ST. EDMUND THE MARTYR EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONGREGATION NEWS & NOTICES

SUMMER 2026

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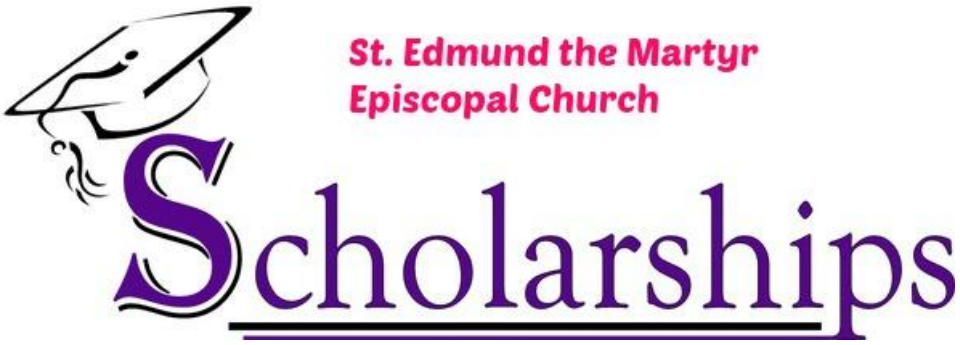
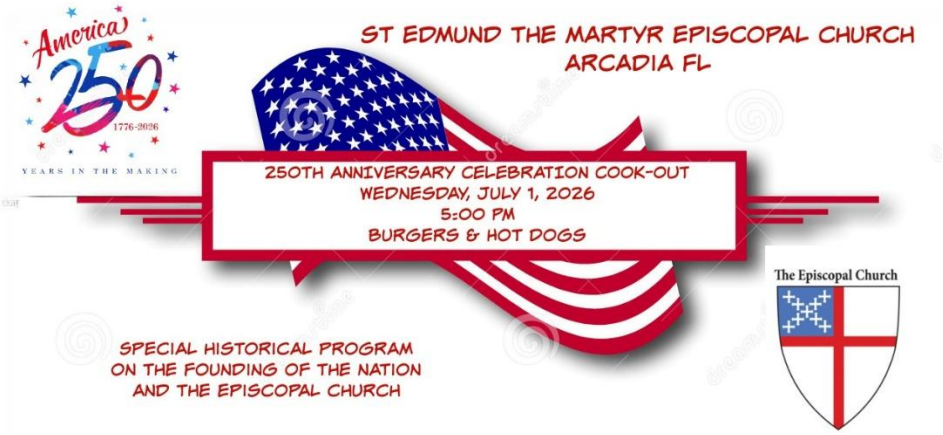
SCHEDULE: Sunday Eucharist 9:00 am (followed by fellowship time)



The late Nancy Plymale initiated the scholarship program at St. Edmund Church at the beginning of this century. Over $50,000 have been provided in scholarship grants to graduating DeSoto County seniors by the congregation. The scholarship committee selected Brett Smith for the 2026 $1000 scholarship. He will be attending the EMT & Firefighter Academy at Florida SouthWestern State College in preparation for a first-responder career.



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Junior Warden: Sandy Stantz

Vestry: Dolly Faul. Don Reichert, Barbara Winkler

Vestry Clerk: Shelly Baumann

Treasurer: Robert Vaughn

Altar Guild: Wendy Carter

Daughters of the King: Ruth Adams

Episcopal Church Women
Carolyn Robins

Music Coordinator: Pearl Kiellman

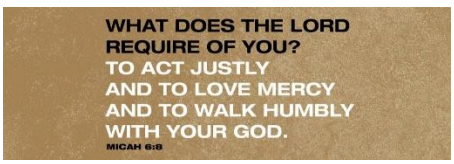
We can tell summer is officially here as the afternoon thunderstorms have finally returned with much needed flooding rains and of course our hot and humid days. Those of us who stay year-round are used to this and our bodies adjust over time to the heat and humidity, although it does seem to be getting worse as climate change takes its toll. While our Sunday attendance numbers decrease over the summer many still attend on a regular basis and we continue on with the work of the church here in Arcadia.

One project we are working on with the Diocese is finding a solution to our ever increasing property insurance rates, which have increased 100% over the last four years for all churches in the Diocese. While we were happy with our claim service after Ian, paying out over 30 % of our budget each year is not sustainable for any congregation let alone one as small as we are. The Bishop and Finance Director have been working for the past three years to try and come up with a solution and have a new proposal from insurance broker Brown and Brown which will provide a savings to us of 25% or $8395 off our current premium of $33,579. All church vestries, priests and congregations have to vote to accept the new proposal or to stay with our current provider, Church Insurance Corp. before June 10th so the Diocese can move forward before hurricane season gets rolling. I will make a short presentation in church to go over the figures and ask for your vote. If 65% of all churches in the Diocese agree, they will move forward with this change which would take effect in October. I'll keep you posted. In other business the vestry voted to move forward with enclosing the new back deck with a solid composite roof and screening to make it much more useable this Fall. Insurance proceeds from Ian will be used for this as well as new seat cushions for all pews.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, July 1st at 5:00 pm for a fun gathering to commemorate the 250th anniversary celebration of our country's founding. We'll enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs (which I learned on our European cruise originated in Hamburg, Germany and Frankfurt, Germany respectively, hundreds of years before our nations birth. In fact, the hot dog is almost 600 years old!) Fr. Jim will provide a nice lesson on the history of the Episcopal church in America. Where was the first Episcopal church located? Where is the oldest existing church still in use and much more fun facts like how many American Presidents were Episcopalians? Join us and find out. Look for announcements for other gatherings and events over the summer as well.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer and hope to see you in church or on line soon. Special thanks to Silvia Clay for the donation and set up of a new computer for our Sunday Facebook streaming; our old computer wasn't compatible with a new Facebook upgrade and we were unable to broadcast for several weeks until we could figure out what the issue was.

