

# THE EPISTLE

October 18, 2024



## Find Hope Here

**Sedgefield United Methodist Church**

**2830 Dorchester Place**

**Charlotte NC 28209**

**[www.SedgefieldChurch.org](http://www.SedgefieldChurch.org)**

**704-523-0077**

## Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

On Sunday, October 20, Tom Little will be preaching. I will be on vacation. Thanks for everything you have done for me for Pastor Appreciation and every day. I feel very appreciated! I am constantly grateful to be your pastor.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tom

# This Sunday in Worship

October 20, 2024  
10:30 a.m.  
Tom Little Preaching

Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m.  
in Room 203 in the Education Bldg.

## Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers this Sunday, October 20, 2024 are given with thanks to Sedgfield UMC from Keystone Montessori School.



Do you want to honor or remember someone by donating Altar Flowers? You can do so by using the Altar Flower Sign-Up Page in this Epistle or call the church office at 704-523-0077. There are a few open dates for this year.

## Future Sermons

*Oct. 27 - You Are Forgiven*

*Nov. 3 - People Watching*

*Nov. 10 - A Formula for Success*

# Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Youth Group**  
Sunday, October 20, 2024  
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.  
St. Andrews UMC  
1901 Archdale Drive  
Charlotte NC 28210
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**  
Sunday, October 20, 2024  
4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.  
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Fall Festival**  
Saturday, October 26, 2024  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Front Lawn and Court Yard
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**  
Sunday, October 27, 2024  
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.  
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Trustees Meeting**  
Wednesday, November 6, 2024  
6:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom
- ▶ **Susanna Wesley Circle**  
Thursday, November 14, 2024  
6:30 p.m.  
Room 204 in the Education Bldg.
- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, November 19, 2024  
6:30 p.m.  
Room 204 in Ed Bldg w/Zoom Option



## **Metro District Worship Service**

Join us for a District Worship Service on

**October 20th at 3:00 PM**

**University City United Methodist Church**

3835 W. W.T. Harris Blvd.

We will honor our Laity Service Award Recipients and welcome the new District Presiding Elders. This is an excellent opportunity for all of us to come together and worship as a district.

We look forward to seeing you there!

# FALL FESTIVAL

**Saturday**  
**October 26, 2024**

**11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
**Sedgefield Church**  
**Court Yard & Front Lawn**

**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>**

**Everyone Welcome!**



*Food*



*Games*



## Operation Christmas Child

**Operation Christmas Child boxes will be available in the narthex this Sunday, October 20th and will be due back to the church on or before Sunday, November 24th.**

**Please look inside the box for details.**

*Click on the Picture Below to watch a Video on Operation Christmas Child. The Video is quite loud. Please lower the volume on the Video or your PC or Phone.*



**Blessings!**

**Mary Jo Bridges**

**Children's Program Director**

**704-617-4056**



Please be aware that our Church Directory may have been hacked. If you receive communication from the Church Office or Pastor Tom Stinson-Wesley that looks suspicious, please don't open the email and definitely don't respond.

If you want to check whether an email is legitimately from the Church, please feel free to call the Church Office at 704-523-0077 or email Pastor Tom at [pastortom@sedgefieldchurch.org](mailto:pastortom@sedgefieldchurch.org) and we can help you.

Thank you.

**Attention  
Youth Girls!**



**I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream For Ice Cream**

On Sunday, October 27, 2024 following the Youth Group meeting here at Sedgefield UMC there will be an Ice Cream Social for all Youth Girls (6th through 12th grade) from 1:45pm - 2:15pm.

All Youth Girls are Invited.

This event is an opportunity for you to hang out, meet girls from other churches and enjoy some Ice Cream.





## How To Help With WNCCUMC Hurricane Helene Relief

### **Step 1: Sedgefield UMC Will Collect Supplies.**

Current list of supplies needed:

- Water
- Flood Buckets
- Non-perishable food
- Diapers
- Baby Formula
- Cleaning Supplies

**Absolutely NO clothes or food items that need refrigeration.**

We will work on a more detailed list over time. This list may change quickly, and we will keep you updated.

