St. James Episcopal Church

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NOVEMBER 2026 MESSENGER

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it."
Matthew 13:45-46

Join us for our **Stewardship Sunday on November 15th** when we will present our stewardship pledge for 2027. On this day we will also hold our **Ministry Fair,** which will take place in the Parish Hall after both the **8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services.** We want everyone at St. James to find ways to make use of the gifts God has given us to minister to his glory.

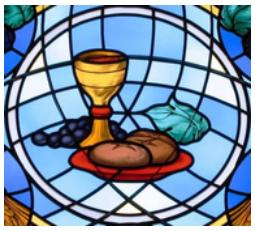


"A Pearl of Great Price"

Our theme for Stewardship is "A Pearl of Great Price," taken from the parable in Matthew's Gospel. Do we have any idea how valuable we are to Christ, who gave up everything to win us for himself? Can we see how St. James has become our "Pearl of Great Price" as the means by which we have come to know the love of Christ? What will we offer in turn for the gift of salvation we received from Jesus Christ? Thank you for your generous response to what Christ has done for you. See you on Sunday, the 15th!

Receiving Bread and Wine, Intinction and Self-Intinction

Below are Deacon Art's notes from his presentation on Bishop Holcomb's directive on how we are to receive Communion, and his reasoning for it.



Rubrics say:

"Opportunity is always to be given to every communicant to receive the consecrated Bread and Wine separately. But the Sacrament may be received in both kinds simultaneously, in a manner approved by the bishop" (BCP 407–408).

The Episcopal way is based on s three legged stool:

- Scripture ~Tradition ~Reason

What does scripture say:

- In the biblical account of the Last Supper, Jesus too the cup an blessed it.
- He then passed the cup saying to the Apostles:" Drink this all of you ….."
- The Apostles drank from a common cup.

What does tradition tell us:

- Among the Reformed, Herman Witsius held that Christians ought to receive both the bread

and the cup, each separately, since Christ distributed them so, and since the body broken and the blood poured out are more distinctly represented that way.



What does reason tell us:

- **Self-intinction** is the least sanitary method by which one can receive Holy Communion. If safety is the principal concern, the safest method is to receive the intincted Bread directly from hands that have been sanitized.
- **Self-intinction** provides no additional protection from germs over a common cup. Where the communicant's fingers contact the wine the spread of bacteria becomes more likely than with a common cup, given what is routinely present under fingernails and on palms.
- **Self-intinction** could be keeping others from receiving the Wine as the Prayer Book describes. Based on fear of contamination.



The way we should receive communion by intinction is to allow the chalice bearer to dip the bread in the wine and then place it on the tongue.

*Bishop Holcomb has allowed an exception. He has allowed for separate chalice for self intinction. A separate station will be provided in front of the pulpit for this purpose. If you wish to receive Communion by self-intinction, please join the line on the right. When you reach the front of the church, turnright at the pulpit and proceed to the designated station.

ECW NEWS

ECW and Jody's Gift Shop *Holiday Chances* and the treasures waiting to be discovered at our *Christmas & Beyond Sale*, to the peace and reflection of our *Prayer Day Retreat* and the delicious treats offered through our *Thanksgiving Blessings & Pie Sale*, there is something for everyone to enjoy this month.

These special events bring us together in fellowship, celebrate the spirit of the season, and help support our community outreach efforts. We hope you will join us, invite your friends and family, and share in all the wonderful things the ECW has planned for this special time of year!

ECW CHAPTER MEETINGS ~ NOVEMBER 17TH

10:00 a.m. ~ St. Anne's (Parish Hall)

10:00 a.m. ~ St. Francis' (St. Nicholas House)

3:30 p.m. ~ St. Cecilia's (St. Nicholas House)

St. Martha's Chapter : This group focuses on Christian Fellowship and is especially popular with busy working women and mothers of younger children.

This Chapter meets monthly in the evening at a restaurant. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact **Lara Lahey at the following: (407) 461-7014** or **lara.lahey@yahoo.com**

ECW HOLIDAY EVENTS

ECW AND JODY'S GIFT SHOP HOLIDAY CHANCES



Come view and choose your "favorite" available on the the veranda. On the following Sundays: **November 1st, November 8th and November 15th.**

Tickets are **$1.00** each or **6 for $5.00** with a **Special Drawing** of **$5.00** for a chance to win a **Beautiful Nativity Set.** The drawings will take place at the December ECW General Meeting. All proceeds will be given to the community ministries!

CHRISTMAS & BEYOND

St James Episcopal Church Women will be holding a Christmas & Beyond sale in the Parish Hall on **Friday, November 6th - 9am - 1 pm and Saturday, November 7th - 9 am - 2 pm.**



There are many treasures to be found for the holiday season and lots of unique gifts also! Proceeds go to our community outreach program.

