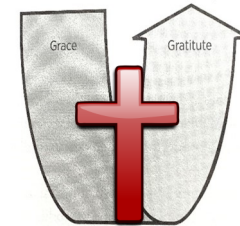


St. James seeks to be a community that grows more Christlike, expressing the love of Jesus Christ in our worship, our outreach, and our commitment to discipleship.

ST. JAMES MESSENGER

IT'S TIME FOR THE PARISH WIDE DINNER!

**6:00PM, Monday, October 21st
Venetian Center, 1 Dozier Circle, Leesburg**



“GRACE AND GRATITUDE” Ephesians 2:8-10

Join us on **October 21st at 6:00 pm**, as we begin our Fall Stewardship Program with a Parish Wide Dinner at the Venetian Center (next to the Leesburg Boat Club, off Dixie Ave). We will enjoy an evening of food and fellowship, and discuss what gifts we can use for the purpose of God’s glory.

Our theme this year is **“Grace and Gratitude,”** focusing on **Ephesians 2:8-10:**

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. 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.

While the world expects us prove our worth through a system of “performance and reward,” God never looks at us that way. We are not worthy of his approval, because we have sinned. But God loves us any way—regardless of what we have done or not done. He redeemed us by sending his Son Jesus, who lived and ministered among us, and—most importantly—sacrificed his life for us. Our redemption is a gift of his **Grace**. When we believe in him, he makes us new creations. We are “created us in Christ Jesus for good works”—not to earn his approval, but to show our **Gratitude**. Stewardship is a key way we show our gratitude as “our way of life.”

There is no cost for the dinner, but we need you to reserve a spot so we can have an accurate head count. There will be RSVP cards in the Sunday bulletins, which you may place in the collection plate. Or, you can contact the church office at 352-787-1981, or office@stjames-leesburg.org. **Please respond by Thursday, October 17th.**

OCTOBER 2024

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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)

Joe Branham	August 14th
Carl Sharnosk	August 27th
Donna Sharnosk	August 27th
Dot Vedder	August 27th
Rob Yeager	August 27th
Katie Leware	August 27th
Bryan Crossley	August 29th
Beth Crossley	August 29th



LONG TERM

Nathan Battle	Becky Mitchell
Larry Bonofiglio	Jim Mitchell
Mabel Burns	Brandon Morrison
Fr. Bill Boyer	Curt Oestreich
Judy Cable	Bubba Robinson
Pratt Carter	Cindy Raczkow
Dottie Elliott	Dot Vedder
Fr. Charles Hay	Julitta Velton
Keneta Gaillardet	

GRIEF SUPPORT

Our next Grief Support meeting is going to be: **October 3, 2024 at The Coffee Snob.**
As always, the Meet & Greet starts at 3:00p.m.

Our next Grief Support Gathering is 3:00 pm on Thursday, October 03, 2024 at the *Coffee Snob*. If you want to order a drink, come earlier.

Our topic for conversation is *“Healthy Strategies for Channeling and Coping with Anger”*. Anger is one of the significant stages of grief that plays a major role in how we react and process our grief. To work past this stage we need to find healthy ways to express our anger, work our way through this stage and allow us to heal. Sharing is optional, but we welcome and value everyone’s input.

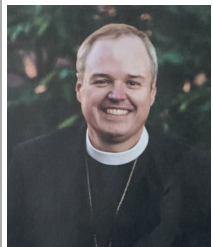
Hope to see you on October 3rd. Copies of the flyers are attached.

Hugs and God’s Blessings to you all,
Susan

***“Healthy Strategies for Channeling and Coping with Anger”*.**



LIBRARY CORNER



Congratulations to BISHOP SEAN ROWE of the Episcopal Dioceses of Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania who was recently elected to be the PRESIDING BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. His nine year tenure begins on Nov. 1, 2024, All Saints Day, and he will be the youngest Bishop (age 49) to succeed to this post.



IN MEMORIAM

We are deeply saddened at the loss of two long-term members of St. James recently. **Dr. Pratt Carter** passed away on Thursday, September 19th, and **Donna Tweedle** passed on Friday, September 20th. Pratt's Memorial service is on Wednesday, October 2nd; and Donna's service is on Saturday, October 12th. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.*



Ronald McDonald Arnold Palmer House

Many of the collectors of the Pop Tops here at Saint James have asked what happens to the tabs once I bring them to the Parish Hall and lift the lid off the house that Ted Kermode made. The best answer I can give you....check YouTube has several interesting sites, "The Life of a Pop Tab", the second one tells the story told by a young girl, "RMHC of Carolinas Pop Tabs". Be assured that each of the tabs you save counts, and many people say, Thank You! -Meg Bremer

INVITE-WELCOME-CONNECT UPDATE

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

CONNECT ORIENTATION SERIES

The Connect Orientation Series begins again on **Sunday, October 13th**. Newcomers and "old-timers" alike are invited. The presentations will start at 9:15 on Sunday morning, in the Meeting Room in the St. Nicholas Building, and will run for about 30 minutes. Here's a chance to learn a lot more about St. James: Who we are, where we came from, and what we are doing now. Please join us!

