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Drive-Thru Holy Communion

Please take a moment to view a message from Pastor Jim with important information for our Holy Communion observance.



Holy Communion Meditation & Prayer

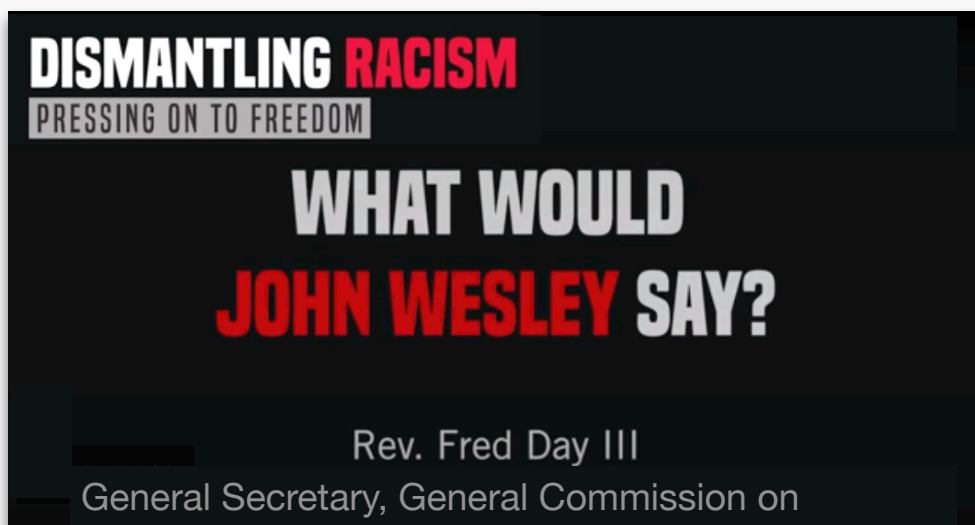
To add to this unique observance of Holy Communion, the enclosed prayer will be a great way for you to connect with God after you have received the elements. We will be asking that you use your smart phone to view the prayer. Or, if you prefer, bring a printed copy with you. Copies will be provided to those who do not have a smart phone.

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- **We** *recognize* racism as a sin.
- **We** *commit* to challenging unjust systems of power and access.
- **We** will *work* for equal and equitable opportunities in employment and promotion, education and training; in voting, access to public accommodations, and housing; to credit, loans, venture capital, and insurance; to positions of leadership and power in all elements of our life together; and to full participation in the Church and society.

Watch this short video reminding us what John Wesley would have to say about dismantling racism.



Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



Online Through

sedgefieldchurch.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.



Church

Mail your check to:

Sedgefield UMC
2830 Dorchester
PI
Charlotte, NC
28209



Bank Draft

Set up
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through your
bank's Online
Bill Pay.



Online Through

wnccumc.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.

New Sermon Series Begins Sunday

Have you ever stopped to consider the importance of the dinner table in our lives? (My apologies to those who prefer the term “supper” table!) The dinner table is about more than nutrition; it’s about people—families, friends, classmates, business associates—choosing to get together for a reason that often goes well beyond the food. It’s a place where memories are made, plans are established, milestones are celebrated, important conversations are held, deals are struck, and relationships are strengthened. It was the same in Jesus’ day. We can learn so much about life by just sitting at the dinner table with Jesus.



Sunday we will begin a new sermon series entitled Mealtimes Lessons. The series will begin with a look at an *uninvited* dinner guest. Please join us Sunday morning at 10:25; you are *invited*.



This Week in Worship

Message:

An Uninvited Dinner Guest

Luke 7:36-50

Sunday, August 2, 2020
10:30 a.m.

Weekly Study Guide

What do you remember most about family meals when you were a child?

What major milestones do you routinely celebrate with a meal?

What is it about food that brings people together?

Try to name 3 meals in the Bible. Who was there? What was being served? (Google can be a big help!)

One of the main characters in today's story ([Luke 7:36-50](#)) is a Pharisee. Pharisees took pride in their strict obedience to as many of God's rules as possible. Why do you think this would put them at odds with Jesus?

Another main character is an unnamed sinful woman. In what ways are you like the sinful woman? In what ways are you different?

Some would say this story is where "forgiveness meets gratitude". What do you think that means?

