
St. Edmund the Martyr Episcopal Church

The Evangel

October 2021

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Our Church Family Updates

October 2021

- From the Gromen Family: It was great meeting with Nancy Jo and Robert last week in Nashville, Indiana. We enjoyed great food- mostly pizza, beer, and fudge, the three food groups- and catching up with what's going on down South. We really talked our heads off and your ears may have been ringing! Barry's heart surgery went well yesterday, except for a few complications. He is home and we hope to go out to celebrate (quietly) our 55th wedding anniversary tonight. The doctor set up future appointments and the last one is November 15th. We hope to have that moved up a little so we can return to Florida sooner. Meanwhile, it's great keeping in touch by way of this newsletter and other electronic products.
- Nancy Jo & Robert Vaughn spent a week in Indiana at the beginning of September. They were there for the memorial Mass and interment of Robert's mother who died on June 30th at age 92 and to attend a previously planned family reunion. The reunion was an enjoyable event with 60 family members attending. Robert and Nancy Jo hosted a "watch party" for the Notre Dame-FSU football game the same weekend and then spent a few days visiting areas in southern Indiana before returning home..

Upcoming Events

Current schedule:

- **Sunday** 10:00 am – Morning Service
- **October 10th & 24th** – 8:00am Service

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- From the Adams Household: Ruth and Stephanie Adams are looking forward to a trip back to NJ in October. Ruth will have a reunion with her three sister's whom she has not seen together in several years. Stephanie will visit with her dad and will see an old school friend. Ruth's son, Richard, went back to his home in Nicaragua. Ruth will have to keep her list of Honey-Do projects on hold until his next trip home. She is so grateful for all of his help!
- From the Bianco Household: Steven Bianco is working very hard at finishing his degree and James looks forward to an upcoming procedure to hopefully provide relief.
- From the Lanzetta household: Sorry to be both late and barren. Nothing of importance has happened, except maybe the Delta surge, but reporting that to you there is merely carrying coals to Newcastle. We did go to great concerts by Willie Nelson and Family and The Beach Boys, the latter for my 80th birthday.

2022: Year of Faith & Community

Keep your calendar open for
the "blast off" gathering for
our stewardship campaign!



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Type in <http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com>. If this is your first time signing in, use your email address on file and choose a password.

Look up your information and verify everything is correct!

Altar Guild

October 2021-Spring

First Sunday of Month: Pat Novean

Second Sunday: Sandy Stantz

Third Sunday: Irene Pooser

Fourth Sunday: Pat Moore

Fifth Sunday (as applicable): Sandy Stantz

Liturgical Ministries

October 2021

DATE	ACOLYTE/LECTOR	PRAYERS
October 3	Bob Harrington	Pat Novean
October 10	8:00 Bob Eurerle (Lector) 10:00 Pat Moore	Pearl Kiellman
October 17	Irene Pooser	Nancy Jo Vaughn
October 24	8:00 Wendy Carter (Lector) 10:00 Bob Harrington	Pat Novean
October 31	Pat Moore	Robert Vaughn

***If you are unable to serve on assigned date, please notify Joe Mancuso.**

Vestry Meeting

For September 2021

Financial Notes: We would like to publish monthly brief financials for the state of the church in the newsletter to give our church community the information.

Total Income: \$6,269.00

Total Expenses: \$5,690.32

Net Income: \$578.68

Oak Ridge Cemetery Plots Available

St. Edmund's is the recipient of 14 burial plots available at the Oak Ridge Cemetery from a generous donor. These plots are available for \$350.00 each, the same price as a columbarium niche. Please reach out to the Senior Warden if you are interested in reserving a plot.

Flowers and Candles

October 2021



COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour is held after service.

FLOWER AND CANDLE MINISTRY

We are not ordering flowers from a florist at this time. Artificial flowers will be used unless I have a request and donation for real ones. In that situation, I can purchase and arrange them on the altar and the "memorial" will be posted in the Sunday bulletin. (If you have any questions, you may email Pat Novean atpnovean111913@gmail.com or call her at 863-884-9809.)

In the Episcopal Church, candles are a beautiful and symbolic element of our worship. The Sanctuary Candle is a single lamp burning with a ruby light in front of the tabernacle. That burning candle is a sign of the presence of Blessed Reserve Sacrament within the Tabernacle ready for any one of us if needed.

Each candle costs the church \$5, burns for a week and is then replaced.

If you would like to express a memorial or thanksgiving by paying for one or more of these candles, please see Irene Pooser to indicate your preferred dates and dedications.

Whether you are donating in person, by mail or in the offering plate, by cash or check, please indicate "Sanctuary Candle" and how and when you would like it dedicated. I will do the best I can to honor your date request.

Your dedication will be listed in the weekly bulletin.

Thank you.

Irene Pooser

A Message from Joe and Phylis Mancuso

October 2021

Dear St. Edmunds Congregation,

Joe and I wish to extend our heartfelt thanks for all the warmth and friendship during our years at this wonderful little church.

We hope that with God's help we can be back for a visit. We wish you all well and will miss you very much.

God Bless

Phylis and Joe

A Message from Bob Harrington

October 2021

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are a small congregation, and to help make our worship experience meaningful, we need more participation by members of the congregation. We need more LECTORS (readers), ALTAR GUILD, CHOIR MEMBERS, GREETERS, KITCHEN HELP, and ACOLYTES. There is a large sign-up sheet in the back of the church, or you can either call or e-mail me. Don't be bashful, we will train you until you feel comfortable. I know there is a lot of talent available within the church family. Please let us hear from you. Bob Harrington 863 558 3459, or bcharrington2@yahoo.com.

