

THE EVANGEL

SUMMER (JUNE-JULY-AUGUST) 2019

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BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING May 22, 2019

Meeting Summary:

- Significant increase in FPL charges noted; system check is scheduled for June 10th. Discussion on installing Smart Meters.
- Fellowship Hall roof has been repaired.
- Agreement for use of Fellowship Hall by Narcotics Anonymous was signed on April 30th.
- Termite control work on the buildings will be done at the end of May.
- Any use of church credit cards requires submission of receipts.
- No scheduled meeting of the Bishop's Committee until September 18th.
- Charlene & Roy Michaud will host Congregation BBQ on August 17th, starting at 3:00 pm.

FINANCIAL REPORT (April 2019)

	CONTRIBUTIONS*	EXPENSES
APRIL	\$10,314.00	\$8,502.43
YTD	\$41,645.54	\$39,944.12

NOTE: *includes monthly contributions and prorated pre-paid annual pledges

2019 Bishop's Committee: Joe Mancuso (Senior Warden), Charlene Michaud (Junior Warden), Patricia DiCioccio, , Patricia Novean, Michael Pooser, & Vivian Stewart.

Clerk: Irene Pooser **Treasurer:** Pat Moore

Property Managers: Roy Michaud & Bill Stephenson



Upcoming Events

Sundays (June-July-August)

8:00 Eucharist (1st & 3rd Sundays)
 10:00 Eucharist (Every Sunday)
 7:00 Eucharist (Every Sunday)

June 16

Fathers Day Brunch following
 10:00 Eucharist

August 17

Congregation BBQ at home of
 Charlene & Roy Michaud (3:00)

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PRIEST – IN - CHARGE

The long season of summer is upon us. We are still celebrating Easter at this writing. In fact, we celebrate Easter every Sunday as we worship. Every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection.

On June 9 we celebrate the feast of the Pentecost. Pentecost is older than Christianity as it was celebrated for 1500 years before the resurrection. It was a feast celebrated by the Jews 50 days after Passover. The feast was celebrated by the offering of the “first fruits” of the harvest. We celebrate Pentecost 50 (pente) days after Easter. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as God being present in our life as comforter and guide as promised by Jesus. The Holy Spirit is also described as the Paraclete (advocate) in scripture. The presence of the Holy Spirit is most clearly described in Acts 2:1-15. The community was gathered together to celebrate the traditional feast of Pentecost when something new and dramatic happened. The Holy Spirit changed the character and mission of the church forever. It is truly the birthday of the Church. We wear red on this day to celebrate the fire of the Holy Spirit.

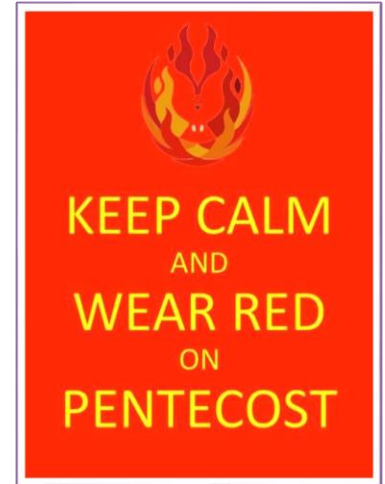
Carolyn and I have returned from Scotland. We had a wonderful time. We did not get to see all that we wanted to see. Therefore we will go back next year. This time we will go according to our plans and not be regimented by a tour company.

On June 2, we will celebrate a unique event as we celebrate the blessing of a sacred relationship between Bob Harrington and Pat Novean. It is not a marriage but a recognition that a relationship beyond friendship, but short of marriage, exists.

On June 16 we will celebrate Father’s Day. A bountiful breakfast is being planned by the E.C.W. In other news, at this time, my Orthopedist wants to try one more thing before surgery on my left knee. I pray that it works as we want to go visit our kids in Wyoming in August. Stay safe and cool and have a great summer.

In God’s grace,

Fr. Jim McConnell



SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

May 5

8:00 - 11
10:00 - 36
7:00 - 14

May 12

8:00 - 7
10:00 - 28
7:00 -23

May 19

8:00 - 14
10:00 - 29
7:00 - 11

May 26

8:00 - 11
10:00 - 34
7:00 - 23

DEACON

I'm sure all of us recognize the lyrics of a couple of old-time songs: "There's a time each year, That we always hold dear, Good old summertime..." and "Summertime, and the livin' is easy..."

Certainly at St. Edmund Church we move into a semi-shutdown mode during the summer. It is not a bad thing since we all need respite from normal routine and activity. Of course, it has often been said that "God does not take the summer off!" But a summer respite can allow for refocusing and renewal.

