



THE EVANGEL

May 2020

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BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING May, 2020

- Virtual meeting convened on Facebook Messenger
- Discussion on information provided by Diocese regarding federal PPP Loan program; decision made not to pursue at this time
- NA & AA continue to meet. They are meeting outside on the deck and only going inside for bathroom and water
- Junior Warden received estimates on the repair of the parish hall floor; floor is unsafe in spots. \$3000 approved for the repair and refinishing of the floor.
- Purchase of two first aid kits and walkway solar lights approved
- Father McConnell has been providing Morning Prayer and Compline on Facebook Live since the middle of Lent. He will change to providing on Wednesdays only.



A kindly reminder that St. Edmund Church expenses remain even during unusual times as these. Pledge payments and contributions may be mailed to the church.

Upcoming Events

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Edmund Church services and meetings are cancelled during May. Check email communications regarding on-line worship and prayer opportunities

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PRIEST – IN - CHARGE



O Lord how long, and oi vey, are common expressions which describe my angst in separation from my church family and other friends. Watching the mangos grow has become my number one spectator sport. Anyone, want to get in a pool betting on whether the east side or the west side of the tree ripens first. Just kidding, folks. Meanwhile some good things have happened,

Our order of Compline has gained a following. Almost as many from outside of the church as from St. Edmund's have joined us at 9:00 on weekday nights for Compline. I do Morning Prayer on Wednesday morning at 10:30. Many prayers are offered up. I pray that more of our people will join in. Thanks to our Junior Warden's efforts our parish hall floors are beautiful. Good going Patty and Joey. Mother Mary is also sporting new coat of paint. Again, thanks to Patty. She is also making a grotto for Mother Mary. Meanwhile, it seems that our buildings are becoming a happy meal for termites. The Diocese gave all churches a check for a Zoom account providing another way for people to get together. Thank you, Pat Moore, with your son's help, for setting it up.

We are still in the midst of Easter. For those who have followed the lectionary at home one would see that the Apostles and disciples are still struggling with a Jesus who rose from the dead. He is adding a whole new dimension to their lives. Just as they thought their life was over they begin to experience the majesty and power of His call to them. May it be so for you. Even in our imposed isolation due to this terrible virus we can continue to grow in our faith.

Life is beginning to take on change here at the manse as we await the arrival on May, 19 of Skye our Cairn Terrier puppy. We are excited. Meanwhile, I am hoping that we will be back in church by June. May God bless us all and keep us well, and heighten our sense of patience and tolerance.

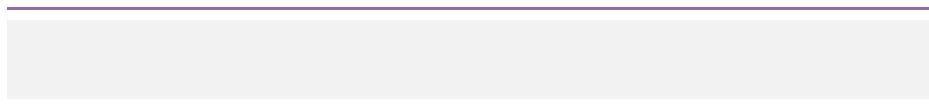
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Bishop's Committee

Senior Warden Bob Harrington
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Pat Novean
Michael Pooser
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Property Managers



DEACON

I've seen an advertisement for a t-shirt printed with the message "THE CHURCH IS OUT OF THE BUILDING" in response to the COVID-19 restrictions. It provides a perspective about the essence of being the Church. I think we know that the mission of the Church is not primarily about buildings or property. But it is easy, and often happens, to lose focus on our mission as followers of Jesus to minister to all people in all places. The temptation becomes to see mission primarily as what occurs within a congregation as it gathers together for prayer, renewal, and community. Perhaps a blessing that may come out of the pandemic experience will be the opportunity to refocus.

Being "out of the building" constitutes the major component of being part of the "Jesus Movement" (as our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry likes to explain who we are as the Church). It is when we are "out of the building" that we do most of our ministry: addressing needs, responding to fear, and sharing the Good News of Jesus in our words and actions.

The "out of the building" experience also brings new dimensions to one of the "in the building" ministries: prayer. Local churches across the nation are exploring new ways to engage in communal prayer. While those experiences do not usually have the same level of satisfaction as gathering together as a community, they do demonstrate the importance of prayer for the Church. In our Episcopal/Anglican faith tradition we especially feel the loss of the Eucharist that is the center of our worship experience. I think it is good that there is an increase of use and experiencing of Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Compline services from the Book of Common Prayer.

