

THE EPISTLE

July 23, 2021

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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

**2830 Dorchester Place
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Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor

Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

This Sunday, I will be preaching on Mark 6:35-44 and my title will be “The Economy of Jesus.”

When you read the Gospels, you quickly notice that Jesus simply did not look at the world or life the way most people do. Like I pointed out last week, most of us would see a needy, demanding crowd of people and want to run the other way, but Jesus saw them and had compassion for them. In this week’s lesson, Jesus had a hungry crowd with a tiny portion of food, and he saw the opportunity to have a grand picnic. The disciples evaluated the situation the way most people would: there wasn’t enough. Jesus thought differently.

How many times in our lives have we misjudged a situation or missed an opportunity? God is the God of abundance, not the god of scarcity. We frequently do not see things that way.

Please pray for me as I prepare and deliver this message. I am praying for each one of you.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

Message

The Economy of Jesus

Mark 6:35-44



What Does It Mean To Be A *United Methodist*?

You are invited to join Pastor Tom for an upcoming Introduction to Methodism class. The class, which is open to everyone, will meet two times: on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock on August 1st and August 8th.

To help us adequately prepare, you are asked to email (office@sedgefieldchurch.org) or call the church office (704-523-0077) by Thursday, July 29 to let us know of your intent to attend.



2-Part Class
Introduction to Methodism
lead by Pastor Tom

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Child Care Provided
Reservation Required

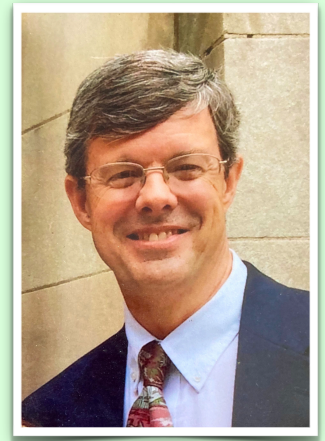
August 1 & 8



Child care will also be provided upon request. Please email (marycbridges@yahoo.com) or call Mary Jo Bridges (704-617-4056) no later than Thursday, July 29 to make a reservation for child care.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



The altar flowers on July 25 have been given in honor of Pastor Tom who will be celebrating a birthday on Sunday.



"You're new at our church,
aren't you?"

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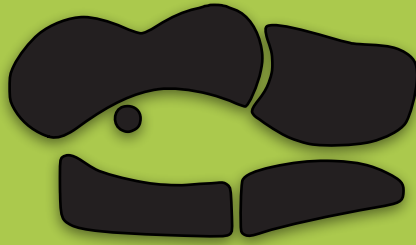




**VBS
BEGINS
MONDAY**

Vacation Bible School volunteers have worked tirelessly for weeks preparing for next week's VBS. Now we are asking for your participation. Would you set your smart phones or other reminders for 9:30 each morning of VBS? We are asking for as many people as possible to pray for the children who will be attending and for those who will be leading. Our prayer is for each child to grow in their knowledge and understand of Jesus Christ and experience His great love for us.

9:30



LOAVES & FISHES

Groceries for Neighbors in Need

The Missions Committee continues to deliver the food donations we collect to our neighborhood Loaves & Fishes food pantry. Remember collection baskets are in the lobby each Sunday. Donations can be dropped off at any time.

Our collections for 2021 have been:

February - **45** pounds

March - **171** pounds

April - **146** pounds

May - **141** pounds

June - **171** pounds

Let's finish July with lots of donations!

Talking Back to the Preacher

Have you ever had thoughts about an upcoming sermon topic that you wanted to share with the preacher?

- If so, Pastor Tom is giving you this opportunity with his *Talking Back to the Preacher* group.

What does the group do?

- Participants ponder a thought or question pertaining to the upcoming sermon.



How do I *talk back*?

- Participants in the group will receive an email each Monday which will contain various seed thoughts or pose a question for you to consider. Individuals can “talk back” by replying to the email.

Do I have to *talk back*?

- No, responding to the seed thoughts or questions is optional.

How do I participate?

- Email pastortom@sedgefieldchurch.org (or click here) and let Pastor Tom know you would like to join.



You Are Invited...

Don't miss the opportunity to share your best wishes with *Amanda Bergantino* at a going-away party on Friday, July 30th. Amanda will be leaving soon to begin her missions training.



Summer Fun Day

Mrs. Sandi, The Nature Lady, provided a program on Reptiles at our Summer Fun Day this past Wednesday. The kids enjoyed holding her frogs, lizard, a snake's skeleton, and a turtle's shell and learning lots of information about reptiles. After the program the kids and parents enjoyed ice cream. No Summer Fun Day next Wednesday, because of VBS. Our next Summer Fun Day will be Wednesday, August 4th. Party Pets will be our program.

Blessings!

Mary Jo Bridges

Children's Program Director

704-617-4056



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Links to Recent Sermons

July 11, 2021

The Call

Mark 1:16-20 and
Mark 2:13-17

July 18, 2021

Compassion for the Crowd

Mark 6:30-34

Previous sermons can be viewed at
<https://sedgefieldchurch.org/sermons/>

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sedgefieldchurch.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.



Bank Draft

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contributions
through your
bank's Online
Bill Pay.



Church

Mail your check to:

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Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday - Closed

Notary Services Available by Appointment

CALENDAR



Pull Tab Collection

The next drop off date for your recycled pull tabs is Sunday, July 25.
Tabs may be left at 2830 Sunset Drive.

► Vacation Bible School ◀

July 26 - 30
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Church Campus

► Missions Committee Meeting ◀

August 1
11:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

► Introduction to Methodism Class ◀

August 1
4:00 p.m.
Location: TBA

► Summer Fun Day ◀

Wednesday, August 4
10 a.m.
Courtyard



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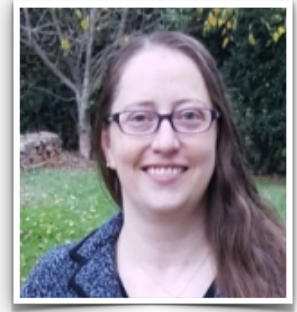
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