



What's Happening

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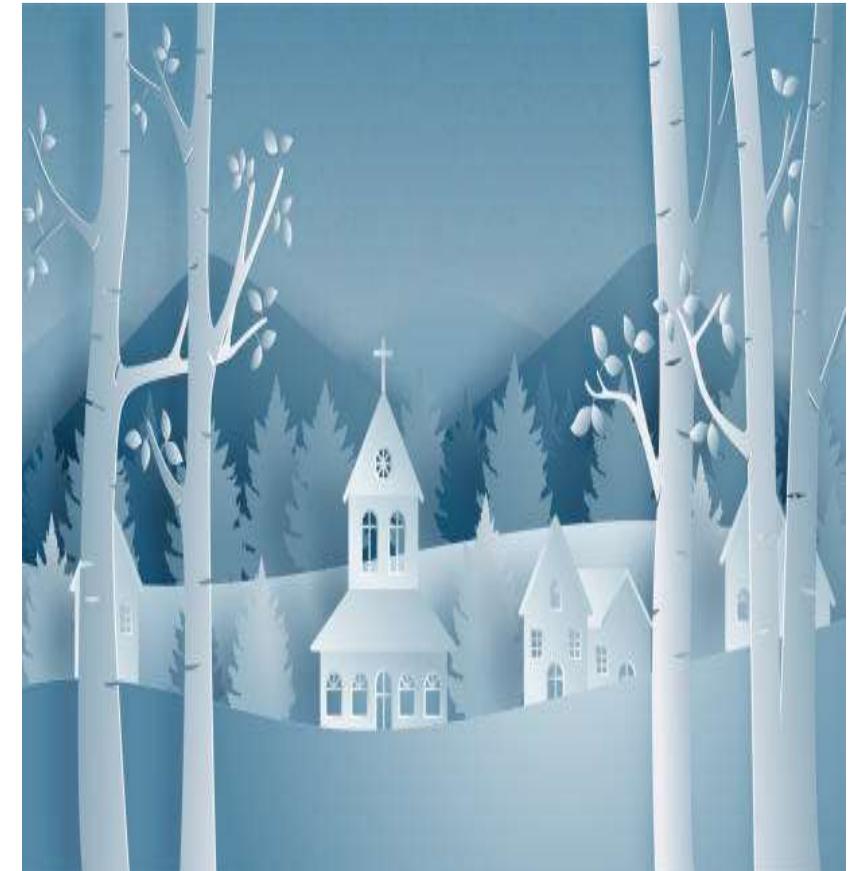
Welcome the New Year

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Jan 1** – New Year's Day
- Jan 9** – Epiphany Sunday
- Jan 15** – Cub Scout Pinewood Derby
- Jan 15** – Leadership Team Annual Training Session
- Jan 17** – Martin Luther King Day
- Jan 30** – Outreach Sunday/Loving Hands/Luncheon



OUR MISSION



*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."
Isaiah 43:18-19*

Happy New Year! I can hardly believe that we have arrived in 2022. This year for Saint James is going to bring much change and many adjustments. It will be exciting, terrifying, and exhausting. And we will see the Hand of God make sweeping changes all for His glory in our midst through the movement of His Holy Spirit. So as we close the book on 2021 and open the pristinely clean book of 2022, let's pause to set our hearts and minds in the right place.

The text above from Isaiah gives us the directions we need to start. First, we need to forget the former things and stop dwelling on the past. Saint James has had its difficult time. Each of us personally have walked through difficult times. The world over the past couple of years have seen isolating and difficult times. God is telling us through the prophet Isaiah, enough! Forget the former things. Do not dwell upon the past! So, we must commit to each other that we are going to let go and keep our eyes locked on Jesus from this point forward. Agreed?

Then the text goes on to tell us what is coming. God is doing a new thing. It is going to spring up. In other words, pay attention to what is happening right before your eyes. To see means you need to look for it. Pay attention to where God is moving and what is going to happen. When someone's eyes drift away from Jesus, be there to help them refocus. We don't want to miss a thing of what God is going to do this year.

