

# THE EPISTLE

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January 14, 2022

*Find Hope Here*

*Sedgefield United Methodist Church*  
*2830 Dorchester Place*  
*Charlotte, NC 28209*

*[www.SedgefieldChurch.org](http://www.SedgefieldChurch.org)*

*704-523-0077*

*Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor*



Wintery weather is possible for this weekend. Announcements concerning our activities on Sunday, January 16 will be posted on our website and on our FaceBook page by 7:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

Thank You

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<https://www.facebook.com/SedgefieldChurchCLT>

## Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

This Sunday, I will be preaching on John 2:1-11 and the title will be “Ordinary Miracles.”

We call something a miracle or miraculous when it seemingly defies the laws of nature. We believe that God works miracles because we believe God is able to work within and beyond these natural “rules.” It’s important to remember that God is at work all the time, not just in the show-stopping, amazing events we call miracles.

In the story from John 2, Jesus performed a miracle: he turned water into wine. Yet this wasn’t a life or death situation like raising Lazarus from the dead, and it wasn’t even healing that improved someone’s quality of life. We might call this a “minor” miracle, but it was still significant because it was an identifying event for who Jesus was and what he was able to do.

Similarly for us, we can experience what some people might consider “minor” or insignificant, but if it makes an impact on our life or someone else's life, it still matters!



*This Sunday in Worship*

January 16, 2022

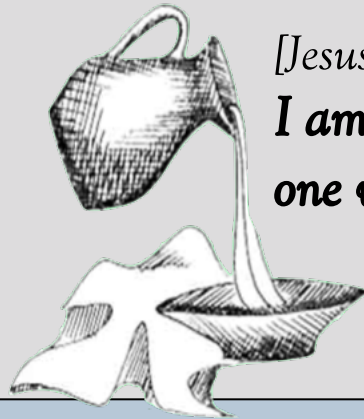
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*Ordinary Miracles*

John 2:1-11

# Installation of 2022 Administrative Council Members

## Sunday, January 16, 2022



*[Jesus said]...*

***I am among you as  
one who serves.***

Luke 22:27 (CEB)

Administrative Council Chair: ***Logan Smith***

Administrative Council Secretary: ***Debbie Wilcox***

At-Large: ***Myra Arbuckle, Carol Little, Jan Payne***

Endowment: ***Tom Little***

Faith Development: ***Mary Jo Bridges***

Finance: ***Don Rusch***

Financial Secretary: ***Chris Reep***

Lay Leader: ***Shea Clarke***

Lay Member Annual Conference: ***Frank Fields***

Missions: ***Mike Rowe***

Staff-Parish Relations: ***Frank Fields***

Trustees: ***Judy Harris***

Treasurer: ***Bud Davidson***

Worship & Fellowship: ***Joyce Bergantino & Kelli Horn***



# Thank You

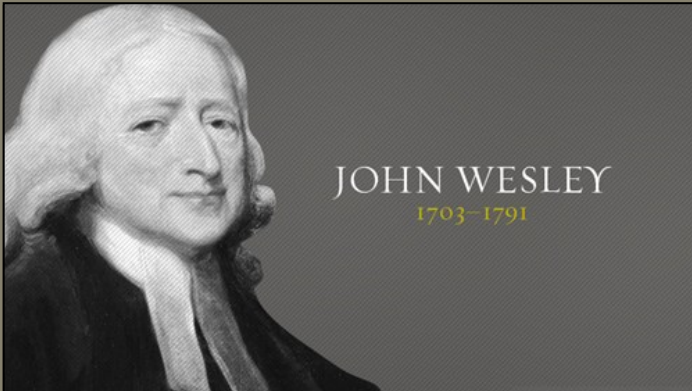
Amanda Bergantino has complete her training and will soon be serving as a missionary in Asia, focusing on ministry to women.




