ST. EDMUND THE MARTYR EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE EVANGEL

MARCH 2019

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BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING February 20, 2019

Meeting Summary:

- New members Patty DiCiccio and Pat Novean were welcomed to their first meeting
- Church copy machine is under contract for 6000 copies per month. Latest billing was for 12,438 copies resulting in \$246.96 charge. Usage and contract will be reviewed.
- Use of CPA for accountant services discussed and continued review of use of outside service or treasurer from congregation will be done. Under consideration is possibility of paying for "in-house" treasurer duties.
- Currently 49 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper tickets have been sold.
- Roy Michaud, Building & Grounds Co-Manager reported on three bids received for fellowship hall roof repair. It was decided to accept Mark Kaufman bid of \$6700; Garner Memorial Fund will be utilized for payment.
- Bob Baumann, Bob Harrington, Joe Mancuso, Charlene Michaud, Vivian Stewart, and Deacon Robert Vaughn (chairman) were reappointed to serve as the Community Outreach Advisory Board (COAB) for 2019. COAB reviews and approves expenditures for community outreach ministry funding.
- Annual financial audit is scheduled for March 2019.
- Parochial Report for 2018 was reviewed and accepted for submission to the diocese.

Deacon Robert Vaughn has assumed responsibility for the newsletter. Ginny Carter is appreciated for her work as newsletter editor for the past few years.



Upcoming Events

March 5

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:00-7:00

March 6

Ash Wednesday Liturgy 5:00

March 20

ECW 5:30; Men's Group 6:00 Bishop's Committee 7:30

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The Rev. Mario Castro Latino Missioner (813) 562-2467 mcastro@redeemersarasota.org

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ANNUAL MEETING 2019

The annual congregational meeting was successfully conducted and ended with the traditional BBQ rib luncheon on Sunday, February 3, 2019
Annual budget of \$110,555 was presented along with reports from Altar Guild, Choir, ECW, Daughters of the King, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, and from the deacon and priest-in-charge. Pat Moore was thanked for her service as interim treasurer. Connie DeWitt and Roy Michaud were thanked as they ended their tenure on the Bishop's Committee (vestry). Patricia DiCioccio and Patricia Novean were elected to the Bishop's Committee. Joe Mancuso continues as Senior Warden and Charlene Michaud is Junior Warden. Irene Pooser continues as Clerk. Diocesan Convention delegates are Joe Mancuso and Ruth Adams, with Charlene Michaud as alternate.



2019 Bishop's Committee:

Patricia DiCioccio
Bob Harrington
Joe Mancuso, Senior Warden
Charlene Michaud, Junior Warden
Patricia Novean
Michael Pooser
Vivian Stewart



- (I) Patricia DiCioccio & Patricia Novean
- (r) Charlene Michaud & Joe Mancuso

FINANCIAL REPORT (January 2019)

Contributions*	Expenses	YTD Contributions*
\$9,002.00	\$10,638.21**	\$9,002.00

NOTES:

*includes monthly contributions & prorated pre-paid annu

**includes 1st quarter insurance payment

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

February 3

8:00 - 15 10:00 - 58 7:00 - 17

February 10

8:00 - 13 10:00 - 50 7:00 - 21

February 17

8:00 -14 10:00 - 51 7:00 - 25

February 24

8:00 - 21 10:00 - 50 7:00 -14

PRIEST - IN - CHARGE

Our annual meeting and subsequent rib dinner was a wonderful time of sharing and recognition of the ministries present in our church. It was a time of electing, installing and recognizing those who will serve in the deliberative body known as the Bishop's Committee (Vestry) and at our diocesan convention. Elected to Bishop's committee were Patty DiCioccio and Pat Novean. Our convention delegates are Joe Mancuso, Ruth Adams and Charlene Michaud. We extend congratulations and well done to our candidates and church membership. We also extend a hearty thank you to Roy Michaud and Connie Dewitt for their good and faithful service. Joe Mancuso remains as Senior Warden and Charlene Michaud has been elected as the new Junior Warden. Roy Michaud and Bill Stephenson will serve as property managers.

Lent is upon us. On Shrove Tuesday (or Mardi Gras) March 5th from 5:00 till 7:00 P.M. we will feast on scrumptious pancakes and sausages courtesy of the Men's Club. On March 6th, Ash Wednesday, we will gather at 5:00 P.M. to begin a season of repentance and reflection through the imposition of ashes and worship.

During this season of Lent we will continue our Tuesday afternoon Bible study followed by walking the Way of the Cross at 5:00 P.M. in the church. The Way of the Cross is a particularly moving way of tracing the footsteps of our Lord as He went to the cross for us. We hope all will join us on this journey.

