

THE EPISTLE

October 4, 2024



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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

2830 Dorchester Place

Charlotte NC 28209

www.SedgefieldChurch.org

704-523-0077

Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

This Sunday is World Communion Sunday. We will also have a special Children's Time in worship. I will be preaching on Job 2:1-6 and my title will be "The Human Dilemma."

Job is one of the most well-known books in the Bible. It's a simple story, really. A righteous man was subjected to unbelievable suffering, first to all he owns, then to those he loves, and finally to him personally. He was tempted to curse God, but he fought against that temptation. Eventually, he received direct contact with God and restoration of what he lost (as much as it was possible).

There are many people right now feeling a bit like Job. Hurricane Helene has robbed many people of possessions, shelter, access to food, and clean water. Others died as a result of this horrible disaster. Inevitably, at a time of great tragedy, we ask the question Job asked - "Why?" I don't pretend that I can answer that question but on Sunday, we will talk about what Job learned.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

October 6, 2024
10:30 a.m.
The Human Dilemma

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

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers this Sunday,
October 6, 2024 are given in
loving memory of Larry & Shirley
Kidd from Hal & Sara Kidd.



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. 13 - More Than We Are Willing To Pay
Oct. 20 - Tom Little Preaching
Oct. 27 - You Are Forgiven

- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**
Sunday, October 27, 2024
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Youth Group**
Sunday, October 6, 2024
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
St. Andrews UMC
1901 Archdale Drive
Charlotte NC 28210
- ▶ **Bible Study - Book of Acts**
Tuesday, October 8, 2024
11:00 a.m. - 12 Noon
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Susanna Wesley Circle**
Thursday, October 10, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Room 204 in the Education Bldg.
- ▶ **Youth Group Lock In**
Friday, Oct. 11 - Saturday Oct. 12
Times TBD
St. Andrews UMC
1901 Archdale Drive
Charlotte NC 28210
- ▶ **Church Work Day**
Saturday, October 19, 2024
9:00 a.m.
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**
Sunday, October 20, 2024
4:45 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



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.

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



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 this Sunday, October 6,



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.

Update from Marwen McDowell
Habitat for Humanity Charlotte Region
September 30, 2024

Saturday proved to be a great day!

Had a wonderful capable crew who spent their day on the second story and got framing done for outside walls with green board and windows! Never seen a second story go up but it's as exciting as our framing day on a one story house! Windows were installed before the walls were put up. Lots of heavy lifting was required as materials were sent up.. (pics below show that)!

St. Mark's Lutheran brought all that was needed to keep us fed and hydrated.. and when the sun rose it was hot!

Yesterday was our last scheduled day for a while but Wil said all houses were a bit behind due to weather. He imagines an extra day will be scheduled and we can send volunteers to work. Stay tuned for more info.

I will keep y'all updated on our house over the next 2 months.
Selwyn is in charge October 19 and it is staffed with their folks.

Meanwhile, enjoy fall and family.

Heartfelt thanks for all you do...

I feel like we are totally back on track to before Covid builds!

God is good!

Marwen





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 or by sending a check to
Sedgefield Church, 2830 Dorchester Place,
Charlotte NC 28209.**

Please note “for flowers” online or your check.

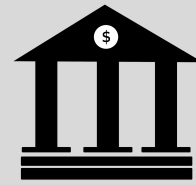
Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



Online Through

sedgefieldchurch.org

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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wnccumc.org

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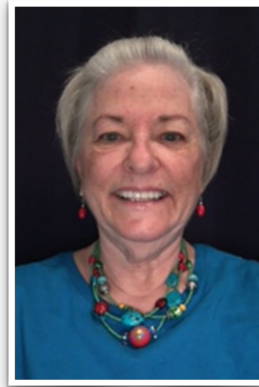
Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor
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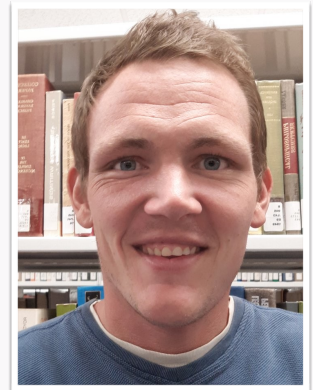
Ron Aldridge
Worship Leader



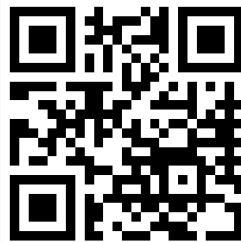
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