Sunday, Oct. 13: The History of St. James

Sunday, Oct. 20: Why We Do What We Do-A Description of the Church Service

Sunday, Oct. 27: Missions at St. James

**The Society of English
Dancing**
**Come join us for an evening
of fun and dancing on Friday,
October 4th at 6:00 p.m in the
Parish Hall!**



**INTERGENERATINAL
SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES!**

RED LETTER EDITION

**SUNDAYS
@ 9:00 AM
BREAKFAST IS INCLUDED!**

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

TASTE OF ST. JAMES

Thank you all for a wonderful evening sampling food from some of the best Chefs of St. James. With Helene gone, we could not have had a better evening. We are sincerely thankful for all the Chefs that fixed amazing food for our guests. The night was filled with fellowship and we thank all the guests that purchased tickets, made donations, and the raffle items that were given to raise money for the mission. I am eternally grateful for all the people that helped with set-up, take-down and worked that evening to make the event a huge success. With your participation and generously, the Mission raised **\$4816.00**. This money will be used to purchase medicines, medical supplies and ship the items to Jamaica in January so they will be available for the mission in February. Much Thanks, Sharon and Mackie and Herma and Stuart.

ECW UPDATE

At our September 7th Fall Coffee we enjoyed refreshments provided by the Board and the Hospitality Committee, followed by “stellar” entertainment from Birdy Connolly and Ralph Lambert. President Sherry Lash introduced the new Board members:

First Vice-President: Chris Meade

Second Vice President Co-Chairs: Karen Sofield and Dee Saylor

Secretary: Eileen Pens; Treasurer: Mary Burnett

Assistant Treasurer: Barbara Morgan

Auditors: Patti Wolfe and Barbara Logan

Immediate Past President: Sharon McCabe

Chaplain: Nancy Mitchell; Christian Education: Birdy Connolly

Scrapbook: Berni Dodeci

October 1st is the **ECW Board Meeting- 9:00 am**
ECW General Meeting-10:00 am (Hostess: St. Francis)

October 15 are the **Chapter Meetings**
October 13 and 20 are the **UTO In-Gathering Sundays**



What is the United Thank Offering?

In 1821, two female missionaries from the **Women’s Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church** were sent to Greece. These devoted women taught for fifty years and founded a **Society for the Advancement of Female Education in Greece**. On this, they started the concept that one should make a monetary offering to thank God for each blessing he had bestowed upon them. In the 19th and early part of the 20th centuries women were excluded from attaining any influential or powerful positions in the Episcopal Church even though they played a pivotal role in missionary outreach and amassing funding. Women were essential to the Episcopalian Church on a local, national and global level, yet all the decision making was controlled by men. **In 1871 the General Convention allowed the Women’s Auxiliary to join the Board of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. In 1889, the concept of the United Offering was formally established.**

While it is not surprising that women in the Episcopal Church, as in society as a whole, faced many challenges, their role was frequently the subject of divisive debate. Fortunately, by 1971, United Thank Offering emerged as an independent and influential part of the Episcopal Church. **In the past 125 years it has dispersed a total of \$133,355,181, which has funded ministries all over the world supporting thousands of communities.**

ST. JAMES POLO & T-SHIRTS

Men’s Polo Shirts Sizes

Sm, Med, Large, XL \$25 each
2XL, 3 XL, 4XL, 5XL \$30 each.

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. **We next meet on October 16th.** Our next meeting will be on We have a DVD Bible Study called, “Searching for the Historical Jesus”.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Meet on **Wednesday, October 9th at 2:00 p.m.** We are going through the Epistle to the Hebrews for our Scripture study. All the women of St. James are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY WITH JEFF BROOKS-STEWART

We are wrapping up our study of the Book of Acts. So far, we have studied the beginning of the church and we have followed St. Paul and other early Christian evangelists on their missionary journeys to the Gentiles. Most of Paul’s epistles were written during that period.

We are in the final chapters of Acts, where Paul has fallen afoul of the authorities again. He will go on trial and eventually suffer open hostility, death threats, and shipwreck. Finally, we will be with Paul in Rome as spends two full years under guard awaiting trial but free to share his message with all who will listen. This was his great mission - to share the living Gospel of Christ.