I began my seminary life woefully under educated as to the fullness and meaning of our Eucharistic worship. I did not know the names of the parts of the liturgy or where they came from. I did know that they had a powerful and lasting effect on me. The mystery drew me in. In order to help others to explore the full power of this mystery we call the Eucharist, we will take a journey . On Lent 3, March 24th, we plan to do an instructed Eucharist at the 10:00 A.M. service. This will be a time when we will go through the Eucharistic liturgy exploring all of its parts and what they mean and the historic relationship to the Last Supper and subsequent understanding by the early church. Many do not really understand the various aspects of the Eucharistic liturgy. Hopefully, this will be a time of learning for us all.

During the coming time of Lent may we be instilled with the desire to seek God's will for us. As we explore the times we have failed God and one another, may we honestly and fully repent, and resolve to begin over. May we keep a good Lent and look forward to a great Easter.

Yours in Christ,	
Fr. Jim McConnell+	
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DEACON

March 6th is Ash Wednesday and the start of the holy season of Lent. Although most of us remember Lent as a time for "giving-up" something, Lent has developed more recently into a time of positive action that involves reflecting about our life of faith in following Jesus and participating in activity such as spiritual reading and study, private and public prayer, and doing good works. At the beginning of the Ash Wednesday liturgy, the officiant says "I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent."

In addition to Lenten opportunities at St. Edmund Church, there are also many resources available on the internet as well as printed materials. Lent offers us a much needed opportunity to change our routines to allow for spiritual growth and to expand our understanding of being (as Presiding Bishop Michael Curry says) "Jesus people."

One of the ways being offered this Lent to engage in good work is participating in the United Thank Offering (UTO). UTO is a program of the Episcopal Church Women that benefits the ministry of the Episcopal Church nationally and internationally.

Through the United Thank Offering, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a <u>UTO Blue Box</u>. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

Ministries in every diocese of the Episcopal Church and on every continent where Episcopal/Anglican ministry is done has benefited from UTO grants. In the 1990s, when I was executive director of the St. Laurence Chapel homeless center in Pompano Beach we received UTO funds for the purchase of a ministry to transport homeless clients for medical and other appointments.

The St. Edmund Church "in-gathering" for the United Thank Offering will start on the First Sunday in Lent (March 10th) with distribution of the <u>blue boxes</u>; on the Fifth Sunday in Lent (April 7th) the UTO contributions will be collected. Each day during this period give thought to your blessings and the Christian call to share our abundance with those in need and proclaim the Good News of Jesus in all lands, and then deposit a contribution in the blue box. For those who prefer not to use the <u>blue box</u>, envelopes will be provided for contribution. On April 7th we will offer our prayer of gratitude as the UTO contributions are received at the altar.

Have a blessed and holy Lent.	
Deacon Robert Vaughn	
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Connie and George DeWitt continue to be blessed by new great grandbabies. They welcomed another great-granddaughter born four weeks after the last great grand. And then, twin boys were born February 17th giving them, in the period of two weeks, three new great-grandbabies. They are flying to Knoxville, Tennessee in April to meet the twins and then will drive to Raleigh, North Carolina to meet the two other great-grandbabies she has yet to meet, one a girl and one a boy. That makes a total of six great-grandbabies in their family now. Also, their son from Knoxville was here from Tennessee to help his aging mom and dad. Connie and George thank the Lord for such loving children.

Ron and Carolyn Robins have been having many health problems over the last few months. They have decided to drive out to California where their daughter lives and spend four or five months there with her. They hope the change of scenery and the beautiful weather they have in the summer will help with their health problems. They will miss everyone at St.Edmund's and wish everyone a wonderful summer. They will be missed here and wish them safe travel.

BIRTHDAY

March 5-Pat Moore March 13-Judy Sillhart March 15-John Adams March 22-Dick Pryor March 30-Glen Sillhart March 31-Pat Novean

Anniversary

March 11 Sandra & Bob Stantz March 20 Jan & Hal Lewis

Phylis Mancuso sent some happy, happy news from their house. Joe just started back to work in mid-February after four months of recuperation and therapy. He still has light duty but look for him in Publix with all the veggies and fruit! They also had a lovely visit and lunch with friends from back home in Barrington, New Jersey. It was great to catch up with them and spend some quality time together. Congratulations, Joe, on another term as our Senior Warden! We appreciate all you do for us.