Daily Prayer: *God, forgive me when I fail to see others as you see them. Thank you! Amen.*

Keystone Classes Begin Monday

After extreme due diligence, careful planning and the implementation of numerous safety measures, Keystone Montessori will open for the 2020-21 school year on Monday, August 3. In preparation for their reopening, Hawley Hoggard, Head of School, has

worked meticulously with the Montessori governing body and the Sedgefield Board of Trustees to insure total compliance with all local and state restrictions currently in place due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

As a reminder, Keystone occupies the entire lower floor of the Education Building. Due to the additional cleaning and sanitizing precautions Keystone has instituted, you are asked *not to enter* their space without the prior approval of Hawley Hoggard.

As we enter our eighth year of partnership with Keystone, we pray for a safe and wonderful school year for the students, their parents and the staff.



Partnering with Sedgefield Middle School

As we continue to grow our partnership with Sedgefield Middle School we are happy to be collecting school supplies for the upcoming school year. In addition to school supplies, we are preparing 80 snack bags which will be shared with staff. Please note the items needed and share generously.

School Supplies Needed



- * Plain ruled paper
- * Pencils
- * Highlighters
- * Colored pencils
- * Ballpoint pens
- * Glue sticks
- * Composition books
- * Scissors
- * Hand held pencil sharpeners
- * Post-It notes
- * 1-subject spiral notebooks
- * Inexpensive headphones
- * Staplers
- * Hole punch
- * Extra large Ziploc Bags
- * Hand sanitizer

Drop-Off Times & Location for School Supplies

School supplies can be left anytime through August 6 in the container which is near the front sanctuary door.

Snack Items Needed

- * Individually wrapped snack items
- * Crackers
- * Cookies
- * Gum
- * Candy

Drop-Off Times & Location for Snacks

Drop-off location: Education Building

Times:

Sunday, **August 2** between **6 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

Thursday, **August 6** between **11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Prayer Requests

Jaime Garcia
Polly Haney
Tommy Reep

Ruby Gardiner
Jerry Meyer
Sue Van Vynckt

The Pocket Prayer

Father,
You are good.
I need help.
So do they.
Thank you.
In Jesus' name,
amen.

Max Lucado



If you have a request or concern that you would like added to our prayer list, please send the request to:

prayerrequest@sedgefieldchurch.org

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on Sunday, August 2 have been given in recognition of **Clara Hedberg** who celebrated her birthday on July 29.



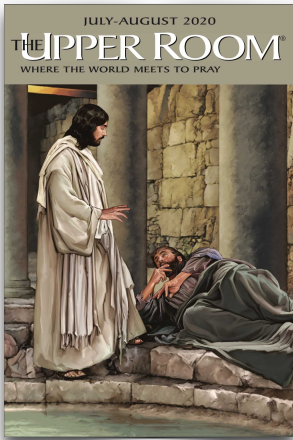
Clara is an active member of the Congregational Care & Nurture Committee attending to our card and homebound ministries.

Additionally, Clara stays busy organizing the book nook and our flower calendar. Recently Clara was the recipient of the 2020 NC Delta Kappa Gamma Golden Key award for Region VIII.

If you are interested in providing flowers for an upcoming Sunday, please contact the church office or call Clara Hedberg at 704-375-9588. The cost of the flowers is \$40.



Daily Devotions



The Upper Room magazine provides a daily suggested Bible reading, a short devotional thought, a prayer focus and a thought for the day. If you have not used *The Upper Room*, you are encouraged to check out this wonderful resource. If you would like to receive the daily devotions, please contact the church office at 704-523-0077.

Recent Sermon Series



June 14, 2020
Who is God?
 Matthew 6:7-9
 Mark 14:36

June 21, 2020
Why Did Jesus Come?
 John 3:1-17

June 28, 2020
What is a Christian?
 John 1:1-14, 4:6-26

July 12, 2020
What is Church?
 Matthew 16:13-18,
 I Corinthians 6:19-20

July 5, 2020
Does God Have a Plan for My Life?
 2 Corinthians 11:22-26,
 Romans 8:24-29

July 19, 2020
Is the Afterlife Real?
 Luke 16:19-31
 John 14:1-3,18-19
 Revelation 21:1-5

July 26, 2020
What's the Payoff?
 Matthew 10:16-31
 John 16:33

Previous services can be viewed at www.sedgefieldchurch.org/sermons/

CALENDAR

All meetings will be held virtually via Zoom.
To join by phone, call 1-312-626-6799.
To connect by computer, go to www.zoom.us

▶ *Let's Connect* ◀



Wednesday, August 5
1:00 p.m.

Meeting ID: 954 3442 7851

▶ *Ka'Zoom for Kids* ◀



Wednesday, July 22
6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 991 0371 7498

▶ *Missions Committee* ◀

Tuesday, July 21
6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 850 9560 9121





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