

THE EPISTLE

September 3, 2021

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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

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Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

This Sunday I will be preaching on Mark 7:24-30 and my title will be “The Dog Who Talked Back to Jesus.”

Name calling is rude and offensive, so it’s surprising and disturbing when we read Jesus’s words in these verses. He compared the Gentile woman to a dog, saying that the children’s food (his attention and healing work) should not be given to dogs (Gentiles). He was clarifying that his ministry was focused on the Jewish people first. Also, “dog” was a common racial slur used by Jews to describe non-Jews (Gentiles).

This woman did not give up, but she didn’t take offense or argue with Jesus about his insult. She accepted his answer but used his analogy to come up with a logical conclusion. She wasn’t asking to be his top priority, she merely wanted the “scraps” from his “table.” Jesus rewarded her by healing her daughter.

Blessings,
Tom

This Sunday in Worship

September 5, 2021

10:30 a.m.

The Dog Who Talked Back to Jesus

Mark 7:24-30

Holy Communion





How To View Sunday Services

We invite those who cannot attend our Sunday morning service to join us online. Our service is streamed live each Sunday morning at 10:30 on Facebook and YouTube. Once on these sites, click on the image that shows “**LIVE**”.

Join Us On **facebook.**

Join Us On You**Tube**

A recording of our live service will be available on Monday via our website. Visit www.sedgefieldchurch.org/sermons.

New Benches

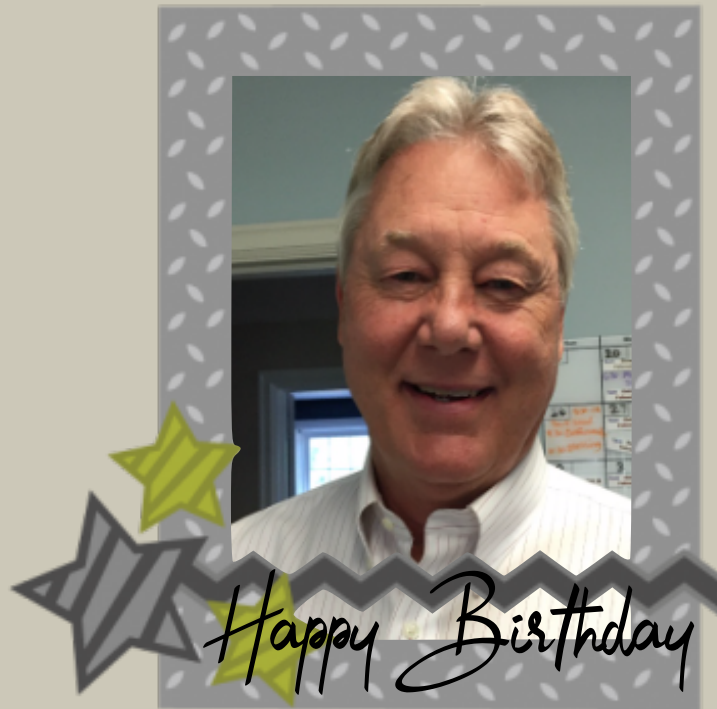
Thanks to our Board of Trustees who recently arranged for the placement of two benches on our front lawn.

We especially thank **Wayne** and **Judy Harris** who spent much of last Saturday working to ensure the benches were securely installed.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on Sunday, September 5 have been given in honor *Rob Neill* by his family. Rob will celebrate his birthday on September 7.



Resources for Parents



Keystone Montessori School Reopened This Week

The laughter and excited sounds of children once again filled our campus this week as Keystone reopened for its ninth school year.

Keystone offers educational classes for children ages 3-12.



Keystone is led by
Hawley Hoggard,
Head of School.

Teachers are: Allyson Creel,
Lara Jacobs and Teresa Hanlon.



United Methodist Communion Quiz

1. The official United Methodist name for this sacrament is:

- The Lord's Supper
- Holy Communion
- Eucharist
- All of the above names are used by United Methodists.

2. The word "Eucharist" is derived from the Greek word(s) for:

- Bread
- Meal
- Thanksgiving
- "Let's eat!"