As I reflect on past summers and summer events in my life I recognize the significance of them. During my early school years, summer was simply time-off. I enjoyed the non-scheduled time, the opportunity to interact with siblings and cousins and grandparents, and even productive activity such as participating in the summer reading program at the public library and attending boy scout camps. It was never a time of family vacation trips. This was due to lack of finances as well as no one I knew actually did that! Money was not readily available. A favorite summer activity with my sisters and cousins was walking along the highway and roads seeking "pop bottles" to return for the deposit.

This was not wasted time. Extended family relationships were established that still endure. My first conscious experience of empathy occurred one summer at the city public library. I observed a girl about my age and her mother being denied checking out books unless they paid a fee because they lived outside the city limits. Even at that age I recognized how "poor" they presented in dress and appearance. I remember feeling, not for the girl who wanted to check out books, but with her mother who I could see in her demeanor the shame and disappointment she felt not being able to provide something as simple as checking out a library book for her daughter.

Starting with early adolescence, summers became a time for endeavors that produced income. Initially this was yard work. I was fortunate that my grandfather had a small engine shop and he kept me supplied with a working lawn mower. Eventually, during high school, actual employment occurred such as detasseling corn all day in the summer sun and riding the back of city garbage trucks to distribute flyers at every home on the route. I quickly realized I wanted something more for my future! A college summer job at a boys' juvenile justice treatment program moved me from my plans to be a teacher to eventually becoming a clinical social worker.

"Those lazy-hazy-crazy days of summer" can be quite productive and life changing at any age. As we take our respite this summer, I encourage each of us to use the time well. It could be reading a book that may challenge us or engaging in a volunteer opportunity. Rather than dealing with the hot temperatures outside, read a chapter from the Bible each day or pray Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, or Compline (night prayer) from the Book of Common Prayer.

Summer awaits! ---Deacon Robert Vaughn

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- ❖ Ron and Carolyn Robins are making their way across the country heading to California for a few months. It is truly amazing how beautiful our country is. Each state, Virginia (they started from), Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California-all have amazing scenery. We are truly blessed to live in the USA.
- ❖ Shelly and Bob Baumann went on a 7 day Alaskan cruise in May to celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary and spent time with Shelly's cousin Teresa and family in Seattle afterwards. A week before the trip Bob injured his leg at work and had his stitches removed just prior to leaving while Shelly had to have an emergency root canal the day before they left. Both were looking forward to some down time and enjoying the beautiful Alaskan scenery. They plan on doing more local cruising this summer with friends on their own boat, Rum Runner, in Charlotte Harbor and surrounding waterways.
- ❖ Sandy and Joe Easterwood made it home safe and sound on April 25th. They took 25 days to get from Florida to North Carolina, stopping several places and seeing lots of friends. And, of course, it's taken them a while to get settled and living in and taking care of a big house. They are now busy with the annual Biggs Classic Golf Tournament. Each year they host two of the golfers and that is always fun having some young people in their house. Their middle daughter came down for a few days the beginning of May and, of course, they loved that. They hope all is well and say "hi" to the few people left in Florida.
- ❖ Following their recent trip to Manhattan, Nancy Jo and Robert Vaughn thought they were staying home for the summer. But an impromptu reunion at Notre Dame has changed their plans. Fifty years ago (June 1969) five young men, ages 20-27, professed vows as Holy Cross Brothers. During the ensuing years, three of them (including Robert) departed from the religious order. One died a few years ago as a Brother and the other one who remains in the order will celebrate his 50th anniversary in June. The four surviving, no longer "young men", will gather at the end of June at Notre Dame along with some others from the 1960s Holy Cross experience for the first time since the early 1990s. Nancy Jo gets to add a side trip to Nashville, Indiana for shopping in the quaint little town of artisan shops. Linda & Barry Gormen plan to travel from their Ohio home and join them for lunch and some shopping in the Nashville shops.
- ❖ News from the Lewis family: Their grandson Jace is improving little by little every week. He is not yet walking but he is standing on his own and he knows a few words, but, most importantly, he has not had a seizure since January! Hallelujah! Jan and Hal Thank you again for all your prayers-they appreciate our support and love! Hal continues to work on the property in Lithia. He has dug an acre pond and has used the dirt to build up their house pad. They have put up a new fence around the property and a gate at the entrance. It has been a long process for them but they are moving forward. Their son-in-law Ben was recently awarded a Noble Achievement Award from the US Air Force for his finding and fixing a pulse code modulation program that had security issues which could have potentially caused a security breach in the F-16 aircrafts. He also just gave a presentation in Las Vegas on addressing the concept of using

ANNIVERSARY

June 8- Bob & Deborah Long
June 13-Ruth & John Adams
June 28-Bev & Bill Stephenson
July 3-Pat & Jerry Stip
July 15-Carol & Ken Vickery
August 10-Irene & Michael Pooser
August 30-Charlene & Roy Michaud

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Wi-Fi to provide control and status of a high speed camera system which will be installed in all F-16s. They are so proud of him and his achievements!! They are looking forward to spending a lot of quality time with all their kids and grandkids this summer and especially looking forward to a trip to Crestview in June to celebrate grandson Gavin's 8th birthday!! They hope you all have a safe and wonderful summer!

