

The Epistle

November 15, 2024



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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

2830 Dorchester Place

Charlotte NC 28209

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Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

This Sunday, in worship, we will have a special guest, Jeff Glenn, from Charlotte Rescue Mission. I will be preaching on Hebrews 10:19-25 and my title will be “Meet Me At Church.”

There is nothing quite like worship. In some ways, worship is uniquely religious. You can go to a concert that feels a bit like worship. You could go to a political rally and it might feel a bit like worship. Yet nothing is worship except worship.

In our Hebrews Scripture lesson, we find a quick reference within verse 25: “... not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some ...” I don’t want us to skip over this because it is an important plea. We don’t know exactly what the writer of Hebrews meant, but the command is clear. Don’t stop meeting together. Were some early Christians deciding NOT to meet together? Were some churches canceling worship? We don’t know for certain. In any case, the writer was urging believers to continue to meet together and worship. We will explore and discuss this need for meeting at church in the sermon Sunday. I hope to see you there!

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

November 17 2024
10:30 a.m.
Meet Me At Church

Jeff Glenn from Charlotte Rescue
Mission is our Special Guest

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

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers this Sunday,
November 17, 2024 are
in honor of Bubba Pearsall's
Birthday.



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 a few open dates for this year.

Future Sermons

Nov 24 - Treasure Hunt
Dec. 1 - Hope: The Revised Version
Dec. 8 - Always In My Heart

- ▶ **Susanna Wesley Circle**
Thursday, December 12, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Room 204 in the Education Bldg.

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**
Sunday, November 17, 2024
4:45 a.m. - 5:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Youth Group**
Sunday, November 17, 2024
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
St. Andrews UMC
1901 Archdale Drive
Charlotte NC 28210
- ▶ **Bible Study**
Tuesday, November 19, 2024
11:00 a.m. - 12Noon
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**
Tuesday, November 19, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Room 204 in Ed Bldg w/Zoom Option
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**
Sunday, November 24, 2024
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Thanksgiving Breakfast**
Thursday, November 28, 2024
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Membership Information Class**
Sunday, December 8, 2024
11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall



**This week Sedgefield UMC delivered
150 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

November - **150** pounds

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, canned vegetables, powdered milk and shelf milk.

Crackers would be a great addition as well.

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.



*Jason Turner joined Sedgefield
United Methodist Church on
Sunday, November 10, 2024.*

His Fellowship Friend is Rob Neill.



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child boxes are available in the narthex for you to take home and pack. The boxes are due back to the church on or before Sunday, November 24th.

Please look inside the box for details and directions.

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



'Tis the season

Come join in the fun and help decorate the church for the Christmas season immediately following the worship service on Sunday, November 24, 2024.

Everyone is welcome.

Hope to see you then.

Joyce Bergantino

808-280-0836



**Join us for Thanksgiving Breakfast
Thursday, November 28, 2024
Drop by from 8:00am - 9:30am
Sedgefield UMC
2830 Dorchester Place
in Fellowship Hall**

**For over 50 years The Men of Sedgefield Church
have served breakfast to our families, guests and
friends on Thanksgiving morning.**

**It is a time to visit with old friends and new alike
over a delicious breakfast of eggs, bacon,
sausage, pancakes, grits, Betty's biscuits, juice,
milk and "bottomless" cups of coffee!**

**Breakfast is Free.
Donations are accepted.**

Christmas Poinsettia Information



Order forms to purchase poinsettias are available in the Narthex. The cost per Poinsettia is \$12.

Please place your completed Order Form in the Black Box in the Church Lobby with payment **by Sunday, December 1st** or you can pay online using your usual method of giving. Please note paid online on the Order Form. **Please note for Flower Fund** on whatever payment method you use.

Note: An Order Form must be completed to acknowledge the honoree.

If you want to purchase a Poinsettia but cannot attend Church, please email the Church Office at **office@sedgefieldchurch.org** and provide all the information listed below so we can acknowledge the honoree(s), or call the Church Office at 704-523-0077 by **Monday, December 2nd.**

Your Name
Your Telephone Number
Number of Plants Ordered
Given in Honor of
and/or
Given in Memory of

The cost per Poinsettia is \$12. Payment can be made by mailing a check payable to Sedgefield UMC, 2830 Dorchester Place, Charlotte, NC 28209 or pay online using your usual method of giving. Please note for Flower Fund on whatever payment method you use.



