

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



We are Ready to Reopen!

09/13/2020

After six months of separation, a summer of renovations (led by Steve Merrill), and some hard work by our cleaning crew, we are reopening the doors of St. James for worship! We invite you to join us for Holy Eucharist on **Sunday, September 13th**, at **8:00 (Rite I)** or **10:15 (Rite II with music and singing)**. To attend either service you'll need to register ahead of time, either by calling the office at 352-787-1981, or by emailing us at office@stjames-leesburg.org. For the time being, seating is limited to 50 people per service. Remember to wear your mask and stay six feet apart! We'll also have ushers available to assist you with seating, Communion, and dismissal.

For those of you who would like to see the new renovations but are not ready to attend worship, the church will be open from 12:00-1:00 p.m. on September 13th for you to stop by. We will also continue to **livestream our 10:15 service each Sunday**. You can find the service at our YouTube channel, "Leesburg StJames". Communion packets are available for you to pick up from the church office if you would like to celebrate from home (we encourage you to pick up a couple weeks' worth at a time).

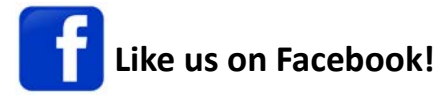


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The Messenger is a monthly publication of St. James’ Episcopal Church in Leesburg, Florida. It is mailed on the last Wednesday of each month and highlights parish news for the upcoming month. Deadline for submissions is the third Wednesday of each 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, Ron Peak
Assisting Deacons: Rev’ds Charlie Perrin, Jerry Steidl
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, Ted Bowersox, Marc Crouch, Kristen Daley, Kathy Davidson, Steve Merrill (Junior Warden), Bruce Saylor (Senior Warden), Dick Singletary, Joanie Smalley, Bob Tindall, Steve Treiber, Patti Wolf



PHOTOS/SCRAPBOOKING

In the quiet quarantine moments, several members of the E.C.W. are arranging photographs of parish events, personalities, garden settings, etc. to add to the historical record of church life at St. James. If you are a photographer and have photos you could and would share with others, please put these in an envelope and deliver them to the church office, marked for delivery to the E.C.W. or Library. It would also be appreciated if you would identify parishioners, dates of events on the backs of the pictures. We are hoping someone will have a few pictures of Fr. Grayson Garvin and our courtyard and butterfly gardens. Thanks for your help. - E.C.W. Scrapbook Committee

LIBRARY UPDATE

In addition to the summer book collection located on the book trucks, one for young people and one for adults, located in the St. James parish hall, the parish library in room 6 has other books recently added to the collection that you might enjoy reading. Two of these books were written by St. James Parishioners. You will find the following books displayed on the round table, center of the room. The library is open for your visits and browsing each Thursday morning from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. We look forward to seeing YOU and helping you choose a good book.



NEWBIES:

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| 220.92/HIG | Bad Girls of the Bible |
| 220.93/DOW. | Discovering the Bible (Archaeology) |
| 221.92/INR. | God's mysterious ways |
| 222.11092/FEI | Abraham...heart of three faiths |
| 230.3/MOO. | A Church to believe in |
| 232.96/MEA. | The Hope of Glory |
| 234/HAM. | Gospel, reset...salvation |
| 248.843/WEA. | Having a Mary spirit |
| 658.302/LEM. | The Way of the shepherd |
| 726.6/CAN. | Places of light...cathedrals of the world |
| 726.64/FEL. | Notre Dame de Paris |
| 808.803/CLA | Dying for beginners |
| 808.81/DAV. | Don't mail the frog...poetry collection |
| 808.81/SCH | Wellspring legacies...poetry collection |
| FIC/WEE. | Iniquity and grace |

St. James Prayer List

Call the church office (352)787-1981 with additions/deletions

LONG TERM (3 months)

Kenny Edwards (N. Young)
Dottie Elliott
Holly Marston (M. Kirste)
Margaret Anderson (K.Knight)
Jeffrey Coward
Nancy Austin
Carey Campbell (K. Knight)

Judy Cable (B. Logan)
Margaret Branham
Richard Gabriel
Esther DePedro
Judy Baxter
Helen Robertshaw
Gordon Roeglin
Donna Nelson
Donna Gaudet
Bob Cyrus
Charlie Perrin
Donna Baker

SHORT TERM (3 weeks).

