

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

Join the ECW as they present our:

Courtyard Holiday Bazaar Saturday, November 6th 10:00AM ~ 3:00PM



This year our Annual Bazaar will be held outdoors in, and around, our beautiful courtyard. Featuring:



Church Stained Glass Window Tours
Order and purchase our original illumi-lite stained glass window ornaments

And peruse our other offerings:

“Jody’s Gift Shop”
(Books, Collectibles, Gifts, Home Décor and jewelry)
Baked Goods and Candy
Carry Out Cuisine
Christmas Décor and Gifts
Parson’s Attic
Plant Sale
RADA Knives

We will also have Coffee and Drinks and Lunch-to-Go!

***Due to Diocesan Covid rules all participants must wear masks when indoors. All food products will be individually wrapped and available for takeout only.

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The Messenger is a monthly publication of St. James' Episcopal Church in Leesburg, Florida. It is mailed on the last Wednesday of each month and highlights parish news for the upcoming month. Deadline for submissions is the third Wednesday of each month. Submissions should be sent to: Pat Schaefer <office@stjames-leesburg.org>

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CHURCH VESTRY & STAFF

Rector: Rev'd Thomas Trees
Assisting Priests: Rev'ds Charles Hay, William J. Boyer
Assisting Deacons: Rev'd Jerry Steidl, Rev'd Art Hollows
Parish Organist/Choir Director: Deb Carraway
Nursery Coordinator: Carmen Rebusmen
Director of Youth and Families: Elizabeth Williams
Minister to Teens: Susie Brewer
Treasurer: Tom Grizzard
Parish / Finance Secretary: Pat Schaefer
Sexton: Doug Ames
Housekeeping: Diane Smith
Vestry Members: Bonnie Binneveld, Bill Cauthen, Marc Crouch, Kristen Daley, Kathy Davidson, Danny Delgado (Senior Warden), Harry Hackney, Chris Leware, Steve Merrill, Bob Tindall, Steve Treiber (Junior Warden), Patti Wolf

ALL SOULS' SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

As we approach Thanksgiving and families consider gathering, many may feel more acutely the grief of loss of loved ones who have died recently or long ago. This year, three Episcopal Churches—St. Edward's in Mt. Dora, St. James in Leesburg, and St. Thomas in Eustis, are hosting a public **All Souls Requiem Service** with an Act of Remembrance and prayers for the Healing of Grief. This service is open to the public for all people grieving the death of a loved one, however long ago it may have been. If you would like someone's name read, please contact Margaret Emerson (office@stthomaseustis.org or 352-357-4358). Opportunities will also be available to add a loved one's name to the Roll of the Dead that evening.

The service begins at **6:00 PM on the 2nd of November 2021 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 317 S. Mary Street in Eustis.** For more details, please see St. Thomas' website (stthomaseustis.com)

IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences to Danny Delgado at the loss of his mother, **Maria Delgado**, on October 15th, and to the family of **Fern Davidson**, who passed away on October 13th.

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN

There will be a workday in the butterfly garden, **Thursday, November 18** at 8:30 AM, It has been moved to the 3rd Thursday this month due to Thanksgiving. All willing hands are appreciated. -Jan Tindall



St. James Prayer List

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

LONG TERM

Judy Cable
Court Hintze
Dorothy Martin
Sandy Ostrowski
Kristen Hooper
Dottie Elliott

Ernie Goodness
Bob Fiebke
Kathleen Magurean
Nash Booth
James Kaley
Chris
Aaron Jellison
Dottie Elliott
Jane Sewell
Sarah Sisson
Joyce Huey
Keith Bangert
Nathan
Verna Lindskoog
Kathryn Knight
Paulette
Terry Folker

SHORT TERM (3 weeks).

Pratt Carter
Tom Grizzard
Alicia



MEMORIAL DEDICATION

A **Service of Dedication** has been planned for the installation of a Memorial Bench in Memory of **Jody Stokes on Sunday, October 31st, at 9:00 AM** (between the 8:00 and 10:15 AM services). This will take place in the Courtyard. The Stokes family invites you to join them for this dedication, and for a brief reception afterward on the Veranda.



“So then, whenever we have the opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith” (Galatians 6:10).

