
ST. EDMUND THE MARTYR EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONGREGATION NEWS & NOTICES

October 2023

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OCTOBER SCHEDULE: Sunday Eucharist 9:00 am

On Tuesdays, 2:00 – 4:00, Father Jim will be at the church to meet with all who would like to talk with him; there is no formal program

SEPTEMBER VESTRY MEETING

- Sandy Stantz resigned from the vestry due to moving to Ohio; Bob Baumann was welcomed as a new member.
- Treasurer reported that summer contributions remained steady; current checking account balance is \$22,774.95.
- Property insurance policy premium increased by \$6,536 for a total 2024 cost of \$23,131.
- \$100 from outreach funds was approved for donation to the DeSoto County Historical Society scholarship fund.

CHANGES IN CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

There have been a number of changes in how to contact the church and stay informed:

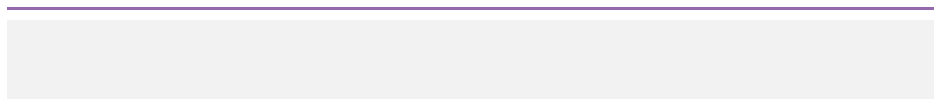
The church has a new **phone number: 863-449-3289**

New email address: stedmundsarcadia@gmail.com (NOT yahoo.com)

Changed website address: www.EpiscopalArcadiaFL.org (NOT .com)

SECOND ERD GRANT RECEIVED

Deacon Robert Vaughn reports that a second grant from Episcopal Relief & Development has been received to assist people in the community still recovering from Hurricane Ian. This grant is \$15,000. The first grant received in April was \$5,000.



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Senior Warden Patricia Moore

Junior Warden Robert Harrington

Vestry: Bob Baumann,
Patricia Novean, Michael Pooser
Vestry Clerk: Robert Vaughn

Altar Guild

Wendy Carter

Daughters of the King

Ruth Adams

Episcopal Church Women

Carolyn Robins

Music Coordinator

Pearl Kiellman

HURRICANE IAN DAMAGE UPDATE

September 28th was the one year anniversary of Hurricane Ian. Progress has been painfully slow in addressing the recovery needs at St. Edmund Church despite continuing efforts with the insurance company and the diocese that has included review by adjustors, engineers, and contractors. It has been determined that the 1897 original church building can be saved but the attached addition (kitchen, offices, bathrooms) will need to be replaced. Also, after further inspection, it was found that the 1930 church building has more damage than initially thought. A new roof, window leaks, and internal painting will need addressing. Paul Davis Restoration Company (Sarasota) is providing inspections and estimates.

Father Williamson and Senior Warden Pat Moore maintain contact with diocesan staff and the bishop regarding the status of recovery needs. Bishop Scharf expresses his interest and commitment to St. Edmund Church. He would like to see a new structure that will not only meet the current and future needs of the congregation but also can be used by the Arcadia community with possible revenue producing options. At the end of September FEMA approval was attained, although it is not known what that exactly means at this time. The current Hurricane Ian Designated Fund totals \$559,255.26 (insurance payment and contributions by diocese, parishes, and individuals). Insurance responsibility is not settled and further negotiation will be required with the additional damage identified in the church building and as plans for a church hall are determined.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – Saturday, October 14th

Saturday **Blessing**
October 14th **of the**
11:00 am **Animals**
at
Morgan Park

Bring a dog or cat
food donation
for the
DeSoto County
Pet Food Pantry

St. Edmund
Episcopal
Church



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

The first meeting of ECW for this Fall is on Thursday, October 19th, 11:30 am, at the church. All women are automatically members of ECW and we especially invite you to attend if you have not previously attended. St. Edmund ECW supports all aspects of congregational life and we are involved in reaching out to those in need in our community. We have focused our support of funding and other donations on the foster children of DeSoto County as well as homeless people served by DeSoto Cares Homeless Services. Please join us on October 19th.

Carolyn Robins, ECW President

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters of the King will meet on Thursday, October 5th, at the church. All women are welcome to attend. Members are reminded that national dues (\$50) were due by September 1st.