The Gromens have been trying to soak up the local scene as much as possible before heading north for the summer. They went to a wonderful fund raising house tour in Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte. The house in Port Charlotte belongs to a member of the band The Boogiemen and held over fifty guitars in various shapes and sizes along with other memorabilia. She doesn't know which she liked better, the beautiful homes with views of water, or the weird home with tacky instruments hung from the ceiling. They also tasted some great pizza at a place called Brooklyn Joes or something like that. Trips to Fishermen's Village and the Hotel Jacaranda (decorated for Valentine's Day) rounded out the week. They are looking forward to the Port Charlotte Greek Festival and the Venice Italian Festival this month. They lead a busy, busy life and they will be missed.

Stephanie Adams is leading a busy, happy life! She went on a cruise to the Bahamas with a group of her bowling friends and their chaperones. All had a wonderful time. On February 8th, she attended "A Night to Shine", a formal dance, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation and the Englewood United Methodist Church. It was a magical and exciting experience. We are so blessed by Stephanie at St.Edmund's.

Nancy Jo and Robert Vaughn had a weekend on Lido Beach participating in memorial events for their brother-in-law (Nancy Jo's late sister's husband) and spending time with her nephews and their families. In March they are looking forward to joining Robert's sisters for an Elton John concert and St.Patrick's Day festivities.

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Ken and Carol Vickery have had a few rough months. Ken spent a week in the hospital in January with 24/7 IV antibiotics for a serious throat infection. That took a month to finally clear up and feel right. During that time Carol got pneumonia and has been fighting that for almost a month. The doctor recently said that she sounds better. SLOW IMPROVEMENT but hopefully there is wellness in the NEAR future. It has not been all bad. Following a bronchial attack in late October they did have a reprieve for late November. They went to Nashville to enjoy Thanksgiving with their Boston based son Scott, his wife Natalie and their wonderful grandchild Molly. They stayed at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and had such a grand time. They wish everyone healthy days ahead!

Patty DiCioccio is asking for prayers for their son Lee for a safe return as he serves our country in the Navy. She also asks for prayers for good health for our wonderful Father Jim.

By the way, the McConnells had a grand time camping and visiting with old friends recently at Hardee Lakes County Park near Wauchula, It was a good time of campfires and conversation.

Roy and Charlene had a wonderful visit with their friends Eddie and Marybeth from Maine. They shared that Bruce Willis has bought a house across the lake from the Michaud's house in Michigan. Roy and Charlene also went on an adventure down the Peace River with their neighbors and Charlene caught three fish and a tree.

Bob and Sandi Stantz enjoyed two weeks with their son Bob, Jr.who was here on a February visit. She also shared stories about a fun first-time-visit-here earlier in the year from their grandson. She had us all laughing!

Ginny and Bob Carter spent President's Day with their daughter, Cyndi, and two of her sons (Jamie, 28, and Lucas, 14) at the Naples Zoo. It has been a long time since they have been there. Wonderful day! Ginny also reported they have an offer on their house. If all goes well, they should close the middle of March. They will be moving to a beautiful apartment in their daughter Betsy's home in Naples. They will miss us but they also look forward to new experiences in Naples.

So glad Dante and Jane Lanzetta have returned to us. Hopefully, he and I will eventually be at church on the same Sunday soon!

For Christmas, Michael, Mary Frances and Elizabeth Hathcock gave Mike and Irene Pooser a photograph package of the whole family together. So, we recently spent a Sunday morning at Morgan Park posing-there was also a lot of fun and laughter shared. We are looking forward to sharing Elizabeth Grace's 2nd birthday with them in High Springs. She has added so much to our lives!

See you in Church!

Irene



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MEMBERSHIP & CHURCH DIRECTORY

I have been asked by Ginny Carter to be responsible for membership information.

Ginny has done an outstanding job in organizing this information in the website, Instant

Church Directory. I would ask that each member log in and check their profile information
and if any changes need to be made, please let me know. Log in with your email on
file and choose a password, then look for your name.

Carolyn McConnell

Have you looked at our Online Church Directory?

Follow the directions below to log on the directory

To log in to the directory:

- 1.Go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com
- 2. Click on the link: First time signing in? Create a login now.
- 3. Enter the email address as it is listed in the family portion of the directory.
- 4. Create a password. The password must be 8 characters long, and contain at least two of the following special characters: capital letters, numbers or symbols.
- 5. Retype the password to confirm it and click "Request Login."
- 6. Check your inbox for an email from service@instantchurchdirectory.com.
- 7. To complete the sign-up process, you will need to verify your email address by clicking on the link sent to you in that email
- 8. Once you confirm your email, you may sign at members.InstantChurchDirectory.com.

You can read the directory online. Simply click on the name to see the details: photo, address, phone number, email, birthdays, anniversaries.

