

THE EPISTLE

November 17, 2023

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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

*2830 Dorchester Place
Charlotte, NC 28209*

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 25:14-30 and my title will be "What God Wants."

Communication is so important in relationships. It has often been said that in friendships, in marriage, and in work relationships, we have to communicate clearly what we want from other people.

Healthy relationships include honest, straightforward communication. That's easy to say but not always easy to do.

Jesus told a story about a master and three servants. The master trusted these servants with certain responsibilities. One of them clearly did not have a healthy relationship with the master. He was scared of him and it affected how he carried out his responsibilities. On Sunday, we will talk about how God is like (and unlike) the master in the story. We will talk about what God wants from us.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday In Worship

November 19, 2023

10:30 a.m.

What God Wants

Guest Speaker

Crista Ray

Church Partners Liaison

Habitat for Humanity

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.

Education Building Room 203

Future Sermons

Nov 26 - Jesus in Need

Dec 3 - It's God's Fault

Dec 10 - Unworthy

► Serve At Rebound-Breakfast

Sunday, November 26, 2023

6:15 a.m.

907 W. 1st Street

► Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

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

Via Zoom

Upcoming Events

► Youth Meeting

Sunday, November 19, 2023

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

St. Andrews UMC

1901 Archdale Drive

► Bible Study will not meet on Tuesday, November 21, 2023.

Will return on Tuesday,
November 28th at 11:00am in
Fellowship Hall

► 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

► Thanksgiving Breakfast at SUMC

Thursday, November 23, 2023

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

Fellowship Hall

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

All shoeboxes are due this Sunday, November 19th, by 10:30 a.m. Pastor Tom will bless our shoeboxes during worship. Please remember do not include any money or checks inside your boxes, but to mail it in the envelope that was included in your shoebox.

Thank you for participating in this worthy Mission Project.

Blessings!

Mary Jo Bridges

Children's Program Director

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 **sedgefieldchurch.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@sedgefieldchurch.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 Sedgefield UMC, 2830 Dorchester Place, Charlotte, NC 28209 or PayOnline.

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



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



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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.





'Tis the season

**Come join in the fun and help decorate the
church for the Christmas season immediately
following the worship service on
Sunday, November 26, 2023.**

Everyone is welcome.

Hope to see you then.

**Joyce Bergantino
808-280-0836**



Operation Christmas Child

The children and youth enjoyed packing 22 shoeboxes last Sunday, November 12th, during JAM. They filled the boxes with school supplies, toys, shorts and shirts, water shoes, and hygiene products. They made Christmas cards to include in their boxes, too. Thanks to the Susanna Wesley Circle for their donations and to the Mission Committee for paying the shipping cost.

Blessings!

Mary Jo Bridges

Children's Program Director





LOAVES & FISHES

Groceries for Neighbors in Need

This week we delivered 150 pounds of food to Loaves & Fishes. A special thanks to Susanna Wesley Circle for also collecting food this month.



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 150 - 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.



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.



Sedgefield Church will once again be hosting four Sunday nights at Room In the Inn. Our hosting dates are listed below.

We will be using the facilities at Avondale Presbyterian Church to provide food and shelter.

Location:

**Avondale Presbyterian Church
2821 Park Road
Charlotte, NC 28209**

Hosting Dates:

**Sunday, December 10th
Sunday, January 14th
Sunday, February 11th
Sunday, March 10th**

**We need your help to volunteer or to fill a need.
Please look for a Sign-Up Link in next week's Newsletter.
Thank you.**

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

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
Charlotte, NC 28209



Online Through

wnccumc.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.



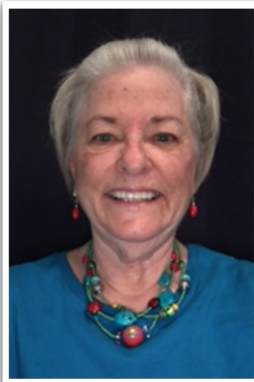
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