



November 20, 2020
THE EPISTLE
Leadership For 2021 Announced

Happy Thanksgiving!



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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

2830 Dorchester Place
Charlotte, NC 28209

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Rev. Jim Brookshire, Pastor


A Video Message From Your 2020 Church Council Chair



Video can be viewed at:
<https://youtu.be/BYRZqaf02zg>

Room In The Inn (now called Roof Above) works to provide safe lodging, fellowship and fresh meals to those experiencing homelessness in our city. As winter months are approaching, it's even more important that we do what we can to help. Lots has changed with this ministry due to COVID-19, but what hasn't changed is their need for assistance.

Here is how you can help!

- 1) Make a donation. When you do, the Missions Team will double the impact of your gift by matching your donation dollar for dollar! Make sure to designate your gift specifically for "Room In the Inn". This campaign ends this week, so give today! **CLICK HERE** to give online.
- 2) Later this winter we will be preparing bag lunches and cookies for guests at the shelters. Watch for sign up opportunities. 
- 3) Roof Above needs volunteers for various jobs, including unpacking and sorting of donations used for various programs. If you are interested, please contact Ashley Brown at innkeeper@roofabove.org or call 704-926-0606.

While COVID-19 may be keeping us apart, nothing can stop us from helping our neighbors in need. Please consider helping today!

For questions, I can be reached at 980-722-8435 or by [email](#).

Children's Event Tomorrow



Saturday, Nov. 21
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Children, ages 4-12 are invited to help pack Operation Christmas Child boxes tomorrow beginning at 1 o'clock in the Education Building. After the boxes are packed, the children will enjoy a time of bike riding in the parking lot to be followed with ice cream treats.

Bring your bike, scooter, helmet and a mask. Hope to see you tomorrow!



Mary Jo Bridges

This Week in Worship

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Pre-Service Music

Ms. Lynn Hager

10:25 a.m.

Message

What Do You Say?

Luke 17:11-19

10:30 a.m.



For Online Worship
Click Here



In-Person Worship
Click Here

Study Guide

Something to Think About: One of the most uncomfortable words in the English language is "ungrateful". Most of us would be highly insulted if someone called us "ungrateful". That is because, in all likelihood, you and I *feel* grateful. And yet, each of us runs a very real risk that someone in our lives believes we are ungrateful. How can that be? It is because "grateful" is far more than a feeling. Why take a chance? It's so simple to make sure the gratitude you feel is seen and known by those you care about most.

Why do parents make such a big deal over their young kids saying "please" and "thank you"?

Describe someone in your life who you would consider "ungrateful" and the circumstances that have earned them this label.

Do you consider yourself a grateful person? Why or why not?

It has been said that "ungrateful" is easy to see in others and nearly impossible to see in ourselves. Do you agree? Why or why not?

Read [Luke 17:11-19](#). The lepers had been excluded from their respective societies. In our culture, whom have we excluded?

What exactly did the lepers ask of Jesus in **verse 13**? (Hint: It wasn't to be healed.) Why would they ask this of Jesus?

Jesus invited the lepers to walk in faith. Notice, they were healed "as they went" (**verse 14**). Walking in faith means to act as if God has already acted. Where in your life might God be asking you to walk in faith?

The nine who did not return...do you believe they *felt* grateful? Why or why not? And why did they not return?

Unexpressed gratitude is still gratitude, and yet it is likely to be seen as "ungrateful". For whom are you grateful? When is the last time you expressed your gratitude?

For whom and/or for what can you thank God today?

Daily Prayer: God, nudge me today to go back and express my gratitude to someone who has helped me along the way. And thank you God for (Fill in the blank). Amen.

Remember In Prayer

**Jaime Garcia • Ruby Gardiner • Jerry Meyer
Fountain Odom • Tommy Reep • Sue Van Vynckt**



**Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

Psalm 34:8 (NIV)

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on Sunday, November 22 have been given in honor of Nan Meyer who will celebrate a birthday on November 26. Nan currently serves on the Staff-Parish Relations Committee.



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.



SEDGEFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**HANDS
& FEET
OF JESUS**

A stylized icon consisting of a blue hand with fingers spread on the left and a dark grey foot with toes pointing up on the right, positioned as if they are about to meet or are joined together.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION

COLLECTING

NEW ADULT

GLOVES & SOCKS

FOR OUR NEIGHBORS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

NOVEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 10

DROP OFF: Sedgefield Church Front Porch
2830 Dorchester Pl.