Ruth Adams

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES JUNE 2023

DATE	Eucharistic Minister	LECTOR	PRAYERS	GREETER
Oct. 8	Ed Dussault	Dolly Faul	Pat Novean	Dolly Faul
Oct. 15	Pat Moore	Bob Euerle	Carolyn Robins	Michael Pooser
Oct. 22	Wendy Carter	Pat Moore	Nancy Jo Vaughn	Dolly Faul
Oct. 29	Ed Dussault	Carolyn Robins	Bob Harrington	Pat Novean

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY

06– Haila Lewis
13- Bart Plymale
18– Carol Vickery

22 – Gail Dawn-Hinesley
24– Irene Pooser

07 – Diane & Bob Blank
08 – Joyce & David Hendricks
12 – Sandy & Joe Easterwood

ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSORS

October 08th – Shelly Baumann (In memory of Betty Salwak)
October 15th – Bob Harrington (Thanksgiving for friends and St. Edmund Church family)
October 22th – Barbara Anson
October 29th – Robert & Nancy Jo Vaughn (In memory of Erma Linn)

CONGREGATION SUMMER HAPPENINGS

- Diane Blank is residing at Arcadia Oaks Assisted Living Facility. She is experiencing a number of physical difficulties and Bob spends every morning with her. Please keep Diane and Bob in your prayers.
- Pat Novean enjoyed spending time with her daughter and granddaughter this summer for a few days in a condo in Ruskin FL. Her granddaughter is a high school senior and is starting to look at college possibilities, including in Tampa!
- Dolly Faul, Zoey (and Dixie) had a very active summer. Zoey ended third grade with amazing grades and was rewarded with an overnight trip to Universal Studios. This was followed with a visit with Dolly's friend of 47-years on a farm in Dutchess County NY that included daily interactions with the horses. Then they had a trip to visit with family in Crawfordsville; and then a trip to St. Augustine along with cousins from Ohio. Zoey also found time for a week at golf camp. Finally, they returned home to rest. Dixie was relieved!
- Linda & Barry Gromen have had a pleasant weather summer in the Cincinnati area. They spent time at a Kentucky lake house with their son & family that included hiking, boating, and fishing. Barry is not reporting on any fish catching. The family dogs were part of the adventure and were well behaved other than eating Linda's zucchini bread. In September, Linda visited their son in Italy and then met up with their daughter in London, where they were able to attend a production of "Phantom of the Opera" before it closed. Linda & Barry also did a bus tour to Branson. They will be returning to Arcadia around November 9th to rest. Their hurricane damaged carport remains unrepaired, so that is first on their local agenda.
- Bob Harrington returned to Grayling, Michigan in July for a family reunion with his three children, nine grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren (with one more on the way). Bob met his latest great-grandchild for the first time. He says "It amazes me to look at this crowd and realize that Carmel and I started it all!"
- Irene and Michael Pooser celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August. Unfortunately, it became necessary to cancel their anniversary trip to New Orleans but they had an enjoyable weekend visit with Mary Francis and their two granddaughters.
- Gary and Pat Brannock are having a good summer in Howell, Michigan. They plan to return to Arcadia in late October and are looking forward to seeing friends and sharing good times. Gary comments that St. Edmund Church reminds him of his childhood church in the Baltimore area. He is looking forward to return this Fall.
- In July, Sandy and Joe Eastwood enjoyed a 28-day Viking cruise from Istanbul to Barcelona. While it was a beautiful experience, it also was quite physically challenging. Both Joe and Sandy experienced some health issues during the tour. Joe had some follow-up medical procedures upon returning home. They are hoping to return to their Cross Creek home and be back at church in the beginning of November.
- Helen and Shawn Bryan (and Finn) were enjoying a wonderful cross-country camping trip on the way to Alaska when severe flooding in Vermont required them to return home to deal flooding issues at their home. They plan to be back in Florida in January.
- After seven months of delayed full retirement, Robert Vaughn is finally fully unemployed retired as of August 31. He is now at the full command of Nancy Jo and Dolly!

As Irene Pooser use to write at the end of these reports: "See you in church!"