

THE EPISTLE

January 26, 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
1 Corinthians 8:1-4, 7-9 and my title
will be “A Positive Influence.”

Our life is interconnected with other
people. Even if we tried to live a
“hermit” existence and avoided contact
with others, it would be quite difficult
in our modern society. As followers of
Jesus, we are encouraged to use this connection to others
in a positive way, in a Christ-like way.

The Apostle Paul was concerned with how people
perceived him as a Jesus-follower. He wanted to be a
shining example of Christ-like living so others, in
observing him, would be attracted to the Christian life.
That’s what we will talk about on Sunday. I hope to see
you there.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

January 28, 2024
10:30 a.m.
A Positive Influence

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

Holy Communion and
Food Drive for Loaves and Fishes on
Sunday, February 4, 2024

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for this Sunday,
January 28, 2024 are
to the Glory of God and in
honor of Tom and Carol Little's
37th Anniversary.

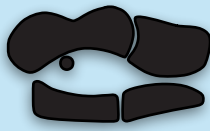
Future Sermons

Feb 4 - Renewable Energy
Feb 11 - Beholding a Mystery
Feb 18 - Why Wait?

- **Pancake Dinner**
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events

- **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**
Sunday, January 28, 2024
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street
- **Faith Development Meeting**
Sunday, January 28, 2024
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
- **Confirmation Class**
Sunday, January 28, 2024
11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Fellowship Hall/Parlor
- **Youth Group**
Sunday, January 28, 2024
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Woodlawn Community Fellowship UMC
737 E. Woodlawn Road
- **Bible Study will not meet this coming week. Will return on Tuesday, February 6, 2024.**
11:00 a.m. - 12 Noon
Fellowship Hall
- **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



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.

**Last week we delivered 128 pounds
of food to Loaves & Fishes.**

*You are invited to bring your food donations forward
as you receive Communion on Sunday, February 4, 2024.*



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 - 201 pounds
November - 54 pounds
December - 128 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.



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 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.



Receiving Holy Communion



On Communion Sundays, generally the first Sunday of the month, servers are available to bring Communion to your home.

We encourage you to contact the church office at 704-523-0077 or email the church office at office@sedgefieldchurch.org if you, or someone you know, would like Holy Communion brought to the home.

Our next observance of the Lord's Supper is Sunday, February 4, 2024.



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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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.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA5AB2AAB9-sedgefield)

**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**

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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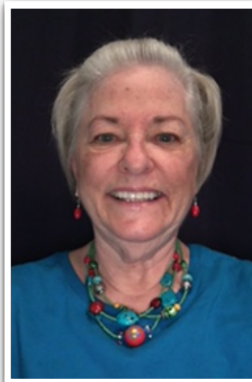
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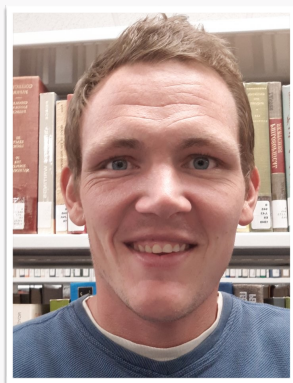
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