--Bob Baumann, Senior Warden



ECW
Episcopal Church Women:
United in Fellowship and Service

The ECW doesn't meet during the summer and our next meeting will be September 20th . This doesn't mean we won't be busy. For all the gentlemen in the Church make sure to come to church on Father's Day for a little surprise. We will also, be collecting clothing (underwear, shorts, and elastic waist long pants) for the school children of DeSoto County. We do this collection every year and there will be a bin at the back of the Church for these items. Thank you everyone for your never-ending support of the ECW and looking forward to the return of our Snowbirds to help continue the ECW's outreach in the community

–Carolyn Robins, ECW President

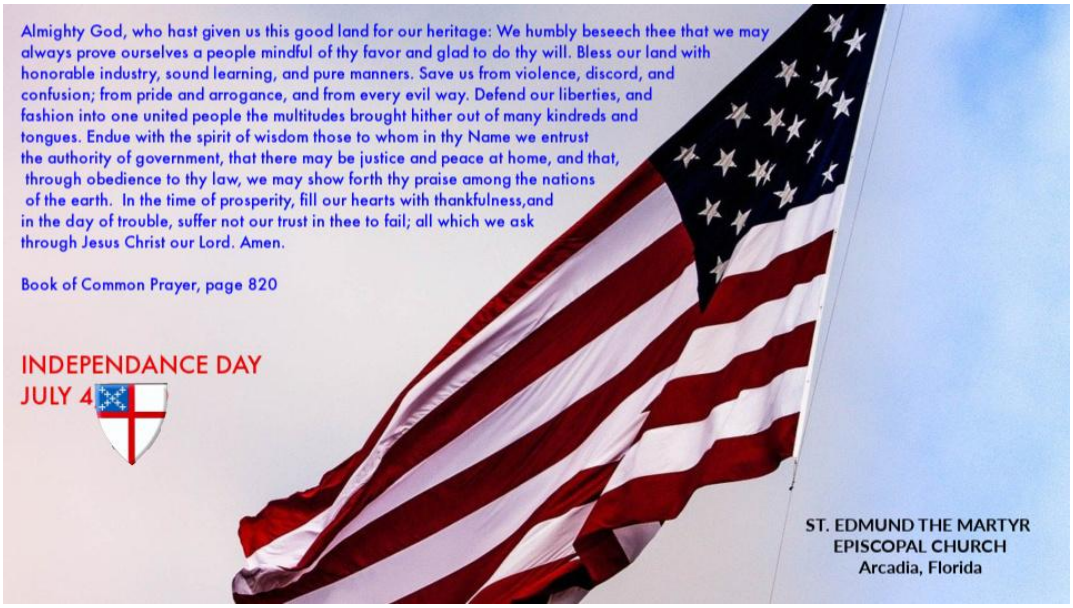
The Daughters of the Kings (DOK) is collecting items for DeSoto Cares Homeless Services.

Items requested: combs, toothbrushes, small tubes of toothpaste, body wash, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, laundry detergent , clean empty medicine bottles..

When I asked Nancy Jo Vaughn what were the most requested items that they seldom have, she told me the following: men and women NEW underwear, and shoes (both men and women). They do not have to be new but must be clean and in good condition. I think maybe some folk may have seldom worn shoes or sandels in their closets. Dress shoes are not appropriate.

I will place a large blue container in the back of the church. Please place donated items in the container.

--Ruth Adams, DOK President



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SUMMER 2026

DATE	LEM	LECTOR	PRAYERS	GREETER
June 7	Wendy Carter	Carolyn Robins	Pat Novean	Barbara/JC Winkler
June 14	Ed Dussault	Sylvia Clay	Pat Moore	Dolly Faul
June 21	Deacon	Bob Euerle	Nancy Jo Vaughn	Pat Novean
June 28	Pat Moore	Pat Moore	Pat Novean	Barbara/JC Winkler
July 5	Joe Mancuso	Pat Novean	Pat Moore	Dolly Faul
July 12	Wendy Carter	Bob Euerle	Wendy Carter	Pat Novean
July 19	Deacon	Sylvia Clay	Nancy Jo Vaughn	Dolly Faul
July 26	Ed Dussault	Carolyn Robins	Carolyn Robins	Pat Novean
August 2	Pat Moore	Wendy Carter	Pat Moore	Barbara/JC Winkler
August 16	Wendy Carter	Bob Euerle	Pat Novean	Dolly Faul
August 23	Deacon	Sylvia Clay	Nancy Jo Vaughn	Pat Novean
August 30	Joe Mancuso	Wendy Carter	Wendy Carter	Barbara/JC Winkler

ST. EDMUND CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Information requested: address (local and out-of-state), phone numbers and email address for each person, and birthdates (month/day only) and anniversary date.

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1.Go to **members.InstantChurchDirectory.com**
2. Click on the link: First time signing in? Create a log-in now.
3. Enter the email address used by the church to email you.
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.
5. Retype the password to confirm it and click "Request Login."
6. Check your inbox for an email from service@instantchurchdirectory.com.
7. To complete the sign-up process, you will need to verify your email address by clicking on the link sent to you in that email
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