We will eventually return to "in the building" experiences. That is something we all very much want. It is my prayerful hope that when we do we will bring with us a renewed appreciation of those experiences as well as refocusing on the importance of "THE CHURCH IS OUT OF THE BUILDING" ministry.

---Deacon Robert Vaughn



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- ❖ For those who shared their news during these stressful times, thank you! I pray that all of our church family will remain safe and healthy.
- ❖ The McConnells were happy to be enjoying camping in High Springs. They are excited to announce the arrival of their new pup, Skye, a Cairn Terrier, who will be joining them on May 19th when they pick him up in Daytona.
- ❖ Yvette Dalpe says they are doing very well staying home like everyone else. They moved into their new spacious home two months ago and are enjoying a quiet neighborhood near Charlotte Harbor. They are so glad to be there through all this. On March 9th Yvette got a new great granddaughter; that now makes ten great grandchildren!
- ❖ Work continues on the addition Dante and Jane Lanzetta are adding to their home in Live Oak RV Resort. He was excited to report that the addition now has windows and doors! He added that it makes him realize that nothing much is happening in their lives right now, just like for everybody else. However, he knows they should be grateful (and they are!) that they are not suffering the way most of the world is right now.
- ❖ Dawn Crippen, who also lives in Live Oak, stays busy there with a group of neighbors preparing sandwiches for the Center For The Needy. This morning they made 250 sandwiches! She is flying home on May 11th but plans on returning in October. We certainly wish her safe traveling.
- ❖ Sandy and Joe Easterwood arrived home (I think that is North Carolina!) on April 10th. They were not supposed to get home until May 3rd, but with the coronavirus there were many cancellations to events they had planned on attending. She was so happy that they had reservations at the different campgrounds because they were not letting anyone in without them. They made it home safely which is what counts! After arriving they had to go into two weeks of self quarantine. They hope everyone stays well!
- ❖ Linda and Barry Gromen have been catching up on things around their house. They finally had two tulip poplars taken down. They were blocking neighbors' view of the Ohio River, a no-no on their cul-de-sac. Next was a visit from the furnace man, but, of course, the furnace wouldn't make the noise for them when he was here! The carpets were cleaned on Saturday. Barry is busy with the yard-he loves that. They have enjoyed their zoom meetings with people up there and down here., but she will be happy to be able to see everyone in person, and she knows she is not alone in that feeling.
- ❖ Sandy and Bob Stantz are happy that the health care company their daughter works for is considering having employees work from home. That would mean she can stay here longer which would be such a blessing for Bob and Sandy. Please continue to pray for good days for the Stantz family.
- ❖ Bill Bless reports from Delaware that the "lockdown" continues. Delaware just experienced a large spike in the coronavirus; most new cases involve persons working in the various chicken processing plants. As a result, nothing is relaxed and facemasks are now required in public. As for him, he remains at home, occasionally climbing the walls and going out in public when necessary. Weather isn't helping, damp, rainy and chilly with temperatures only reaching mid 50's with an occasional 60. Yard work is good when weather permits. His family is well in Rhode Island, still under stay at home orders and

MAY BIRTHDAY

1st – Ray Stewart
9th – Sandra Stantz
24th – Bob Blank
24th – Larry DiCioccio
31st – Deborah Long

APRIL ANNIVERSARY

7th Larry & Patricia DiCioccio
9th – Don & Ruth Reichert
11th – Bob & Shelly Baumann

grandchildren remaining in home school. All are looking forward to the warmth of summer and the easing of restrictions. Bill sends his regards to Father Jim and all at St.Ed's.

