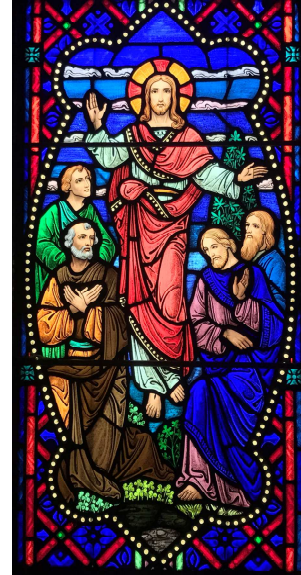


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ST. JAMES MESSENGER

Stewardship Sunday and Ministry Fair

Please join us for our **Stewardship Sunday** on **November 10th**, where we will make our stewardship pledge for 2020, and take part in our annual **Ministry Fair**. The Ministry Fair will take place in the Parish Hall after both the 8:00 and 10:15 services.



Our Scriptural theme for this year's program is taken from 1st John 2:6: "**Whoever says, I abide in him, ought to walk as he walked.**" This verse forms the basis for our new Parish Mission Statement, which says,

"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."

We have chosen this new Mission Statement, because we know that the only way to grow as a parish is to become Christlike by imitating Christ in how he walked. And how did he walk?

He was faithful in worship. He attended the synagogue. He celebrated the feasts in Jerusalem. He sang hymns with his disciples.

He expressed God's love in outreach. He healed the sick. He went to the outcasts. He proclaimed good news to the poor.

He was committed to discipleship. He was a student of the Scriptures. He prayed regularly. He obeyed God's will all the way to the cross.

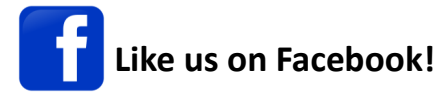
Our Ministry Fair will be arranged according to the areas of Worship, Outreach, and Discipleship. St. James has a rich history of following Christ in all of these. Some ministries have been around a long time, and some are brand new. If you have not committed to a ministry yet, or are considering a new ministry, please join us on November 10th as commit to our stewardship for 2020, and seek to grow in Christlikeness.

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Nursery Coordinator: Carmen Rebusmen
Director of Youth and Families: Elizabeth Williams
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“TASTE OF ST. JAMES” THANK YOU

The Jamaica Medical Mission Committee would like to extend a very big “THANK YOU” TO all who participated in the 10th “Taste of St. James” on September 27TH. Through all of your support we raised a little over \$7,000 and more is trickling in.

We thank all the special people that bought tickets for the event and all the generous folks that donated the 28 items for the silent auction and those of you that bid on those wonderful items. Many, many thanks to those through-out the year and at this time that have made donations either money, medications or supplies toward the 2020 mission.

Most importantly, the evening would not have gone on without our very talented CHEFS and to you a heartfelt and sincere thank you. CHEFS, Peg Hopper and Paul Motto, Dot Hay, The Tindall’s, Jody Stokes, K.C. Docie and Marilyn Dubrul, The Cauthen Family, The Grizzard’s, Kurt Cessna, The Treiber’s, Mackie and Ryan McCabe, The Mowatt’s, Doug Ames and Kaitlyn Waddell, Kathy Davidson, Kathleen Trees and Rebecca Troyer, The Doty’s, Mandy Tweedle, Rita Clements and Katie Mann, and The Millett’s

A personal thanks to our BARTENDERS and for all the BEHIND THE SCENES HELP that set up the tables, the auction items, register check in and auction numbers, count the money in the boxes and especially the CREW who helped to restore the Parish Hall for Sunday Morning Services!!!

It was a successful and wonderful evening!!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3rd. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour and take back the hour we lost in the Spring!!!



WHAT'S COMING UP!!		
November 1st	7:30am	Men’s Prayer Breakfast
November 5th	10:00 am	ECW Monthly Meeting
November 10th	8:00 & 10:15 am	Stewardship Sunday & Ministry Fair
November 15th	6:00pm	St. James Grand Auction
November 16th	10:00 am	DOK Morning Prayer
November 17th	1:30pm	Men & Boys Steak Dinner
December 15th	4:00pm	St. James Choir Christmas Program
		“The Word Was God”
December 18th	6:00pm	Jubilate Christmas Program
		“Children Get Ready to Go and Tell”



Martha and Mary Chapter November, 2019

The Daughters of the King have enjoyed the first two Bible lessons/discussions with Father Tom. Our last class will be this month. The reading is Matthew chapter 6. We would be pleased if you would join in this discussion. We will be meeting again on **November 13th at 2:00** in the Parish Hall.

