



OUR FINANCIAL PROGRESS

We want to keep you up to date on the financial status of the church.

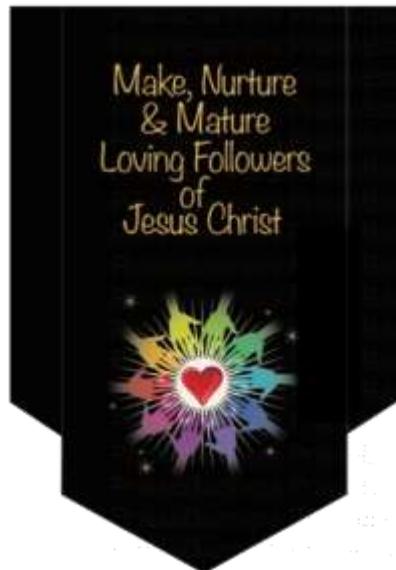
As of 02/28/21

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| Annual Apportionments        | \$        | 18,009.00         |
| Paid/set aside thru February |           | <u>- 9,365.00</u> |
| <b>BALANCE DUE</b>           | <b>\$</b> | <b>8,644.00</b>   |
|                              |           |                   |
| Starting Balance             | \$        | 6,187.00          |
| Income February              | +         | 35,005.00         |
| Expense February             | -         | 26,582.00         |
| Transfer to Foundation       | -         | <u>12,000.00</u>  |
| <b>Ending balance</b>        | <b>\$</b> | <b>2,610.00</b>   |

Thank you for being such faithful givers. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Your Finance Team

OUR MISSION



What's Happening

Welcome Spring

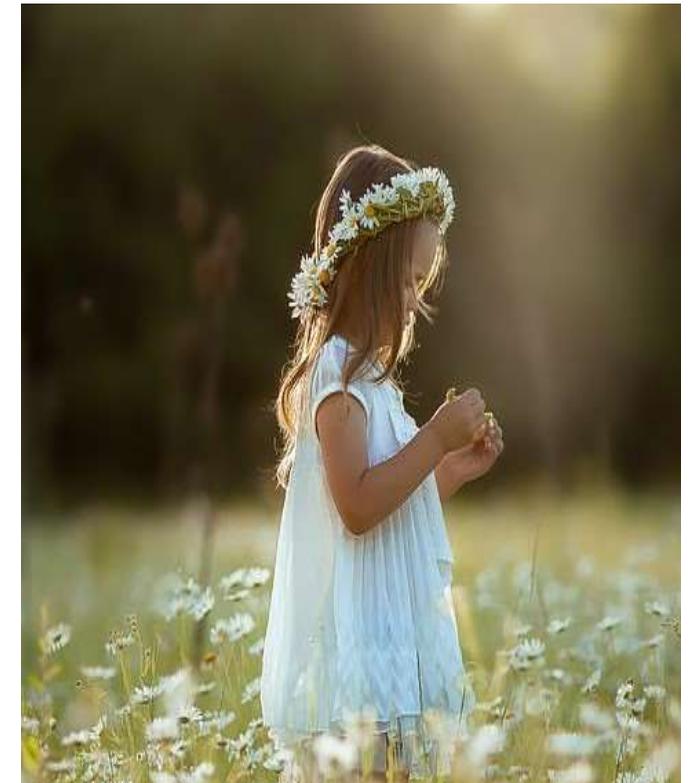


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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- March 6** – Scout Rummage Sale
- March 14** – Daylight Savings Time begins
- March 17** – St. Patrick's Day
- March 20** – Spring begins
- March 22** – Leadership Team Meeting
- March 28** – Palm Sunday/Compassion Sunday



*...for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines. And one of your altars had this inscription on it: 'To an Unknown God.' This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I'm telling you about. Acts 17:23*

Spring is in the air! It appears our last real cold front has come and gone, and we should be in the midst of spring from here until summer arrives sometime late April or early May. I don't know about you, but days like this is why we live in Florida. I find I walk outside a bit more and enjoy the pleasant morning and evenings outside. As I walk, I pray over the houses of my neighbors. Many are marginal or non-believers. Many face struggles with life and live in fear. They serve so many false gods. So, I pray.

