

EAST MAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WEBSITE PRIVACY POLICY

The information which follows is also posted on the Home page under the link “Privacy Policy.”

East Main Presbyterian Church (EMPC) understands that the Internet can be a powerful asset to a user’s spiritual life. At the same time, EMPC strives to respect and protect the user’s privacy. When users are visiting this website, staff may collect certain information concerning the users viewing patterns, their browser, operating system and IP address, and any personally identifiable information that the users provide to us, regardless of whether it is required or not. Personally identifiable information is any information that could reasonably be used to identify the user personally. This includes, but is not limited to: name, address, e-mail address, telephone number, and zip code. In order to provide the user with a customized website and to track user’s viewing patterns, staff may place a “cookie” on your computer that allows us to recognize the user when they visit our site. For more information about cookies, see below. This policy is a summary of what information EMPC collects and how that information is used.

What Type of Information Does EMPC Collect?

EMPC collects two different types of information. One type is voluntary information, which the user provides, such as registration information for events, and membership information. The other type of information EMPC collects is user information provided by the user’s computer each time the user visits this site. The information EMPC collects helps staff to provide information and service to the user. We may combine information from other sources with the information that we collect.

What Does EMPC Do with the Information that is collected?

Any information that the user provides to EMPC or that is obtained through this website may be used for Church purposes. We will not disclose the user’s information to any entities without the user’s express consent, unless disclosure is necessary to comply with laws or relevant legal proceedings.

What Are Cookies and How Are They Used?

Cookies are bits of computer code that EMPC places on the user’s computer that can be accessed by EMPC when the user visits our site. Cookies allow us to collect information about the user so the user’s experience on our site will be as customized as possible. Most computers will automatically accept cookies. The user can prevent cookies from being placed on the user’s computer by accessing the browser’s preferences menu. Staff does not use cookies to obtain any personal information about the user before or after the user leaves the EMPC website.

How Does Linking to Other Sites Affect the User’s Privacy Protections?

As a courtesy, EMPC provides links to other sites that it neither owns nor controls. Some of these sites may use EMPC’s logo. However, these third-party sites are NOT subject to nor bound by the EMPC Privacy Policy. Such third-party sites may or may not have their own privacy policies and may or may not collect personal information from the user or place cookies on their browser. EMPC is not responsible for the privacy policies or any information collection practices of these sites or any damages resulting there from.

How Does EMPC Protect the Security of Information Collected?

The security of the information that users provide is very important to us. Consequently, we have taken several measures to protect their information. All transactions involving sensitive information, such as your debit/credit

card number and expiration date, are conducted using the industry standard SSL Encryption Technology. SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) is a protocol developed for the transmission of private information over the Internet. SSL uses a private key to encrypt personal data, including donor debit/credit card information, so it cannot be read while being transmitted over the Internet. This connection provides increased security to the information as it is transmitted to our website. In the event that our security system is breached, we will attempt to notify the user as soon as possible.

EMPC Protects the Privacy of Children

EMPC is committed to protecting the privacy and safety of children. It does not knowingly accept personally identifiable information from minors who are under the age of 18 without verifiable parental consent. If parents choose to grant permission, a Parental Consent Form (or comparable form) may be accessed from either the church office or by downloading the form on our website. Parents simply print and complete the form and mail it to the church office at the address listed. If parents have any questions or concerns about the protection of children's privacy, or if parents wish to deny consent and request that EMPC delete their child's information, please contact us at: office@eastmainpc.org.

EMPC shall not use the names, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, or other information that identifies minors whose authorized photos are used on EMPC's website, even with permission from parents, since this information could be used by pedophiles to solicit or seduce children.

EMPC Reserves the Right to Change or Amend This Policy

EMPC reserves the right to change, amend, or restate this policy. Therefore, users shall revisit this page from time to time to determine the current policy. Any substantial changes in this privacy policy will be posted at least 30 days prior to implementation of the change. Any information collected under this current policy will remain bound by the terms of this privacy policy. After the changes take effect, all new information collected, if any, will be subject to the revised privacy policy.

User's Affirmation Consent to EMPC's Collection and Use of Personally Identifiable Information

By using this EMPC website, the users are giving EMPC staff their express consent to use the information that we collect about them in the manner described in this policy. This affirmative consent allows us to use the other information that we have collected about the user.

Questions or Concerns?

If users have any questions or concerns about this policy, please contact the following church staff representative:

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