

# THE EPISTLE

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November 10 , 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, I will be preaching on Matthew 25:1-13 and my title will be "Prep Time."

Practically everything we do requires some preparation. And often the preparation makes a big difference in the results.

Jesus frequently spoke about being prepared. He wanted his followers to understand how important it is to have a strong, vibrant relationship with God at all times. That's how we get prepared and stay prepared for whatever life throws at us. The parable of the foolish bridesmaids teaches the consequences of not being prepared. That's what we'll discuss on Sunday.

Blessing,  
Pastor Tom

## This Sunday In Worship

November 12, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Prep Time

Guest Speaker

Jayne Barto, Room in the Inn

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.

Education Building Room 203

### Future Sermons

*Nov 19 - What God Wants*

*Nov 26 - Jesus in Need*

*Dec 3 - It's God's Fault*

### ► Thanksgiving Breakfast at SUMC

Thursday, November 23, 2023

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

### ► Serve At Rebound-Breakfast

Sunday, November 26, 2023

6:15 a.m.

907 W. 1st Street

## Upcoming Events

### ► Youth Meeting

Sunday, November 12, 2023

12:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

St. Andrews UMC

1901 Archdale Drive

### ► Bible Study - Revelation

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

11:00 a.m. - 12Noon

Fellowship Hall

### ► Admin Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

### ► Chamber Music for All Concert

Sunday, November 19, 2023

3:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

### ► Serve At Rebound-Dinner

Sunday, November 19, 2023

4:45 p.m.

907 W. 1st Street

### ► Missions Meeting

Monday, November 20, 2023

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Via Zoom



# Christmas Poinsettias

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



**Order forms to purchase Poinsettias are in the Church Lobby. The cost per Poinsettia is \$12.**

Please place your completed Order Form with payment in the Black Box in the Church Lobby **by Sunday, December 3rd** or you can pay Online at **[sedgewfieldchurch.org](http://sedgewfieldchurch.org)**. Please note for "Flower Fund" on your Check or Online.

**Note: An Order Form must be completed to acknowledge the honoree.**

**If you want to purchase a Poinsettia but cannot attend Church**, please email the Church Office at [office@sedgewfieldchurch.org](mailto:office@sedgewfieldchurch.org) and provide all the information listed below so we can acknowledge the honoree(s), or call the Church Office at 704-523-0077 by Monday, December 4th.

**Your Name**

**Your Telephone Number**

**Number of Plants Ordered**

**Given in Honor of**

**and/or**

**Given in Memory of**

The cost per Poinsettia is \$12. Payment can be made by mailing a check payable to Sedgewfield UMC, 2830 Dorchester Place, Charlotte, NC 28209 or PayOnline.

Please note for "Flower Fund" on Check or Online.



# 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**

**[marycbridges@yahoo.com](mailto:marycbridges@yahoo.com)**



**THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST**  
**Thursday, November 23, 2023**  
**Drop by from 8:00am - 9:30am**

**For over 50 years the men of Sedgefield Church have served breakfast to our families, guests and friends on Thanksgiving morning.**

**The tradition continues.**

**It is a time to visit with old friends and new alike over a delicious breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, grits, Betty's biscuits, juice, milk and "bottomless" cups of coffee!**

**THE BREAKFAST IS FREE.**

**Donations are accepted.**

**If you would like to help with this event,  
text Tom Little at 704-699-8697.**



Chamber Music for All

# String Quintets

**Calin Lupanu and Monica Boboc (violins)  
with Marcus Pyle (viola, Davidson College)  
and Charlotte Symphony musicians,  
Benjamin Geller (viola) and Marlene Ballena  
(cello)**

**Mozart- Quintet K515 in C Major  
Brahms- Quintet in G Major op. 111**

Sunday, November 19th @ 3pm

Sedgefield United Methodist

2830 Dorchester Pl. Charlotte, NC 28209

Tickets \$20, Seniors \$10,

children and students under 18 free admission

for more information or to purchase tickets, please visit  
[chambermusicforall.com](http://chambermusicforall.com)



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### Calin Lupanu

- Concertmaster of the Charlotte Symphony since 2003, Concertmaster of the Colorado Music Festival (2003-2021) founding member of the Lipatti String Quartet from 1990-2000, Prizewinners at the London International String Quarter Competition, the Dmitri Shostakovich Competition, the Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition.
- As a member of the Lipatti Quartet, performed at the Opera Comique in Paris, France for the Dmitri Shostakovich Foundation in the celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the composer's Birth.
- Lipatti Quartet toured in the USA, Germany, Great Britain, France, and Romania.
- Collaborated with the Fine Arts Quartet, Lynn Harrell, Olga Kern, Andrés Cárdenes, Orion Wiess

### Monica Boboc

- Member/Violinist with Charlotte Symphony since 2004, member of the Colorado Music Festival (1998-2022)
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### Marcus Pyle

- Dr. Marcus R. Pyle is a violist and musicologist.
- He is currently the inaugural Franco Professor of the Humanities and Assistant Professor of Musicology at Davidson College.
- He is also the Artistic Director of the Davidson Concert Series, presented by WDAV and President of the American Musicological Society, Southeast.
- Prior to Davidson College he held positions at Tufts University and MIT.



### Benjamin Geller

- Principal Viola of the Charlotte Symphony since 2014
- studied with Michael Strauss and Larry Shapiro
- teaches and performs at the Estern Music Festival
- performed at the Spoleto Festival USA, Aspen Music Festival, Bowdoin International Music Festival, Brevard Music Center
- served as Principal of the Auckland Chamber Orchestra
- plays on a viola made by Theodore Skreko in 2007

### Marlene Ballena

- Peruvian cellist Marlene Ballena began playing the cello at age seven in her hometown of Lima.
- She served as a member of the Peruvian National Symphony and as principal cellist of the Piura Symphony Orchestra.
- In 2003 she was awarded a performance scholarship at the University of Louisville where she earned her Bachelors degree.
- Later on, she continued her studies at the Cleveland Institute of Music with Stephen Geber.





## **Habitat for Humanity Build 2023/2024**

**Sedgefield Church is hosting a workday at the site,  
The Meadows at Plato Price, on December 2, 2023  
providing lunch and volunteers.**

**We would love to have you join us, no skills required.  
You can register at the  
[Carter Work Project](#) website or just show up.**

**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.**

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

# 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.**



# Invitation From Woodlawn Community Fellowship



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

**Remaining Dates are: November 16th and 30th.**

**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  
contributions  
through your  
bank's Online  
Bill Pay.



### **Church**

Mail your check to:

Sedgefield UMC  
2830 Dorchester Pl  
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### **Online Through**

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

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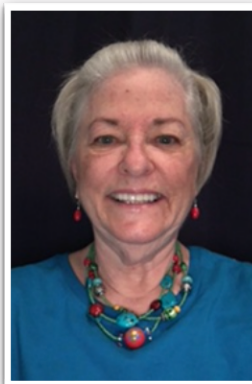
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