

# THE EPISTLE

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September 29, 2023

*Find Hope Here*

*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 21:23-32 and my title will be “Changing Your Mind.”

When was the last time you changed your mind about something? We actually do that several times a day, but usually it's not particularly dramatic when we do. In his ministry, Jesus was asking people to change their minds about many issues. He was trying to get people to look at the world, each other, and themselves differently. Those who listened to Jesus reacted in various ways. Some were receptive and were willing to change their minds. Others were hesitant and still others were openly resistant.

We are the same way today. And Jesus is still trying to get us to change our mind. It's not easy. We'll talk about that on Sunday. I hope to see you there.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tom



## This Sunday In Worship

October 1, 2023  
10:30 a.m.  
Changing Your Mind

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

**World Communion Sunday**  
**Food Drive for Loaves and Fishes**  
**this Sunday, October 1, 2023**

## Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers this Sunday, October 1, 2023 are from Ellen Freitas. I want to thank all of you for your warm welcome, prayers, love and support you've given me this year as I celebrate my first year as your Office Manager this Tuesday, October 3rd.

## Future Sermons

*Oct 8 - The Power of the Semi-Powerless*  
*Oct 15 - The Right Answer*  
*Oct 22 - The Lost Art of Loyalty*

- ▶ **SUMC 75th Anniversary**  
Sunday, October 29, 2023  
10:30 a.m. Service Sanctuary  
Guest Preacher Jim Brookshire  
5:30 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner  
Fellowship Hall Everyone

## Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Youth Meeting**  
Sunday, October 1, 2023  
12:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
St. Andrews UMC  
1901 Archdale Drive  
Charlotte 28210
- ▶ **Red Cross/CPR Training**  
Monday, October 2, 2023  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Bible Study**  
Tuesday, October 3, 2023  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Trustees Meeting**  
Wednesday, October 11, 2023  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Room 204 in Education Building
- ▶ **Fall Festival**  
Saturday, October 21, 2023  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Front Lawn & Courtyard
- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**  
Wednesday, October 25, 2023  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

# 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.**



# 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

Supplies can also be dropped off during the week in the black plastic container on the front porch of the church.



Blessings!

Mary Jo Bridges

Children's Program Director

# Save Your Tabs



Ronald  
McDonald  
House  
Charlotte

**On Monday, September 25, 2023 we  
delivered 7.9 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.***



**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.

*You are invited to bring your food donations forward as you receive Communion this Sunday, October 1, 2023.*

**This week we delivered 63 pounds of food to Loaves & Fishes.**



### **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

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 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.**

# FALL FESTIVAL

**Saturday, October 21st**

**11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Sedgefield Church  
Court Yard & Front Lawn**

**Everyone Welcome!**

**With the success of our last summer neighborhood cookout, we are expecting a big turn out and lots of volunteers will be needed.**

**Click on the Link Below to review the various volunteer assignments and to sign up to help with the festival.**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EACAB23A64-fall1>**

*Food* ★ **Fun  
for  
all** ★ *Games*



75 Years  
1948 - 2023

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

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

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

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# 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  
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](http://wnccumc.org)

Make a credit card  
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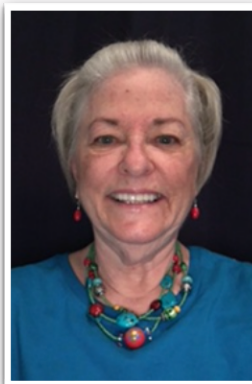
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