



January 8, 2021

THE EPISTLE

Tomorrow 11a.m. - 3 p.m.

DRIVE-THROUGH COVID-19 TESTING



Find Hope Here

Sedgefield United Methodist Church

2830 Dorchester Place
Charlotte, NC 28209

www.SedgefieldChurch.org

704-523-0077

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.

This Week in Worship

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Pre-Service Music

Ms. Lynn Hager

10:25 a.m.

Message

No Way Out

Matthew 4:12-13; Matthew 11:1-6



Study Guide

Something to Think About: Sometimes life's circumstances are so challenging that there's no way forward and there's no way out. We encounter problems for which there are no solutions...questions for which there are no answers. During times like this, we hear voices saying things like: "I'll never be happy again", or "Nothing good can ever come from this". It feels like God is absent, apathetic or angry. But what if God isn't any of these things? What if it's possible to hang on to joy and hope even when there's no way out?

Think about a season of life—childhood, teenage years, college, early adulthood—that you look back on fondly. What did you enjoy about that season? Do you ever wish you could go back to this time? Why or why not?

When have you faced a difficult event or season in life that caused you to feel you'd never be happy again or that no good could come from what you were experiencing? What happened?

Have you ever seen someone demonstrate great faith in God despite their "no way out" circumstances? If so, how did that person's faith influence your own?

In **Matthew 4:12-13** we learn that upon hearing of John the Baptist's arrest, Jesus immediately went to Galilee...first to Nazareth and then to Capernaum. John was imprisoned in a place called Machaerus. Find these places on a map of first century Israel. (Google works!) Are you surprised by Jesus' sudden move to Capernaum? Why or why not?

Read **Matthew 11:1-6**. Consider John the Baptist...the one who had recently introduced Jesus to the world by saying, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” Why would John now be questioning Jesus’ identity?

Using your own words, restate what Jesus says in **Matthew 11:6**.

Are you (or is someone you love) currently in the middle of a “no way out” situation? What are some practical ways to remember that God is present and still cares?

Daily Prayer: God, help me know you're present even when it feels like you aren't, and help me know you care even when it feels like you don't. Amen.

News From the Finance Committee

On behalf of our finance committee and church leadership, we would like to report to and thank the membership for your faithful stewardship in 2020. Our general offerings increased by over \$26,000, which is an increase of over 11% from 2019. This in spite of Covid and the other challenges of 2020. We are grateful for new and old patrons, for your faithfulness and generosity. We are inspired by your partnership as we address the challenges and ever increasing needs of our ministry in 2021. We encourage your continued stewardship to see how God



Hans Warren
Chair, Finance Committee

Altar Flowers

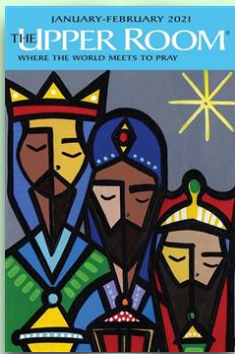


Our altar flowers on Sunday, January 10 have been given in honor of Mary Jo Bridges who will be celebrating a birthday on January 14. In addition to being our Director of Children's Ministries, Mary Jo serves on the Church Council and Nominations Committee, chairs the Faith Development Committee and oversees the endowments awarded from the Stephenson Educational Scholarship fund.

A retired elementary school teacher, Mary Jo's uses her passion for education to coordinate our After School Mentoring program which provides one-to-one assistance two afternoons each week during the school year for students in elementary 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



Click Here
 The Upper Room

**NEW
DATE!**

2021
LEADERSHIP DAY

Sunday
January 24
2:00 PM



Various church committees and teams will meet virtually Sunday, January 24 for the purpose of organizing and preparing for the upcoming year. *Everyone serving on a committee or team* is asked to attend for this important time of planning for our new church year.

CHARLOTTE
COMMUNITY
HEALTH
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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

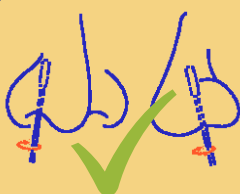
WHERE:

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Methodist Church
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WHEN:

Saturday Jan 9
11am-3pm

Self-swab test





Recent Sermons

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

December 6, 2020

The Good News of Christmas: News for You!

December 13, 2020

The Good News of Christmas: Joseph's Story

December 20, 2020

The Good News of Christmas: Mary's Story

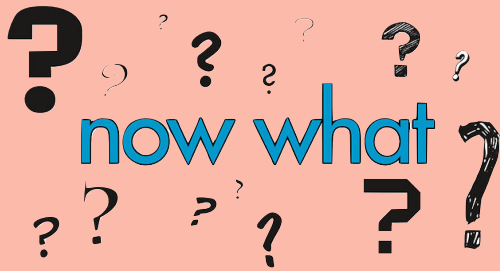
December 24, 2020

The Good News of Christmas: Let There Be Light

January 3, 2021

Looking Ahead

New Sermon Series Begins Sunday



We hope you will join us virtually on Sunday morning at 10:30 when Pastor Jim will begin a new sermon series entitled *Now What*.

Resources for Parents



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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Pop Tab Collection



Ronald
McDonald
House
Charlotte

Pop tabs  are small and easy to overlook, but they add up fast and make a big difference to the families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House. Tabs are sold at local recycling centers with the proceeds going to the guest family fund. During December we collected six pounds of pop tops! Each four pounds of pop tops covers the cost of a family's food and lodging for one day.


We will continue collecting pop tops during 2021. You can leave your tabs at 2830 Sunset Drive, the home of Carl & Clara Hedberg.

Thank you,



Clara Hedberg

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



► **Leadership Day 2021** ◀

Sunday, January 24

2:00 p.m.

Meeting ID: 861 8187 4539





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