Stewardship is something we are to do year-round as an opportunity to “work for the good of all”. Our program, **“Blessed Stewardship: A Door of Opportunity”** helps us learn to do that as a way of growing in our relationship with God.

Each lesson focus on a specific “opportunity”:

- #1: *Understanding How God Sees Us*
- #2: *Becoming the People God Wants Us to Be*
- #3: *Exploring Our Role in the Church*
- #4: *Getting Involved in the Work of God*



Dorry Curran is leading this program at church on Thursdays this fall. Since most of you can't come in person, Dorry is recording a summary of each lesson on our **YouTube Channel (Leesburg St James)**. You can also view them on our **St. James Web Site (www.stjames-leesburg.org)**. Be sure to check them out. You'll be inspired!

While stewardship is year-round, we do set specific times to make it our focus. We will conclude our fall program on **Stewardship Sunday, November 7th**. We will also display a **“Door of Opportunity”** with the ministries of St. James you can join.

Pledge cards for 2022 have been mailed out, and we have them available at the church. If you can attend, please bring your pledge card to one of our services, where we will offer it up to the Lord. Otherwise you can mail it to us, and we will include it in the service that day. Either way, we will offer our gifts as part of year-round opportunity to grow in discipleship, and to “work for the good of all”.



**Who is a Daughter?
She wears this cross.**

The Daughters of the King meet the **second Wednesday of the month at 2:00PM in the Parish Hall**. Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 10th**. All women of the parish are welcome to join us. We will be reviewing the Daughters Handbook. It will be an opportunity to learn about the Daughters of the King. Please come join us. If you need extra prayers for yourself or loved one, please let a Daughter know, and she and all other Daughters will offer prayers.

Join us November 21st, Christ the King Sunday, for our Daughters of the King Eucharist at 10:15. We will welcome a new Daughter to our Chapter that day!

ECW NEWS

The next meeting of our ECW will take place on **Tuesday, November 2nd at 10:00AM..** Our guest speakers will be **Susan Cyrus and Bob Tindall**. The topic will be **“Dealing With Grief.”**

FOOD DROP PROJECT

Counting 25 cars carrying food and money the October FOOD DROP managed by Terri and Van Galyon and Tanina Singletary provided another successful FOOD DROP.

**Collected: 902 pounds of food
\$720.00**

**Yearly Total: 19,971 pounds of food
\$25,757 pounds of food**

Thank you for sharing and meeting the needs of our community. We are looking forward to and thankful for our next THANKSGIVING FOOD DROP on **November 17, the third Wednesday** of the month. Prayers and God’s blessings go with you.



TIME TO FALL BACK!

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 7th, at 2:00 AM. Remember to turn your clocks back and take back the hour we lost in the Spring!!!



Music Musings
November 2021

“It is well, it is well with my soul...”

It is said that we live in paradise, and many days I would agree. But even in paradise we find things to complain about, don’t we? “It’s too hot, too humid, too wet, too far from family...” and the list goes on in spite of our assertion that paradise living is perfect. Contentment is often fleeting, causing us to want what we don’t have, in spite of all the blessings we do enjoy.

I’ve thought about this a lot throughout this time of Covid, a situation that has exacerbated our own bent toward discontent. And so I’ve wondered if there’s an antidote, not a magic bullet, but something that could reframe our thinking, even in the most difficult times. One step in that direction (for me) has been found in what I call “intentional gratitude.” It doesn’t fix the situation, but it certainly can help us prioritize the things that are truly important. As we enter another season of Thanksgiving, perhaps it is time to ask ourselves the question that John Wesley asked of believers meeting in small groups, “How is it with your soul?” When we sit with that question, really ponder it, we can begin to see how God is working in and through our lives. Out of that can come a true sense of gratitude, and a contentment that will sustain.

In response to this contentment, we often feel compelled to serve, to give back to the God who gives us more than we could ever ask or imagine. As always, there are many chances for you to participate in the Music Ministry at St. James, and I hope you will consider one of them as a way to respond in gratitude to our amazing God...

St. James Choir – rehearsal Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Parish Hall
Instruments of Praise – this ensemble hopes to resume rehearsals soon
Jubilate – children’s choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm in the St. Nicholas House

Be blessed, friends, and rest in the contentment that only God can provide.