3. The term "open communion" means everyone is invited to the communion table if they...

- Love Jesus
- Earnestly repent of their sins
- Seek peace with one another
- All of the above

4. Which drink became popular because it was suitable for alcohol-free Communion?

- Florida's Natural Grape Juice
- Tropicana Red Grape Juice
- Welch's Grape Juice
- Lucy & Ethel's Freshly-Stomped Grape Juice

5. Persons responsible for the preparation of the bread, wine and Communion ware are called:

- Communion Servers
- Communion Stewards
- Communion Ministers
- Communion Hosts

6. The act of dipping the bread into the wine during Communion is called:

- Blending
- Dunking
- Intermingle
- Intinction

7. Monthly and quarterly communion are popular in the U.S. because:

- Pastors riding the circuit could not visit every church every Sunday
- When pastors were not available, laity (who cannot give communion) led worship
- Methodists got used to the irregular schedule of communion
- All of the above

8. In the formative years of the Methodist Church, John Wesley took communion...

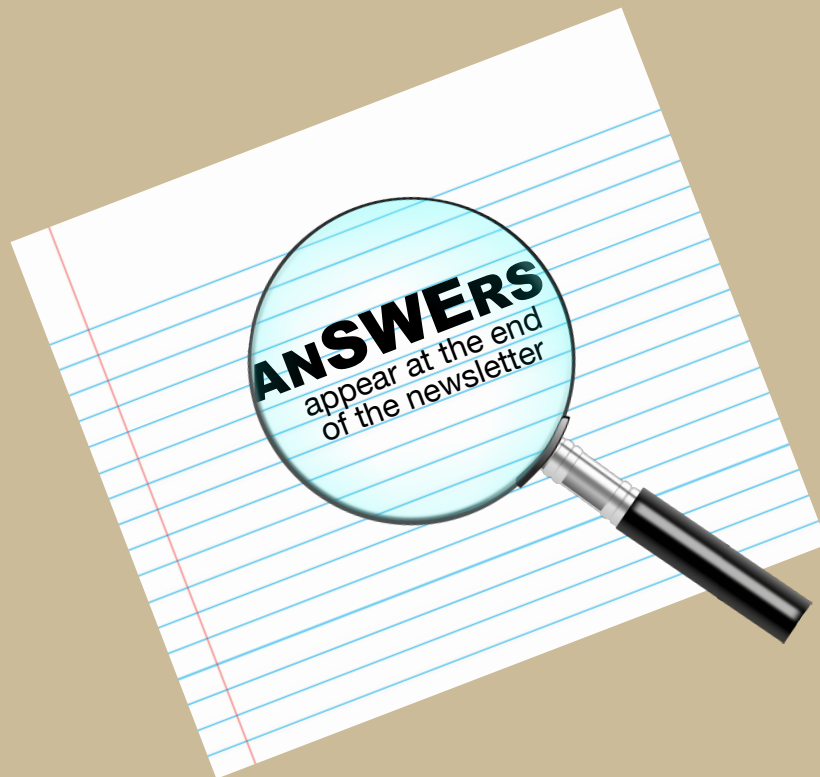
- Just on Sundays
- Four or five times a week
- Whenever Charles took communion
- Whenever the bread was fresh

9. Why were the tops of 19th century communion cups cut at an angle?

- Manufacturing of plastic cups was still decades away
- To avoid looking like shot glasses
- Glass blowers could never cut straight lines
- That's how people drank grape juice back then

10. There is a minimum age to receive communion in a United Methodist church.

- True
- False



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Recent Sermons

August 29, 2021

How to Behave in the Waiting Room

Romans 12:9-21

August 15, 2021

Fear and Faith

Matthew 14:22-33

August 1, 2021

What Makes a Church a Church?

Hebrews 10:23-25

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

Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



Online Through

sedgefieldchurch.org

Make a credit card
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contribution.



Bank Draft

Set up automatic
contributions
through your
bank's Online
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Online Through

wnccumc.org

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CALENDAR

▶ **First Aid/CPR Training** ◀

Wednesday, September 1
6:30 p.m.
Education Building - Room 204

▶ **Board of Trustee Meeting** ◀

Wednesday, September 8
6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

▶ **Missions Committee Meeting** ◀

Sunday, September 12
~11:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

▶ **Church Council Meeting** ◀

Thursday, September 16
7:00 p.m.
Education Building - Room 204



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