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

**THE EPISTLE**

**May 27, 2022**

## Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

On Sunday I will be preaching on Acts 16:16-24 and my title will be “Bad For Business.”

Sometimes it seems like everything in our society is done to make money. Not much has changed since Biblical times. In this week’s Scripture lesson from Acts, a slave girl was being used by her owners to make a profit. She had the ability to see things that not everyone could see, but Paul recognized that it was an evil spirit giving her that ability. When he healed her, she was of no use to her owners and they were mad at Paul for messing up their little scheme.

In our times, we have to be aware of our own motives and the motives of those around us. We, too, deal with evil spirits even if we don’t use that terminology. It’s always important to ask ourselves, “Why am I doing what I am doing?” And also ask, “Am I hurting others or myself?”

Blessings,  
Pastor Tom

### *This Sunday in Worship*

May 29, 2022

10:30 a.m.

*Bad for Business*

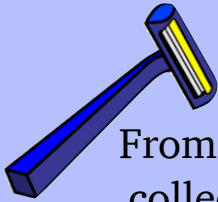
**Acts 16:16-24**

## Receiving Holy Communion

On Communion Sundays, servers are available to bring Communion to your home. We encourage you to contact the church office at 704-523-0077 if you, or someone you know, would like Holy Communion brought to the home. Generally we observe Communion on the first Sunday of the month.



**Our next observance of the Lord's Supper will be June 5.**



### Disposable Razor Drive

From now through Father's Day (June 19) we are collecting disposable razors for Charlotte Rescue Mission. Packaged razors can be left in the basket in the narthex.



In celebration of her birthday, the altar flowers on Sunday, May 29 have been given in honor of **Joyce Bergantino** by her family.



## This Is My Song

# MEMORIAL DAY



This is my song,  
O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.  
But other lands have sunlight too and clover,  
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
Oh, hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

May truth and freedom come to every nation;  
may peace abound where strife has raged so long;  
that each may seek to love and build together,  
a world united, righting every wrong  
proclaiming peace together in one song.

Lloyd Stone  
Georgia Elma Harkness

*Lloyd Stone (1912 – 1993) was born in California and attended the University of Southern California as a music major, with the intent of becoming a teacher. Instead, he joined a circus bound for Hawaii and remained there for the rest of his life, writing poems and songs. This is his best known work; stanzas 1 and 2 were written in 1934 when Lloyd was 22 years old. Often combined with several additional verses by Georgia Harkness, the poem is typically sung to the tune Finlandia, composed by Jean Sibelius.*


**To Listen Visit:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CuvFMwrENO>

*Georgia Elma Harkness (1891- 1974) was a Methodist theologian with a passion for poetry and the arts, and a dream of global, ecumenical Christianity. Born in Harkness, New York (the town was named after her grandfather), Georgia was a graduate of Cornell and also studied at Yale and Harvard. A trailblazer for generations of women to follow, Georgia was the first female theologian to teach in a seminary. She wrote nearly forty books in the course of her career.*

**For Additional Information Visit:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BBOfkzmb6A>.

# Pictures From Graduation Sunday

# 2022



Pentecost is a Greek word meaning "the fiftieth day." The feast of Pentecost was celebrated 50 days after the Jewish Passover. (When counting, omit the Sabbaths.) The Jewish feast of Pentecost was the festival giving thanks for the first fruits of the corn harvest. Acts 2:1 notes that on the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. This event was called Pentecost by the early Christian Church. And it is observed today as the birth of the Church.



*“What Is Pentecost” The Upper Room*

**Sunday June 5**

**Wear Red**

*Sedgefield will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, June 5. You are invited to wear red.*

# REGISTER NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JULY 25-29  
9:30 - 12:30

**PARTICIPANTS and VOLUNTEERS**  
are asked to register as soon as possible.

**TO REGISTER VISIT:**

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

**SEDGEFIELD ONLINE**

**Full Service Replay**

**VISIT: [WWW.SEDGEFIELDCHURCH.ORG/SERMONS](http://WWW.SEDGEFIELDCHURCH.ORG/SERMONS)**



# Metro District

Western North Carolina Conference

**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On Monday, May 23, some strong storms swept through our area. I pray that everyone weathered the storm well. I have been in conversation with Brian Mateer, our Associate Director of Missional Engagement. He is aware of the storms, and ready to activate our Disaster Response teams if needed. If you become aware of any specific needs, please forward those to the district office so that we may respond accordingly.

Blessings,

*Dan*

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## 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  
2830 Dorchester Pl  
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# CALENDAR

## ▶ **Board of Trustees Meeting** ◀

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall



## ▶ **Church Council Meeting** ◀

Thursday, June 9, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

## ▶ **Church-Wide & Neighborhood Cookout** ◀

Saturday, June 25, 2022

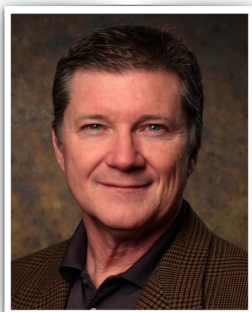
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Front Lawn





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