Finally, God promises to make a way in the wilderness and bring streams to the wasteland. You know all that stuff we have been through for the past 10+ years? Yeah, God is bringing it to an end beginning this year. Now don't get me wrong. Satan is not going to like this one bit and will try to discombobulate us. But we need to be watching God and trusting He will do as He says, just as God always has done before.

What a great year we have before us. Yes it will have its bumps and changes, and struggles, but it is leading us to a bright and new future as the people of God. I can hardly wait to see what God is going to do. How about you?



Waiting in anticipation with you,

Pastor Shirley



We have had a great response signing up for the May through December Prayer Walks. Thank you to all who signed up and walked/drove the neighborhoods. A part of our mission is to reach out to others and bring them to Jesus. Let's continue the great work we have begun.



Thank you to the Wednesday evening GA group who made a generous donation to Saint James for Christmas. We appreciate the gift and for their continued use of our facility.



Connect – To be a family of believers who connect to God and each other.

Care – To shine the light of Christ and welcome all we encounter encouraging worship, life groups, and spiritual growth.

Commit – To grow in faith through service to others both locally and globally.

CORE VALUES:

Loving Relationships:

Honest & loving relationships:
 With God through a worshipful attitude and prayer.
 With others through acceptance and grace to all.

Spiritual Growth

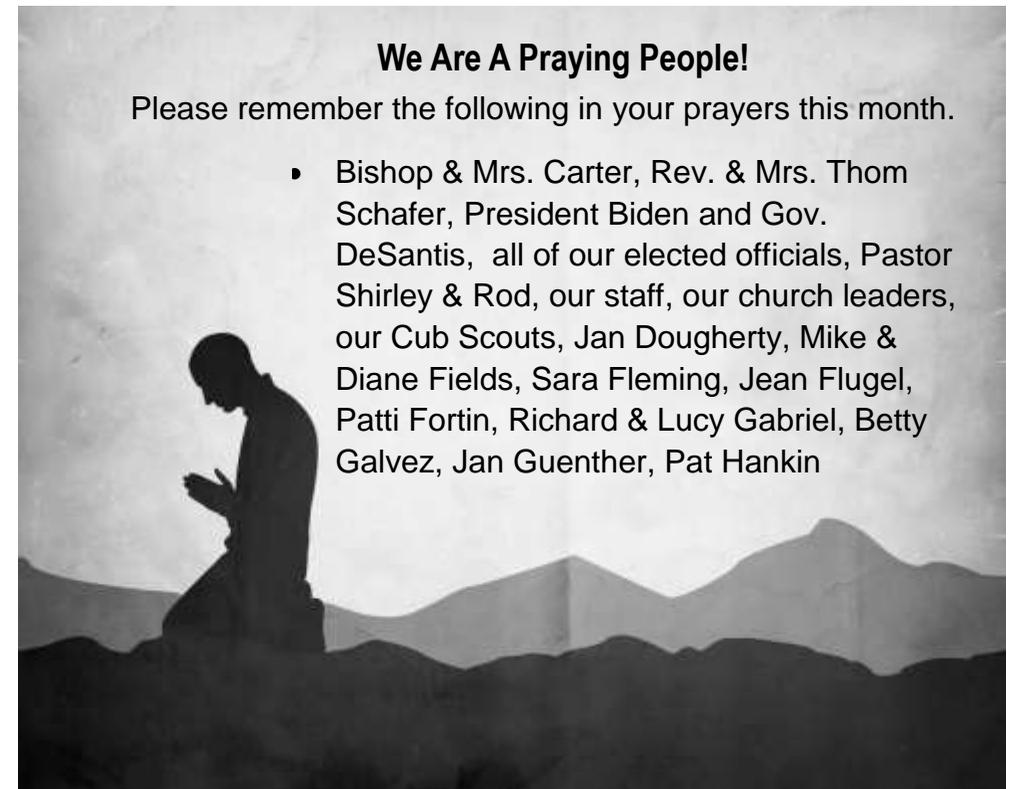
Grow with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit in a biblically centered, nurturing environment.

