

# THE EPISTLE

March 11, 2022



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*Sedgefield United Methodist Church*



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

*Time Change*  *Weekend*

*SPRING*

*Forward*  
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

*This Sunday in Worship*

March 13, 2022

10:30 a.m.

*The Fox and the Mother Hen*

Luke 13:31-35

## Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

This Sunday, March 13, I will be preaching on Luke 13:31-35 and my title will be “The Fox and the Mother Hen.”

We are accustomed to “either-or” divisions. It feels like there are two opposing sides to everything in our world. This is not a particularly new phenomenon. In our Scripture for this week, we can see the opposing factions between Jesus and Herod. Jesus was a political threat to Herod and the Pharisees were trying to make it a rivalry that would lead to Jesus’s demise. They didn’t like Herod, but if he could get rid of Jesus for them, they would be his biggest supporters!

Whether you follow politics closely or avoid it like the plague, you can’t deny that we are affected by the political aspect of the world. Following Jesus requires us to look at everything, including political leaders, elections, world events, through Jesus’s eyes. He didn’t take sides, but remained committed to peace, justice, and compassion.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tom

# Lent Lunches With Neighborhood Pastors

Wednesday, March 9 is the first of five opportunities during the Lenten season to join with other churches in our neighborhood for a brief time of devotion and fellowship. Those attending are invited to bring their own lunch.



**March 16, 2022**

Host: Sedgefield United Methodist Church  
2830 Dorchester Place



Speaker:

*Rev. Greg Brown, Rector  
Holy Comforter Episcopal*

Location:

**Fellowship Hall**

**March 23, 2022**

Location: Park Road Baptist

Speaker: Rev. Jeffrey Ingold, St. Luke's Lutheran

**March 30, 2022**

Location: Holy Comforter Episcopal

Speaker: Rev. Jim Ewing, Avondale Presbyterian

**April 6, 2022**

Location: Avondale Presbyterian

Speaker: *Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley*

# Lent Activity For Children



## *Prayer Concerns*



**Jim Thompson**, recently hospitalized  
537 Inwood Drive • Charlotte, NC 28209

**Mary Beth Fields**, loss of her mother, Mary Barnes, March 5, 2022  
728 Wriston Place • Charlotte, NC 28209

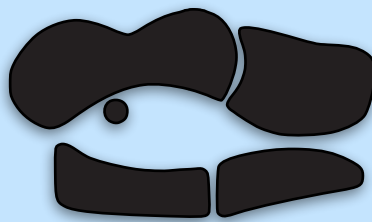
*Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4:5-7*

## Narthex Flowers

The fresh flowers that will be in the Narthex on Sunday, March 13 are given in honor of *Lynn Hager*.

*NOTE: During the season of Lent, flowers normally placed on the altar will be located in the entrance lobby.*



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## LOAVES & FISHES

Groceries for Neighbors in Need

### Our Food Collection

January & February - **73** 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.

# Sedgefield Honors Bud Davidson



40 Years of Faithful Service

## ***Room In The Inn***

The children of the church participated in Room in the Inn on Sunday, February 27. During JAM, they decorated pillow cards, breakfast bags and lunch bags for the overnight guests. Then they filled the bags with breakfast and lunch items that were donated by the children's families. A big "Thank You" to the children and their parents for their donations and to **Knox and Violet Smith** for putting the pillow cards on the guests' pillows at St. Luke's!

The children will participate in *Room in the Inn* again on March 27!



Blessings!

Mary Jo Bridges

Children's Director



**FOOD & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**MARCH 27**



**Sunday, March 27 will be our fourth and final Room In The Inn event for this winter season. Be a part of an experience you won't forget!**

**To volunteer visit:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EACAB23A64-room6>



Recent Services Can Be Viewed at  
[www.sedgefieldchurch.org/sermons/](http://www.sedgefieldchurch.org/sermons/)

February 27, 2022  
O Say Can You See When You Pray?  
Luke 9:28-36

February 20, 2022  
The World According to Jesus  
Luke 6:17-26

February 13, 2022  
Jesus Knows Best  
Luke 5:1-11

# Coming This Summer VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



July 25-29  
9:30 - 12:30

TO REGISTER GO TO:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/dcc340>

To help us in planning and preparations, both **students** and **volunteers** are asked to register as soon as possible.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Our Easter Egg Hunt and Activities will be Saturday, April 9, from 10:30 – Noon. We will begin with Easter activities/crafts for the children in the Fellowship Hall. Then we will go outside to the front lawn and courtyard for our Egg Hunt! If you would like to assist with the activities or help hide the eggs, please call/text me at 704-617-4056 or email me at [marycbridges@yahoo.com](mailto:marycbridges@yahoo.com).