On **Saturday November 16th** the office of Morning Prayer will be celebrated at **10:00am in the Chapel**. The youth choir, Jubilate will be part of the service. This promises to be a special blessing to see their bright and smiling faces. Come and enjoy the service.

Sunday November 24th, Christ the King Sunday, we celebrate our Admission Service, when we welcome three new members, Judy Bedell, JoAnne Statts, and Carolyn Hoth into the order of Daughters of the King. This will be at the 10:15 service. A reception will be held immediately following the service. Please welcome the new Daughters.

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.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Evelyn Stark, longtime parishioner of St. James, and one time principal of the Elementary School across the street from the church. Evelyn's funeral was held at St. James on October 12th.

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



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

Join us each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. for a time of study, fellowship, and spiritual growth! We have a number of options for children and adults:

Our children, grades K-8, meet with **Beth Williams in the St. Nicholas House** to learn about how the prophets of the Old Testament prepared the way for Jesus' birth, which helps us prepare the way for his return. They will use this time to practice for the Jubilate Christmas presentation, "**Children, Get Ready to Go and Tell It!**"

Our adults meet **in the Parish Hall with Fr. Tom**, whose series for the fall is on **The Miracle of the Eucharist**. The Eucharist is something we celebrate every week, and has been practiced by Christians from the beginning of the Church. What does Scripture tell us about Holy Communion? What happens when we receive it? How does it impact our lives? Come and find out what makes the celebration of the Eucharist a "miracle"!

TEEN BIBLE STUDY

The St. James Teen Bible Study is now meeting again! We meet **Monday evenings at 6:00**. This is an excellent opportunity for discipleship, friendship, and evangelism. We are utilizing a video program called The Story, which shows how the whole narrative of Scripture leads us to know and understand who Jesus is personally. For more information, contact Susie Brewer at 843-514-2123.

Our annual Men & Boys' Steak Dinner, hosted by the Men's Club, returns again to the **Knowles Ranch** (Buggs Spring Rd., Okahumpka) on **Sunday, November 17th at 1:30PM**. Tickets are \$20.00 each (includes steak, sides and drinks). **Boys under 12 FREE. DON'T MISS IT!**



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, November 1st** in the Parish Hall.



Bishop's Visit, Confirmation, and First Communion

Bishop Greg Brewer and his wife Laura Lee visited St. James on Sunday, October 20th, for both morning services. He preached an excellent sermon on "preserving the works of God's mercy," and spoke personally about the kindness of the people at St. James. At the 10:15 service he confirmed or received 12 parishioners (and blessed one who reaffirmed his baptismal vows).

He also said a special blessing over 8 of our children who completed their First Communion instruction.

Those being confirmed or received were: Brynнан Curry, Kurt Cessna, Marc Crouch, Jessica Graham, Jonathan McClintock, Victoria Mymudes, Caroline Oldham, Ryan Oldham, Susan Peak, Robert Sanchez, Gem Vance, Russ, Vance, and Ivey Lynn Young. Father Ron Peak reaffirmed his baptismal vows.

Those celebrating First Communion were Ella Bennett, Maggie Delgado, Mitchell Graham, Sadie Rae James, Hailey Pearson, Kara Pearson, Lila Van Beek, and Linley Van Beek.

A special thank you goes out to the ECW Hospitality Committee, who put on an excellent reception for Bishop Brewer, the confirmands, their families and sponsors after the service. The food, service, and fellowship were wonderful!



MUSIC MUSINGS November 2019

For all the saints, who from their labors rest...

Greetings, saints! Yes, it's true that we use All Saints Day each year to remember those who have gone before us, those who now rest in the arms of God. But it is also true that each one of us is a saint by virtue of being adopted into God's kingdom through the sacrifice of Jesus. I often spend time during this season thinking about those saints who have impacted me personally through the years...there's my friend, Jamie, who reminds me that the Holy Spirit truly does intercede for us as we seek to be sensitive to God's call...there's Pastor Ginny, with whom I served only served briefly, but who continues to be a shining light as she leads with both strength and humility...and Pastor Andy, a young friend of mine, who seeks to serve those who are in the margins of this society, exhibiting courage beyond his years. For these friends, and so many others, I am grateful, and excited to see how God is still working in and through the lives of His saints. Worship this month will reflect the joy and gratitude of being in community with saints of God here at St. James. Please join us as often as you are able!

