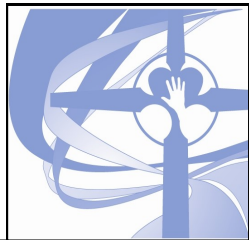


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Signed, Sealed, Delivered

Baptism is often described with a lot of “sign” and “seal” language. It is a covenant that acknowledges a person has been sealed by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13). It is also defined as an outward sign of an inward reality. Baptism is also about covenant, recognition that God has sealed the covenant with you. For what purpose?

In John 15:16-17 we read one of Jesus’ statements sending followers out. Here he appoints them to “go and bear fruit.” Later in the story, Jesus echoes “as the Father sent me, so I am sending you.” These are missional statements. We are reminded that our discipleship includes activity on our part.

What good is a letter that is never sent, a package that is never delivered? By the same token, what is discipleship if the disciple never goes, or doesn’t realize they are being sent? There are 2 pieces of good news: First, it is never too late. We can always follow the teaching of Jesus, and be representatives of God in places where we are. Second, there is no need to feel bad about “not doing enough.” Often the light of Christ shines through us to others and we don’t even know it. That is the power and work of the Holy Spirit. God created each of you the way you are. Remember that in this creative spark, God’s Spirit can not be quenched.

Probably all too often, I am reminded of the phrase “I would rather see a sermon than hear one any day.” Church family, you are signed, sealed, and delivered to the world. Trust that God is seen through who you are and what you do.

Blessings,
JT

Your Session met 4/28, Here are some of the items that were covered:

- A report from the “Opening the Doors to Our Future” task force was submitted. This group is exploring affordable options to repair soffit and gutter damage while maintaining the architectural integrity and beauty of the building.
- Requested that the Nominating committee adjust the number of people to be placed forward as potential members of the Pastoral Nominating Committee.
- Discussed loosening restrictions for worship and other gatherings in the building, and decided to ask the Reopening task force to meet, make recommendations, and suggest a timeline for steps to be taken.

Assembly Night is approaching again. The next Assembly night will be Wednesday, May 12 at 6:00 pm. Join in and take an opportunity to worship and connect with the church. The evening will begin with the monthly Communion prayer service. Remember to have your own bread and cup on hand to celebrate the Lord’s Supper.

Here is the Zoom login information:
Meeting ID: 252 758 9546
Passcode: 775750

Newsletter News!

Did you know that you can receive the Messenger by three different methods? You can receive the paper version via U.S. mail; you can receive an email version; or you can go to our website and read it there. Bulk mail regulations require us to send at least 200 newsletters in order to get the lower postage rate. Since our number has dropped significantly, we are checking to see how many households still want to receive the mailed version.

Please let us know which method you prefer by contacting the church office at 812-476-3355.





The youth has begun meeting for Sunday School once again! The class is open to all youth in 6th—12 grades. This week we will begin a new series called Scary, Gross, and Weird Stories in the Bible. The goal of this series is to find the truth buried in the bizarre as we cover stories that are not typically talked about as much in Sunday school.

This week for Youth Group we are going to do a case study on the apostle Paul. We will consider how Christ transformed a nasty man into the greatest missionary of all time. At the conclusion of the discussion there will be time for fun and fellowship.

The youth will be serving lunch at Sister Joanna's Table on Saturday, May 8th and would like to invite you to join us. Sister Joanna's is located in Saint Paul's Episcopal Church on 1st street and is a contactless soup kitchen. We will meet there at 10:00 a.m., we usually finish by 1:30 p.m. Please call the church for more information.

I hope to see you in The Place,
Trey



Please pray for the following:

Rose Kuhn; Julie Summit; Jen Lanham; Mike Barnett; Pat Manis; Tid Turner; Jane Williams Gene Tying.; Mike Crecelius; Eli Haddix; JoAnn Meth; Walt Lowe; Tracey Wingerter.

If you have a prayer request or wish to be removed from the list, please contact Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or call the church office.

Farewell to the "Cookie Mama!"



It was a sad day when the youth had to say goodbye to Sherie Hambidge, aka "The Cookie Mama". Sherie always made the youth fresh cookies for Youth Group on Sundays.

Thank you and farewell Sherie, you will be missed!



A **BIG** thank you to Jenny Kuhs for volunteering to manage our electric sign. If you haven't had the chance, drive by the church to see what an awesome job she has done! Thank you again Jenny!



Join us for Youth Group



The Youth will be well prepared for the next NerfWar! Time and date to be announced later.

Youth Group Lesson last Sunday



There are many ways to support EPC but one of the newer ways is to access the online giving tab located on our website. This is a quick and convenient way of donating, especially during our current Covid-19 crisis. If you are interested in giving this way go to: www.eastminsterchurch.com and click on the "online giving" tab.