Any questions please contact the church office **352-787-1981.**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

PRAYER DAY RETREAT



Saturday, November 14, 2026 in the Parish Hall.

The prayer focus will be Anglican Rosaries. Mtr. Sebastiana will lead us in learning their history and uses. This will be followed by a craft session led by Birdy Connolly where we will all make our own rosaries. The day will end with Mtr. Sebastiana blessing our rosaries. All women of St. James are invited, as well as the Jr. Daughters of the King.

Early registration will be required. Registration forms can be found in Jody's Gift Shop and the church office. There will be a cost of **$10.00 per person**, which will help to defray the cost of the craft materials and lunch. Please make payments with cash or check only.

THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS & PIE SALE

Apple Crumb ~ $10 each Pumpkin ~ $10 each Pecan ~ $11 each

All orders need to be "in" and "Paid" to Jody's Gift Shop or the church office by **Sunday, November 15th.** Cash or Checks payable to St. James ECW with Pies in the memo line.



All orders can be picked up at the church in the courtyard on Saturday, November 21st between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Rita Clements - **352-255-6802**.

OCTOBER FOOD DROP

The Joint effort between our ECW group and Food Drop Group continued this month with volunteers, Jan Tindall, Barbara Logan, Tanina and Dick Singletary along with Rita and Bob Clements and dog, Kobi welcoming additional donations of food and monetary gifts for the October FOOD DROP.

TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED:

~ 287 Pounds of Food from ECW
~301 Pounds of Food for Parishioners
~ Total: 588 Pounds of Food $355.00



TOTAL AMOUNT TO DATE:

~56, 206 Pounds of Food
~ $64,615.00

To help fill the Thanksgiving Baskets, there are some "specials needs" : Cans of cranberries (whole and jellied, Cans of green beans, Cans or jars of turkey gravy , Boxes of dressing mix, Boxes of cake mixes, Cans of icing, and monies that will go for turkeys If designated). If you prefer to bring your own specials, all are welcome. There is a great need for cereals.

Please join us for the November Food Drop scheduled on **Wednesday, November 18th from 9-12.**



GRIEF SUPPORT

Our next Grief Support Gathering is Thursday, November 5th in the Chapel. Meet and Greet will start at 3:00 pm on the Veranda in front of our Parish Hall. Bottled water and a small snack (usually chocolate) are provided.

Our conversation topic for November is "Why Keeping Our Loved One's Memory Alive Matters". Healing from losing a loved one isn't something we should fear, but more importantly, it doesn't mean forgetting. Our goal is to create space for both memory and our present life as we "Move Forward".

Hope to see you Thursday, November 5th.at St. James Episcopal Church. Our grief support group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one and needs support from others who know firsthand what they are going through. Attached you will find a copy of the flyer to share with friends/family.

Blessings to you all, Susan Cyrus,
Grief Support Facilitator

Bishop's Visit and Confirmation--November 22nd

Mark your calendars! Our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb, will be joining us on **Christ the King Sunday, November 22nd.**

We look forward to our time with Bishop Justin, as he confirms and receives a number of our parishioners at our 10:15 service.