Thanks!

Mary Jo Bridges





# Metro District

Western North Carolina Conference

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## NEWS

### COVID Update From Bishop

The Bishop and Cabinet continue to be extremely grateful for all the many ways that you have led faithfully through these two years of the pandemic. We thank you for being the church.

We remain committed to our biblical mandate to “love our neighbors as ourselves” and... **VISIT** <https://www.wnccumc.org/detail/bishop-and-cabinet-update-covid-19-best-practices-for-ministry-16381893>

### Ukraine Assistance

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. For information on how you can respond to the Ukrainian crisis... **VISIT** <https://wnc-reg.brapp.com/UkraineAssistanceMetroDistrictResponds>

To donate to relief efforts through the Western NC Conference... **VISIT** <http://wnc-email.brapp.com/viewinsite/3666101b32123e2cc6bb7c54c539a145?email=pastortom@sedgefieldchurch.org>

### General Conference Postponement

The Commission on the General Conference announced March 3, 2022 the further postponement of General Conference until 2024 due to pandemic and government-related obstacles. For more information... **VISIT** <https://www.umc.org/en/content/general-conference-further-postponed-to-2024>

## 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



### **Church**

Mail your check to:

Sedgefield UMC  
2830 Dorchester Pl  
Charlotte, NC 28209



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## thank you

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Thanks to all who supported our children in their Operation Christmas Child project. I am happy to share the following note of thanks from Operation Christmas Child.

Mary Jo Bridges  
Children's Director

*I hope this message finds you, your family and congregation safe and healthy!*

*It is also with a grateful heart that I send you a big **Thank You** from Operations Christmas Child!*

*Even in the midst of the global pandemic, your support enabled Operation Christmas Child to collect more than 10,500,000 shoebox gifts! In the Carolinas, because of your love and generosity, our area churches and community partners donated 926,350 shoeboxes! This is a 19% increase from 2020! Your donated shoeboxes were filled with toys, school supplies and hygiene items and were sent to children living in more than 100 nations. With every shoebox given to a child, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is shared verbally, visually and through a printed booklet each child receives with their shoebox. Many of those children are then provided the opportunity to join a 12-week discipleship program and become multipliers of the ministry of Christ!*

*Every shoebox counts! So whether you packed one shoebox or multiple shoeboxes, the love of Jesus Christ continues to be shared because of your heartfelt generosity and thoughtful prayer.*

*As part of the Church Relations Team in the Charlotte area, I want to express our appreciation for the opportunity to partner together in 2021 and to love and serve the Lord through OCC. Our team of year round volunteers also looks forward to working together again this year to share the good news of Jesus Christ with those who may not yet know HIM.*

*Please share our message of thanks and gratitude with your Project Leader and congregation in your congregational communications.*

*Thank you again -- and I pray God's goodness and blessings upon you and your congregation.*

*In Christ,  
Reneé Daniels*

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## thank you

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Thanks to all who helped with Room In The Inn on Sunday, February 27. Your help in preparing food, packing meal bags, serving meals and staying overnight was greatly appreciated. We especially thank Mary Jo and the children who assisted and participated.



Tom Little  
Missions Committee

# CALENDAR

## ▶ **Lent Lunch With Pastor Tom** ◀

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Noon

Fellowship Hall

## ▶ **Serve at Rebound** ◀

Sunday, March 20, 2022

4:30 p.m.

Meet In the Church Parking Lot

## ▶ **Church Council Meeting** ◀

Thursday, March 24, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Location: TBD

## ▶ **Room In The Inn** ◀

Sunday, March 27

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

3200 Park Road



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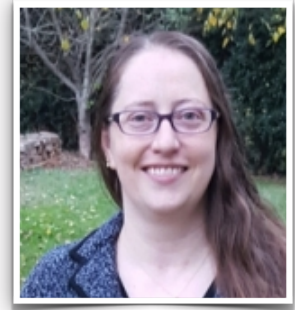
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