ST. EDMUND THE MARTYR EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONGREGATION NEWS & NOTICES

SEPTEMBER 2026

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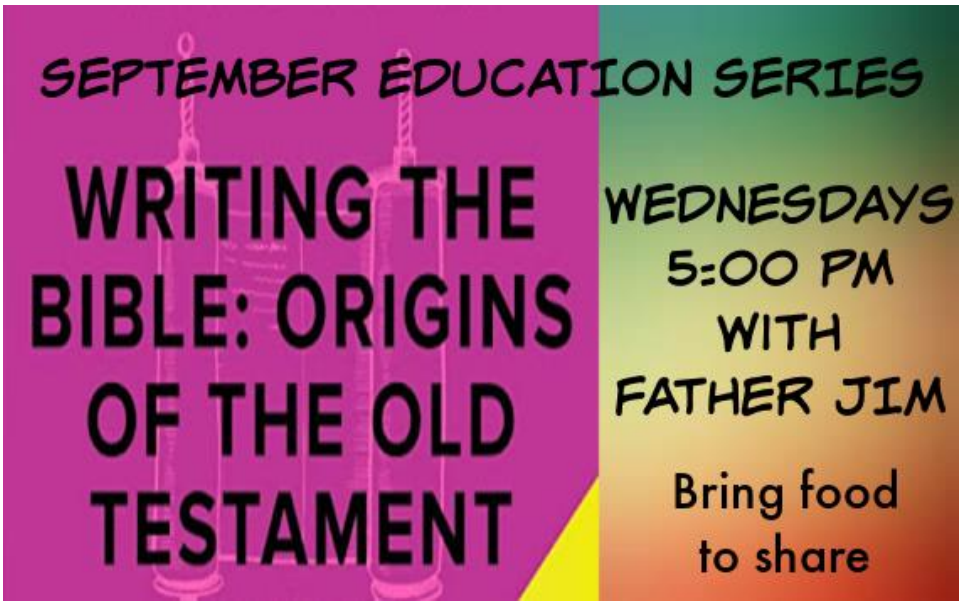
SCHEDULE: Sunday Eucharist 9:00 am (followed by fellowship time)



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Vestry Clerk: Shelly Baumann

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Altar Guild: Wendy Carter

Daughters of the King: Ruth Adams

Episcopal Church Women
Carolyn Robins

Music Coordinator: Pearl Kiellman

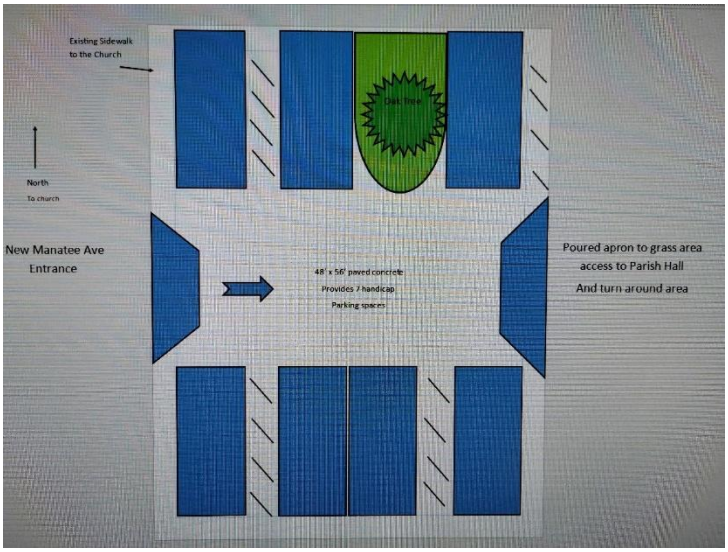
As our hot and stormy summer winds down and we get back to regular church meetings and business we have many things happening in the near future. The first week of September finds our Convention delegates and Fr. Jim heading to the St. Stephens STEAM center at Christ Episcopal Church in Bradenton for Convocation as a way to learn about the issues we will be voting on at the Diocesan Convention in Punta Gorda in October. I'll have a report on any major issues for both the Vestry meeting coming up on September 16th and for the congregation during announcements.

Fr. Jim also begins a new Wednesday evening class with the history of the writings of the Old Testament this month and the New Testament in October. Please plan on attending these interesting and informative lessons and share in a great carry in meal and fellowship starting at 5:00 pm each Wednesday in the Parish Hall. Hope to see you there. I know everyone really enjoyed his summer program on the history of the Episcopal Church in America for our 250th celebration.

I have been working on several building and grounds projects over the summer with some limited success but they may be coming together yet. I was able to get the stuck bell free again so our presence is once again known at 9 a.m. throughout downtown. Another project is the addition of a roof and screen enclosure for our new back deck area. Our original contractor the vestry approved was unable to begin the work and I have located another one but the price is higher and will require vestry approval this month to move forward but could still be completed by the end of October. A second big project is the possibility of a paved handicap parking area adjacent to the church that would provide 7 ADA compliant parking spaces for those with the greatest need. I have the design worked out and will be meeting with the concrete contractor to have a bid for the upcoming vestry meeting. (Picture below) I'll provide updates as things progress.

I hope everyone had a great summer and we look forward to the return of our Seasonal members over the next few months. Please continue to keep Deacon Robert in your prayers as he takes a medical break from serving for a bit while he undergoes treatment. We look forward to welcoming him back to the altar soon.

Bob Baumann, Senior Warden



ECW
Episcopal Church Women:
United in Fellowship and Service

The first meeting of the fall will be September 20 in the parish hall after the Church service. We will discuss projects for the coming year.

–Carolyn Robins, ECW President

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