

THE EPISTLE

September 2, 2022

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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 Luke 14:1, 7-14 and my title will be “What’s in It For Me?”

From an early age, we learn about bartering and negotiating with other people: you give me something and I will give you something in return. Over and over throughout our lives, we “wheel and deal,” trying to get the most while giving up the least. Jesus was controversial because he taught a completely different way of living. He clearly knew the rules and expectations of society, but he chose to live differently and he taught others to question their own values and priorities.

Jesus said not to invite people who could repay you, but rather to invite those who could NOT repay you. He was trying to get people to move beyond this barter system thinking, beyond “what's in it for ME.”

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday

In Worship

September 4, 2022
10:30 a.m.
What's In It For Me?
Luke 14:1,7-14

Sunday School begins at 9:30
in the Education Building.

Holy Communion
Food Drive for Loaves & Fishes

Altar

Flowers

As a part of the Labor Day holiday the altar flowers for Sunday, September 4 have been given to the glory of God and in honor of all volunteers who will be a part of our upcoming **Habitat** build day on September 23.



Labor

Day

The church office will be closed
Monday, September 5, 2022.

Upcoming

Events

► **Missions Committee Meeting**
Sunday, September 11, 2022
11:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

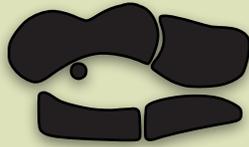
► **Serve At Rebound**
Sunday, September 18, 2022
4:30 p.m.
907 W. 1st Street

► **Administrative Council Meeting**
Wednesday, September 21, 2022
7:00 p.m.
via Zoom 

Future

Sermons

Sept. 11 - *Jesus Flunks Public Relations*
Sept. 18 - *Cheat to Eat*
Sept. 25 - *A Pattern of Neglect*



LOAVES & FISHES

Groceries for Neighbors in Need

On Communion Sundays we have a tradition of collecting food for our neighborhood Loaves & Fishes pantry. Items most needed are: canned meat, canned fruit, peanut butter, boxed or canned pasta, and canned vegetables.

You will be invited to bring your food donations forward as you receive Communion this Sunday.

Our Food Collection for 2022

January & February - **73** pounds

March - **48** pounds

April - **51** pounds

May & June - **115** pounds

July & August - **152** pounds

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

Sedgefield Middle School Partnership



Our church has donated eight backpacks filled with school supplies to Sedgefield Middle School. We will continue to collect new backpacks through Sunday, September 4. There will be a basket in the narthex where backpacks can be left.

Another way to support Sedgefield Middle School is to link your Harris Teeter VIC cards. See details elsewhere in this newsletter on how to link your VIC card.

Thanks for your help!



Mary Jo Bridges
Children's Program Director

The Book Nook

It's the end of an era. After many years of selling books to benefit the Barbara Carter Scholarship fund, the Book Nook has closed. Thanks to Clara Hedberg for all of her years of work.

Tom Little





Habitat Build Day Coming Soon

Our day to be the host church for the 2022 Habitat Build is Friday, September 23. Please contact Jean Fostvedt for information on how you can be a part of this mission opportunity.



Earn money for your local school when you use your VIC card.

One way to help further our partnership with Sedgefield Middle School is for Harris Teeter shoppers to link their VIC cards to the school. Even if you have linked your card in the past, you must relink to a school each year. You can link your account to *four* different schools.



Click Here →

LINK YOUR VIC CARD

<https://tie.harristeeter.com/together-in-education>

LINKING STEPS:

- 1) Enter email associated with your VIC account
- 2) Enter the one-time passcode sent to your email
- 3) Search for your school and click "add" to link

Support Sedgefield Middle School

R E M E M B E R to link or relink your VIC card...

Sedgefield Middle School Code is 2106

Job Posting

Sedgefield United Methodist Church is seeking candidates for the position of Office Manager. This person reports to the Pastor and interacts with the congregation and community to build connections and facilitate participation. Responsibilities include weekly production of worship communication, secretarial and general office organization, and administration of software programs related to church programs and finance. Minimum qualifications include:

- Knowledge of and appreciation of the Christian faith and local church administration
- High School Graduate; two years of college or business school desirable
- Excellent composition and verbal skills, grammar, spelling and clarity of presentation
- Computer skills and a willingness to learn about office software and equipment
- Courteous and diplomatic
- Minimum of five years secretarial or administrative experience
- Excellent organization skills

Work schedule is typically 20 hours per week, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Days and hours may be amended to four (4) days per week as determined in conjunction with the Pastor. Starting salary is \$20,000.00 per year with a review after an initial 90 day probationary period. Interested parties should provide a cover letter and resume to:

Attn: SPRC Committee
Sedgefield UMC
2830 Dorchester Place
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or
office@sedgefieldchurch.org

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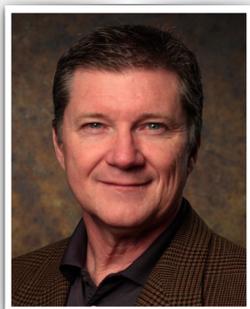
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