

THE EPISTLE

August 6, 2021

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Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

This Sunday I will be preaching on Matthew 14:22-33 and my title will be “Fear and Faith.” Last Sunday I mentioned the issue of fear. Fear is all around us and inside us. It is impossible to underestimate the power fear has on us as people and on our society.

Sunday’s sermon, from the book of Matthew, will look at how fear affected Peter’s behavior. At first, he was adventurous and full of confidence and faith as he attempted to join Jesus out on the water. His fear of drowning caused him to hesitate, however, and he started to sink. Jesus commented on Peter’s lack of faith. Fear and faith appear to be opposite forces in Jesus’s way of thinking.

I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday; hope to see you then.

Blessings,
Tom

This Sunday in Worship

August 8, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Fear and Faith

Matthew 14:22-33



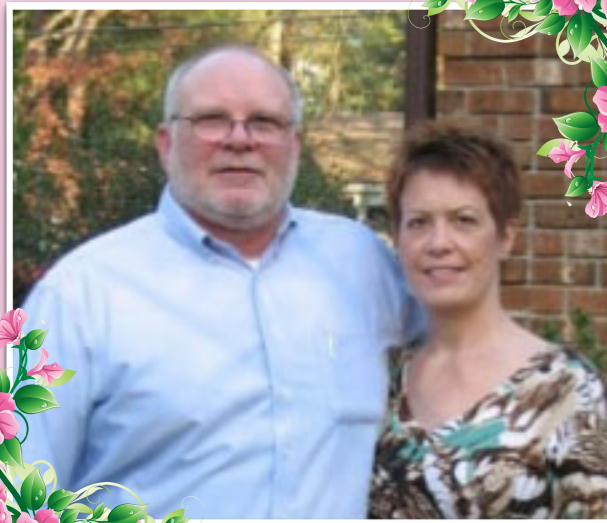
Recommendation

Due to the increase in COVID cases and COVID hospitalizations, the Western NC Conference has provided new guidelines. Based on these guidelines, we are *recommending*, but not requiring, that everyone in attendance on Sunday wear a mask.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on Sunday, August 8 have been given in celebration of the 38th anniversary of *Frank & Mary Beth Fields.*



Current Missions Collections for August



To benefit the men of Rebound we will be collecting disposable razors during the month of August.

Please place your donations in the container located on the front porch. Our goal is **150 packages** of disposable razors.



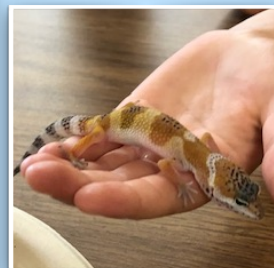
- Pencils – any kind
- Spiral 1-Subject Notebooks
- Pens – black or blue ink
- Color Pencils
- Markers
- 3 Inch Binder
- Glue Sticks
- Post it Notes (any color)
- Highlighters
- Pencil Pouches
- Loose Leaf Paper
(college or wide rule)

Donations can be brought to the church on Sundays or dropped off Monday - Thursday between 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Summer Fun Day

The final Summer Fun Day for the 2021 season was held on Wednesday and the featured guests were animals from Party Pets. With *hands-on* opportunities the children had a blast learning about reptiles, amphibians and other animals.

This summer we have had a record number of children attend Summer Fun Day. Many thanks to Mary Jo Bridges for her continued commitment and leadership with our children's ministry.





IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Links to Recent Sermons

July 11, 2021

The Call

Mark 1:16-20 and
Mark 2:13-17

July 18, 2021

Compassion for the Crowd

Mark 6:30-34

July 25, 2021

The Economy of Jesus

Mark 6:35-44

August 1, 2021

What Makes a Church as Church?

Hebrews 10:23-25

Previous sermons can be viewed at
<https://sedgefieldchurch.org/sermons/>

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Looking Ahead...



CALENDAR

▶ **Susanna Wesley Circle Meeting** ◀

August 12

6:30 p.m.

Education Building

▶ **Church Council Meeting** ◀

Thursday, August 19

7:00 p.m.

Education Building - Room 204



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