ST. EDMUND THE MARTYR EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONGREGATION NEWS & NOTICES

MAY 2026

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

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 5:00 PM

St. Edmund's Episcopal Church Arcadia, FL

MEN'S GROUP

DINNER AT SLIM'S BBQ

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

St. Edmund Episcopal Church + 327 W. Hickory Street + Arcadia FL 34266

Spaghetti Dinner

"Much appreciation to everyone who participated or assisted in any way to make our Spaghetti Dinner a success. The revenue will greatly enhance our outreach in the community."

--St. Edmund ECW

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Daughters of the King: Ruth Adams

Episcopal Church Women
Carolyn Robins

Music Coordinator: Pearl Kiellman

As the Easter season winds down and summer fast approaches our church enters a period of less activity as our seasonal residents return home and many of our year-round members take vacations. May 20th will be the last vestry meeting of the summer until we resume in September but our leadership is still active planning and working and any important decisions can be made via emails as needed. There will still be the occasional summer Wednesday dinner gathering featuring lessons or games to keep everyone involved.

I would like us to have a celebration of our nation's 250th anniversary, so on Wednesday, July 1st plan on joining us for an old-fashioned cookout and history lesson as we enjoy gathering to celebrate not only our nations birthday and history, but the history of the Episcopal church in America. Announcements will be made as we get closer for this and other events over the summer months, so keep an eye out for emails or Facebook posts as well as updates in the Sunday bulletin.

We have come a long way in the past year with our renovations from Hurricane Ian were completed in time for full use of our kitchen and Parish Hall this season and many upgrades were done to the church and grounds as well. I thank everyone who donated, participated and otherwise helped make this year so enjoyable. From new carpeting, a flag pole, new signage, mulch, deck painting, office equipment and our beautiful new altar dossal, to cooking and providing coffee hour set up and food, you all make the Church of St. Edmund the Martyr a very special place to worship and enjoy fellowship. Thank you all!

As a church family we grieve and mourn the loss of any of our members or their family; unfortunately, we have done that more than we like in recent weeks. Please keep everyone who has suffered a loss or illness in your prayers and uplift them in any way you can.

On Saturday, May 30th at 10 a.m. we will gather to celebrate the life of Jay Davis, the beloved brother of Jan Lewis, he died April 27th after a brief hospitalization and hospice stay. After the church service a celebration will take place at Bayfront Park in Sarasota with a Parrot Head theme honoring Jay's love of Jimmy Buffet and his fun-loving spirit. Details will be posted as they are formalized and I hope you will plan to attend.

After a prolonged effort following a double lung transplant on March 1st, Terry Copeland died on May 2nd with Dianne and family at his side. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

I wish everyone, here and up north a wonderful, safe and healthy Summer season and we look forward to worshiping with you soon either online or in person. --Bob Baumann, Senior Warden

ECW
Episcopal Church Women:
United in Fellowship and Service

The next meeting of the ECW will be on May 17th after the Church service in the Parish Hall. We will elect officers for the upcoming year and plan activities for the summer months since we don't meet again until September. –Carolyn Robins, ECW President