

Application for Baptism

We would appreciate it if you would take a moment to complete the following information so we may update our files.

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ Preferred name (nickname) _____

Middle Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: (Optional) _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Have you been infant baptized? ☐ Yes ☐ No Have you been baptized by immersion? ☐ Yes ☐ No

United Methodist View of Rebaptism is as follows:

The claim that baptism is unrepeatable rests on the steadfast faithfulness of God. God's initiative establishes the covenant of grace into which we are incorporated in baptism. By misusing our God-given freedom, we may live in neglect or defiance of that covenant, but we cannot destroy God's love for us. When we repent and return to God, the covenant does not need to be remade, because God has always remained faithful to it. What is needed is renewal of our commitment and reaffirmation of our side of the covenant.

God's gift of grace in the baptismal covenant does not save us apart from our human response of faith. Baptized persons may have many significant spiritual experiences, which they will desire to celebrate publicly in the worship life of the Church. Such experiences may include defining moments of conversion, repentance of sin, gifts of the Spirit, deepening of commitment, changes in Christian vocation or important transitions in the life of discipleship. These occasions call not for repetition of baptism, but for reaffirmations of baptismal vows, as a witness of the good news, that while we may be unfaithful, God is not.

Testimony

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This form must be returned to the church office prior to the preparation class.