Sedgefield Church will once again be hosting four Sunday nights at Room In the Inn. We need Church members and volunteers to host, prepare food and serve on those nights.

We will be using the facilities at Avondale Presbyterian Church, 2821 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28209

Our hosting dates, the second Sunday of each month, are listed below.

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Sunday, March 9, 2025

We need your help. Please use the Sign-Up Link below to volunteer or to fill a need.

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

If you have any questions, please email Ellen Lankford at ewlankford@gmail.com.

Thank you.



Join the Collection Drive!

Sedgefield Church is *supplying Rebound with Razor Packs (Disposable) for the month of November.*

Drop your Packs in the Buckets placed in the Narthex or near the door to the Fellowship Hall.

These will be delivered to Rebound throughout the

Charlotte Rescue Mission

Mission Statement

Charlotte Rescue Mission is transforming lives in the name of Christ by serving people struggling with addiction, poverty, or hopelessness with the goal of returning them to society as productive, self-sufficient citizens.

Vision

Charlotte Rescue Mission will be recognized as a leader in providing Christian-based residential recovery programs that help people struggling with the disease of addiction achieve long-term sobriety, find employment and stable housing, and restore and build healthy relationships.

Our History

Founded in 1938, the Charlotte Rescue Mission has a long history of reaching out to the homeless and those battling addictions. Over the years, the Mission has been located in several different uptown Charlotte buildings and had several different names, but our commitment to serving the homeless and sharing the gospel of Christ has never changed.

Many people who came to the Mission for help during these early years were struggling with addiction. In 1990, the Mission made a commitment to hire a Christian staff trained in professional substance abuse recovery services. With this, Charlotte Rescue Mission launched a 90-day residential program empowering individuals to move beyond cycles of homelessness and addiction to become productive citizens in the community. This program is known as Rebound and has helped thousands of men over the years. In 2016, this program grew to become a 120-day program.

Rebound served men struggling with addiction and homelessness, but, despite a staggering community need, there was no similar program for women. In 1992 Charlotte Rescue Mission launched the Dove's Nest program. Similar to Rebound, Dove's Nest provides comprehensive addiction recovery services for women.

In 1995, Rebound men's Halfway House opened its doors. The Halfway House provides further opportunities for Rebound graduates to maintain long-term sobriety as they transition out of dependency on community programs and transition into self-sufficiency.



Sedgefield Youth Event

Rise Against Hunger events provide lasting, real-life impact as your group works together for a start-to-finish meal assembly experience to combine rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a packet of 20 vitamins and minerals into life-changing meal packages. The food stores easily, transports quickly and has a long shelf-life to help meet the immediate nutritional needs of people facing food insecurity.

**Join our youth and help them pack 4000 meals for people around the world experiencing food insecurity.
All ages welcome.**

Date: Sunday, December 8, 2024

Time: 12Noon - 2:00 p.m.

**Location: Rise Against Hunger
10825 Texland Blvd - Unit A
Charlotte, NC 28273**



Sedgefield Middle School

Request from Sedgefield Middle School for Donations to their Care Closet.

There will be a basket in the Narthex this Sunday,
October 27th through Sunday, November 20th for
you to place your donations.

STOCK THE SEDGEFIELD CARE CLOSET



Donate gently used or new adult-sized
clothing to support all students.

Items needed most include boys and girls
underwear, sweatpants, sweatshirts,
leggings, and winter coats.

Sizes needed are Adult S-XL. All underwear
must be new and in packaging.