A reception for the Bishop and or new confirmands will take place in the Parish Hall after the 10:15 a.m. service, with our Ukulele Ministry providing the music.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 **ALL SAINTS DAY** 8:00 Eucharist (RITE I) 9:00 New Church Procedures 10:15 Eucharist (RITE II) 12:30 JDOK / JBSA Program (St. Nicholas House)	2 6:00-9:00 PARISH WIDE DINNER (Venetian Gardens) Harris Room 1 Dozier Court, Leesburg	3 9:00 ECW Board Meeting (St. Nicholas House) 10:00 General Meeting (Parish Hall)	4 *10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open* 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy (Coffee Snob) 5:00 Choristers 5:30 Catechesis } (St. Nicholas House) 5:45 Bell Choir 6:45 Adult Choir	5 8:30-12 Library Open *10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open* 10:00 Healing &Anointing Service (Chapel) 3:00 Grief Support (Chapel) 6:30 Bible Study (Parish Hall)	6 *ECW CHRISTMAS & BEYOND SALE (PARISH HALL* *FRIDAY* *9-1*	7 *SATURDAY* *9-2*
8 24th SundayAfter Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist (RITE I) *8-12 Jody's Gift Shop Open* 9:00 New Church Procedures 10:15 Eucharist (RITE II) Instilation of JRDOK 12:30 JDOK / JBSA Program (St. Nicholas House) 2:30 Dulcimer (Parish Hall)	9 3:00 Stephen Ministry 6:00 Beginner Ukulele 7:00 Advanced Ukulele	10	11 VETERANS DAY *10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open* 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy (Coffee Snob) 2:00 Daughters of the King 5:00 Choristers 5:30 Catechesis } (St. Nicholas House) 5:45 Bell Choir 6:45 Adult Choir	12 8:30-12 Library Open *10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open* 10:00 Healing &Anointing Service (Chapel) 6:30 Bible Study (Parish Hall)	13 *10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open*	14
15 25th SundayAfter Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist (RITE I) *8-12 Jody's Gift Shop Open* 9-12 MINISTRY FAIR (Parish Hall) 10:15 Eucharist (RITE II) 12:30 JDOK / JBSA Program (St. Nicholas House)	16 11:00 Renewal of Vows Ceremony Polly & Robin (Church)	17 Chapter Meetings 10:00 St. Annes (Parish Hall) 10:00 St. Francis (St. Nichole House) 3:00 St. Cecilias (Parish Hall)	18 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parish Hall) 9:00 - 12:00 Food Drop 12:00 Coffiee & Philosophy (Coffee Snob) 5:00 Finance 5:00 Choristers 5:30 Catechesis } (St. Nicholas House) 5:45 Bell Choir 6:45 Adult Choir	19 Butterfly Garden Weeding 8:30-12 Library Open *10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open* 10:00 Healing &Anointing Chapel 6:30 Vestry Meeting (St. Nicholas House) 6:30 Bible Study (Parish Hall)	20 *10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open*	21 ECW PIE PICK-UP (PARISH HALL)
22 Last SundayAfter Pentecost Confirmation & Visit by Rev Dr. Bishop Holcomb 8:00 Eucharist (RITE I) *8-12 Jody's Gift Shop Open* 10:15 Eucharist (RITE II) 12:30 JDOK / JBSA Program (St. Nicholas House) 2:30 Dulcimer (Parish Hall)	23 6:00 Beginner Ukulele 7:00 Advanced Ukulele	24	25 *10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open* 12:00 Coffiee & Philosophy (Coffee Snob) 5:45 Bell Choir 6:45 Adult Choir	26 Happy Thanksgiving 10:00 Thanksgiving Eucharist (Chapel)	27	28
29 First Day of Advent 8:00 Eucharist (RITE I) 10:15 Eucharist (RITE II)	30	NOVEMBER				

LIBRARY CORNER

There are 5 Sundays remaining in the season of Pentecost as I write to you, friends. The first of these 5, Oct. 25th, is known as Reformation Sunday and it is a celebration of the later day, Oct. 31st, when the German monk, Martin Luther, posted his 97 Theses on the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, Germany, an act which began a return to the theology that claims that salvation by grace is through faith alone and the authority of scripture.

The last of the 5 Sundays, Nov. 22nd, is called Christ the King Sunday in celebration of Jesus Christ, supreme ruler of the universe, and it ends the liturgical church year with the hope of his final return.

Of course, we look forward to All Hallows Eve, Oct. 31st, in our liturgical calendar, as the evening of preparation for All Saints Day, Nov. 1st, which is remembered as the day that unites those living on earth with the saints in heaven.

I was reminded of all these tenets of our faith and belief by READING articles on Wikipedia. Don't forget your READING SKILLS are very useful in discovering the depth of your faith and Christian belief. Faith facts are high-lighted in your parish library as well as the internet. Meanwhile, remember that books are the ultimate treat.

LEESBURG CHRISTMAS PARADE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

If you would like to walk in the Leesburg Christmas Parage and represent St. James please contact the church office at **352-787-1981.**



The Daughters of the King meet on the **2nd Wednesday** of each month at **2:00 p.m**. in the Parish Hall. **Our next meeting November 12th.**

Please celebrate with us the instillation of our newest members to the Jr. Daughters of the King on Sunday**, November 8th.**

If you are interested in joining the Daughters of the King please contact: **Cathrine Holt - (912) 230-7845** or Jr. Daughters of the King, please contact: **Lara Lahey - (407) 461-7014**

The Men's Ministry holds a prayer breakfast on the **3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.** Their next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 19th.**

If you are interested in joining the Men's Ministry, please contact:

Ted Kermode - (941) 807-3176 or Mike Myer - (352) 617-1846

Habitat for Humanity: Building Homes, Building Hope.

Habitat for Humanity is a wonderful organization that brings people together to help families build strength, stability, and a brighter future through safe, affordable housing. By providing a hand up to families in need, Habitat helps make the dream of homeownership a reality while strengthening communities one home at a time.

Join Us for a Habitat for Humanity Work Day!

St. James invites you to be part of this rewarding opportunity to serve our community. Join fellow parishioners as we lend a helping hand to Habitat for Humanity and support its mission of providing safe, affordable homes for families.

Wednesday, November 19th 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Leesburg, Florida (address to be announced)
Anyone 18 years of age or older is welcome to participate!