Your email with the password you created will work on all the Instant Church Directory apps on any device. All you have to do is go to "Apps" on your device and search for "Instant Church Directory." If you have not made an account yet, follow steps 2 through 7 above. If you have already used the program just sign in with the same username and password.

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SENIOR WARDEN

Reminder: Shrove Tuesday March 5th 5:00 to 7:00pm pancake dinner in the Parish Hall all the pancakes and sausage you can eat only \$5.00!!!!

Still plenty of tickets available. See me in church or give me a call for tickets. We will also have "to go" orders available. Bring your friends and neighbors.

I would also like to welcome our new Vestry members and look forward to working with you.

Joe Mancuso, Senior Warden



EASTER FLOWERS

We are anticipating a beautiful, wondrous 2019 Easter at St.Edmund Church. We have been so blessed!

These flowers are a glorious way to express a memorial or thanks giving at this most sacred season of the year.

Please return this completed form by placing in the offering plate by Sunday, April 14th or call Irene Pooser. Checks should he made payable to St. Edmund Church and designated for Easter Flowers.

Contribution of \$toward the 2019 Easter flowers:	
() <u>Thanksgiving for</u>	
()In memory of	
Thank you and God bless you!	
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EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Once again, thanks to the support of the people of St.Edmund's, the ECW lived through another Annual Rummage/Bake Sale. Our profit of \$1500 will be well spent in the coming year. First, we will tithe to the church's Operating Fund. Then we will once again donate \$100 checks to five service organizations in our community: Tidewell Hospice, DeSoto Cares, Habitat for Humanity, Arc and the Senior Friendship Center. The rest will go to fund activites and needs at St.Edmund's, our community, our diocese and our state, country and world. So, as you can see, the money is well spent.

On March 3rd and 10th, we will be collecting new children's underwear to be stored at our DeSoto Schools and used as needed by students. As we all know, accidents do occur, especially to children facing new or stressful situations. Please participate in Undie Sundays; place donations of underwear for children of all ages and sizes in the storage bin in the back of the church.

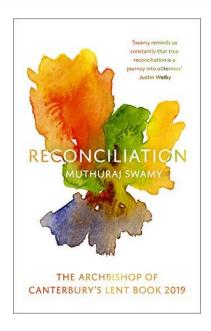
And from March 10th to April 7th, we will be participating in the United Thank Offering, a project of the Episcopal Church to support mission and ministry throughout the world. This is sometimes called the "Blue Box" time of year. We are all blessed in many ways everyday. Please your blue box in a handy spot and, when God blesses you, say a thanksgiving and place a donation in your box. On April 7th, our donations will be collected and presented at the offertory and then sent to the diocese to address requests for grants for mission and ministry throughout the world. Last year our total donation was \$539.65, a record for St.Edmund's. Please be a part of this wonderful project. Nancy Jo Vaughn is our UTO Coordinator.

All women of our church are members of our ECW. We meet the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 at Beef O'Brady's. We welcome your participation and involvement, and, if you are able, your presence at our meeting.