Please leave your donations under the sign next to the stairs in the Narthex.

### **Step 2: We Will Deliver Our Donated Supplies to:**

**Woodlawn Community Fellowship** (our District Collection Hub).

Ann Davis - Collection Hub Coordinator

704-502-9265 (Please text.)

Call Woodlawn Coordinator to schedule a time to drop off supplies.

### **Donate directly to WNCCUMC**

**Online:** Use this Link: <https://bit.ly/WNCCHurricaneReliefDonations>

**Checks:** Checks can be made out to WNCC Treasurer and mailed to PO Box 2757, Huntersville, NC 28070 with memo Disaster Response.

You can also donate through Sedgefield UMC by whatever method you currently use (**note for Disaster Relief**). We will forward to WNCCUMC.



## **Receiving Holy Communion at Home**

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

We encourage you to call the church office at 704-523-0077 or email the church at [office@sedgefieldchurch.org](mailto: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, November 3, 2024.



On Communion Sundays we have a tradition of collecting food for Nourish Up our neighborhood food pantry. Items most needed are: canned meat, canned fruit, peanut butter, boxed or canned pasta, and canned vegetables. **Powdered milk and shelf milk are also needed.**

*You are invited to bring your food donations forward as you receive Communion on Sunday November 3, 2024*



The collection of non-perishable food items is an ongoing mission opportunity. Collection baskets are in the lobby each Sunday. Food donations can also be dropped off at the church office from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday.

**This week Sedgefield UMC delivered 108 pounds of food to Nourish Up. Thank you for your generosity.**



### **Our Food Collection for 2024**

January & February - **120** pounds

March & April - **118** pounds

May - **175** pounds

June & July - **170** pounds

August - **77** pounds

September - **110** pounds

October - **108** pounds

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## All Saints Sunday

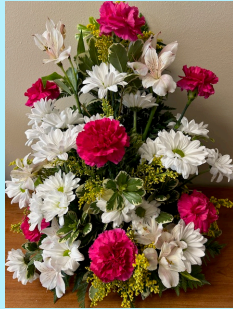


*During our worship service on Sunday, November 3, 2024 we will pause to remember those from our church family who have passed away since last All Saints Day (November 5, 2023).*

*If you have lost a friend or family member this year and would like to have their name included in this special service of remembrance, please email Pastor Tom at*

*[PastorTom@sedgefieldchurch.org](mailto:PastorTom@sedgefieldchurch.org) by Wednesday, October 30, 2024.*

*Thank You.*



# Altar Flowers

**Use the Sign-up Genius Link  
Below to Order Flowers.**

**[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/  
10C0D4DA5AB2AAB9-sedgefield](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA5AB2AAB9-sedgefield)**

- **pick an available date**
- **write a message to let us know who/what you want to memorialize, honor or celebrate**

**Or you can just call the Church Office  
at 704-523-0077 to order flowers.**

**The Altar Flower donation remains the same at \$40 which can be paid online using the Church Website [sedgefieldchurch.org](http://sedgefieldchurch.org) or by sending a check to Sedgefield Church, 2830 Dorchester Place, Charlotte NC 28209.**

**Please note “for flowers” online or your check.**

## 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  
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Charlotte, NC  
28209



### **Online Through**

[wncumc.org](http://wncumc.org)

Make a credit card  
or electronic  
contribution.



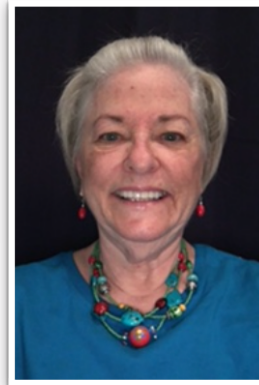
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