The conclusion of the Great Adventure!

Please join us on **Thursdays at 6:30 pm.** I think that you will enjoy the lively discussion.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



2nd Babs Treiber	16th Robert Thomas Meade
2nd Alexis Dunmire	17th Sandy Bonofiglio
3rd David Knowles	17th Alexandra Graham
3rd Kay Haddenham	19th John Macintyre
4th Charlotte Sanchez	20th Suzanne Oldham
5th Paul Smigel	20th Stephanie Engel
5th Scott Dailey	20th Angel Deacon Pearson
7th Ellen Christine Brooks	20th Blythe Scott Daley
8th Jorge Fernandez	21st Ken Herring
8th Jeff Brooke-Stewart	23rd Katherine Geyer
8th Rev'd Thomas Trees	23rd Chris Leware
9th Marie Gan	23rd Herma Mowatt
9th Mike Cyrus	23rd Ethan Williams
9th Grace Brynnan Curry	24th Anika Trees
15th JoAnn Statts	25th John Hill
13th Larry Block	26th Judy Baxter
15th Monica Bonner	28th Murray Tucker
15th Drew Logan	29th Nigel Bailey
16th Ross Belson	



ANNIVERSARIES



1st George & Margaret Bolton
 4th John & Becca Hill
 4th William & Carolyn Hoth
 7th Bill & Katie Mann
 16th Dottie & Charlie Davidson
 19th Russ & Gem Vance
 23rd Marti Kay & Charles Doty
 24th Lyle & Kay Haddenham
 30th Jim & Dot Gustafson



JODY'S GIFT SHOP OPEN

WEDNESDAYS
10-2
THURSDAYS
10-2
FRIDAYS
10-2
SUNDAYS
9-12



SEPTEMBER FOOD DROP

Our September Food Drop was a continual parade of 24 cars and passengers bringing food while being met by volunteers, Tanina Singeltary, Jan Tindall, Terri and Van Galyon, and Rita Clements.

We continued filling the Leesburg Food Bank Truck with the food for distribution to "those in need" in our community:

COLLECTED: 583 pounds of food - \$425.00
TOTAL TO DATE: 46,648 pounds of food.

Well done, St. James Parishioners! We will meet again for the **FOOD DROP on Wednesday, October 16 from 9:00-12:00.** A message will be sent out if there are special "needs" due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you for your continual support. Blessings to you all.

ECW BAZAAR NOVEMBER 16TH

November is coming up fast and the Bazaar is right around the corner.

So, we are in need of
DOOR PRIZES & DONATIONS
 All donations will be greatly appreciated!

PLEASE TURN IN ALL DOOR PRIZES & DONATIONS BY OCTOBER 25TH

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.

FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

Those desiring to offer flowers for any service-either in Memory of Loved Ones or in Thanksgiving, please contact me, **Bonnie Binneveld, at 352-255-1658.**

On behalf of ECW, I will handle the monthly calendar for Altar and Madonna flowers. Then it is up to the donor to contact a local florist and make arrangements. They should bill you directly, Not St. James. You can also reserve the Altar candle for \$10.00.

Thank you, Bonnie Binneveld

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 ECW Board Mtg 10:00 ECW General Mtg. 6:00-8:00 ALPHA Alpha	2 11:00 Dr. Pratt Carter Memorial 12:00 C & P 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Choir  6:00 Blessing of The Animals	3 10:00 Healing Service 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop 3:00 Grief Support 6:30 Bible Study	4 6:00 The Society Of English Dancing Parish Hall	5
	6 20th Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	7 6:00 Beginner Ukulele Class 7:00 Advanced Ukulele Class	8 6:00-8:00 Alpha	9 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 2:00 Daughters of the King 4:00 Jubilate 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Adult Choir	10 10:00 Healing Service 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open 6:30 Bible Study	11 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open
	13 21st Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Connect Class 10:15 Eucharist	14 6:00 Beginner Ukulele Class 6:30 Stephen Ministry	15 10:00 & 3:45 ECW Chapters 6:00-8:00 Alpha	16 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 5:00 Finance Meeting 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Adult Choir	17 10:00 Healing Service 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open 6:00 Vestry Mtg 6:30 Bible Study	18 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open
	20 22nd Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Connect Class 10:15 Eucharist	21 6:00 PM PARISH WIDE DINNER AT THE VENETIAN CENTER	22	23 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Adult Choir	24 10:00 Healing Service 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop 6:30 Bible Study	25 10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open
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