

THE EPISTLE

November 3, 2023

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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

*2830 Dorchester Place
Charlotte, NC 28209*

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Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor

Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

This Sunday, I will be preaching on Joshua 3:7-17 and my title will be “Leaders: Born AND Made.”

As we have celebrated this church’s 75th anniversary and as we have contemplated the history of this congregation, it is apparent how important the church leaders have been over the years. On Sunday, we will honor those persons who have been saints to us. We will call out the names of those who have died this past year and we will recall others who have molded and shaped us in our Christian journey.

In the Bible, we read about leaders. Some were born for greatness - there were signs from the beginning of their lives that they would be special. Others grew into the leadership role and still others were a combination of both. That’s what happens in the stories of our lives. We become leaders in many different ways. In this week’s sermon, we will talk about how this happens and God’s role in leadership development.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday In Worship

November 3, 2023
10:30 a.m.
Leaders: Born AND Made

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

Holy Communion this Sunday,
November 5, 2023 and
Food Drive for Loaves and Fishes

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for Sunday,
November 5, 2023 are in honor
of Parker Watford's 9th Birthday
given by her family.

Future Sermons

Nov 12 - Prep Time
Nov 19 - What God Wants
Nov 26 - Jesus in Need

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Youth Meeting**
Sunday, November 5, 2023
12:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
St. Andrews UMC
1901 Archdale Drive
- ▶ **Bible Study Not Meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.**
Will return on Tuesday,
November 14th at 11:00am in
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**
Thursday, November 16, 2023
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Via Zoom
- ▶ **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
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**
Sunday November 26, 2023
6:15 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street

Time Change This Weekend



Don't forget to
turn your clocks
back one hour on
Saturday night.

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).*

To view the Obituary and Funeral Arrangements for
Frank Fields' father, Wilbert O. "Ossie" Fields, who
passed on Saturday morning, October 28, 2023
please click on the website below.

parrishfh.com

Sedgefield UMC Celebrates 75 Years

Worship Service Pictures



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Pot Luck Dinner Pictures



Christmas Poinsettias

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Order forms to purchase poinsettias will be available in the Church Lobby beginning this Sunday, November 5th.
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.

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



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
- 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.



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 this 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.

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.

More Pictures from our Fall Festival



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

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.



Bank Draft

Set up automatic
contributions
through your
bank's Online
Bill Pay.



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Mail your check to:

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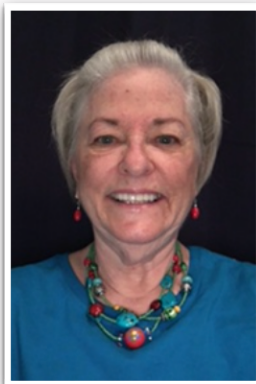
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