

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



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 24TH, 2024

“GRACE & GRATITUDE”

¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.” (Ephesians 4:10)

Join us for our **Stewardship Sunday** on **November 24th**, when we will present our stewardship pledge for 2025. On this day we will also hold our annual **Ministry Fair**, which will take place in the **Parish Hall** after both the 8:00 and 10:15 services. We have Ministry Forms available that you can fill out, giving you the opportunity to “pledge” your involvement to St. James in the upcoming year. You can learn about each ministry in our **2024-25 Ministry Catalog**. Copies of the catalog were handed out at the Parish Wide Dinner, and additional copies are available in the back of the church. We want everyone at St. James to find ways to make use of the gifts God has given us to minister to his glory.

Our theme for Stewardship this year is **“Grace and Gratitude.”** Central to the gospel message is its insistence that our redemption is a gift of God’s **Grace**. We do not earn our acceptance with him. When we put our faith in Christ, he makes us new creations; we are “created in Christ Jesus for good works”. The gifts we offer and the ministries we undertake are ways we show our **Gratitude**. Stewardship is a key way we make gratitude “our way of life.”

See you on Sunday, the 24th!



One of the key ministries we offer at St. James is Stephen Ministry. We will install our new Stephen Ministers at the 10:15 service on November 10th. Information on Stephen Ministry can be found in the pews, and will be available at the Ministry Fair on November 24th.

NOVEMBER  **2024**

The Messenger is a monthly publication of St. James' Episcopal Church in Leesburg, Florida. It is mailed on the last week 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: Victoria Mymudes <office@stjames-leesburg.org>

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Leesburg, FL 34748



SUNDAY SERVICES **8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.**
HEALING SERVICE: **Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel**
FR. TREES' CELL & EMAIL: **(352)-643-118 EMAIL: frtrees@stjames-leesburg.org**
OFFICE PHONE: **(352) 787-1981 FAX: (352)787-1021**
OFFICE EMAIL: **office@stjames-leesburg.org**

Please visit our website at: www.stjames-leesburg.org



Sunday services are livestreamed at 10:15 AM:
Go to YouTube and type
“Leesburg Stjames” or visit our Facebook Page.

CLERGY AND STAFF

Rector	Rev'd Thomas Trees
Deacon	Rev'd Art Hollows
Parish & Finance Secretary	Victoria Mymudes
Parish Organist/Choir Director	John Wilson
Youth Ministry and Choir Director	Elizabeth Williams
Sexton	Wylie Hill

VESTRY MEMBERS

(Senior Warden) Terri Galyon, (Junior Warden) Drew Logan, (Treasurer) Linda Weekley
Bill Binneveld, Rita Clements, Linda Grizzard, David Knowles, Mackie McCabe, Stuart
Mowatt, Marvin Naylor, Dan Robuck, Dick Singeltary .



St. James Prayer List

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



SHORT TERM (3 Weeks)

Patricia Bailey
Beverly Caswell
Laurie Keach
Kermode Family
Jeff Millett
Holly Rouse
Robert Sanchez
Kevin Watkins

LONG TERM (3 Months)

Baby Autumn
Michael Baker
Larry Coolboth
Kristin Conner
Berni Dodeci

Linda Long
Jared Mymudes

LONG TERM

Nathan Battle
Bill Boyer
Marsha Burdick
Mabel Burns
Judy Cable
Paul Dallaire
Dottie Elliott
Fr. Charles Hay
Becky Mitchel
Jim Mitchell
Brandon Morrison
Curt Oestreich

Bubba Robinson
Cindy Raczkowski
Helen Williams
Julitta Velton
Belinda Morton-
Rusk
Joe Branham
Charlie Schaefer
Bill Mann
Donna Sharnosk
Dot Vedder
Rob Yeager
Katie Leware
Beth Crossley
Linda Long

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GRIEF SUPPORT GATHERING

The Coffee **SNOB**

(after closing)

1101 W North Blvd.
Leesburg, FL 34748

Thursday, November 07 , 2024

Greet & Meet 3:00 PM

Join Us for Christian Fellowship & Sharing

“Reconnecting Socially After Losing Loved Ones”



LIBRARY CORNER



Last year (2023) a committee of 3 revised the booklet written by Jane Englehard a few decades ago. In addition to the marvelous text, Jane wrote “back then” on the subject of the “stained glass windows” of St. James. We added colored photos of the windows. It was a successful venture.