Sedgefield United Methodist church, 11/8/2022

Thank you so much for your generous end of year contribution. I just graduated from my 5-month training and am back in Charlotte, NC. I am so thankful for everything that I learned. The training was so practical. Please continue to pray for me - especially for my visa. ~amanda

# Wesleyan Covenant Service



 ***CLICK HERE to view  
the Wesleyan Covenant  
and the Covenant card  
used in our January 9  
renewal service.***

## ***A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition***

*I am no longer my own but yours.*

*Put me to what you will,  
rank me with whom you will.*

*Put me to doing, put me to suffering.*

*Let me be employed for you  
or laid aside for you,*

*exalted for you or brought low for you.*

*Let me be full, let me be empty.*

*Let me have all things, let me have nothing.*

*I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things  
to your pleasure and disposal.*

*And now, glorious and blessed God,*

*Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,*

*you are mine and I am yours.*

*So be it.*

*And the covenant now made on earth,*

*let it be ratified in heaven.*

*Amen.*



## Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on  
Sunday, January 16  
have been given by the  
Sedgefield Church Family  
in appreciation of our 2022

*Administrative Church Council*



## Receiving Holy Communion

On Communion Sundays, servers will be available to bring Communion to you in your home. If you would like Holy Communion brought to you, please contact the church office at 704-523-0077. Generally we observe Communion on the first Sunday of the month. Our next observance of the Lord's Supper will be February 6.



# Check Out These Mission Opportunities



*Serve Dinner at Rebound*

*January 23, 2022*

*4:30 p.m.*

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## *Room In The Inn*

*Serve Neighbors Experiencing Homelessness*

*January 23, 2022*

*Volunteers needed to serve dinner, to help with set-up, to provide food, etc.*

A yellow starburst button with a 3D effect. The text "CLICK HERE To Sign Up" is in black.

**CLICK HERE  
To Sign Up**

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## *Charlotte Rescue Mission*

*January 15, 2022 & January 22, 2022*

*9 a.m. - 1 p.m.*

A red button with a 3D effect. The text "Click Here To Learn More!" is in white.

**Click Here  
To Learn More!**

*Volunteers needed to move supplies to a new building.*

Five simple stick figures with green bodies and white heads, standing in a row and holding up a white rectangular sign. The sign contains the text "TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE".

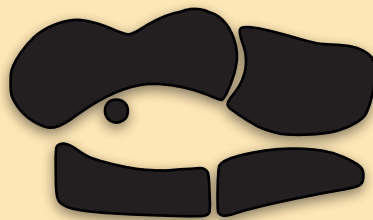
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## **SUMC Food Collections For 2021 Totals 1,146**

February - **45** pounds  
March - **171** pounds  
April - **146** pounds  
May - **141** pounds  
June - **171** pounds  
July - **97** pounds  
August - **94** pounds  
September - **94** pounds  
October - **63** pounds  
November - **53** pounds  
December - **71** pounds

The collection of non-perishable food items is an ongoing mission opportunity. Collection baskets are in the lobby each Sunday. Donations can be dropped off at any time.



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**L O A V E S & F I S H E S**

**Groceries for Neighbors in Need**

# CALENDAR



## ▶ **Missions Committee Meeting** ◀

Sunday, January 16, 2022

11:45 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

## ▶ **Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting** ◀



Tuesday, January 18, 2022

7:00 p.m.

via Zoom

## ▶ **Church Council Meeting** ◀



Thursday, January 20

7:00 p.m.

via Zoom

## ▶ **Room In The Inn** ◀

Sunday, January 23

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

3200 Park Road

## ▶ **Serve at Rebound** ◀

Sunday, January 23, 2022

4:30 p.m.

Meet In the Church Parking Lot



## **Pull Tab Collection**

The next drop off date for your recycled pull tabs is *Sunday, January 30, 2022.*

Tabs may be left at 2830 Sunset Drive.

## 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:

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### Online Through

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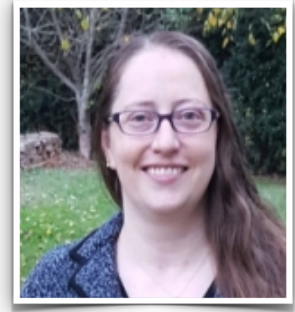
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**Mary Jo Bridges**  
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