- ❖ Roy and Charlene Michaud report that their granddaughter Cassidy will be having surgery June 10th. Please keep her in your prayers. I remember her from her visits as a true sweetie! Roy and Charlene will be staying in Florida this summer.
- ❖ After a few frustrating days, the Mavericks were due to fly home from Tampa April 29th. George, Joan, daughter Lori and the two dogs are making the trip to Boston. They will miss us all-and we will miss them so much!
- ❖ Wendy Carter reports the Carter household is generally trying to enjoy their social distancing time. She is taking the opportunity to clean cupboards and closets that, shall she say, hasn't been done in "a while"...like ever, perhaps? Also, she is enjoying her time sewing covid masks. A group of five or six friends have sewn masks for everyone in Arcadia Village and many more on top of that! She has had the time to work on making greeting cards and preparing for next season's classes. Her mother will not be returning to Maine this summer (her choice). If Wendy decides to go back it will be for just a short while and her sister will come to do "Mom Care". Her mother had a mild heart attack this weekend but is home and doing remarkably well. Wendy says, "Stay well, everybody."
- ❖ Pat Novean is doing her part by staying at home. She is glad that she has her two cats to keep her entertained. She adopted a kitten, Macy, in February who has adapted quite well to being there. Macy and an older cat George keep Pat entertained. Bob and Pat get together a few times a week to share dinner and a Netflix movie. She had a scare when her son-in-law was positive for the Coronavirus. He was not sick, so just had to stay quarantined for a period at home, in their basement away from others. He works in a health care facility and probably became infected there.
- ❖ Pearl Kiellman got out of the house to help her daughter and family move. Everyone was running around in masks! But everything went well. Meanwhile, one of her sons had to come home from college and finished his classes online. Her other son stayed in Orlando and finished his online there as he a fulltime job and is still able to work. Pearl is trying to walk on a regular basis, not just out of boredom but in an attempt not to become a couch potato! She has gained weight because there is nothing to do but eat!
- ❖ Shelly and Bob Baumann report they are well and looking forward to a new "normal" soon as stay at home restrictions across the state begin to lift this month. Bob has been busy keeping up our county parks that remained open and preparing the ones that were closed for reopening. They have both been busy getting their boat ready for new adventures and have been out a few times lately but found the harbor crowded and with two many crazy boaters breaking the rules to be truly enjoyable. They look forward to seeing everyone back at church whenever that happens; but they have enjoyed Father Jim's Facebook posts in the meantime.
- ❖ Bob Harrington says that April of 2020 has to be the longest single month of his life. Thankfully, both he and Pat are healthy and are obeying most of the rules. He did not expect to recognize friends and neighbors in their masks, but he discovered there is a lot of recognition in their eyes. He never realized that before. He is thankful that both his nurse daughters Denise and Karen are healthy and doing well. Denise works in a five county testing clinic and Karen is a traveling nurse in nursing homes. Bruiser and Bob are just hanging out at home. He is still able to play golf there in the park though (Thanks be to God).
- ❖ Steve and James Bianco are thankfully healthy as is the rest of their family. Steve is working from home and James is under doctor's orders not to work giving them extra bonding time. Their morning begins with a Bible study. Recently Matthew Chapter 24 has really come to James' heart as a reminder of the hope they have and the urgency of the time. Though they pray everyday that this virus will cease and its victims be taken care of, James has modified his prayers to include a big thank you to God for giving

him time to focus on His Word and his family without as many worldly distractions. They both truly miss their church family.

- ❖ Robert Vaughn's 91 year old mother, Betty Henline, has been diagnosed with COVID-19. At this time, she is not exhibiting symptoms. Please remember this beautiful, gracious lady and her family in your prayers.

I look forward to the time when I can see my Church Family in church! Stay safe!
Irene

JUNIOR WARDEN

We have started repairing the church hall floors, however the work has come to a standstill, with the discovery of termite infestations in the church hall and the church itself. We are currently arranging for a complete treatment with our exterminating company; following treatment the floor can and will be finished, in a timely fashion.

Yours in Christ,
Patty DiCioccio
Junior Warden



For our mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers, and all those women who nurtured and cared for us...For those women who are pregnant and preparing for childbirth...For those women who are pregnant and struggling with their situation...For those women who are choosing to place their child for adoption and for those women who open their hearts & lives to adopt children...For those women who have not been able to conceive...For mothers who are enjoying the pleasure of children and grandchildren...For mothers who are not able to adequately provide for or protect their children...For mothers who have lost children to death...that God's grace and blessing be upon them. Amen.