- ❖ Mike and Irene Pooser are looking forward to a summer getaway with Jan and Hal Lewis in July. They began sharing vacations together in 1998 and have only missed one year as they were dealing with family illnesses. This year they will spend time together in Cape Coral. Mike and Irene will also continue a tradition of sharing their wedding anniversary meal at Commander's Palace in New Orleans. They will also celebrate their 46th in August with a few more meals in NOLA and music at Pat O'Brien's Piano Bar!
- ❖ Joe and Phylis Mancuso are enjoying a several week trip to New Jersey. Their oldest grandson David graduated from Rowan University Magna Cum Laude with a degree in psychology. Then their youngest grandson Jack had his 4th birthday party. Next is the surprise 50th birthday party for their daughter Christa; it is also their daughter-in-law Nicole's birthday. Most important is Phylis' six month check-up at the Cancer Treatment Center of America Hospital. Pray that all goes well with that appointment. Quite a whirlwind trip! Missing everyone at St. Ed's.
- ❖ Pearl Kiellman is looking forward to a trip to Ireland and Scotland. She will be leaving the end of May and will not return until June 13th as she will be travels with her son, daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law's mother. She is so looking forward to that trip. Both of her grandsons are doing well in college. Pearl says she has much to be thankful for.
- ❖ Dante Lanzetta says all they have had going on is Jane's hernia-repair-and-stomach-rehoming surgery. It was several weeks ago and she is now off of the requisite liquid diet and can, if she so chooses, eat a horse without having it pureed. For which, thank God!
- ❖ Pat Novean has had it tough for quite some time with health issues but now she seems to be getting everything under control. A good Chiropractor has helped tremendously, In spite of it all, she has kept busy with so many social events at Arcadia Village before all the snowbirds departed. She is now trying to get caught up on everything she let go! She has a few traveling plans for the summer: her nephew's wedding in Silverton, CO, a trip to Michigan and Indiana with Bob to visit his family and a time share stay in Daytona, thanks to Bob's daughter. In July her daughter will be here for a few days; she brings Katie, Pat's granddaughter, to stay for a few days. Pat has much to look forward to.
- ❖ Good news, at present, from the McConnells' house. The doctor wants to try another treatment to avoid surgery on Fr.Jim's knee. Having just got back from Scotland, they plan on remaining in town. They are possibly going to visit family in Wyoming in August. They wish everyone a restful and safe summer. Stay cool and God bless! We at St.Ed's wish Father Jim and Carolyn healthy, happy days ahead.
- ❖ We look forward to seeing Patty and Larry DiCioccio as they return from their Alaskan cruise celebrating their anniversary and Larry's birthday. They enjoyed sharing the cruise with Sue Chad and her sister. Sue will go to her summer home in Massachusetts but returns to us at St.Ed's in the fall.

See you in church!

Irene

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Please contact Carolyn McConnell with any changes or updates to your address and contact information

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1. Go to **members.InstantChurchDirectory.com**
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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.
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DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters of the King (DOK) is a lay order of the Episcopal Church dedicated to prayer and service. The St. Edmund chapter was formed in 2006. The weekly prayer list is maintained by this group and used as focus for their prayer. The St. Edmund chapter meeting is the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 am. See chapter president Ruth Adams about becoming a member of DOK.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Please **everyone** join us as the ECW honors the men of St. Edmund's with a Breakfast Brunch on Father's Day, June 16th, following the 10:00 service.

And thanks to the men of St. Edmund's who provided a terrific brunch for us on Mother's Day!

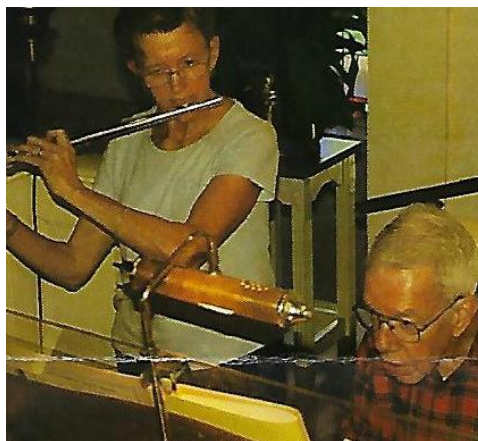
After that we will take our summer break and the ECW will come to life again on Wednesday, September 18th, as we meet at Beef O'Brady's at 5:30. All ladies of the church are invited and certainly welcome!