Daughters of the King

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DOK PROJECT

The Daughters of the King announced that they will again provide personal items to the **Center for the Needy** for distribution to those who need help. We request items **that are not provided through neither WIC nor Food Stamps**. They include the following: Small containers of laundry detergent, shampoo, body wash, bars of soap, Shaving cream, body lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, floss, toothbrushes, combs, emery boards, nail files, nail clippers, wash cloths, feminine products, safety razors, and hand sanitizer. Sample or travel sizes are recommended. Unopened items left from cruises or hotels are most welcome! Help us garner as much as we can before Christmas. There is a basket in the back of the church. Let's see if we can fill it each week. Thank you!

Ruth

Upcoming Events

2021

Deacon Robert Vaughn will offer a three-part program on prayer at the monthly Daughters of the King meetings for the remainder of 2021:

Thursday, October 7th – Overview of Prayer Styles and Types. Brief explanation of ten different ways to pray will be explored.

Thursday, November 4th – Lectio Divinia. The systematic method of Scriptural praying from the ancient tradition of Benedictine spirituality will be presented and experienced.

Thursday, December 2nd – Praying with the Psalms. Using psalms as a foundation for prayer is grounded in the synagogue experience of Jesus, daily monastic prayer, and in the Book of Common Prayer. A review of the psalms and their prayer use will be presented.

These sessions are for everybody, not just DOK.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DEACON

October 2021

Living in the midst of cultural and societal transitions is not always recognizable at the time. Distance and perspective often are necessary to accurately view and understand such phenomenon. For a few years I have thought we are in a transition regarding Christianity. I'm using the word "Christianity" as the collective term for the various aspects of religion, church, faith, and spirituality identified with Jesus of Nazareth.

My view, of course, is based in American culture and society. But the transition seems to be happening with all "Western" or "European" peoples. Outside of the United States this transition started earlier and is further advanced. I suspect African, Asian, and Latin American societies are experiencing their own, but different, transitory cultural journey regarding Christianity.

One of the things I am seeing is a change in the importance and influence of institutional Christianity (religion and church) in all aspects of society as well as in the personal lives of people and families. This has been happening for decades at a relatively slow pace. In the United States it has been more evident in the generations born after 1960. The percentage of Americans who are regularly involved in church has been and is declining, the importance of the church in a community is decreasing, and the influence of church teachings and leaders have less impact on people. In recent years, clergy and leadership scandals as well as "left" and "right" politicization in churches causes distrust. COVID pandemic restrictions seem to have accelerated personal non-involvement that may be difficult to reverse even in the older population that has remained more involved until now.

Is the picture dark and dismal for those of us who remain faithful and find value in the church? I don't think so; or, at least, does not have to be. It probably does mean coming to terms with change. Change can be uncomfortable. But it can be positive and invigorating. The reality is that change has always been part of the church throughout the centuries, as has the response to it: resisting or embracing; lamenting loss or welcoming progress.

I write the above because I have been thinking about it for a while and because I think St. Edmund Church is on the threshold of grabbing hold of what is happening in general regarding church life and what is particular to the local situation, including the complexities of an aging congregation. Will it be a challenge? Of course!

The congregation is filled with people who are change experts. Think about it. Each and every person has a lifetime of dealing with change. Sometimes it was done well and other times not so well. But lessons were learned, and expertise acquired.

Is there a bright future at St. Edmund Church? Yes, if the future is faced in an active systematic manner and challenges are confronted with an informed thoughtful approach.

Most importantly, we have Jesus: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)

---Deacon Robert Vaughn

Editor's Corner

As we head into the Autumn season, I thought I would share my Pumpkin Pie recipe. Made from scratch, this is a delicious way to start the upcoming holidays with some Pumpkin flavor!

Pumpkin Pie

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ c Half and Half
- 1 tbsp Sweet Cream Salted Butter
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 c Roasted and mashed Sugar Pumpkin
- 1 c Dark Brown Sugar
- 1 tsp Salt
- 1 tsp Cloves
- 1 tbsp fresh Cinnamon, grated
- 1 tbsp Nutmeg
- 1 tsp Ginger
- ½ tsp Mace
- 10" Pie Shell

How to Prepare Pie:

- 1) Preheat oven to 350.
- 2) Scald Half and Half with Butter.
- 3) Combine with Eggs and Pumpkin mash.
- 4) Mix together dry ingredients.
- 5) Slowly add to Pumpkin mixture.
- 6) Pour into pie shell and bake for 1 hr. or until toothpick comes out clean.

This rich pumpkin pie recipe can be adapted for any number you like, and the left-over Roasted Pumpkin can be used to make a delicious soup!

---James R. Bianco





Birthdays

October 6th – Haila Lewis

October 13th – Bart Plymale

October 18th – Carol Vickery

October 22nd- Gail Dawn-Hinesley

October 24th – Irene Pooser

Anniversaries

October 7th – Bob and Diane Blank

October 8th – David and Joyce Hendricks

October 12th – Joe and Sandy Easterwood

October 31st – Richard and Pamela Apps

Reminders & An After-Thought

One of my favorite verses of the Bible:

Philippians 2:12-16 KJV

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain

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