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Pastors on Vacation

PASTORS ON VACATION UNTIL 5/31. Luna and Phil are in the midst of a two week vacation.. There will be a guest preacher on Sunday, May 31, with no Bible Study Sunday.. If you have any spiritual or church needs, please contact Krysta Niznick in the church office at epchurch2149@gmail.com, or any of your Elders. If you need anything in the Midweek Update, please email that information to Krysta as well.

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Jay Reflection

Pentecost reminds us that God often asks us to wait before asking us to act. The disciples had walked with Jesus, witnessed the resurrection, and heard the promise of the Holy Spirit, yet they were told to remain in Jerusalem and wait. That waiting could not have been easy. They did not know exactly what was coming or how God would move next. Still, they trusted. In a world that values quick answers and immediate action, Pentecost teaches us that waiting, in trust that the Spirit will guide and equip us, is not wasted time and it is not procrastination.

When the Holy Spirit finally came, it arrived not in silence but with wind, fire, and voices. What is remarkable is that the crowd gathered in Jerusalem received the message in their own languages. This is a new way of receiving! People from many nations and backgrounds suddenly understood the good news of Jesus Christ in an unexpected and deeply personal and yet inclusive way. The Spirit met people where they were. No one was excluded. Pentecost reveals a God who desires to be known and desires that all would be free (Galatians 5:1 "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free").

That same Spirit transformed the disciples from fearful followers into courageous witnesses. The apostles who once hid behind locked doors were suddenly filled with boldness and purpose. They went out into the streets and into the world to share the "Way" they had been shown by Jesus, to walk in hope, grace, and salvation. The message of Pentecost is not only about what happened long ago; it is also about what continues to happen through the Spirit today. God still calls ordinary EPC folks to patiently offer words of hope and truth in ways others can hear and receive. The Spirit is still equipping us with the tools (gifts) we need to do loving work, and at the

time in which the fruit is ripe.

As we reflect on Pentecost this week, perhaps we are invited to ask ourselves where God is calling us to wait with trust, where God may be speaking to us in a language our hearts can understand, and where the Spirit may be encouraging us to step out with courage. Last Sunday, Pastor Carol shared with us that Pentecost was the beginning of the church. The beginning of the church was an event, not a place. The same Spirit that empowered the apostles continues to guide, comfort, and encourage us, while equipping us with words that redeem and console, hands that heal, and hearts that offer strength and belonging.

May Mission: Kafka House

In May we will be supporting Kafka House in Tanzania, a mission familiar to many of us at EPC. (As many of you know, Ron and Ingrid Eggert have a long history with this organization). We heard from Sarah Rejman, Founder of Kafka House, about the all-around healing work of this lovely mission and their hopes to expand around Tanzania. See the video below for more.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMTI8O5mkKg>



Celebrating Shiloh's Graduation!!

We celebrate Shiloh's High School graduation this year. You are invited to join him and his family as they gather to mark this accomplishment! Mark your calendars and join the celebration! Congratulations Shiloh!



June Birthdays and Anniversaries

CELEBRATE!

Happy Birthday to:

LaGretta Lunde	6/11
Jan Fitzgerald	6/15
Lisa Holden	6/16
Zack Humphrey	6/16
Fred Clary	6/24
Ingrid Eggert	6/24
Eleta Pierce	6/24
John Owens	6/29

Happy Anniversary to:

Fred & Belinda Clary	6/27
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