Compassionate Service

Offering help to others with humility and mutual respect.

Teamwork

Accomplish ministry in the context of relationships.



We Are A Praying People!

Please remember the following in your prayers this month.

- Bishop & Mrs. Carter, Rev. & Mrs. Thom Schafer, President Biden and Gov. DeSantis, all of our elected officials, Pastor Shirley & Rod, our staff, our church leaders, our Cub Scouts, Jan Dougherty, Mike & Diane Fields, Sara Fleming, Jean Flugel, Patti Fortin, Richard & Lucy Gabriel, Betty Galvez, Jan Guenther, Pat Hankin

THANK YOU

Thank you to **all** those who helped with the Christmas Eve Services.

For all the behind the scenes work that went on folding bulletins and song books, making sure we had proper candles, setting out chairs and many more things that got done on time.

And to all those who did things at and during the services...greeters, musicians, readers, those who distributed and picked up candles, those who distributed bulletins and many more tasks. And of course Pastor Shirley for the all the hours she spent making it all happen and for the message of Christ's birth she shared.



Food Collection

Please remember to bring items for the Mayor's Feed The Hungry Program and place those items in the grocery cart in the narthex. Also, you may drop them off in the office during office hours Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 10 am and 2 pm.

Thank You!

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

Hebrews 6:10

Birthdays in January



January 11

Gloria Wheeler

January 16

Jim Newcomb

**** If you know someone is having a special year birthday (90+) or special anniversary (25, 30, 35 etc.) year please let the office know.**

Thank You!

Thank YOU!

The staff would like to thank you for the very generous Christmas gift we received. We can never express enough gratitude for how thoughtful the Saint James Family is to each of us not just during the holidays but all year long. We wish each of you a very blessed New Year!

Pastor Shirley

Bill

Henry

Joe

Rick

Jan

Fred



2022 Shepherds

Sennie Lansdowne – Head Shepherd

Rose & Bill Johnson (A – D)

Judy Snodgrass (E – Ha)

Cyndi Andrasi (He – J)

Beatriz Lowery (K – Mc)

Marcia & Cecil Mulvaney (Mi – N)

Nancy Winding (O – Z)

Bonnie Kitzmiller (Snowbirds)



Kudos this month go to

- ...Bonnie Kitzmiller for delivering the Angel Tree gifts to the Remnant Cafe
- ...Bernice Highberger for placing the poinsettias in the sanctuary
- ...the Bell Ringers for the time they spend rehearsing and enhancing our worship service recently
- ...Karen Kehrli for her generous donation of a new case for the chimes and for funding the repairs that were needed
- ...Noah Riedel (Chip & Betty Newberger's grandson) who came and shared his talent with us by playing the organ one morning while visiting Sarasota

2022 Leadership Team

Trustees Dave Strait, Mike Barbour, Sara Fleming, and Jean Flugel

Finance Judy Shannon, Fred Fowler, Bill Johnson and Bill Schroff

SPRT Judy Snodgrass, Cyndi Andrasi, Gene Blamble, Pat Dixon

Lay Leader Chip Newberger

Nurture Team Co-Leaders Pat Dixon & Marcia Mulvaney

Outreach Team Co-Leaders Kathy Barbour & Karen Kehrli

Lay Delegate Chip Newberger



Did you know...?

- + Because of your generosity we provided Christmas gifts to the clients of the Remnant Cafe
- + Because of your hospitality we had the Meadows Chorus and Sarasota Academy of the Arts holiday concerts in our sanctuary
- + Because of your faithfulness, we are making a difference in the community that surrounds us.
- + God is moving in wonderful ways. We just wanted to make sure you knew!