Bill Brewer
Paul Smigel
Susan Peak
Marla Richards
Teresa Schmitt

Deceased: Jim Angelos
(08/01/2020)
Jane Bryant
(08/22/2020)



*And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord,
to comfort and succor all those who in this
transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness,
or any other adversity.*

ROCKY RAILWAY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Greetings, St James families! Sunday School for ages 3-13 is coming soon! Beginning on Sunday, September 20th, we will be offering a 6-week video series. We are staying on track and trusting God with a VBS curriculum, "Rocky Railway". Take home kits will be made available to every child who wishes to participate and follow along with us as we have Bible lessons, crafts, music and games, all reinforcing that God's power pulls us through. Please contact the church office to sign up. This will help us in ordering the right number of at-home kits. If you have an older student who would like to earn volunteer hours by helping with our pre-recorded videos, please contact Beth Williams at (352) 702-2062. We're missing our kiddos very much, and this will be a fun way for us all to learn and play together while still honoring safety precautions. Be on the lookout for announcements about upcoming family events this fall! Be well and be blessed!



St. James Sunday
School
Spring 2020

THE FAITH WE
CONFESS:
A Look at the Thirty-Nine
Articles of Religion

ARTICLE II:
The Word, or Son of
God (Part 2)

We are resuming our adult Sunday School class this Fall on "The Faith We Confess: A Look at the Thirty-Nine Articles". While we are hoping to reopen soon for in-person classes on Sunday mornings, we will start by recording some new sessions which will be made available starting on September 20th. We've covered Articles I-VI so far, and will pick up on Article VII, which addresses the Old Testament. We'll provide you the link to view the lesson. You can also find it (along with previous lessons) at our YouTube site: "Leesburg Stjames". Be sure to join us!

ECW MONTHLY UPDATE

Since the “Fall Coffee” cannot be held as planned, I would like to extend an invitation to you to a type of welcome back on **Saturday, September 12**, between the hours of **10:00 A.M. and noon**. Please drop by if you feel safe to do so, take a peek at what is going on in the sanctuary, wear a mask, leave refreshments at home, pick up your new yearbook, and head on home.—Bonnie Binneveld



St. Ann	Shirley Dunne (352-314-0048)
St. Cecilia	Terri Ross (407-399-7492)
St. Francis	Dorry Curran (949-633-8471)
St. Mary	Nadine Millet (352-250-4997)

FOOD DROP PROJECT

Dark skies, rain clouds , rain, masks, sanitizers and WET VOLUNTEERS set the stage for the August 19th ST. JAMES FOOD DROP! The result: FANTASTIC PRODUCTION!

Collected: 1554 pounds of food
\$3745.00

Total for 4 months: 5866 pounds of food
\$6820.00

The DROP OF 80-100 BAGS OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES WAS “GRACIOUSLY APPRECIATED” BY JACQUELINE ASHLEY, LAKE COUNTY SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Recently, in a book of daily readings, I was enlightened with a phrase:

KINDNESS IS CHRISTIANITY
WITH ITS
WORK CLOTHES ON!

THANK YOU ST. JAMES PARISHONERS FOR MAKING THIS WORK HAPPEN!

Looking forward to the next ST. JAMES FOOD DROP on SEPTEMBER 16 (third Wednesday of the month)! WITH GOD’S BLESSINGS. Rita Clements



MUSIC MUSINGS September 2020

Is anyone else weary of 2020, or am I the only one? Don’t everyone answer at once now! It has been a daunting, and incredibly weird, year. We keep saying, “I can’t wait until things get back to normal.” But do we even know what normal is anymore? As I have tried to put this in some kind of spiritual context, I’m reminded of these verses from Romans 5:

*Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we^[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access^[b] to this grace in which we stand; and we^[c] boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we^[d] also boast in our sufferings, knowing that **suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.***

What I glean from this is that it comes down to perseverance in the faith. We struggle with our circumstances, but God will walk with us through the valleys. We experience pain, but Jesus reminds us that he bore the ultimate pain for all. We grieve losses, both tangible and intangible, but the Holy Spirit seeks to comfort us. So, as difficult as it seems some days, our call is to make choices that are enriching and uplifting, because we live in the Hope that is found only in Jesus. God’s love has been poured into our hearts, so let us continue to choose love. There is a song that has become near and dear to my heart, entitled, “I Choose Love.” The text was written by Lindy Thompson, set to music by Mark Miller. It is a song of lament, but also one of challenge. I commend this poignantly simple piece to your hearing (you can Google “I Choose Love Mark Miller” to listen on your computer) and hope that you will find it soothing to your soul. Here is the text for the first verse:

*“In the midst of pain, I choose love
In the midst of pain, I choose love
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love.”*

Dear friends, let us continue running the race that God has set before us, persevering even in the midst of doubt and pain; let us continue to choose love.

