
ST. EDMUND THE MARTYR EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONGREGATION NEWS & NOTICES

April 2024

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APRIL SCHEDULE: Sunday Eucharist 9:00 am

Daughters of the King, Thursday April 4, 10:00 am

Episcopal Church Women, Thursday April 18, 11:30 am



FAIRWELL & GODSPEED

Easter Sunday is always a joyous day but, alas, it also brings regret that it is the annual “trigger” for our wonderful seasonal members to start their return to northern homes. You add much to our congregational life and are missed during the months you are away. May your travel be safe and have enjoyable experiences with family and friends.

HURRICANE RECOVERY GRANT RECEIVED

St. Edmund Church has been granted \$10,000 by Hope DeSoto Long Term Recovery Group (in conjunction with Suncoast Disaster Recovery Fund, and The Community Foundation of Sarasota). This grant funding is to be used in the restoration and renovation of the existing church hall facility for use as a community center when the new church hall facility is constructed.

ERD GRANT FOR OUTREACH MINISTRY

In March, St. Edmund Church received a \$39,300 grant from the Diocese of Southwest Florida from Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) funds to assist with the continuing recovery from Hurricane Ian in DeSoto County. These funds may be used only to help individuals and families. Over the past twelve months a total of \$69,300 has been received for this outreach to the community. Deacon Robert Vaughn coordinates this effort. A recent local recipient sent this response to receiving assistance:

“My husband and I are incredibly grateful for the generous gift from St Edmunds Episcopal Church. As stated in the request, this gift will be used toward disaster recovery. This is truly an answer to many prayers.

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Junior Warden

Treasurer: Pat Moore

Vestry: Lawana Howell,
Patricia Novean, Michael Pooser,
Don Reichert

Vestry Clerk: Robert Vaughn

Altar Guild: Wendy Carter

Daughters of the King: Ruth Adams

Episcopal Church Women

Carolyn Robins

Music Coordinator: Pearl Kiellman

Property Manager: Bill Stephenson

Not that long ago my husband stated how defeated he felt because we could not get our Hurricane Ian damages recovered sooner. In his discouragement I could tell that he was desperate, and that he felt that God was not listening to him. Soon after his defeated statement, I heard about the Episcopal Relief and Development grant. I applied without consulting my husband, as I did not want to get hopes up or cause more stress or disappointment. After I made the request, I told him that there may be a program for which we would qualify to get on the road to recovery. The wait for the approval was not long; and I thank God for that!

We walked our modest homestead plot this evening discussing where, when, and how we can use this gift. Trust that it will be used as soon as possible, and with before and after photos to document how good God is! My husband has a renewed spirit, and we are so thankful. Thank you for considering our request and for saying yes. You all are so many answers to prayers.”



It was a beautiful Holy Week with a full church for Easter Sunday, which is always nice to see, but with Easter behind us now, we can expect our wonderful seasonal residents to begin their journeys back to their northern homes. They add so much to the life of our small parish and are always a welcome addition. I wish everyone a safe trip and we look forward to seeing you again in the fall. Remember you can watch our Sunday services live on Facebook or catch up anytime you like.

We have been advised that one of the two grants we applied for has been approved and a check for \$10,000 to help with Parish Hall rebuilding will be coming shortly. Thank you to Deacon Robert for finding and applying for this grant for us. These funds will be used to provide additional structural support posts under the collapsing wall adjacent to the old kitchen and to build a new warming kitchen in the old counting room. We won't know more about the second grant until June.

Our architect has been busy completing our plans for the new addition to the church and full size copies will be posted in the Parish Hall for everyone to view. We are still making some tweaks and adjustments but these preliminary drawings will give everyone a good idea of what we are looking at doing. Your input and ideas are always welcome.

Bob Baumann
Senior Warden



The next ECW meeting will be on April 18th at 11:30 in the Parish house. We will be planning activities for the coming months. Please come and help us make the ECW strong again.

Carolyn Robins, ECW President

ALTAR FLOWERS

*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
Worship the LORD in holy splendor...
(Psalm 96:8-9)*

After the austerity of Lent and Holy Week, it was wonderful to welcome the return of beautiful flowers and plants in the church to enhance our worship experience on Easter morning. We continue the rest of the year having altar flowers for our Sunday liturgies. Sponsors are needed to cover the expense of having fresh flowers every Sunday. It is a means for you to participate in the Sunday liturgy in a special way (even when not physically present). If you would like to sponsor flowers, with or without a dedication, email to vaughn_rj@yahoo.com the following information:

1. YOUR NAME:

2. SUNDAY DATE YOU WANT TO SPONSOR:

3. DEDICATION (In memory of; In thanksgiving for)

Cost is \$25.00 for the two vases. Checks or cash may be put in the collection plate or checks mailed to the church (327 W. Hickory Street, Arcadia FL 34266) with RE: Flowers.

APRIL ALTAR FLOWERS

April 7 – In thanksgiving for the seasonal members of the congregation

April 14 – In thanksgiving for the people of St. Edmund Church (Irene & Michael Pooser)

April 21 – In thanksgiving for the 18th birthday of granddaughter Katie (Pat Novean)

April 28 – In thanksgiving for 43 years of marriage (Nancy Jo & Robert Vaughn)

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES April 2024

DATE	LEM	LECTOR	PRAYERS	GREETER
April 7	Ed Dussault	Wendy Carer	Pat Novean	Pat Novean
April 14	Wendy Carter	Hope Garza	Nancy Jo Vaughn	Dolly Faul
April 21	Pat Moore	Bob Euerle	Pat Moore	Michael Pooser
April 28	Ed Dussault	Carolyn Robins	Pat Novean	Dolly Faul

COFFEE COORDINATORS

April 7 – Sheila Cleroux

April 14 – Joyce & Dave Hendricks

April 21 – Lawana & George Howell

April 28 – Pat Novean