We will be selling these booklets during our **Fall Bazaar on November, 16th**. Location? The north door to the sanctuary, and we are reducing the price to **\$5.00 per copy** because everyone should be aware of our wonderful historic and revered windows which depict so vividly the Story of God!

On Bazaar Saturday from 10 till 2, we will also be offering **a tour of the windows**. Hope for a sunny day; these windows are magnificent with God’s light shining through. Please join us for the tour. —Margaret Branham

INVITE-WELCOME-CONNECT UPDATE

Connecting Newcomers to St James

Connecting is the process of making Newcomers feel like they belong. At St James our process involves the following:

- *Contacting them,
- *Being available to them
- *Helping them see where they fit in within St James
- *And, Tracking their status

Bob Tindall has done a super job of preparing and presenting the 3-part series, “The History of St. James, Why We Do What We Do” for newcomers. Bob has also put together a small group of people, called “Liaison” to St. James. These Liaisons make first contact, via the mail.

This small group could certainly welcome growth. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please contact **Bob Tindall at (717) 575-3092**. walruselecta@gmail.com



VETERANS DAY YOUTH OPEN HOUSE

Monday, Nov. 11th there will be a youth and families open house! From **11am to 5pm**, visit the St Nicholas for a little time or a long time of fellowship. Ping-pong, foosball, video games, board games, card games, crafts, and LEGOs will all be out for use. Light lunch, snacks and drinks will be provided, but feel free to bring something to share, if you like! Students K and up are welcome to be dropped off, while pre-k and younger are welcome to stay and play with an adult buddy. **We hope to see you there!**

VIDEO & DISCUSSION SERIES: “GOD CAME NEAR”

We have begun a new Advent-themed video and discussion series called “God Came Near,” with Max Lucado. We meet on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. This discussion series emerged from our recent Alpha Course. When Alpha concluded, some of the Alpha guests wanted to continue meeting in fellowship and discipleship. This series is a way for us to stay connected and to keep developing our spiritual formation. Please bring your own dinner and we will eat together. We will watch each video in the 6-part series and then discuss it in small groups.

We plan to meet each Tuesday evenings the following days:

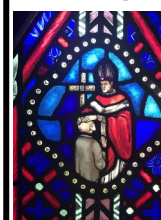
11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/10 and 12/17.

This will be a great way to prepare for and to celebrate Advent. Please join us and invite others. We will have a group of youth for this series, so, if you know anyone who might be interested in that, as well.

Hope to see you there!

Blessings, Dorry

INQUIRER’S CLASS



**STARTING SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 10TH
@ 9:00 a.m.**

If you are interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, or would like to learn more about Anglican history and theology, we invite you to join Deacon Art Hollows and Sebastiana Springmann for a 5-week series starting on Sunday, November 10th, at 9 a.m. in the St. Nicholas House.

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES!

RED LETTER EDITION

**STARTING SEPTEMBER 15TH
@ 9:00 AM**

BREAKFAST IS INCLUDED!

We’ll look at the words and deeds of Jesus from each Sunday’s Gospel lesson with fun, interactive activities.