Kingdom Kids - We welcome all children and grandchildren (K-6th grade) to our "Kingdom Kids" class at 10:00 a.m. during the worship service.



Annual Leadership Team Training/Meeting

Saturday, January 15, 2022 the Leadership Team will have their Annual Leadership Team Training from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. We will cover our responsibilities as Leadership Team members and the format of the regular meetings throughout the year. We will be setting the calendar for the year and a team meeting will be included in the day.

Looking Ahead At Our Outreach Projects

January - Shower and laundry supplies for The Remnant Café

Ongoing – snacks/inspirational messages for the teachers at Booker Middle School, snacks for the students at Booker Middle School, Mayors Feed the Hungry Program.



**Cub Scout Pack 14
Pinewood Derby
January 15, 2022
Starts at 9:00 am**

**Come out and watch our Cub Scouts as they race their
Pinewood Derby vehicles and support them.**



Sunday, January 30, 2022 immediately following worship we will have a Pot Luck Luncheon. We will be hosting **Loving Hands** as they will be sharing their testimonies during worship for **Outreach Sunday**. Please bring a dish to share and join us for a time of fellowship. This will be our first luncheon in almost two years!

DLT Information

You are welcome to join a DLT group at any time. If you have not joined a DLT and would like to below are the days and times the DLT groups meet. At this time, they are meeting via Zoom or conference call. Please contact the facilitator for more information on their group.

Women's group Wednesday at 7:15 pm facilitator – Pat Dixon
pdixon@ringling.edu

Women's group Wednesday at 12:00 noon facilitator – Pastor Shirley
revgroom@gmail.com

Men & Women's group Wednesday at 7:15 pm facilitator – Rod Groom
rod.groom@gmail.com

Men & Women's group Thursday at 4:30 pm facilitator – Rod Groom
rod.groom@gmail.com



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

**We will worship live and live streaming at 6:30 pm followed by Doing Life Together groups live and/or Zoom at 7:15 pm (If you'd like to join a DLT group and aren't connected yet please contact the office and arrangements will be made to get you connected.)
Join us as we center on Jesus.**



During the month of January we will be collecting shower and laundry items/supplies for the Remnant Café. This is to help provide showers for the clients of the Remnant Café and to provide a way for the cafe to launder items. The staff as well as the clients always appreciate all that we do to assist them. Below is a list of the items we will be collecting:

- Shampoo** **Conditioner** **Body Wash**
- Razors** **Shave Cream**
- Dryer Sheets** **Laundry Soap**
- Men's & Women's Underwear** **Men's & Women's Socks**
- Women's Feminine Products**

Winter Word Search

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| SNOWBALL | HOCKEY | SKATING | SKIING | PLOW |
| ICICLE | DRIFTS | SNOWMOBILE | FLURRIES | GLOVES |
| JACKET | SCARF | BOOTS | SNOWMAN | SNOW |



The WORLD NEEDS a **STABLE** INFLUENCE

THANK *thank you!* **YOU!**

Below is a Thank You note from Beatriz Lowery's daughter who been on our prayer list for a few weeks!

*A note to say thank you to all of you for your much appreciated prayers and concerns. It won't be forgotten. It touched me deeply. Thank you, Merry Christmas!
Linda Gordon*



Prayer Gathering

Just a reminder that there is a prayer gathering each Monday evening at 7:00 pm. There is always a need for additional prayer warriors. You can attend each week, once a month, when time allows or any other combination that fits your schedule. It would be appreciated not only by the current prayer warriors but those they are praying for as well. This is a Zoom meeting at this time, but hope to be gathering in person before long. If you'd like to attend let the office know and a Zoom invitation will be sent to you. Thank you for your consideration!





Thank you to all those who brought gifts for the Remnant Café Angel Tree for Christmas. It is such a blessing to those who receive the gifts to know someone was thinking of them during the Christmas season and they are so grateful.