I pray that God will give me the opportunity to share Jesus with them some day. I pray God will bless their homes and families and protect them. I pray God will work in their lives so that when the time comes, they will be able to hear and receive the Good News. You realize, the Good News of Jesus is especially needed today. It is from this standpoint I thought it might help all of us to remember exactly what the Good News is so we can share it in a meaningful way. Paul writes about the Good News in Acts 17. Here is an amplified explanation of the text:

1. *God exists and is near, nearer than most folks think*
2. *And God, who has revealed himself in Jesus Christ, is now calling for all people to repent, turn away from their sinfulness and turn to him where there is forgiveness and love and where all who believe can be citizens of God's Kingdom here and now.*
3. *But be certain that judgment is coming and Jesus, God's appointed one, will sit as judge over the world – he is coming back.*
4. *And we can know that for certain because God raised him from the dead (not resuscitated but resurrected never to die again).*

*Based on Acts 17:27-31*

Consider today how this is Good News. How would this help the lost and hurting? What is the benefit now as well as long term? How has God worked this Good News in you? How do you benefit today?



Now is the time to practice answering these questions, so when God places someone in your path that is ready to hear the Good News you can answer and share with them in the power of the Holy Spirit. We are entering an exciting time in the life of Saint James. We, the Saints, need to be equipped for what is coming.

Praying & practicing with you,  
Pastor Shirley

Dear St. James,

I wish I could have said **thank you** to each and every member, but there are so many and I am but one person!



You all have shown me a great deal of kindness since I moved here last March. I never thought I'd be a part of such a loving and generous group of people. Words cannot express how eternally grateful I am to everyone who donated items for my apartment and for those who have continuously kept me in their thoughts and prayers. You allowed me a fresh start that was virtually stress free! For the first time in a long time I really feel the love that a group of people can give to someone like me. I believe that all my good luck and success so far has come from everyone looking out for me.

My apartment feels like a home and is a cozy welcome after long days of work and study. Not to mention my new best friend Petals the kitty who keeps me company and is always happy to see me when I get home. This is all thanks to you St. James. I feel I am on the right path and I'm looking forward to seeing you all again in the future!

Sincerely and with lots of love,

Teresa



**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, Gene & Peg Blamble, Ed, Tina, Noah and Finley Catalane, Nancy Cozy, David & Pat Dixon, Sam Dixon, Sara Fleming, Jean Flugel, Richard and Lucy Gabriel, Betty Galvez



The prayer focus for March will be:

- **God directed ministries**
- **Growth in music program**

Please pray for these things daily throughout the month.





The yoga classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a certified instructor for each session. Please call 508-833-1234 for more information.

**Postponed**  
until further notice

Community Center  
There is a \$5 each



**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 or even by the door during office hours Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 10 am and 2 pm and we will be sure they are picked up.**

**Thank You!**

## **Birthdays in March**



|          |                    |
|----------|--------------------|
| March 1  | Bill Schroff       |
| March 3  | Ron Hittel         |
| March 14 | Cheri Hittel       |
| March 15 | Betty Lou McLuckey |
| March 17 | Marlene Sontchi    |
| March 18 | Mike Barbour       |
| March 22 | Jean Flugel        |
| March 24 | Karen Kehrli       |
| March 25 | Peg Blamble        |

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

**Thank You!**





### 2021 Shepherds

Sennie Lansdowne – Head Shepherd

Aija Ball (A - Bn)

Rose & Bill Johnson (Bo – 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

- ...Chip & Betty Newberger for changing lights out in the church
- ...Kathy Barbour for assembling the Lenten Tree
- ...Bill Highberger for building the box for the Lenten Tree
- ... the gentleman who trimmed the bushes on the north side of the property and raked some of the leaves on that side as well.

### Prayer List

Just a reminder if you have submitted a name for the prayer list, don't forget to let us know when the name can be removed. We want them to remain as long as necessary but also want to have room for new requests. Thank you!

