

Prayer Requests



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The news this week out of Beirut, Lebanon was horrifying and heart-wrenching. Let us be in prayer for those whose lives have been devastated by this massive explosion, for the emergency workers in desperate search of the missing, for those working to bring healing to the survivors, and for all who are in despair. Let us pray for one another, near and far...



*... the Lord hears people when they cry out for help.
The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.
(Psalm 34)*



A Word From Pastor Jim



When Jesus encountered people with needs (hunger, illness, etc.), he never scolded them for what they'd done wrong. Nor did he say things like, "God is teaching you a lesson" or "God will help you if you'll just help yourself." No! Jesus was all about meeting needs, not judging people. Sometimes Jesus would perform divine miracles. Maybe he would cure a leper or make a blind person see. Amazing! But there were also times when Jesus performed miracles of a different kind... miracles no less amazing...miracles through ordinary people like you and me.

What miracles might God perform through you? Find out Sunday when we look at the feeding of the five-thousand in new way. Hope to see you at 10:30 Sunday morning on Facebook Live.

~Pastor Jim



This Week in Worship

Message:

Miracle of the Heart

Luke 9:10-17

Sunday, August 9, 2020
10:30 a.m.

Weekly Study Guide



Do you believe in modern-day miracles? Why or why not?

Describe the closest thing to a miracle you have ever personally witnessed.

There are six miraculous feeding stories in the gospels (Matthew 14, Matthew 15, Mark 6, Mark 8, Luke 9, and John 6). Read each one. What do they have in common? How are they different?

Matthew 14

Matthew 15

Mark 6

Mark 8

Luke 9

John 6

Read the events leading up to Luke's feeding story (**Luke 9:1-9**). Try to imagine how the apostles were feeling...how Jesus was feeling. Record your thoughts.

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In Luke's feeding story (**9:10-17**), more than 5,000 people surprised Jesus and his apostles as they arrived in Bethsaida. How did Jesus respond? How did his apostles respond? Which better reflects how you respond to life's interruptions?

Jesus says to his apostles, "You give them something to eat" (v13). Why would Jesus choose to involve his apostles when he could have easily fed them himself? Has God ever asked you to help another person? How did you respond?

Describe an occasion in your life (or the life of someone you know) when there seemed to be no way, and yet God provided a way.

It has been said that kindness is contagious. What does that mean, and have you ever "caught kindness" from another person?

Daily Prayer: *God, help me hear, help me listen and help me respond whenever you ask me to "give them something to eat". Amen.*

ARE
YOU

TIRED OF HEARING ABOUT RACISM?

FRUSTRATED WITH DEFENDING THE
IDEA THAT YOU ARE NOT RACIST?

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If so, invest 20 minutes and watch this eye-opening video entitled *Deconstructing White Privilege* presented by Dr. Robin DiAngelo.



<https://www.gcorr.org/video/vital-conversations-racism-dr-robin-diangelo/>

**UNITED
METHODISTS
STAND AGAINST
RACISM**

- **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.

August 2, 2020 Drive Thru Holy Communion



Altar Flowers



The altar flowers on Sunday, August 9 have been given in honor of *Frank & Mary Beth Fields* who celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary on August 7.

Frank is currently our Lay Leader and, for a number of years, Mary Beth actively served on the Board of Trustees.

If you are interested in providing flowers for an upcoming Sunday, please contact the church office at 704-523-0077 or call Clara Hedberg at 704-375-9588. The cost of the flowers is \$40.



Last Chance To Drop Off Items For School Drive

Drop-off location: Education Building

When: Saturday, **August 8** between **2 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

Items Needed

- * Individually wrapped chocolate candy, popcorn and gum
- * School supplies



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 Pl
Charlotte, NC 28209



Bank Draft

Set up
automatic
contributions
through your
bank's Online
Bill Pay.

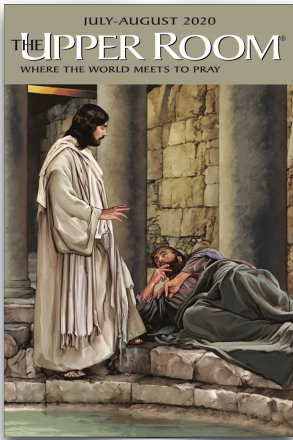


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Daily Devotions



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.

Current Sermon Series



August 2, 2020
*An Uninvited
 Dinner Guest*
 Luke 7:36-50

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

► *Ka'Zoom for Kids* ◀

Wednesday, August 12

7:00 p.m.

Meeting ID: 991 0371 7498

► *Let's Connect!* ◀

Wednesday, August 12

1:00 p.m.

Meeting ID: 954 3442 7851

► *Church Council* ◀

Thursday, August 20

6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 854 2934 7775

► *Staff-Parish Relations* ◀

Sunday, August 23

11:45 a.m.

Meeting ID: 898 2336 8373





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