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Sedgefield United Methodist Church



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Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor

Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

This Sunday I will be preaching on John 12:1-8 and my title will be “Servants and Thieves.”

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were close friends with Jesus. In what would be the last few days before his arrest and crucifixion, Jesus visited with these friends.

Mary did something dramatic - she anointed Jesus’ feet with an expensive perfume, and she used her hair to clean his feet. This was, as it sounds, a remarkably humble act. It was the kind of service that would have been performed by someone of lower status in society. Supposedly Mary was of equal status to Jesus, so her doing this would have been borderline scandalous.

Within the same short scene, Judas made an objection. He saw what Mary had done and stated that the perfume should have been sold and the money given to the poor. His comment is in striking contrast to what Mary did. In parenthetical notes, John tells us that Judas was about to betray Jesus and that he was a thief, frequently stealing from the “common purse,” and that he actually didn’t care about the poor.

Here we have two different people with intimate access to Jesus, and two drastically different ways to handle that access. Both of them were trusted by Jesus. Mary used that trust to humble herself



before him and honor him. Judas used that trust to steal from him (and the other Disciples) and ultimately betray him.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

April 3, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Servants & Thieves

John 12:1-8

Holy Communion



Lent Lunches With Neighborhood Pastors

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 will conclude the Lent lunches for the season. Join in this informal time for a chance to be together with friends from our ecumenical neighborhood. Pastor Tom will be leading the devotion time.



April 6, 2022

Host: Avondale Presbyterian
2821 Park Road



Speaker:
Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley

Location:
Fellowship Hall

Prayers and Music for Ukraine

On Sunday, March 27, 2022 Holy Comforter Church hosted a special community service of prayer and music offered in support of the millions of refugees fleeing Ukraine and other unsafe places around the world. The service concluded with those in attendance lighting a candle.



God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

*We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.*

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen.

*Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell*

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.

Thanks!

Mary Jo Bridges



Narthex Flowers

The flowers that will be in the Narthex on Sunday, April 3 are given in celebration of the 64th anniversary of *Betty & Bud Davidson.*

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

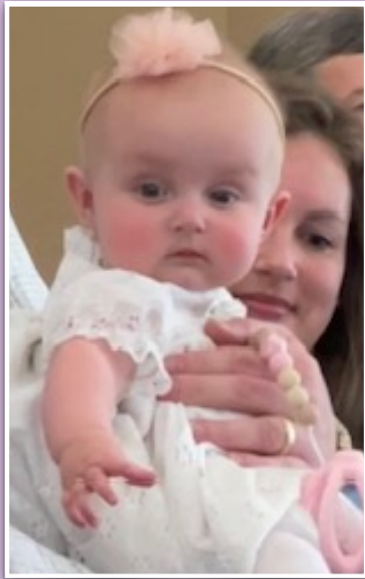


A Note From St. Andrew's UMC

On Palm Sunday, April 10th at 7:30 PM St. Andrew's UMC will be showing the movie *The Most Reluctant Convert*, the story of C.S. Lewis's life up to his conversion to Christianity. Children and adults would be interested in the movie. C.S. Lewis is considered to be one of the most influential writers on Christian faith in the twentieth century and is the author of more than 70 titles including Mere Christianity and The Chronicles of Narnia. A one night showing, of this movie, on selected big screens nationwide was a sellout prior to Christmas 2021.

Tickets and information are available through FCN: 800-873-0880 or info@faithcontentnetwork.com. Prices for the tickets are \$7.11 for adults and \$5.09 for children below 12 years of age.

Welcome



We welcome new members **Jamie & Grant Newhouse**.
Their daughter, **Georgia Rose Newhouse**, was baptized March 27, 2022.



Recent Services Can Be Viewed at
www.sedgefieldchurch.org/sermons/

The journey to the cross

March 27, 2022

The Ministry of Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

March 20, 2022

God's Grocery Store

Isaiah 55:1-9

March 13, 2022

The Fox and the Mother Hen

Isaiah 55:1-9

CHURCH-WIDE AND NEIGHBORHOOD COOKOUT

SEDFIELD CHURCH FRONT LAWN

JOIN US
April 30th

11:30-1pm

for hotdogs & hamburgers
FREE OF CHARGE



EVERYONE IS INVITED!

RSVP appreciated to
office@sedgefieldchurch.org

walk ups welcome

We are collecting disposable men's razors for REBOUND



CHARLOTTE RESCUE MISSION
REBOUND • DOVE'S NEST • COMMUNITY MATTERS CAFE

Mark your calendars for a church-wide cookout to be held April 30, 2022. We will be inviting our neighborhood so we hope you will be present. In the days ahead a sign-up will be posted for meal items and a link will be provided for donations.

Coming This Summer VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



July 25-29

9:30 - 12:30

[CLICK HERE](https://vbspro.events/p/events/dcc340) to Register

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

Lost & Found

If you are missing a pair of glasses, please contact the church office.



Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



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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
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Church

Mail your check to:

Sedgefield
UMC
2830
Dorchester Pl
Charlotte, NC



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CALENDAR

▶ **Lent Lunch With Pastor Tom** ◀

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Noon

Avondale Presbyterian

2821 Park Road

▶ **Board of Trustees Meeting** ◀

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

▶ **Egg Hunt & Children's Easter Activities** ◀

Saturday, April 9, 2022

10:30 a.m. - Noon

Fellowship Hall & Courtyard

▶ **Drop-In Good Friday Observance** ◀

April 15, 2022

Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

▶ **Serve at Rebound** ◀

Sunday, April 17, 2022

4:30 p.m.

Meet In the Church Parking Lot



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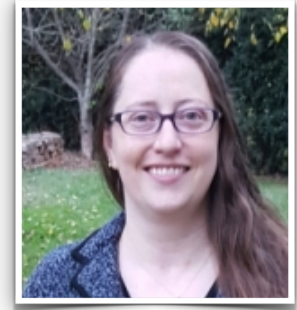
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