

# THE EPISTLE

August 13, 2021

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***Sedgefield United Methodist Church***

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Charlotte, NC 28209***

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***Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor***

## Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

Sometimes, life gets in the way of our plans. I am sure you understand. My plan, of course, was to preach and lead worship this past Sunday. However, I was called away on a family emergency out of town Friday night. I appreciate so much Ron Aldridge and his team leading worship in my place.

My family and I thank you for your prayers and support.

I look forward to being with you this Sunday.

Blessings,

Tom



**LOAVES & FISHES**

Groceries for Neighbors in Need

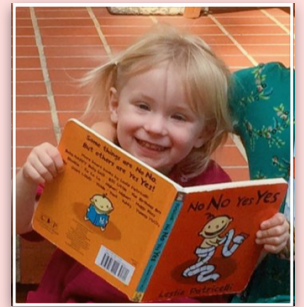
The Missions Committee recently delivered **97** pounds of food to our local food pantry which will go a long way to feed those around us who are in need of food. Loaves & Fishes served over 120,000 neighbors in 2020!

Thanks to everyone who contributed. Donation baskets are available each Sunday in the narthex.



## Children's Ministry News

- ✿ All students and school staff are encouraged to bring their backpacks/book bags on Sunday, August 22. During worship we will have a special time of blessing for the upcoming school year.
- ✿ Sedgefield Church will be offering a First Aid/CPR course on Wednesday, September 1st, at 6:30 p.m. The course will cost \$20.00 if you want certification or FREE if you just want to learn First Aid/CPR. Please text (704- 617-4056) or [email](#) me to register. We are limiting the class to 10 people.
- ✿ A volunteer is needed each week to assist me with JAM. This is needed in order to comply with our Safe Sanctuary policy which requires two adults be present in children's classes. JAM (Jesus and Me) is our children's church program for ages 4-11 and meets at 10:30 on Sunday mornings in Room 202 in the Education Building. If you are able to volunteer one hour, please [click here](#) to sign up.



Blessings!

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If 16 adults signed up to assist Mary Jo one time,  
we would have sufficient volunteers for 2021.

Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good  
of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

Galatians  
6:10 (NRSV)





## Missions Collection Projects for August



To benefit the men of Rebound we will be collecting disposable razors during the month of August.

Please place your donations in the container located on the front porch. Our goal is **150 packages** of disposable razors.



- Pencils – any kind
- Spiral 1-Subject Notebooks
- Pens – black or blue ink
- Color Pencils
- Markers
- 3 Inch Binder
- Glue Sticks
- Post it Notes (any color)
- Highlighters
- Pencil Pouches
- Loose Leaf Paper  
(college or wide rule)

Donations can be brought to the church on Sundays or dropped off Monday - Thursday between 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

## Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on Sunday, August 15 have been given in honor of *Allison Watford*.



## Recommendation

Due to the increase in COVID cases and COVID hospitalizations, the Western NC Conference has provided new guidelines. Based on these guidelines, we are *recommending*, but not requiring, that everyone in attendance on Sunday wear a mask.





# 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



July 25, 2021

### *The Economy of Jesus*

Mark 6:35-44



August 1, 2021

### *What Makes a Church a Church?*

Hebrews 10:23-25



## Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



### **Online Through**

[sedgefieldchurch.org](http://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:

Sedgefield UMC  
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### **Online Through**

[wnccumc.org](http://wnccumc.org)

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# Looking Ahead...



## ► **Church Council Meeting** ◀

Thursday, August 19

7:00 p.m.

Education Building - Room 204

## ► **Blessing of the Backpacks** ◀

Sunday, August 22

10:30 a.m.



## **Pull Tab Collection**

The next drop off date for your recycled pull tabs is Sunday, August 29

Tabs may be left at 2830 Sunset Drive.

## ► **First Aid/CPR Training** ◀

Wednesday, September 1

6:30 p.m.

Education Building - Room 204



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