

# THE EPISTLE

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November 29, 2024

*Find Hope Here*

*Sedgefield United Methodist Church*

*2830 Dorchester Place  
Charlotte, NC 28209*

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

*704-523-0077*

*Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor*

## Reflections From Pastor Tom



This Sunday, we will begin the Advent season. We will have communion and Children's Time. I will be preaching on Jeremiah 33:14-16 and my title will be "Hope: The Revised Version."

In my last sermon, I mentioned a teacher asking her students "what can you not buy with money?" The students answered: "laughter, love, joy." We could add hope to the list. Hope is that special feeling and gift and thought that helps us get through the rough times in life. If we know there is something better coming, it makes it easier to sail through the storms.

Jeremiah's people needed hope. They needed to believe God still remembered them. We all need that. In the sermon on Sunday, we will talk about what hope is now, in our world, and in our lives. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and I will see you soon.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tom

# This Sunday in Worship

December 1, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Hope: The Revised Version

This Sunday, December 1, 2024 is  
Communion Sunday

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

## Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers this Sunday,  
2024 are to the glory of God and  
in honor of Tom Little's birthday  
from his Family



## Future Sermons

*Dec. 8 - Always In My Heart*

*Dec 15 - Prove It*

*Dec 22 - Blessed Is She Who Believes*

### ▶ Susanna Wesley Circle

Thursday, December 12, 2024

6:30 p.m

Room 204 in the Education Bldg.

### ▶ Serve At Rebound-Breakfast

Sunday, December 15, 2024

7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

907 W. 1st Street

### ▶ Serve At Rebound-Dinner

Sunday, December 22, 2025

4:45 p.m.

907 W. 1st Street

# Upcoming Events

### ▶ 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 Class

Sunday, December 8, 2024

11:45 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

### ▶ Youth Group

Sunday, December 8, 2024

12 Noon - 2:00 p.m.

We will be packing meals at

Rise Against Hunger

10825 Texland Blvd - Unit A

Charlotte, NC 28273

All Ages Welcome

### ▶ Room In The Inn

Serve Dinner and Host

Sunday, December 8, 2024

5:30 p.m.

Avondale Presbyterian Church

2821 Park Rd, Charlotte 28209

### ▶ Admin Council Dinner

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Harris Residence



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 this  
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.

## 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.



**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.





**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](mailto:ewlankford@gmail.com).**

**Thank you.**

# Operation Christmas Child Project



Our Operation Christmas Child Mission Project was a huge success! We packed 107 OCC shoeboxes.

Thanks to the congregation and the Sedgefield neighborhood for their contributions.

Also, a big **THANK YOU** to the congregation for helping me pack the boxes into the back of my car. It was an amazing feeling to see my car full of boxes.

Thanks again for helping to bring smiles and show God's love to 107 children who live all around the world.

Blessings!

Mary Jo Bridges

Children's Program Director







# 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.**



## How To Help With WNCCUMC 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 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 Sedgfield UMC by whatever method you currently use (**note for Disaster Relief**). We will forward to WNCCUMC.

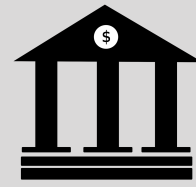
## Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



### **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  
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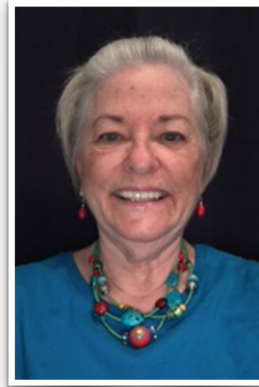
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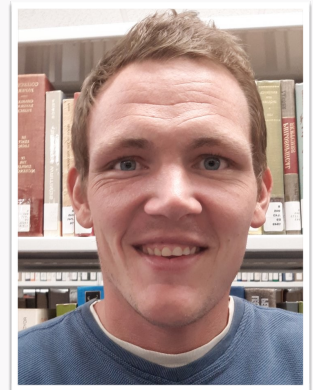
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Worship Leader



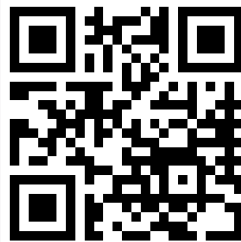
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