

THE EPISTLE

September 1, 2023

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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 Matthew 16:21-28 and my title will be "Giving Your Life to Jesus."

I mentioned in the last Lesson from the Land the context for Jesus asking the disciples "Who do you say that I am?" in Caesarea Philippi. This week's Scripture immediately follows that conversation.

Peter had correctly stated that Jesus is the Messiah, but he only gets partial credit on the larger "exam." Jesus proceeded to explain the suffering he would have to go through and Peter objected - he "took him aside and began to rebuke him." Peter didn't fully understand what being the Messiah meant.

The disciples had given up so much to follow Jesus. They HAD denied themselves in order to be his companions on the journey. What Jesus was talking about was more than that. He was referring to the ultimate sacrifice. We will talk about that on Sunday.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday In Worship

September 3, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Giving Your Life to Jesus

**This Sunday, September 3,
2023 is Communion Sunday.**

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

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on Sunday,
September 3, 2023 are in
celebration of Rob Neill's birthday
from his family

Future Sermons

Sept 10 - How To Start Something

Sept 17 - Drowning Egyptians

Sept 24 - Minding Other People's Business

Upcoming Events

► Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

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

Fellowship Hall

► Missions Meeting

Sunday, September 17, 2023

11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

► Serve At Rebound

Sunday, September 17, 2023

4:30 p.m.

907 W. 1st Street

► Bible Study

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

► Admin Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

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

Via Zoom

**The Church Office will be closed on Labor Day,
Monday, September 4, 2023**

School Supply Drive



Our church will be collecting school supplies for **Sedgefield Middle School during the next few weeks. We will have a collection basket for you to leave your donation in the narthex through September.**

Please see the list of needed supplies below.

- 1. College ruled notebook paper**
- 2. Pencils**
- 3. Kleenex**
- 4. Pens**
- 5. Bookbags**
- 6. Post-it Notes**
- 7. Dry erase markers**

Blessings!

Mary Jo Bridges

Children's Program



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.

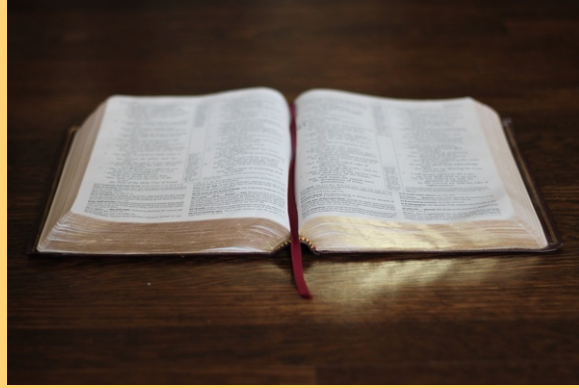
You are invited to bring your food donations forward as you receive Communion on Sunday, September 3, 2023.



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

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.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study is Back! Everyone is Invited.

**Our Tuesday morning Bible Study will start
meeting again on Tuesday September 19,
2023 at 11:00am in Fellowship Hall.**

**If you want more information, please
contact Pastor Tom.**

Neighborhood Cookout

We had a huge turnout for the cookout on Saturday. We met a lot of new neighbors, ate delicious food, had lots of fun and enjoyed great fellowship.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this day so special.



Save Your Tabs



**On Monday, August 28, 2023 we delivered
4.15 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.***

Lost and Found

Two pairs of children's shoes were left at the church after our last Summer Fun Day Wednesday in August. If they belong to your children, please call the church office at 704-523-0077 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday to claim and arrange for pick-up.

Blessings!

Mary Jo Bridges

Children's Program Director



Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



Online Through

sedgefieldchurch.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.



Bank Draft

Set up automatic



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Mail your check to:

Sedgefield
UMC
2830
Dorchester Pl
Charlotte, NC



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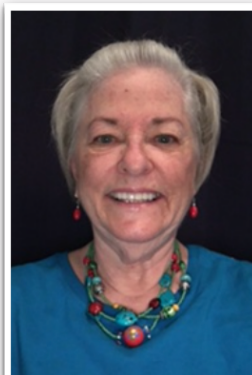
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