Charlene Michaud, President



THE WAY OF LOVE Passing in the Council (c)	ГНЕ			20124	IN L	2019
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Reflections from Living Mary Bea Sullivan (Chu Used with permission.		March 6 TURN How did you turn back towards God's love when you made a big mistake? Luke 15:18	7 LEARN Practice lectio divina with this scripture. Luke 15:17-24	8 PRAY What are you thankful for? 1 Chron. 29:15	9 WORSHIP What is most meaninful to you in worship? BCP prayer, p. 281	10 LENT
11 BLESS What challenges are you facing today? Job 11:18	12 GO Where are you being encouraged to "show up"? Matt. 25:44-45	13 REST What can you say "no" to so you can say "yes" to prayer, rest and joy? Lev. 23:3	14 TURN What relationships do you need to mend? Isa. 55:8-9	15 LEARN Who might you have a conversation with to learn about God? Ps. 119:105	16 PRAY Listen to the daily office today at www. missionstclaire.com Ps. 55:17	17 LENT 2
18 WORSHIP How do you want to prepare people to remember you? 2 Cor. 1:3-4	19 BLESS Intentionally smile at least ten times today. Phil 4:4	20 GO Where can you go and intentionally provide kindness? Matt. 5:4	21 REST How do you incorporate rest in your life? Jer. 6:16	Where do you find joy and passion?	23 LEARN What passage of scripture is important to you Why? Isa. 40:8	24 LENT 3
25 PRAY Go for a walk today and pray with your feet, each step with intention. Isa. 2:3a	26 WORSHIP In your prayers today, what new words or thoughts touch you? Phil. 4:6	27 BLESS Notice the pattern of your breathing. Pray for awareness of blessings. Gen. 2:7	28 GO Where might God be asking you to take your great love into the world? Isa. 48: 6b	29 REST How can you incorpo- rate rest from technol- ogy today? Matt. 11:28	30 TURN Today, intention- ally listen devoutly to another. Mark 4:23	31 LENT
April 1 LEARN How is the Jesus who walked this earth beckening you to meet him? Mark 10:46-52	2 PRAY Try praying with Anglican prayer beads. Luke 18:1	3 WORSHIP How does community help or hinder your growing in Christ? John 1:12-13	4 BLESS Who has taught you to life a Jesus-filled life? Who have you taught? 2 Cor. 4:16	5 GO Create a prayer repre- sentimg how you seek to serve God and fol- low Jesus. Matt. 5:15.	6 REST How might you con- nect with others in the spirit of renewal? 1 Kings 19:11-12	7 LENT 5
8 TURN How might you share what brings you great joy with others? Rom. 126:8	9 LEARN Slowly read this pas- sage aloud. How does this speak to the world today? Matt. 4:18-22	10 PRAY Take 20 minutes in contemplative prayer today. Matt. 4:18-22	11 WORSHIP What seminal mo- ments have informed a need to return to Christ? Ps. 51:10	12 BLESS When you reflect on financial giving, are your palms open? Matt. 12:43-44	Where can you seek and serve Christ in someone unlike you? Jer. 30:22, 31:4-5.	14 LENT 6
15 REST How do your creative outlets impact on tak- ing rest? Gen. 1:1-2:4	16 WAY OF LOVE Where do you see the seven practices of the Way of Love in this story? Luke 5:19	17 RULE OF LIFE How has this Way with God impacted your experience of God? John 7:38	18 RULE OF LIFE How can you build pauses into the day to reflect on the work of the Spirit? John 15:5	19 RULE OF LIFE How do others ex- perience the love of Christ through you? Gal. 5:22-23	20 RULE OF LIFE Who can support you in living a Jesus-cen- tered life? 2 Cor. 3:6	21 EASTER DAY



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

DATE	ALTAR GUILD	LEM	ACOLYTE	8:00 LECTOR	10:00 LECTOR	PRAYERS	GREETERS
March 03	Linda Gromen	Linda Gromen	Joe Mancuso	Wendy Carter	Bob & Ginny	Bob Harrington	Charlene & Roy
March 10	Ruth Adams	Joe Mancuso	Bob Harrington	Haila Lewis	Carter Joe Easterwood	Bob Carter	Michaud Irene & Michael
					Irene Pooser		Pooser
March 17	Carolyn McConnell	Pat Novean	Pat Moore	Bob Euerle	Bob Harrington Carolyn McConnell	Irene Pooser	Phylis & Joe Mancuso
March 24	Pat Moore	Irene Pooser	Joe Mancuso	Wendy Carter	Pat Moore Dawn Crippen	Carolyn McConnell	Bob Harrington Pat Novean
March 31	Irene Pooser	Pat Moore	Irene Pooser	Haila Lewis	Pearl Kiellman Joe Easterwood	Nancy Jo Vaughn	Brenda Brazil Mary Williamson

TRANSITIONS

We bid farewell and our best wishes to Ginny & Bob Carter who are moving to Naples, FL and to Judy & Glenn Sillhart who will be permanently remaining in Wernersville, PA. You will be missed!

IN MEMORY

Please keep in your prayers Joe Luzzi, who recently passed; our condolences and prayers are with Jennifer Evans. May he, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace and rise in glory.

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Sun	Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri						
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3 LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY "Undies Sunday"	4	5 5:00 pm-7:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 7:00 pm NA Meeting	5:00 pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy	7 10:00 am Daughters of the King 5:30 pm Desoto Cares HomelessServices Board Meeting 7:00 pm NA Meeting	8	9	
10 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT "Undies Sunday" UTO	11	4:00 pm Bible Study and Way of the Cross 7:00 pm NA Meeting	13	7:00 pm NA Meeting	15	16	
17 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT FEAST OF ST. PATRICK UTO	18	19 FEAST OF ST, JOSEPH 4:00 pm Bible Study and Way of the Cross 7:00 pm NA Meeting	20 5:30 pm ECW 6:00 pm Men's Group 7:30 pm Bishop's Committee Meeting	21 700 pm NA Meeting	22	23	
24	25 FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION	26 4:00 pm Bible Study and Way of the Cross 7:00 pm NA Meeting	27	7:00 pm NA Meeting	29	30	
31 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT UTO	8:00 am (no	oral music ar	ST (Rite 2)	onal singing)			