### 2021 Leadership Team

**Trustees** Judy Shannon, Mike Barbour, Sara Fleming, and Jean Flugel

**Finance** Sennie Lansdowne, Fred Fowler, Bill Johnson and Bill Schroff

**SPRT** Cyndi Andrasi, Pat Dixon, Chip Newberger and Judy Snodgrass

**Lay Leader** Dave Strait

**Nurture Team Leader** Pat Dixon

**Outreach Team Co-Leaders** Kathy Barbour & Karen Kehrli

**Lay Delegate** Dave Strait



## Did you know...?

- † We have hired a new guitarist, Jan (sounds like Yan/and rhymes with man) to enhance our worship service
- † Because of your prayers for a solution and in answer to those prayers we will have lighting in the front parking lot soon
- † 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-5<sup>th</sup> grade) to our "Kingdom Kids" class at 10:00 a.m. during the worship service.

We also have an Adult Class that meets before Worship please join them at 8:45 in the west wing room 310.

Classes will resume when we return to a normal schedule. We will advise you when they start meeting again.

## CARING FOR OUR CONGREGATION

Please keep in mind if you or a family member are admitted to a health care facility, please have a family member or the facility notify Pastor Shirley or the church office. There are times the church doesn't know someone has been admitted and we feel this an important time for the church to be aware so we can offer prayers on the patient's behalf. Due to COVID things have been different and we know visits are limited but phone calls can be made provided the patient is feeling up to it. And calls to those under the weather (if they are feeling up to it) can be uplifting for them.

What if the family hasn't called Pastor Shirley or the church and you find out someone from the congregation is in the hospital or ill at home? Does HIPPA apply? As long as you ask the patient (person under the weather) for permission to let Pastor Shirley or the church know then HIPPA no longer applies.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

We will worship via live streaming at 6:30 pm followed by Doing Life Together groups via 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.



Daylight Savings Time begins  
March 14, 2021. Please  
to set your clocks forward one  
hour ahead before retiring  
Saturday night so you aren't late  
for church Sunday morning!



It's that time of year once  
again, when we need to roll up  
our sleeves and give the  
church building a good  
cleaning! We are looking for  
window washers, pressure  
cleaning pros, a couple people  
to give pews a little polish/  
dusting. Check the kitchenette  
and see if it needs organizing,  
wiping down, etc.  
miscellaneous little tasks.

It is scheduled for March 13, 7:30 am for outside , 9:00 am for  
inside tasks. Sign up sheets are in the narthex. Of course as  
with any gathering masks are required to help everyone feel  
safe. Hope to see you there!

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7*

Do you believe that prayer changes things?

We know that sometimes God says yes, and sometimes he says, ‘no,’ But he always answers, even sometimes he says, “no, not yet.” We are called to gather and pray, and let our requests be made known to him. And I think we agree, that prayer will change us.

I invite you to join the virtual (Zoom) prayer time. There will be five (5) Monday's in March; make a commitment now, to join at least one time this month. One hour: Monday nights, 7pm to 8pm. You will be blessed; and you will be a blessing!

**How do you join us:** Log-in to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) Any device you have with a camera, it can be your phone, laptop, computer, iPad. I know you have a cell phone – and that will work! Joining the meeting is easy. We can even give you a trial run if needed. All you do is enter the meeting # and password. **Call the office or email Pastor Shirley for more instructions.** We would love for you to gather with us.

In addition to praying for the sick and those who have been placed on our prayer list for healing, or for spiritual and/or personal needs, we will also focus and pray for: Lenten Journey: Remembrance, Repentance, and Renewal

- Boy Scouts and the new troop
- Sale of the property
- Our neighbors and neighborhoods and next steps for Saint James
- Ability to fulfill our Compassion Sunday offering

You may always pray silently in affirmation. Perfectly acceptable. But I pray you will consider joining the prayer time. It is a great way to stay connected!

We know there is mighty power when we gather together to call on his name.

Pray about it! And I hope you will join.

Your sister in Christ,  
Pat Dixon

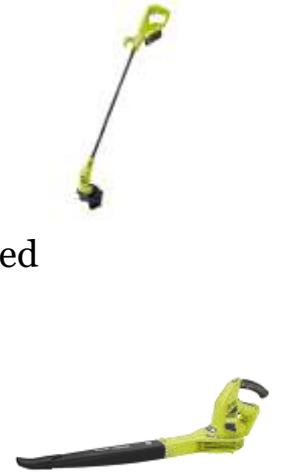


## Easter Lilies

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily(ies) in honor or in memory of someone please call the office, beginning March 1 through March 30, 2021, Monday through Wednesday, 10 am – 2 pm and we will write down how you would like it written in the bulletin. You may submit your payment of \$9 each as you normally do your offering and mark it Easter Lily.

