



January 22, 2021

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Leadership Day This Sunday

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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

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Rev. Jim Brookshire, Pastor



Dear Sedgefield Family,

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy and friendship during this extremely sad time in my life. You have provided me encouragement and support as I mourn the death of my husband and life partner, Jerry. He was blessed by his time with you and left us in peace.

*With love and gratitude,
Nan (Sandra) Meyer*

This Week in Worship

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Pre-Service Music

Ms. Lynn Hager

10:25 a.m.

Message

The Secret of Contentment

Philippians 4:10-13



Study Guide

Something to Think About: Most of us know someone who acted and sounded contented even when unexpected, unplanned and unchangeable hardships came their way. But did you know it's possible to do more than simply "act and sound" contented? It's possible to actually feel contentment on the inside. The reason most of us can't get there is because this inner contentment, according to the Apostle Paul, comes by learning a secret. Paul learned it, and so can you!

Describe a specific season in your life when you were fully content. What was it about that season that made you feel that way?

Do you know anyone who seems to live in a state of constant discontentment? If so, describe your emotional relationship with this person and how discontentment impacts his/her life.

When life becomes really hard, are you able to find contentment? If not, why not? If so, how and where do you find it?

Read **Philippians 4:10-13**. Notice in verse 10 how Paul responds to those who did not reach out to him in his most difficult times. What do you think, how do you feel, and how do you respond when others fail to reach out to you in your most difficult seasons of life?

Do you know of anyone who is struggling right now with unexpected, unplanned hardships? If so, how will you respond today?

In **verse 11**, Paul says he had to “learn” contentment. What does he mean by that? Have you ever thought of contentment as something that must be learned? How might this idea change the way you look for contentment?

Notice what Paul says in **verse 12**. Describe a time in your life when you had plenty and a time when you had little. Were you equally content in either situation? Why or why not?

Verse 13 is well known...and largely misunderstood. When verse 13 is read within its intended context (that is, the idea of Paul’s ability to be content no matter what life brings his way), what do you think Paul is saying? How might this idea relate to you and your life?

Verse 13 speaks of “strength”. Is Paul speaking of his strength or Christ’s strength, and what is the difference?

Daily Prayer: God, I am ready to learn. So teach me the secret of contentment. That is, *I can’t, you can, and you can through me.* Amen.

A Video Message from Logan Smith



To view video go to:

<https://youtu.be/WSEs7eGJepU>

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2021 **LEADERSHIP DAY**



Sunday

January 24

1:45 PM

**NEW
TIME!!**

Sunday is an important day for our leadership teams as we gather to plan and prioritize our work for 2021. In addition to committee meetings, Leadership Day provides us with the unique opportunity for all committee members to meet for a brief time together.

If you serve on a committee (see complete list below), you are encouraged to attend Sunday's leadership meeting. The link to join the virtual meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86181874539>

We look forward to seeing you Sunday afternoon!

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2021 Leadership Teams

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

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

*Chair

Altar Flowers

Our altar flowers on Sunday, January 22 are given in honor of Mary Beth Fields by her husband, Frank Fields. Mary Beth will celebrate her birthday on January 24.



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.



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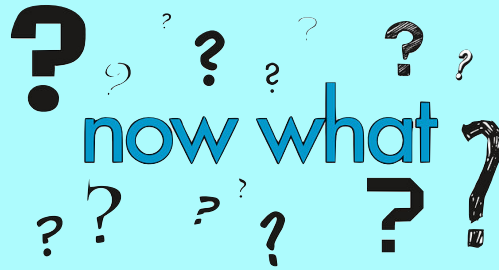


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Links to Current Sermon Series



No Way Out


Matthew 4:12-13; Matthew 11:1-6
January 10, 2021

The Gift of Pain

2 Corinthians 12:7-10
January 17, 2021

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



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**To connect by computer, go to
www.zoom.us**

► **Leadership Day 2021** ◀

Sunday, January 24

1:45 p.m.

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