Yours in Christ,
Deb Carraway 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 Pam Thomas

- 17 Betty Luther
Becky Mitchell
Kathryn Walling
- 18 Jim Hooper
Larry Demaline
- 19 Susan Steidl
Ann Tuke
- 21 Alberto Gan
- 22 Dan Robuck, Jr.
Andon Gray
- 26 Jeannine Rowell
Kay Palmer
- 27 Kathy Davidson
- 28 John O'Kelley



- 1 Bob & Wilma Braun
- 9 John & Denise Meier
- 11 Gary Abbott & Dorry Curran
- 12 Ross & Marion Belson

- 17 Dan & Iris Robuck
- 25 Jim & Barbara Logan
- 26 Bob & Dot McVey

HOLY BAPTISM



We rejoice at the baptism of **Gordon Garfield Oldham V**, son of Gordon IV and Kristen Oldham (and great-grandson of Kathryn Knight), on October 23rd.

“We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.”

BIKEFEST PARKING NOVEMBER 12TH-13TH

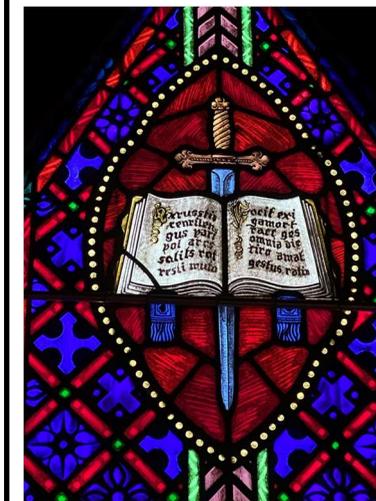
We will be providing parking for the Leesburg Bike Fest on Friday, November 12th, and Saturday, November 13th. The funds raised are used to support youth ministry and missions. **Volunteers are needed** to help with parking both days. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Parish Hall. To help out, contact Beth Williams at (352) 702-2062



ST. JAMES JUBILATE & CHRISTMAS REHEARSAL

The St James youth have begun rehearsing for their Christmas production! On Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30, grades K-8 will meet in the St Nicholas House for music rehearsal (Jubilate). 5:30-6:30 will be script practice/blocking. Sunday mornings, youth will meet from 9-10 for snacks, a Bible lesson, and some more Christmas play practice. It's going to be a fun time together focusing on the gifts we've been given, and what we should do with them. Please join in as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth!

If you are interested in joining, please contact **Beth Williams** at **352-702-2062** or the church office at 352-787-1981.



St. James Sunday School Fall 2021

The Letter to the Hebrews

We are taking a close look at the Letter to the Hebrews (traditionally attributed to Paul but anonymously written). We will address its significant themes and ask how they apply to our lives today. These themes include: its defense of Christian faith, its emphasis on the High Priesthood of Christ, its invitation to “draw near,” and its warnings of judgment. Come and dis-



2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 9:00 ECW Board Mtg 10:00 ECW Gen'l. Mtg. | 3 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:30 Jubilate 7:00 Choir Rehearsal | 4 10:00 Eucharist 1:00 & 7:00PM "Blessed Stewardship" | 5 | 6 10:00 Courtyard Holiday Bazaar |
| 7 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist | 8 | 9 | 10 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 2:00 DOK 4:30 Jubilate 7:00 Choir Rehearsal | 11 10:00 Eucharist | 12 Bikefest Parking | 13 Bikefest Parking |
| 14 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist | 15 1:00 Altar Guild Mtg (in Sanctuary) | 16 ECW Chapter Meetings 10:00 St. Anne's (PH) 4:00 St. Cecelia's (PH) | 17 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:30 Jubilate 5:00 Finance Mtg. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal | 18 8:30 Butterfly Garden 10:00 Eucharist 6:00 Vestry | 19 | 20 |
| 21 CHRIST THE KING 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 DOK Eucharist | 22 | 23 | 24 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:30 Jubilate 7:00 Choir Rehearsal | 25 10:00 Thanksgiving Eucharist | 26 | 27 |
| 28 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist | 29 | 30 | | | | |