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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

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THE EPISTLE

May 21, 2021

This Week in Worship

In Person or Online

Sunday, May 23, 2021
10:30 a.m.

Pre-Service Music

Ms. Lynn Hager

10:25 a.m.

Message

One Crazy Day

Luke 24:48-49 and

Acts 2:1-4, 12-13

10:30 a.m.



A Word From Pastor Jim



This coming Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, traditionally recognized as the birthday of the Christian Church. Sounds simple and wonderful until you read the Biblical backstory (Acts 2). There you'll discover some really odd events... winds howling inside the house, some seeing flames atop one another, and others suddenly able to speak in a different language. It was one crazy day, but not nearly as crazy as it seems.

~Pastor Jim

Weekly Study Guide

In your religious tradition, do you remember celebrating the Church's birthday? What was that like?

Is it important to recognize the birthday of the Christian church? Why or why not?

When you hear "Holy Spirit", what thoughts come to your mind?

Jesus gave his disciples their marching orders before he ascended into heaven (Acts 24:48-49). What specifically did Jesus tell them to do...and why?

Read [Acts, chapter 2](#). Notice how the story begins (verses 1-13). Are the events described at the beginning of this story hard for you to believe? Why or why not?

Notice how the story ends (verses 41-47). People "liked what they saw" (verse 47), triggering dramatic growth in the early Christian movement. What was it that they liked?

What is it that you "like" about your church, and how can you invite others to do the same?

Daily Prayer: God, help me express my faith today in ways which draw people into your Church. Amen.

Update

In response to the revised COVID guidelines recently announced by health officials, Bishop Leeland has asked each local church to consider its unique setting and, if appropriate, make adjustments to safety measures currently in place. Next week our Reopen Team will share an update detailing the next steps for our church in light of the recent changes to the guidelines.

As our thoughts turn to regathering, we thank God for the joy we anticipate as we reconnect with one another!

A photograph of a sunlit meadow with white flowers and a tree trunk. The sun is shining from the upper left, creating a bright glow and lens flare. The foreground is filled with numerous small white flowers with yellow centers, growing in a lush green field. To the right, the thick, textured trunk of a large tree is visible, extending from the bottom to the top of the frame. The background is a soft-focus green landscape.

Prayer Requests

Jaime Garcia

Tommy Reep

Sue Van Vynckt

Recently Hospitalized: Teresa McGowan

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

REGISTER NOW! FOR VBS

JULY 26-30

9:30-12:30

GRADES: RISING K-RISING 5TH



PARTICIPANTS & VOLUNTEERS

Register Now!

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Altar Flowers

This week's altar flowers have been given in honor of
Kip & Debbie Wilcox
who will celebrate their 24th anniversary
on Sunday, May 24.



If you would like to honor someone by donating flowers, please contact Clara Hedberg (704-375-9588) or the church office by phone (704-523-0077) or office@sedgefieldchurch.org. The cost of the flowers is \$40.

Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



Online Through

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Make a credit card
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contribution.



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



Church

Mail your check to:

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Cookies on the Lawn

Please join us Sunday, May 23rd, after our service, to celebrate our high school graduate, Reagan Hollis with *Cookies on the Lawn*. Reagan will graduate from Myers Park High School on Thursday, June 3rd and will attend UNC-G in the fall. Reagan has been a Mentor for three years with our After School Mentoring Program, participated in our Student Group, and attended Carolina Cross Connection in 2018. Please plan to enjoy a cookie and congratulate Reagan on her graduation.



Blessings!

Mary Jo Bridges

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Education Building

For Children Ages 4 -10



Links to Current Sermon Series

THINK About It



Science and Faith

Genesis 1:1-2:24

April 18, 2021



God and Human Suffering

Genesis 1-3 (selected verses)

April 25, 2021



Making Sense of the Old Testament

Galatians 4:4-5

May 2, 2021



Making Sense of the New Testament


Romans 7:4-6 and John 13:34-45

May 9, 2021

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 or click on the link below.**

► Missions Committee Meeting ◀

Wednesday, June 9

6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

► Board of Trustees Meeting ◀

Tuesday, June 15

6:30 p.m.

Education Building - Room 204

► Church Council Meeting ◀

Thursday, June 24

7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall



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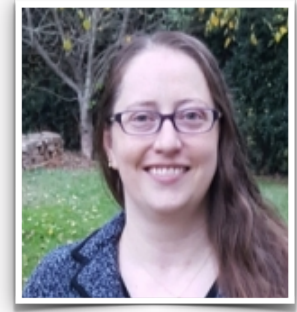
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Worship Leader



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Ministry



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