



December 31, 2020
THE EPISTLE

HAPPY, New Year | BLESSINGS TO YOU & YOURS
 "FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU," DECLARES THE LORD

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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

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Rev. Jim Brookshire, Pastor

PLEASE NOTE

**On Saturday, January 9
from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.
Sedgefield United Methodist
Church will be a host site for COVID
testing. The testing is open to everyone
and advance registration is not required.**

**Those wishing to be tested should bring
their ID and insurance card. However,
anyone without insurance will be tested
at no cost. Participants can expect to
receive their test result in approximately
three business days.**

**The testing is being done by the
Charlotte Community Health Clinic.**

**If you can volunteer to help the Clinic on
January 9, please email the [church office](#).**

This Week in Worship

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Pre-Service Music

Ms. Lynn Hager

10:25 a.m.

Message

Looking Ahead

Nehemiah 1:1-6:15

10:30 a.m.



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Study Guide

Something to Think About: Every day you are writing a story. It's the story of your life. It's a story only you can write. It's a story you are constantly sharing with others, and it's a story others will share about you for generations to come. As you look ahead into the new year, what needs to change about the story you are writing? What is it you know you should do this year that continues to be on the list labeled "Maybe Later"?

Do you make New Year's resolutions? If so, how well do you typically keep them?

What is one thing that you need to focus on this year? Perhaps it's one of these:

- A habit you must break
 - A project you must finish
 - A relationship you must rebuild or retire
 - A debt you must pay off
 - A spiritual practice you must start
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Read **Nehemiah 1:1-4**. Nehemiah is heartbroken because of what's happening in his homeland. He was moved to action. When is the last time you've been moved to action?

Read **Nehemiah 2:1-10**. Notice the many ways King Artaxerxes seeks to satisfy his servant's requests. This was unheard of in the ancient world. What do you think prompted the King's eagerness to help his servant? (Hint: see verse 8.)

Read **Nehemiah 2:11-20** as Nehemiah motivates a team to rebuild the wall. Notice also the naysayers' responses (verses 19-20). How did Nehemiah respond when he was mocked and ridiculed? Has this ever happened to you? If so, how did you respond?

Read **Nehemiah chapters 4 and 6**. Record the various ways Nehemiah's enemies attempted to thwart his efforts to rebuild the wall.

Read **Nehemiah 6:1-5**. Nehemiah responded to his enemies the same way...six times! What was that response?

Read **Nehemiah 6:15-16**. The wall was completed, and Nehemiah's enemies "*were afraid and lost their confidence*". Why?

Daily Prayer: God, help me see the one thing I need to change in my life. Give me the passion, courage, discipline and persistence of Nehemiah to get it done. Amen.

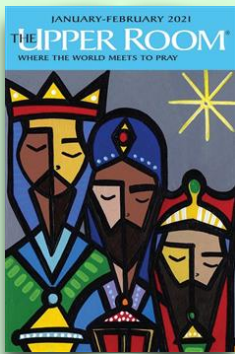
Altar Flowers



Our altar flowers on Sunday, January 3 have been given in honor of Sue VanVynckt who celebrated her 92nd birthday on Dec. 29. Joining Sedgefield UMC in 1958 when the church was known as St. Paul, Sue has served as a Sunday School teacher and a leader in Vacation Bible School.

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





The Upper Room Information

The large print issues of the *The Upper Room* magazine for January and February have not yet been received.

Until the magazines are received, you are encouraged to take advantage of the audio daily devotion option available to you at no cost. Each day's meditation can be heard by calling **615-212-2013**.



If you would like to subscribe to home delivery of *The Upper Room*, please email the **church office**. The cost of an annual subscription (large or small print) is \$14.00.

The Upper Room is committed to praying during this season of uncertainty and isolation. Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon *The Upper Room* hosts a moment of prayer on Facebook Live. These moments of prayer will also be available on [The Upper Room YouTube Channel](#) after they air.

Pray with us.
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
At Noon



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 The Upper Room



2021 **LEADERSHIP DAY**

What is Leadership Day? We refer to the Sunday when we recognize and commission our leadership teams for the upcoming year as “Leadership Day”.

Who? On Leadership Day *everyone* serving on a committee or team meets together for a general meeting followed by individual committee meetings.

When? In January - Date To Be Determined

Where? This year the meeting will occur virtually.

Why? In addition to providing participants the opportunity to see the various committees and gain an understanding of what each committee does, Leadership Day allows each committee to organize, prepare and begin their plans for the upcoming year.



Stay Tuned For Further Details

CHARLOTTE
COMMUNITY
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DRIVE-THROUGH COVID-19 TESTING



- Free of charge
- No insurance required
- Bring insurance if you have it
- No screening for symptoms

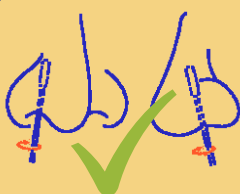
WHERE:

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Methodist Church
2830 Dorchester Pl,
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WHEN:

Saturday Jan 9
11am-3pm

Self-swab test



Resources for Parents



Links to Recent Sermon Series

The Good News of Christmas

December 6, 2020 [Good News for You!](#)

December 13, 2020 [Joseph's Story](#)

December 20, 2020 [Mary's Story](#)

December 24, 2020 [Let There Be Light](#)

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

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sedgefieldchurch.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.



Bank Draft

Set up automatic



Church

Mail your check to:

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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

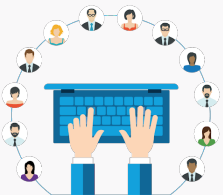


▶ **Board of Trustees Meeting** ◀

Thursday, January 7

6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 885 9129 8578





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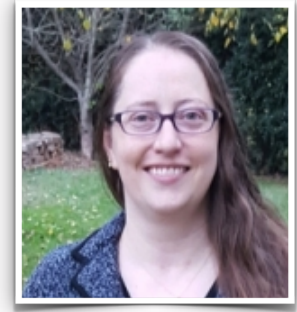
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