

# THE EPISTLE

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October 27, 2023

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*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*

## Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,  
This Sunday, Rev. Jim Brookshire will be preaching on Luke 17:11-19 and his title will be “More Than A Feeling.”

Jim was the Pastor at Sedgefield Church from 2016-2021. It is wonderful to have him come back and preach for the celebration of our church’s 75th anniversary. I hope you can be here for worship, and/or come later in the day (5:30) for the pot-luck dinner.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tom

## This Sunday In Worship

October 27, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Rev. Jim Brookshire Preaching

Luke 17:11-19

More Than A Feeling

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.  
in the Education Building Room 203

### Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for Sunday, October 29, 2023 are in honor of the Church's 75th Anniversary and Pastor Jim Brookshire who married Johnny and Kelli Horn two years ago.

### Future Sermons

*Nov 5 - Leaders: Born AND Made*

*Nov 12 - Prep Time*

*Nov19 - What God Wants*

- **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**  
Sunday November 26, 2023  
6:15 a.m.  
907 W. 1st Street

## Upcoming Events

- **SUMC 75th Anniversary**  
Sunday, October 29, 2023  
10:30 a.m. Service Sanctuary  
Guest Preacher Rev. Jim Brookshire  
5:30 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner  
Fellowship Hall Everyone Welcome
- **Youth Meeting**  
Sunday, October 29, 2023  
12:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
St. Andrews UMC  
1901 Archdale Drive
- **Bible Study - Revelation**  
Tuesday, October 31, 2023  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall
- **Trustees Meeting**  
Wednesday, November 1, 2023  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Room 204 - Education Building
- **Missions Meeting**  
Sunday, November 19, 2023  
11:45 a.m. - 12:45p.m.  
Fellowship Hall
- **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**  
Sunday November 19, 2023  
4:45 p.m.  
907 W. 1st Street



# FALL FESTIVAL PICTURES

Thanks to everyone who made our Fall Festival such a wonderful day full of fun and fellowship.





# Operation Christmas Child Project



**Our Operation Christmas Child Mission Project has begun. Boxes are available in the narthex to pick up. Please look inside the box for a pamphlet for directions on “How to Pack a Shoebox!”**

**You may return your filled shoebox gift anytime on or before Sunday, November 19, 2023.**

**Pastor Tom will bless our OCC Shoeboxes on Sunday, November 19, 2023. If you have any questions, please call or email me.**


**Blessings!**

**Mary Jo Bridges**

**Children's Program Director**

**704-617-4056**

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Sedgefield UMC  
Celebrates  
75 Years  
1948 - 2023

Sedgefield United Methodist Church  
Worship Service and Celebration  
Sunday October 29, 2023

10:30 a.m. Church Service  
Guest Preacher - Rev. Jim Brookshire

5:30 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner  
Fellowship Hall - Everyone Welcome





## Habitat for Humanity Build 2023/2024

### **Volunteers Needed on Saturday, November 4, 2023**

**Volunteers needed for Installing Drywall in 7024 & 7035 Estelle Smith Court located in The Meadows at Plato Price on Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 8am-4pm. If you are able to help that day, please register using the information in the box below box or just come to the site.**

**Thank you for participating.**

#### **Registration Instructions**

1. Visit the group search page: [habitatcltvolunteers.force.com/apex/VolunteerGroupSearch](https://habitatcltvolunteers.force.com/apex/VolunteerGroupSearch)
2. Search group number: **1686**
3. Select: Charlotte Church Partners Volunteer Team
4. Search for shifts; *simply press 'search' button (no need to enter dates or location)\**
5. Check desired shift(s) and click select
6. Log in to an existing account or create a new one
  - a. New user/volunteer: click "new User" to create a new account
  - b. Existing user/returning volunteer: Your email address is your volunteer account username. If you've forgotten your password, you can request a new one by clicking "Forgot Your Password?"

**Sedgefield Church is again working with the Charlotte Church Partners this year to complete two of the 39 homes being built at The Meadows at Plato Price. This neighborhood development is part of the Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter Work Project and hundreds of volunteers from around the world are expected to start work in October.**

**For more information visit the website: [Carter Work Project](#)**

**Local volunteers will start working in November until completion of the project anticipated for March 2024.**

**[Sedgefield Church is hosting a workday at the site on December 2, 2023 providing lunch and volunteers.](#)**

**We would love to have you join us, no skills required.**

# All Saints Sunday



During our worship service on Sunday, November 5, 2023 we will pause to remember those from our church family who have passed away since last All Saints Day (November 6, 2022). If you have lost a friend or family member this year and would like to have their name included in this special service of remembrance, please email Pastor Tom at [PastorTom@sedgefieldchurch.org](mailto:PastorTom@sedgefieldchurch.org) by Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

Thank You





**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.

**This week we delivered 51 pounds of food to Loaves & Fishes.**

*You are invited to bring your food donations forward as you receive Communion on Sunday, November 5, 2023.*  
***More donations are needed this time of year.***



## **Our Food Collection for 2023**

January - 73 pounds  
February - 129 pounds  
March - 86 pounds  
April - 76 pounds  
May - 100 pounds  
June - 69 pounds  
July - 79 pounds  
August - 105 pounds  
September - 63 pounds  
October - 51 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.

# Save Your Tabs



Ronald  
McDonald  
House  
Charlotte

**On Monday, October 23,, 2023 we  
delivered 6.15 pounds of tabs to the  
Ronald McDonald House.**

**Thank you.**

**Each four pounds of pop tops covers the cost of  
a family's food and lodging for one day at the  
Ronald McDonald House.**

**Tabs can be left at  
*2830 Sunset Drive, Charlotte, NC.***



# Altar Flowers



**You can now sign-up for Altar Flowers**

**Use the SignUp Genius Link below to:**

- pick an available date
- write a message to let us know who/what you want to memorialize, honor or celebrate on a special day

## **Sign up Genius Link**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA5AB2AAB9-sedgefield>**

**The Altar Flower donation remains the same at \$40 which can be paid online via the Church Website [sedgefieldchurch.org](https://www.sedgefieldchurch.org) or by sending a check to the Church Office. Please note “for flowers” on your check.**

## 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 or email the church office at [office@sedgefieldchurch.org](mailto:office@sedgefieldchurch.org) 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 is Sunday, November 5, 2023**





## **Boxed Meals for Rebound**

**There is an opportunity to put together a boxed Thanksgiving meal and deliver to Rebound.**

**If you are interested in providing a boxed meal, you can pick up a flyer with all the details and instructions in the narthex beginning this Sunday, October 22, 2023.**

**You can also call the church office at 704-523-0077 or email the church at [office@sedgefieldchurch.org](mailto:office@sedgefieldchurch.org) to request a copy of the instructions be sent to you.**

# Invitation From Woodlawn Community Fellowship



**Woodlawn Community Fellowship UMC is sponsoring free dinners each Thursday night during the months of October and November.**

**October Dates are: 5, 12, 19, 26**

**November Dates are: 2, 9, 16, 30**

**The meals are free and will be served from  
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**Our dinners are catered by Gayle Smith, Founder and  
Executive Director of Dahlia Grove, Inc.**

**We hope you will join us for fellowship and conversation.**

**Woodlawn Community Fellowship UMC  
737 East Woodlawn, Charlotte 28209  
Telephone: 704-523-5052**

## 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



### **Online Through**

[wnccumc.org](http://wnccumc.org)

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