ECW OUTREACH

NOVEMBER 5TH

9:00 a.m.- ECW Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.- ECW General Meeting
Hostesses: St. Cecilia's

NOVEMBER 16TH Holiday Bazaar

NOVEMBER 19TH Chapter Meetings

NOVEMBER 24TH Ministry Fair

DECEMBER 3RD

10:00 a.m.- ECW Board Meeting
11:00 a.m.- ECW General Meeting/Christmas Luncheon
Hosted by the ECW Board and the Hospitality Committee

ECW HOLIDAY BAZAAR NOVEMBER 16TH FROM 9-2

There will be something for everyone to enjoy!

Plant Booth -There will be a variety of Native Florida "Pollinator Plants" which provide a habitat and food supply for our birds and bees. You can also find Milkweed plants which are favored by Monarch Butterflies.

Sweet Shop - You can savor homemade candy at the and relish the variety of entrees from our popular Carry Out Cuisine.

Enjoy our 50% Off Selection Tables. Bargain hunters can find unique items & shop early in our **Christmas Room - Jody's Gift Shop, and our "Crafts and Beyond Room"**.

A light Lunch will be available in the Parish beginning at 11am.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - The Holiday Bazaar is a major fundraiser for our Community Outreach Programs, and we need several volunteers to make this event a success. If you are willing to help, please contact the following people:

Karen Sofield: 908-421-5718 or Dee Saylor: 610-212-2180.

Ronald McDonald, Arnold Palmer House, Orlando

We hope that all our faithful "tab pullers" have survived the two back-to-back storms without too much stress and damage. Arnold Palmer House is grateful for each tab you pulled as you saw on YouTube in October.

Our message is "Keep Pulling" and many thanks!

ST. JAMES POLO & T-SHIRTS

Men's Polo Shirts Sizes

Sm, Med, Large, XL \$25
2XL, XL, 4XL

Women's Polo Shirts Sizes

Sm, Med, Large, XL \$25 (short sleeve)
\$30 (¾ sleeve)
2XL, XL, 4XL \$30 (short or ¾ sleeve)

Children's Polo Shirts Sizes

Sm, Med, Large, XL \$25 each



Screen Printed Tee Shirts

Adult : S, M, L, XL \$15
2XL, 3 XL, 4XL \$20

Children's: S, M, L, XL \$15

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The men of St. James are invited to join us on the third Wednesday of every month at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 20th.**

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Meet on **Wednesday, November, 13th at 2:00 p.m.** We will gather in the Church Sanctuary for Eucharist. This will be followed by a short meeting in the Parish

"The Life and the Light of the World"

Beginning on **November 7** we will begin a special **Adven and Nativity study**. Beginning with the beautiful opening words of the Gospel according to John, and progressing through Matthew and Luke, we will explore the announcements of the birth, and the birth event itself.

We will also look back at the prophetic promises of the coming of our Lord, particularly from **Isaiah and Micah**. As we read the familiar words, we will discuss the differences in description and emphasis of each account.

As always at these studies, participants are invited to question and comment while no one is 'put on the spot' with a direct question. Except the leader that is!

I am looking forward to exploring again the event that changed the world with the fulfillment of the promise of a light that will never be extinguished in a dark world and a life that is full and eternal.

Join us beginning on **Thursday November 7th at 6:30 in the Parish Hall**. Bring your own Bible because having different versions around the table frequently opens up a discussion.

Jeff Brooke-Stewart



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3rd Alana Goodman	17th Becky Mitchell
3rd Debbie Saylor	18th Jim Hooper
5th Charlie Davidson	18th Larry Demaline
6th Patricia Bailey	21st Alberto Gan
7th Mary Berry	22nd David Lawrence
7th Diane Brannon	22nd Dan Robuck
9th Sue Hackney	22nd Andon Gray
9th Blanca Crabtree	23rd Deni Lawrence
10th Chip Deems	24th Cynthia Newton
12th Sue Heaney	25th Simon Van Beek
14th Nancy Young	26th Jeannine Rowell
14th Joyce Huey	28th John O'Kelly
16th Linda Jackson	
16th Pam Thomas	