## Trustee Wish List

It would very helpful for the lawn team to have a battery operated weed eater and blower to use and not have to worry about having to have the right mix of fuel readily available, etc. The battery operated ones are also much lighter to carry and we have a large area of property to cover on foot when using that equipment. It would be helpful to have the new equipment by next mowing season if not before.



### 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** Monday at 10:00 am, facilitator - Marcia Mulvaney  
[marcia.mulvaney@gmail.com](mailto:marcia.mulvaney@gmail.com)
- Men's group** Tuesday at 7:00 am, facilitator – Rod Groom  
[rod.groom@gmail.com](mailto:rod.groom@gmail.com)
- Women's group** Wednesday at 7:15 pm facilitator – Pat Dixon  
[pdixon@ringling.edu](mailto:pdixon@ringling.edu)
- Women's group** Wednesday at 7:15 pm facilitator – Pastor Shirley  
[revgroom@gmail.com](mailto:revgroom@gmail.com)
- Men & Women's group** Wednesday at 7:15 pm facilitator – Rod Groom  
[rod.groom@gmail.com](mailto:rod.groom@gmail.com)
- Men & Women's group** Thursday at 4:30 pm facilitator – Rod Groom  
[rod.groom@gmail.com](mailto:rod.groom@gmail.com)

# Spring Word Search

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BLOOM  
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BUTTERFLY  
DAFFODILS

EGGS  
FLOWERS  
GREEN  
GROWING  
HATCH  
MARCH  
MAY

RAIN  
ROBINS  
SPRING  
SPROUTING  
SUNSHINE  
TULIP



Reaching out into the community and lending a helping hand is what we would like Saint James to continue to accomplish despite the pandemic. Each DLT is responsible for an outreach project. We may have to adjust our thoughts to meet this goal during this time but it is possible.

Below are a few ideas of things that can be done without actually being in direct contact with others:

Sending thinking of you cards to residents of an Assisted Living Facility or Full Care Nursing/Rehab Facility.

Purchasing gifts cards for the Remnant Café to purchase supplies for providing meals to the homeless or for the Mayor's Feed the Hungry Project to purchase food supplies or even supply smaller gift cards to give to those with special diets.

Snack food for the Booker Middle School students. Or other items they may need.

Be creative; pray over/think of other ways yourself and present them to your group.

## Compassion Sunday

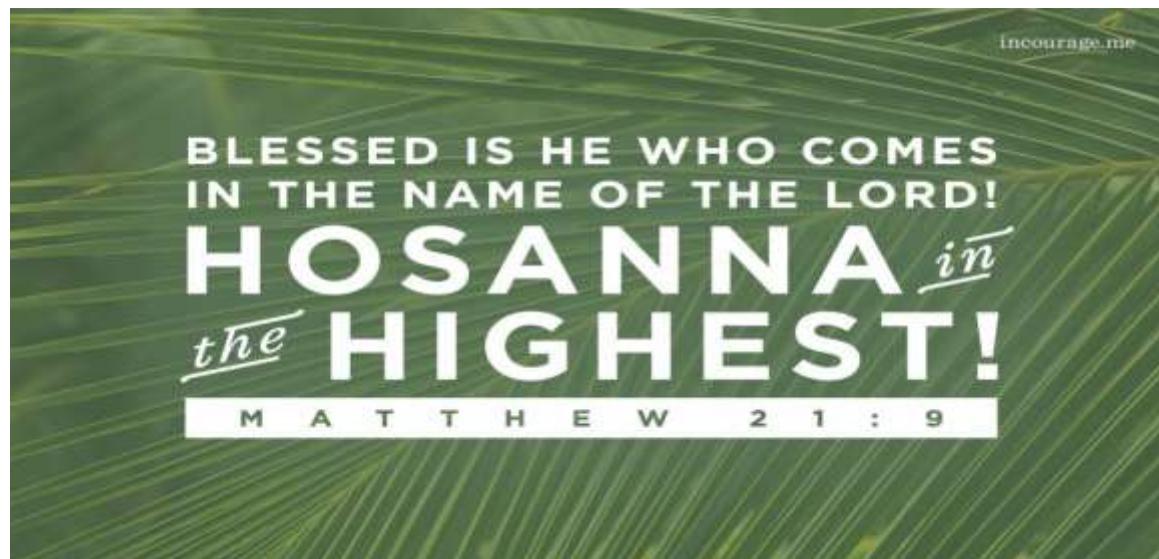
We ask that you let God search your hearts and minds as you consider your Compassion Sunday offering on Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021. Please remember this sacrificial offering is in addition to what you would normally offer that Sunday. Please submit your Compassion Sunday offering in the same manner you have been submitting your regular offering and mark it Compassion Sunday.

*Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full-pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back. Luke 6: 38 NLT*

## Holy Week Schedule



|  |          |
|--|----------|
| <b>Palm Sunday Worship</b><br>(live & live streaming)              | 10:00 am |
| <b>Maundy Thursday</b><br>(live streaming only)                    | 6:00 pm  |
| <b>Service of Shadows Friday</b><br>(live & live streaming)        | 7:00 pm  |
| <b>Easter Sunrise Service</b><br>(live & live streaming)           | 7:00 am  |
| <b>Traditional Easter Sunday Worship</b><br>(live & livestreaming) | 10:00 am |





# March 2021

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                     | SATURDAY   |
|---|--|--|--|---|----------------------------|--|
|   | <b>1</b><br>10:00 DLT – via Conference Call<br>7:00 Prayer Gathering via Zoom                                  | <b>2</b><br>2:30 Spiritual Gifts class<br>6:45 Cub Scouts  | <b>3</b><br>6:30 Worship – live streaming<br>7:00 DLTs – via Zoom<br>7:00 GA   | <b>4</b><br>4:30 DLT – via Zoom<br>7:00 Eastpointe HOA    | <b>5</b><br>Office closed  | <b>6</b><br>Boy Scout Rummage Sale   |
| <b>7</b><br>10:00 Worship Service   | <b>8</b><br>10:00 DLT – via Conference Call<br>7:00 Prayer Gathering via Zoom                                  | <b>9</b><br>2:30 Spiritual Gifts class<br>6:45 Cub Scouts  | <b>10</b><br>6:30 Worship – live streaming<br>7:00 DLTs – via Zoom<br>7:00 GA  | <b>11</b><br>4:30 DLT – via Zoom                          | <b>12</b><br>Office closed | <b>13</b>  |
| <b>14</b><br><br>10:00 Worship Service   | <b>15</b><br>10:00 DLT – via Conference Call<br>7:00 Prayer Gathering via Zoom                                 | <b>16</b><br>2:30 Spiritual Gifts class<br>6:45 Cub Scouts | <b>17</b><br><br>6:30 Worship –live streaming<br>7:00 DLT's via Zoom<br>7:00 GA | <b>18</b><br>4:30 DLT - via Zoom<br>5:30 Village Oaks HOA | <b>19</b><br>Office closed | <b>20</b><br> |
| <b>21</b><br>10:00 Worship Service  | <b>22</b><br>10:00 DLT – via Conference Call<br>6:30 Leadership Team Meeting<br>7:00 Prayer Gathering via Zoom | <b>23</b><br>6:45 Cub Scouts                               | <b>24</b><br>6:30 Worship – live streaming<br>7:00 DLTs – via Zoom<br>7:00 GA  | <b>25</b><br>4:30 DLT – via Zoom                          | <b>26</b><br>Office closed | <b>27</b>  |
| <b>28</b><br><br>10:00 Worship Service | <b>29</b><br>10:00 DLT – via Conference Call<br>7:00 Prayer Gathering via Zoom                                 | <b>30</b><br>6:45 Cub Scouts                               | <b>31</b><br>6:30 Worship – live streaming<br>7:00 DLTs – via Zoom<br>7:00 GA  |   |                            |  |