Yours in Christ,

Deb Carraway, Music Director and Organist



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| 1 Gloria Flad | 18 Tom Grizzard |
| 2 Bob Tindall | Pat Schaefer |
| Ed Bucher | 19 Hayley Pearson |
| Lorraine Johnson | 21 Virgil Bowles |
| 3 Pratt Carter | Matthew Hill |
| 4 Herb Ramsey | 22 Rob Yeager |
| Haley McCabe | Gary Gentzle |
| 5 Steven Morgan | 23 Sandra Ostrowski |
| 6 Jerrie Jacobus | 25 Charlie Perrin |
| 9 Harry Hackney | Patti Wolf |
| 11 Charlotte Boudreau | Susan Soltysiak |
| Gary Booth | 26 Jason Smalley |
| 12 Sheila Starr | 27 Russell Jacobus |
| Wendy Krauss | Gloria Gardner |
| Joshua Bills | 28 Dot Vedder |
| 14 Lelani Travers | 30 Sean Graham |
| Cecelia Rebusmen | Dorry Curran |
| 16 Margaret Saxton | |
| Doug Ames | |

- 1 Joe & Margaret Branham
8 Lonnie & Meg Johnson
13 Jim & Dorothy Martin



- 15 Doug & Linda Ames
28 Fred & Dee Kermode
30 Jason & Gretchen Gray

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not mentioned in our Messenger, please call the office at (352)787-1981 so our records can be updated, and your day can be recognized and celebrated!

Need to Meet with Fr. Tom?

If you would like to know when you can come by the church to meet with Fr. Tom, he will be available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 to noon, and Thursdays from 11:00 to noon. If you would like to arrange for other times to meet, you can contact him by phone or text at (352) 643-1182, or by email at frtrees@stjames-leesburg.org.



Yes, we are still in quarantine. The count today is over 150 days. This is one of the hardest of times. As Dickens wrote, 'it is the worst of times, it is the best of times', guess what, it's your choice, which will it be for you? You can find yourself deep in the ditch, or you can open your eyes and see the sun shining, listen and hear the birds singing. Remember, Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

The Daughters of the King pray that each of you are healthy and safe. Have a kind word for those you meet.

Romans 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

RAFFLE for JAMAICA MEDICAL MISSION

AN ORIGINAL PAINTING of Venetian Gardens

Painted by DONNA TWEEDLE

is being raffled to raise funds for the

2021 Jamaica Medical Mission.

The drawing has been postponed until we can attend at least 2 Sundays at church.

TICKETS are One for \$20, Three for \$40, Eight for \$100

Call Sharon McCabe for tickets and info, 352-267-8188

Tickets are also available in the Church Office.



SEPTEMBER 2020

Join us for Worship and Sunday School!



Go to YouTube and type “Leesburg Stjames” or
Go to our website: www.stjames-leesburg.org; or
Go to our **Facebook** page!

September 6th

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist in the Parish Hall
10:15 AM (Fr. Ron Peak, Celebrant)

September 13th

Re-Opening of our Church
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist 8:00 and 10:15 AM

September 20th

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist 8:00 and 10:15 AM
Virtual Sunday School

September 27th

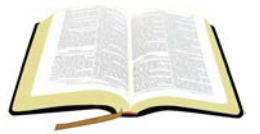
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist 8:00 and 10:15 AM
Virtual Sunday School



Holy Communion packets are now available each week!
Please contact Pat at the office to set up a time to pick
up your packet. You can call (352-787-1981) or email
(office@stjames-leesburg.org)

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT:

ROMANS 12:9-18



“Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to the good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”

IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences to the family and loved ones of Jim Angelos, who passed away on August 1st, and to Becky Binneveld at the loss of her mother, Jane Bryant, who passed away on August 22nd.

*Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

PRAYERS FOR BILL BREWER

We continue to lift up Susie Brewer, our Minister to Teens, and her husband Bill in prayer, as Bill continues to battle MDS. Bill continues to undergo chemotherapy treatments as he awaits a bone marrow donation.

You can follow Susie’s updates on their journey with MDS on her website

. <https://teambrewer-fightingmds.blogspot.com/>

