

The Epistle

November 22, 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, I will be preaching on Matthew 6:19-20 and my title will be “Treasure Hunt.”

Jesus said, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” It’s always discouraging to me when I hear about someone deciding to pursue a particular career “for the money.” I understand it - money makes the

world go around whether or not we like it that way.

Nevertheless, we are called as Christians to look at a much larger picture. Yes, money can give us a sense of security but the pursuit of money can bring us a sense of IN-security and anxiety. How do we find a healthy balance in our relationship with money? How do we acknowledge the importance of money without making it into an idol? We will be talking about that in the sermon on Sunday. I look forward to seeing you.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

November 24 2024
10:30 a.m.
Treasure Hunt

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

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers this Sunday,
November 24, 2024 are
from Mary Beth Fields in memory
of her mother, Mary F. Barnes
on her birthday.



Future Sermons

Dec. 1 - Hope: The Revised Version
Dec. 8 - Always In My Heart
Dec 15 - Prove It

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

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**
Sunday, November 24, 2024
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Youth Group**
Sunday, November 24, 2024
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Woodlawn Community Fellowship UMC
737 East Woodlawn Road
Charlotte, NC 28209
- ▶ **Thanksgiving Breakfast**
Thursday, November 28, 2024
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Bible Study**
Tuesday, December 3, 2024
11:00 a.m. - 12Noon
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Trustees Meeting**
Wednesday, December 4, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Via Zoom
- ▶ **Membership Information**
Sunday, December 8, 2024
11:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Admin Council Dinner**
Tuesday, December 10, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Harris Residence



Operation Christmas Child Reminder

**Please return all Shoe Boxes to the church
by this Sunday, November 24th!**

Thank you.

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 this Sunday, November 24, 2024.

Everyone is welcome.

Hope to see you then.

Joyce Bergantino

808-280-0836



**Join us for Thanksgiving Breakfast
this 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.**

Packing OCC Boxes

The children and youth packed 23 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child last Sunday. They made Christmas cards and bookmarks to add to the shoeboxes that were filled with dolls, school supplies, shoes, cars and other toys. We appreciate the opportunity to provide Christmas joy to children in remote areas of our world.

Thank you to Samaritan's Purse for delivering our shoeboxes.

Blessings!

Mary Jo Bridges

Children's Program Director



Sedgefield Middle School

Thank you so much for your donation of hooded sweatshirts, winter coats and underwear. I am sure the students will appreciate your donation of warm clothing.

Thanks again!
Mary Jo Bridges





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.



*You are invited to bring your
food donations forward
as you receive Communion on
Sunday, December 1, 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.



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 if you, or someone you know, would like Holy Communion brought to the home.

Our next observance of the Lord's Supper is Sunday, December 1, 2024.

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**



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
PI
Charlotte, NC
28209



Online Through

wncumc.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.



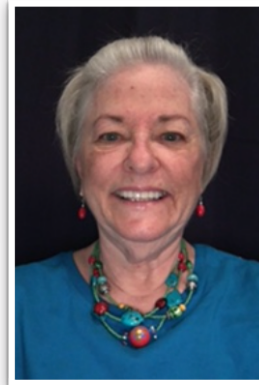
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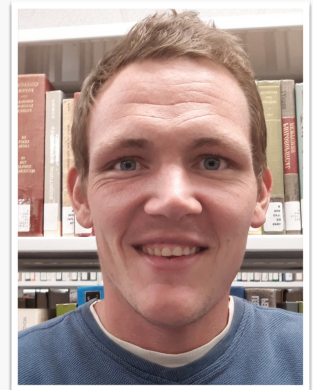
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