The current Nominations Committee submitted their recommendations for leadership teams at our recent Charge Conference. The Church Council approved their nominations and thank the Nominations Committee for their work in preparing us for 2021. Members of the Nominations Committee were: Jim Brookshire, Mary Jo Bridges, Shea Clarke, MaryAnne Garcia, Hal Kidd, Kimberly Little and Jim Thompson.

2021 Leadership Teams

Board of Trustees: Judy Harris, Bruce Lankford, Carol Little, Jessie Smith, Terah Starbuck, Pat Stout, Luis Tochiki, Kip Wilcox

Children's Faith Development: Joyce Bergantino, Mary Jo Bridges*, Julie Courtney, Emily Hudson, Carol Little, Kimberly Little, Allison Watford

Church Council: Janie Ailshie, Mary Jo Bridges, Shea Clarke, Bud Davidson, Frank Fields, Carol Little, Tom Little, Linda Peterson, Chris Reep, Mike Rowe, Logan Smith*, Hans Warren, Debbie Wilcox

Congregational Care & Nurture: Betty Davidson, Clara Hedberg, Tam Thompson

Endowment: Myra Arbuckle, Jim Brookshire, Bud Davidson, Mike Rowe, Tom Little*, Hans Warren

Finance: Janie Ailshie, Shea Clarke, Bud Davidson, Frank Fields, Ellen Lankford, Chris Reep, Logan Smith, Travis Starbuck, Hans Warren*

Lay Leader: Shea Clarke

Lay Delegate: Frank Fields

Missions: Jim Brookshire, Jean Fostvedt, Sara Kidd, Ellen Lankford, Tom Little, Rob Neill, Linda Peterson, Mike Rowe*, Pilar Tochiki, Pam Walker, Randy Walker

Nominations: Myra Arbuckle, Jim Brookshire*, Shea Clarke, Mary Jo Bridges, Betty Davidson, MaryAnne Garcia, Hal Kidd, Kimberly Little, Jim Thompson

Scholarships: Mary Jo Bridges, Carol Little

Social Media: Carol Little, Kimberly Little, Linda Peterson

Staff-Parish Relations: Janie Ailshie*, Joyce Bergantino, Shea Clarke, Frank Fields, Vicki Hollis, Nan Meyer, Don Rusch, Travis Starbuck, Sally Stout

Student Ministry Volunteer: Kimberly Little

Worship & Fellowship: Jim Brookshire*, Myra Arbuckle, Patty Baldwin, Shea Clarke, Jean Fostvedt, Sara Kidd, Teresa McGowan, Pat Stout, Sally Stout

*Chairperson

Last Chance To Order Poinsettias

Orders for Christmas poinsettias are due no later than Monday, November 23. The cost per poinsettia is \$10.

Purchased poinsettias can be picked up following our services on either December 24 or December 27.



CLICK HERE to order.



Operation Christmas Child Boxes



The last day to return Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes is Sunday, November 22.

Remember... you can be a part of the Sedgefield volunteer groups who will be working at the OCC warehouse. Dates are Monday, December 7 from 1:00 - 5:00 (adults) and Saturday, December 12 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. (ages 13+ and parents).

Contact Mary Jo Bridges at 704-617-4056 for more information or to volunteer.

Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



Online Through

sedgefieldchurch.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.



Bank Draft

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



Church

Mail your check to:

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wnccumc.org

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Links to Recent Sermons

September 13, 2020 *Religion & Politics: Back to Basics*

September 20, 2020 *Religion & Politics: It Is Possible!*

September 27, 2020 *Asking the Right Questions*

October 4, 2020 *Massive Faith*

October 11, 2020 *Faith Through Relationships*

October 18, 2020 *Faith Through Discipline*

October 25, 2020 *Faith Through Biblical Application*

November 1, 2020 *Five Glimpses Into Heaven*

November 8, 2020 *Faith Through Personal Ministry*

November 15, 2020 *Faith Through Unwanted Circumstances*

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



CALENDAR

Virtual meetings are indicated with this symbol  and are held via Zoom.

**To join a Zoom meeting by phone, call
1-312-626-6799.**

To connect by computer, go to

www.zoom.us

▶ Children's Shoe Box Packing & Hot Wheels, Cool Treats Activity ◀

Saturday, November 21

Education Building - Room 208

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

▶ Children's Christmas Party ◀

Saturday, December 5

Fellowship Hall

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.



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