ST. EDMUND THE MARTYR EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONGREGATION NEWS & NOTICES

MAY 2025

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SCHEDULE: Sunday Eucharist 9:00 am (followed by fellowship time)

From the outset, women have been central to the Christian tradition. The New Testament documents several instances where women were integral to Jesus' ministry…

In contemporary times, the legacy of these early Christian women inspires ongoing efforts to realize the Beloved Community within the church. Their stories remind us that women have always been, and continue to be, pivotal in building faith communities, advocating for social justice, and fostering environments of acceptance and love. Acknowledging and celebrating women's roles in the church is not just about rectifying historical oversights; it's about recognizing the essential qualities they bring to the church's mission—empathy, resilience, and a deep-seated commitment to community and justice. (The Rev. Miguel Bustos)

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Vestry: Michael Pooser, Dolly Faul. Don Reichert, Sandy Stanz

Vestry Clerk: Shelly Baumann

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Daughters of the King: Ruth Adams

Episcopal Church Women
Carolyn Robins

Music Coordinator: Pearl Kiellman

Property Manager: Hal Lewis

As summer fast approaches and more of our wonderful members make plans to escape the heat, we look forward to sharing in memories made as they share their special summer events with us through our Facebook page or church members. While things at church do slow down during the summer months, those of us who are here year 'round continue to worship on Sunday mornings and you may join in our Livestreaming on our Facebook page if you can't attend in person. The summer is always tough on the budget and I encourage everyone to continue with their pledging on a regular basis so we can make ends meet during our lean times.

The Scholarship Committee reviewed over 20 applications again this year and awarded our two $1,000 scholarships to two deserving students who have overcome great challenges to obtain their goal of a higher education. Dolly Faul, our committee chair, will be awarding the scholarships on May 22 at the Turner Center starting at 6 pm. We are happy to help make these dreams come true for Regina Hudson and Edgar Bautista. Funding for the scholarships comes from donations from the congregation and while we were short this year, we wanted to continue this long tradition. With his approval, Bart Plymale graciously allowed us to transfer his wife's memorial funds into the scholarship fund. Nancy Plymale was the originating force behind St. Edmund's scholarship awards years ago and it was only fitting that her memorial funds help continue that legacy. Anyone can donate to keep the fund going, checks may be dropped in the offering basket or mailed to us at 327 W. Hickory St, Arcadia FL 34266, just put a notation on the check for "Scholarship Fund". Together we can help our local students grow their education and continue our strong tradition of providing outreach to our community. Remember, we are "the small church with the big heart" and this congregation shows that in everything we take on, thank you to all for your commitment and support.

After much delay the kitchen range hood has been installed and final finishing touches will be completed shortly on our renovation. There will be much to celebrate and enjoy in the near future.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer.
See you in church or on line,

Bob Baumann
Senior Warden

ECW
Episcopal Church Women:
United in Fellowship and Service

The next meeting of the ECW will be May 18th after the Church service in the Parish Hall. We will be electing officers for the next year.

Carolyn ECW President

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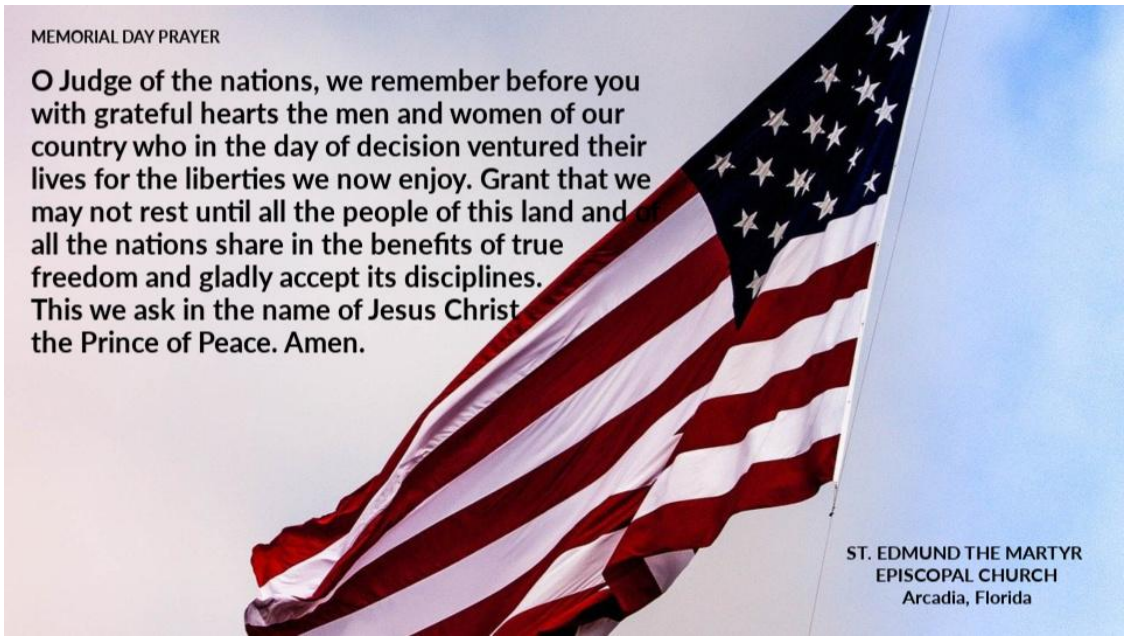
DATE	LEM	LECTOR	PRAYERS	GREETER
May 04	Ed Dussault	Dolly Faul	Pat Moore	Dolly Faul
May 11	Wendy Carter	Carolyn Robins	Pat Novean	Pat Novean
May 18	Pat Moore	Bob Euerle	Nancy Jo Vaughn	Michael Pooser
May 25	Ed Dussault	Sylvia Clay	Carolyn Robins	Pat Novean