Shepherds Luncheon



Sunday, February 6, 2022 will be our annual Shepherd's Luncheon. If everyone could please bring a dish to share that will provide enough food for all. You will be sitting with your shepherd and their other sheep. Your Shepherd will be providing dessert for your table. Come and join us, we always have a wonderful time of fellowship.



Prayer List



Just a reminder if you have submitted a name to be on the prayer list, please let Fred or the office know when the name can be removed. We don't want to take anyone off prematurely but need to make room for new requests as well.

Thank you!

Sarasota Academy of the Arts Holiday Concert

On December 9th and 10th the Sarasota Academy of the Arts had their elementary school children's holiday concerts in our sanctuary. It was good to have the children and their families using our facility. Pastor Shirley and Rod were here on Friday evening and enjoyed the concert by the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. Below are some pictures from the Thursday concert by the kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade children.





January 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 10:00 Worship Service	3 10:00 Women's DLT 7:00 AA	4	5 5:00 Music Rehearsal 6:30 Worship –live & live streaming 7:00 DLT's live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	6 Office close 10:00 GFWC Woman's Club 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom 6:30 Meadows Chorus 7:00 Eastpointe HOA	7 Office closed 7:00 AA	8
9 10:00 Worship Service Unhanging of the Greens 	10 6:00 Georgetown HOA F/H 7:00 Prayer Gathering 7:00 AA	11 6:45 Cub Scouts 6:45 Boy Scouts	12 10:30 Chimes at The Haven 12:00 Women's DLT 5:00 Music Rehearsal 6:30 Worship –live & live streaming 7:00 DLT's live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	13 Office closed 10:00 GFWC Woman's Club 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom 6:30 Meadows Chorus	14 Office closed 7:00 AA	15 9:00 Annual Leadership Training 9:00 Pinewood Derby 
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23 10:00 Worship Service 30 10:00 Worship Service/Loving Hands/Luncheon	24 6:00 GCCC 7:00 Prayer Gathering 7:00 AA 31 Same as above	25 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 6:45 Cub Scouts 6:45 Boy Scouts	26 10:30 Chimes at The Haven 12:00 Women's DLT 5:00 Music Rehearsal 6:30 Worship –live & live streaming 7:00 DLT's live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	27 Office closed 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom 6:30 Meadows Chorus	28 Office closed 7:00 AA	29

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2022

Date	Reader	Prayer Warriors	Audio	Visual	Worship Welcome Team	Children's Sunday School	Communion Servers	Discovery Devotion Leader	Counters	Building Closers	LAWN TEAM
January 2nd 2nd Sunday of Christmas Blue	Dave Strait	Cyndi Andrasi		Karen Kehrli	Cecil Mulvaney Katie Michalski	N/A	No Communion this week	1/5 Pastor Shirley w/ Communion		Rose & Bill Johnson	1/1
January 9th Epiphany Sunday Blue Unhanging of the Greens	Mike Barbour	Karen Pinchback		Cyndi Andrasi	Sennie Lansdowne Jean Flugel	Fred Fowler	Cyndi Andrasi Beatriz Lowery Bonnie Kitzmiller Sennie Lansdowne	1/12 Chip Newberger		Cecil & Marcia Mulvaney	1/8
January 16th 2nd Sunday of Epiphany Green	Sara Fleming	Rose Johnson		Pat Dixon	The Barbours	Judy Snodgrass		1/19 Rod Groom		Rod Groom	1/15
January 23rd 3rd Sunday of Epiphany Green	Marlene Sontchi	Judy Snodgrass		Karen Kehrli	Cecil & Marcia Mulvaney	Bernice Highberger		1/26 Judy Snodgrass		Jean Flugel Sennie Lansdowne	1/22 PS Dave Strait
January 30th 4th Sunday of Epiphany Green Outreach Sunday	Jan Dougherty	Beatriz Lowery		Cyndi Andrasi	Bernice & Bill Highbergr	Fred Fowler				Dave Strait & Michelle Traynor	1/29