We are wishing everyone a safe, blessed summer!

Charlene Michaud, President



First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia presents AN AFTERNOON CONCERT featuring Ellen Sutphin (flute) and Charles Durr (organ) on Sunday, June 2nd, at 3:30 pm. Reception follows the concert; community invited



SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Edmund Church provides scholarships yearly to graduating high school seniors. Each scholarship is for \$1000. Two worthy seniors were selected for 2019:

Olivia Barrera maintains employment and is active in FFA, Links2Success, 4-H, Honor Society, STEMS, and SubDebs organizations at DeSoto County High School. She has applied at Florida Gulf Coast University and at USF/Sarasota-Manatee. She plans to major in criminology/law and eventually would like to be an attorney.

Clint Cross works in a family lawn service while he is a member of FFA, Honor Society nominee, and is varsity player for the DeSoto County High School baseball team. He will be attending South Florida State College majoring in Agri-Business. He is especially interested in pursuing the technical and analytical aspects of local agricultural issues.

Father Jim McConnell presented the scholarships at the Senior Awards Ceremony on May 16th.

The scholarship program began when the congregation had youth going off to college. As the need within the congregation dissipated and funds were still available, need in the community was identified. Working in conjunction with the local school district, the St. Edmund Scholarship Committee receives applications from graduating seniors and selects the recipients. The 2019 Scholarship Committee consists of Joe Mancuso, Nancy Plymale, and Irene Pooser.

Since 2011, the St. Edmund scholarships have been awarded to 33 individuals for a total of \$54,025.

Scholarship funds are separate from general operating funds and consist of designated donation. Donations to the scholarship restricted fund may be made at any time.



**St. Edmund the Martyr
Episcopal Church**

Scholarships

BIRTHDAY LIST

BIRTHDAYS

June

01-Connie DeWitt
02-George Maver
04-Bob Harrington
11-Joyce Hendricks
12-Diane Blank
15-Joan Maver
15-Yvette Dumaine
18-Beverly Stephenson
25-Bob Fowler
30-Patricia DiCioccio

July

01-Carolyn Robins
06-Ruth Adams
17-Vivian Stewart
18-Becky Grant
20-Sue Chad
21-Margaret Shillinglaw
26-Wendy Carter

August

03-Pearl Kiellman
05-Carol Wanless
06-Michael Pooser
11-Phylis Mancuso
15-Marlene DeSmit
16-Joanna Linders
17-Linda Gromen
22-David Hendricks
22-Joe Mancuso
27-Bob Baumann
27-Carolyn McConnell
30-Bill Stephenson

MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH – May 12, 2019



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

	Altar Guild	LEM & Acolyte	8:00 Lector	10:00 Lector	Prayers	Greeters
June 2 VII Easter	Irene Pooser	Pat Moore	Haila Lewis	Bob Harrington	Nancy Jo Vaughn	Brenda Brazil Mary Williamson
June 9 Pentecost	Pat Moore	Joe Mancuso		Pat Moore	Bob Harrington	Irene & Michael Pooser
June 16 Trinity	Carolyn McConnell	Irene Pooser	Haila Lewis	Kent DeBruler	Pat Moore	Phylis & Joe Mancuso
June 23 Pentecost II	Irene Pooser	Pat Novean Joe Mancuso		Irene Pooser	Carolyn McConnell	Charlene & Roy Michaud
June 30 Pentecost III	Pat Moore	Pat Novean		Bob Harrington	Irene Pooser	Irene & Michael Pooser
July 7 Pentecost IV		Joe Mancuso	Bob Euerle	Pearl Kiellman	Nancy Jo Vaughn	Bob Harrington Pat Novean
July 14 Pentecost V		Irene Pooser		Pat Moore	Bob Harrington	Brenda Brazil Mary Williamson
July 21 Pentecost VI		Pat Novean	Haila Lewis	Kent DeBruler	Pat Moore	Charlene & Roy Michaud
July 28 Pentecost VII		Pat Moore		Irene Pooser	Carolyn McConnell	Phylis & Joe Mancuso
August 4 Pentecost VIII		Joe Mancuso	Bob Euerle	Pat Moore	Irene Pooser	Irene & Michael Pooser
August 11 Pentecost IX		Pat Novean		Bob Harrington	Pat Moore	Bob Harrington Pat Novean
August 18 Pentecost X		Joe Mancuso	Haila Lewis	Kent DeBruler	Bob Harrington	Brenda Brazil Mary Williamson
August 25 Pentecost XI		Irene Pooser		Pearl Kiellman	Nancy Jo Vaughn	Phylis & Joe Mancuso