ANNIVERSARIES

4th Joel & Leanne Trees
9th John & Denise Meier
12th Ross & Marion Belson
14th Charles & Cindy Esselburn
17th Dan & Iris Robuck
26th Jim & Barbara Logan



FOOD DROP UPDATE

Our October Food Drop took place on a sunnier and calmer day than the days prior with Hurricane Milton rendering “scary” days at best. Cars totaling 24 with passengers faithfully bringing food while being met by volunteers, Tanina Singeltary and Richard Singeltary, Jan Tindall, Terri and Van Galyon, and Barbara Logan.. We continued filling the Leesburg Food Bank Truck with the food for distribution to “those in need” in our community:

COLLECTED: 540 pounds of food \$625.00

TOTAL TO DATE: **47,188 pounds of food \$56,442.00**

St. James Parishioners you are appreciated! We will meet again for the **FOOD DROP** on **Wednesday, November 20th from 9:00-12:00**. 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 WELCOMED! RIGHT NOW, THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR PASTAS! Blessings to you all.**

Let us come before God’s presence with Thanksgiving. Psalm 95:2

JODY’S GIFT SHOP Stained Glass Window 7

The ECW is pleased to announce the seventh stained glass window ornament of the series. The window we have chosen is the Ascension Window, located behind the choir stalls. This is printed on glass and can be used as a Christmas ornament or as a window sunlight catcher. We are taking Pre-orders beginning now for delivery in approximately 5 weeks. Each ornament is about 4” and comes in a gift box ready for giving. The price for each ornament is **\$25.00**. **WE ALSO HAVE THE EARLIER 6 ORNAMENTS RELEASED THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GIFT SHOP.**

To order, please get **THE** form from the gift shop or church office. Turn in this form with cash or a check made out to the: **St. James ECW** with the memo line indicating **Gift Shop**. Place it in an envelope addressed to Jody’s Gift Shop and bring it to the gift shop or put it in the church office. The gift shop has been fortunate **IN RECEIVING** a variety of donations . Please visit as our contributions provide revenue for the ECW missions, local and world wide.

**SEE YOU ALL AT SHOP DURING THE BAZAAR
ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16TH.
TAKE SPECIAL CARE AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL!**

PRE-BAZAAR SALE NOVEMBER 3RD & 10TH

This will take place between the Church services on this day.

For more information about the Bazaar, door prizes and the Pre-Bazaar Sale, please contact Jeannie Rowell or Becky Mitchell.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOVEMBER					1 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open	2 2:00 All Souls' Service at St. Thomas in Eustis
3 27th Sunday After Pentecost ALL SAINTS DAY 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist 12:00 DOK Reception 1:00 Steak-Out (Boat Club)	4  7:00 Advanced Ukulele Class Practice	5 9:00 ECW Board Mtg. 10:00 General Mtg. 6:00 "God Came	6 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Adult Choir	7 10:00 Healing Service 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open 3:00 Grief Support 6:30 Bible Study	8 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open	9
10 25th Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Parish History 10:15 Eucharist	11 VETERAN'S DAY 11:00 St. Nicholas Youth Open House 6:00 Beginner Ukulele Class 6:30 Stephen Ministry 	12 6:00 "God Came Near"	13 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 2:00 Daughter's of the King 4:00 Jubilate 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Adult Choir 	14 10:00 Healing Service 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open 6:30 Bible Study	15 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open	16 
17 26th Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	18 7:00 Advanced Ukulele Class Practice	19 10:00 ECW Chapters 6:00 "God Came Near"	20 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 5:00 Finance Committee 6:30 Bell Choir	21 10:00 Healing Service 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop 6:00 Vestry Mtg 6:30 Bible Study	22 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open	23
24 27th Sunday After Pentecost STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY & MINISTRY FAIR 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	25 6:00 Beginner Ukulele Class	26 	27 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy	28 10:00 Thanksgiving Service 	29	30 