Oct 21 - Nov 20, 2024

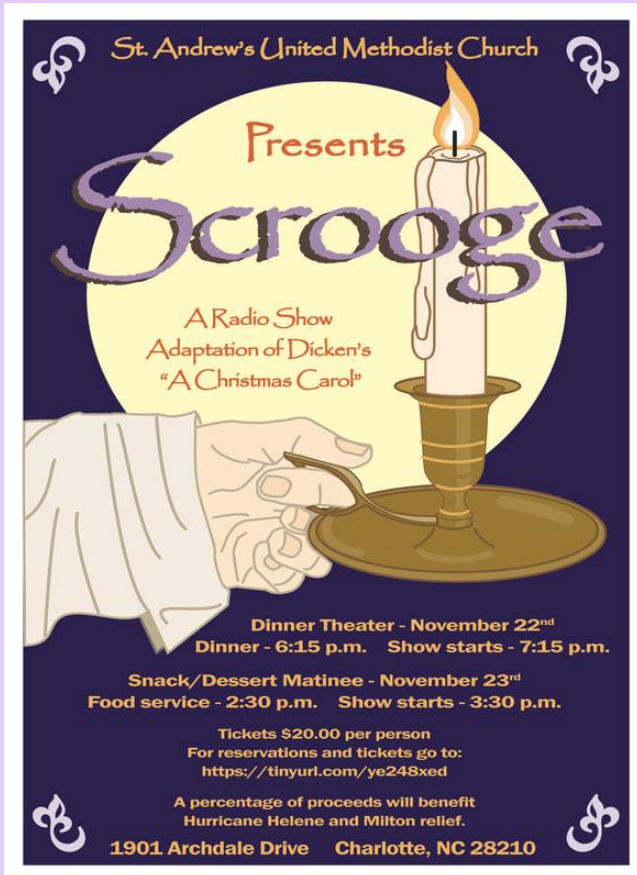


Items may be
dropped off in the
SMS front office.



Scan for
Amazon
Wishlist

St. Andrew's UMC - Scrooge the Radio Play Dinner Theater - November 22, 2024



St. Andrew's will be presenting Scrooge, an old fashioned radio play (think Garrison Keillor and Prairie Home Companion) on the weekend before Thanksgiving? We've got about 20 folks who have worked on this since September and it will be fun, the food will be good, the fellowship also.

Sherri Barnes
Pastor, St. Andrew's UMC - Charlotte

Click Here to Purchase Tickets

<https://www.standrewsumc.com/scrooge1.html>

Or call the church office at 704-553-1327
to make your reservations.



Update from Marwen McDowell October 26th.

Good evening team!
Made a stop up on James today and happy to show you we are roofed in!
Enjoy your weekend!

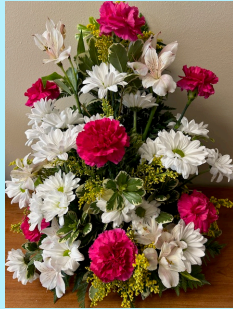


Reminder: Sedgefield will serve as the Site Managers and will provide lunch on Saturday, December 7th DRYWALL DAY. Volunteers are still needed. Please help if you can.

Update from Rob Neill on Wednesday, October 24th

Hello All – Trusses were installed today on our Habitat House – picture attached. Roofers are planned for tomorrow – then the HVAC, Plumbing, and Electrical. Contractors can do their work.





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.



How To Help With WNCCH Hurricane Helene Relief

Step 1: Sedgfield 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 WNCCH

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

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

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

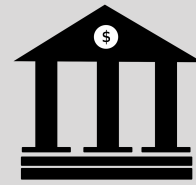
Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



Online Through

sedgefieldchurch.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.



Bank Draft

Set up automatic
contributions
through your
bank's Online
Bill Pay.



Church

Mail your check to:

Sedgefield UMC
2830 Dorchester Pl
Charlotte, NC 28209



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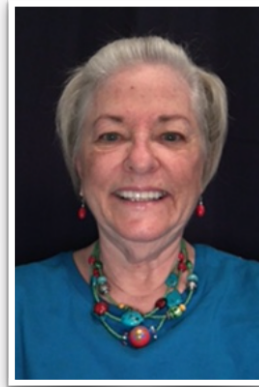
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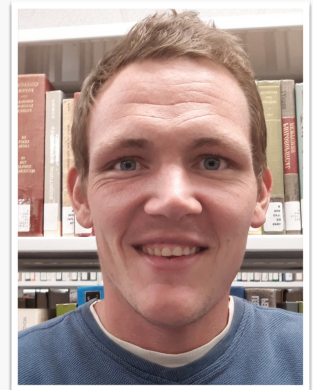
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