If you would like to join us or learn more, please contact the church office at **352-787-1981 or email office@stjames-leesburg.org.**

Come share your time, your talents, and your caring spirit. Together, we can help build more than houses—we can help build hope, opportunity, and a stronger community!

Advent Lessons and Carols

Please join us for our service of Advent Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 6th at 4:30 p.m. The St. James Choir and Choristers, joined by special guest musicians, will present beautiful sacred music woven together with traditional scripture readings.



There will also be wonderful opportunities for congregational singing as we lift our voices together in joyful expectation.

We look forward to sharing this sacred and beloved tradition with you and your family.

John Wilson

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd Gordon Ziegelman
3rd Alana Goodman
Debbie Saylor
4th Bill Hughes
5th Dan Robuck III
6th Patricia Bailey
Catherine Holt
Peyton Kelly
Gordon Roeglin
7th Diane Brannon
8th Jim Hooper
9th Blanca Crabtree
10th John Burr
Chip Deems
11th Susan Steen
Becky Mitchell
12th Sue Heaney
14th Nancy Young
Joyce Huey
15th Peggy Berutich
16th Pam Thomas
Skipper Wilson
17th Becky Mitchell
18th Richard Braken Jr.
Cregg Careins Sr.
Larry Demaline
Jim Hooper
Mike Kindel
21st Alberto Gan
22nd Andon Gray
David Lawrence
Horace Robuck
23rd Deni Lawrence
24th Cynthia Newton
25th Simon Van Beek
26th Kay Palmer
Jeannine Rowell
28th John O'Kelly



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

4th Joel & Leanne Trees
9th John & Denise Meier
12th Ross & Marion Belson
14th Fredrick & Jan West



14th Charles & Cindy Esselburn
17th Dan & Iris Robuck
26th Jim & Barbara Logan



One-on-One Hospitality



Women and Men who like to cook, bake, etc.:
Are you interested in enhancing our hospitality at Sunday Coffee Hour? Would you be open to providing on one Sunday each month, one home-prepared dish or baked good? If there is interest, we would like to begin by forming teams of three to provide three additional goodies for each Sunday coffee hour following the 10:15 service.

Our coffee hour is an important way we welcome visitors, keep in touch with each other, and celebrate our bond in Christ.



ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST

The St. James Prayer List is organized into two sections: **A Short-term list and a Three-Month List.** Names are initially placed on the short -term list for three weeks, after which they are moved to the three-month list. At the end of the three -month period, names will be removed unless a request is make for them to remain. Please call the church office if you would like to place someone on the Prayer List. **(352) 787-1981 / office@stjames-leesburg.org**

Short Term ~ 3 Weeks

Ronnie Young	**October 27th**
Nancy Young	**October 27th**
Dena West	**October 27th**
Bob Tindall	**October 26th**
Joe Branham	**October 25th**
Charles Johnson	**October 25th**
Lorraine Johnson	**October 25th**
Sue Greenwood	**October 20th**
Brenda Horner	**October 13th**
Caroline Morrison	**October 7th**
Georgina Robinson	**October 7th**
Jim Walworth	**October 7th**
Bill Boyer	**October 6th**
Nancy Boyer	**October 6th**
Joseph Welsh	**October 6th**
Alex Biby	**September 29th**
Martha Biby	**September 29th**
Aubrey Honeycutt	**September 29th**

3 Months

Cheryl Dudley	**September 25th**
Kay Oestreich	**September 25th**
Nan Burnsed	**September 25th**
Bill Bowersox	**September 1st**
Diane Brannon	**September 1st**
Autumn Hollows	**August 27th**
Tom Dalton	**August 23rd**
Mary Hooper	**August 17th**
Barbara Morgan	**August 10th**
Dott Vedder	**August 10th**
Larry Coolbroth	**August 10th**

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday Services:

8:00 a.m. (Rite 1) & 10:15 a.m. (Rite II)

Healing & Anointing Service:

Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Church Office Information

Monday-Thursday ~ 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday ~ 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Closed ~ Saturday & Sunday
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CLERGY & STAFF

Rev'd Thomas Trees, **(352)-643-1182** **frtrees@stjames-leesburg.org**	Rector
Rev'd Dr. Sebastiana Springmann	Priest Associate
Rev'd Art Hollows	Deacon
Victoria Mymudes	Parish Secretary
John Wilson	Parish Organist/Choir Director
Wylie Hill	Sexton

VESTRY

(Senior Warden) Cherie Knowles, **(Junior Warden)** Bert Sofield,
(Treasurer) Nigel Bailey

Members: Bill Binneveld, Claire Meade, Rita Clements,
Tony Cobb, Susan Cyrus, Sean Lahey, Nancy Moran, Stuart Mowatt,
& Dee Saylor.