

THE EPISTLE

January 19, 2024

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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 John 1:43-51 and my title
will be “Jesus Wants You!”

Remember the old recruiting
posters with Uncle Sam pointing
and saying “I want you!”? It was
a powerful image and it caused
people to have strong feelings
about patriotism and military service.

It’s a little different with Jesus - or is it? He might
not have had posters or a marketing campaign but
Jesus was quite persuasive in his recruiting efforts.
And Jesus is still at work, inviting people to join
him in ministry, in loving people, in changing
people's lives. That’s what we’ll talk about on
Sunday.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

January 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Jesus Wants You!

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

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for this
Sunday, January 21, 2024 are
in honor of Mary Beth Fields'
Birthday from Frank Fields.

Future Sermons

Jan 28 - A Positive Influence

Feb 4 - Renewable Energy

Feb 11 - Beholding a Mystery

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Confirmation Class
Information Session**
Sunday, January 21, 2024
11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Youth Group & Parents Meeting**
Sunday, January 21, 2024
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
St. Andrews UMC
1901 Archdale Drive
- ▶ **Bible Study**
Tuesday, January 23, 2024
11:00 a.m. - 12 Noon
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**
Sunday, January 21, 2024
4:45 p.m.
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**
Sunday, January 28, 2024
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Chili Cook-Off**
Saturday, February 3, 2024
2:00 p.m. - 4: 00: p.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Trustees Meeting**
Wednesday, February 7, 2024
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Contribution Statements for 2023

**Annual contribution statements for 2023 were
emailed on January 6, 2024.**

**If you have not received your statement , please
call the Church Office at 704-523-0077.**



Youth Confirmation Classes

Classes are at Sedgefield UMC on Sundays
in Fellowship Hall from 11:45 am - 12:45 pm
(lunch is included).

This is so the student can attend the Youth
Meeting at 1:00 pm without missing lunch.

Class/Event Schedule

January 21	Information Session
January 28	First Class
February 4	Second Class
February 18	Third Class
March 3	Fourth Class
March 15-17	Retreat at Hinton Center in Hayesville, NC
April 14	Fifth Class
May 5	Sixth/Final Class
May 19	Confirmation Sunday



Chili Cook Off

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Sedgefield Church is partnering with the Sedgefield Neighborhood Association in hosting a Chili Cook-Off from 2:00pm-4:00pm on Saturday, February 3rd in Fellowship Hall.

We will offer two categories of Chili for judging.

Traditional Chili and Non-traditional Chili

If you want to participate as a Chili Chef Contestant, please sign up using the Link Below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FABA628A5FFC25-47201110-2024>

(Those attending just to sample the Chili do not need to Sign Up.)

Please come join us for this fun event.





Please consider joining other church members and volunteer to host, prepare food or serve at Room in the Inn on one of our remaining dates listed below.

You can Sign Up using the Link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EACAB23A64-46252965-room>

Location:

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

Remaining Dates:

**Sunday, February 11th
Sunday, March 10th**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner



In preparation for the
Lenten season, please join
us for a Pancake Dinner
on Shrove Tuesday,
February 13, 2024 from
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall

If you are able to help with set-up or
serve at the dinner, please use the
Link below to Sign Up.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/
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122828026](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EACAB23A64-47102215-shrove/122828026)

Thank you.

Altar Flowers



You can now sign-up for Altar Flowers online.

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 using the Church Website [sedgefieldchurch.org](https://www.sedgefieldchurch.org) or by sending a check to Sedgefield Church, 2830 Dorchester Place, Charlotte 28209.



Save the Date

**Vacation Bible School
at Sedgefield Church**

July 15 – 18, 2024

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Registration will open March 1, 2024 for
rising kindergartners – rising 5th graders.**



Observations at Keystone

Imagine a beautiful classroom with lovely materials and young children moving about freely, choosing their work in a peaceful and calm way. It truly is a sight to see! Keystone offers observations in all of our classrooms every Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. We invite you to come and observe to witness the peace and beauty for yourself. Within the hour you are with us you can expect to see a wide range of activities, as well as some sweet and kind interactions. We are quite sure you will leave with a new appreciation for just how capable young children are!

Observations are scheduled through the school office by calling 980-355-0900.

**Hawley H. Hoggard
Head of School
Keystone Montessori School**

The Park Road group of churches are offering the following small group study:

JustFaith Course: "Want to talk? Communication tools for divided times"

This small group class will be offered with the other churches on Park Road: 8 weeks, beginning the last week of January. There will be a maximum of 16 people in a group, between our 6 churches.

Tentatively, the group will meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00pm-8:00pm - though the group may choose to change this, if there is a better time for participants.

If you are interested in getting more information,

contact Pastor Tom at

pastortom@sedgefieldchurch.org

or call the church office.

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Church

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Sedgefield
UMC
2830
Dorchester Pl
Charlotte, NC



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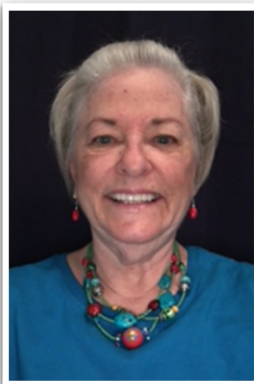
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