone that would be interested, please have them contact Cheryl Nann.

RAFFLE BASKETS

The ECW is asking for help in compiling an assortment of gift baskets for a raffle at the Fair. Please consider making a basket or donating towards a basket.

ADOPT A BUTTERFLY

There will be a mass butterfly release in our butterfly garden at 4:00pm the day of the fair. You can adopt a butterfly as a memorial to a loved one or in Thanksgiving for \$10.00. The names of the donors and their loved ones will be read as we release the butterflies. There will be people taking your donations in between services on Sundays in March and April.



Alpha at St James

Alpha continues to meet on Thursdays through March. It is not too late to join in! Alpha is geared especially toward those who don't come to church, but is also well suited for those who have been active Christians for a long time. 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?"



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