November 3	All Saints Sunday with Baptism	
	"Grace"	St. James Choir
	"What Then Will God Do With Me?"	Jubilate
November 10	Stewardship Sunday and Ministry Fair	
	"Be Still"	St. James Choir
November 17	Another Beautiful Day to Be in Worship!	
	"The First Song of Isaiah"	St. James Choir
	"I Can Do All Things"	Jubilate
November 24	Christ the King Sunday	
	"Lift High the Cross"	Deb Carraway and Nancy Moran, Duet
	"At the Name of Jesus"	St. James Choir

From earth's side bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praying blessings on all the saints,
Deb Carraway
Director of Music and Organist
352.978.3186



2 Kathy Billington
 3 Debbie Saylor
 5 Charlie Davidson
 Dan Robuck III
 7 Mary Berry
 Diane Brannon
 8 Sarah Sisson
 Sara Gray
 9 Sue Hackney
 10 Chip Deems
 12 Libby Hackney
 14 Nancy Young
 Joyce Huey
 16 Lila Walling
 Margaret Anderson
 Pam Thomas

17 Betty Luther
 Becky Mitchell
 Kathryn Walling
 18 John Travers
 Jim Hooper
 Larry Demaline
 19 Susan Steidl
 21 Alberto Gan
 22 Dan Robuck
 Andon Gray
 23 Tyler Stafford
 26 Jeannine Rowell
 Kay Palmer
 27 Kathy Davidson
 28 John O'Kelley



1 Bob & Wilma Braun
 5 Charlie & Angela Perrin
 9 John & Denise Meier

12 Ross & Marion Belson
 17 Dan & Iris Robuck
 26 Jim & Barbara Logan



Many congratulations to Seth Peter and Bethany Trees on the birth of their daughter, Anika Marie, on October 23rd! Anika is Seth Peter and Bethany's first, and the first grandchild of Fr. Tom and Kathleen.

*"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord",
 The fruit of the womb is a reward" Psalm 127:3*

ECW GRAND AUCTION & SILENT AUCTION November 15, 2019

**Pre-Auction Wine & Appetizers; Silent Auction: 6:00 P.M.
 Live Auction: 7:00 P.M.**

It's hard to believe, but the ECW Grand Auction & Silent Auction is this month! We are looking forward to making this event another big success for ECW. Everyone is excited about having the Grand Auction on Friday night, November 15, 2019. We hope you can join us for this gala event!

We are in need of donations for the Grand Auction & Silent Auction. If you have something you would like to donate to the Grand Auction, contact Bob Tindall. It's important to note that ALL donations must go through Bob; they cannot just be "dropped off" at the Office. Bob can be reached by email or phone: walruselect@gmail.com or (717) 575-3092. If you would like to donate something to the Silent Auction, please contact Kristen Daley: kmydaley@gmail.com

The absolute **deadline for contributions is 5:00 PM, Wednesday, November 6.** We need to have the list finalized by then so that the program can be finalized and printed in time to be handed out on Sunday, November 10.

ECW MONTHLY MEETINGS

The next monthly meeting of the St. James Episcopal Church Women will be held on **Tuesday, November 5th, at 10:00AM in the Parish Hall.** The scheduled program is **"The New Leesburg Community Center"**, presented by Mark Starcher of Evergreen Construction.

Chapter Meetings—November 19th

The next monthly chapter meetings take place on Tuesday, November 19th. Three chapters meet at 10:00 a.m.: St. Ann's (Hosted by Elaine Samson in the Parish Hall); St. Francis' (Hosted by Tess Neumann, 24034 Robinwood St., Leesburg in Plantation); and St. Mary's (hosted by Paula O'Connor, 6110 Wade St, Leesburg, in Highland Lakes). The St. Celilia's chapter meets at 7:00 p.m. (hosted by Sharon McCabe, 926 Hawk Landing, Fruitland Park). 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 December ECW Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 3rd will feature a collection of Nativity sets. If you have a favorite or unusual set you would be willing to display and briefly discuss at the meeting, please contact Jan Tindall at jtindall01@gmail.com with your information and a brief description of the creche (origin, material, size, unusual features). I am hoping to have a large variety, and although I suspect we may not be able to showcase all of them, I plan to display them all. Thank you for your willingness to share your holiday treasures- Jan Tindall



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