THE EPISTLE

February 2, 2024



Find Hope Here Sedgefield United Methodist Church 2830 Dorchester Place Charlotte, NC 28209

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Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor

Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

This Sunday, I will be preaching on Isaiah 40:26-31 and my title will be "Renewable Energy."

When you ask someone "How are you doing?" A popular response is "I'm tired." There are a lot of worn-out people in our world. And we know why - life is exhausting. We all want more

energy to do what we NEED to do and what we WANT to do in our lives.

In this sermon, We will talk about the prophet Isaiah's vision of God. Isaiah has a beautiful and hopeful belief about who God is and what God can do for us. Whatever is dragging you down these days, God has something to offer you to help. I hope to see you on Sunday.

Blessings, Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

February 4, 2024 10:30 a.m. Renewable Energy

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. Education Building Room 203

We will not be serving Communion this Sunday, but please feel free to bring your food donations for Loaves and Fishes this Sunday.

Altar Flowers

Keystone Montessori School donates Sunday's altar flowers in honor of the "warm" friendship between the Church and the School.

Future Sermons

Feb 11 - **Beholding a Mystery** Feb 18 - **Why Wait?** Feb 25 - **The Easy Way**

Serve At Rebound-Dinner Sunday February 18, 2023 4:45 p.m. 907 W. 1st Street

Admin Council Meeting

Thursday, February 22, 2024 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall (w/Zoom option)

Upcoming Events

- The Chili Cook-Off scheduled for this Saturday, February 3rd has been CANCELLED. It will be rescheduled.
- Confirmation Class is cancelled this Sunday, February 4, 2024.

Youth Group

Sunday, February 4, 2024 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. St. Andrew's UMC 1901 Archdale Drive

- Bible Study Tuesday, February 6, 2024. 11:00 a.m. - 12 Noon Fellowship Hall
- Trustees Meeting Wednesday, February 7, 2024 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Via Zoom

SW Circle Meeting

Thursday, February 8, 2024 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Education Bldg. Room 204

Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 6:00 p.m. - 7: 00: p.m. Fellowship Hall



Youth Confirmation Classes

Classes are at Sedgefield UMC on Sundays in Fellowship Hall from 11:45 am - 12:45 pm (lunch is included).

This is so the student can attend the Youth Meeting at 1:00 pm without missing lunch.

Class/Event Schedule

February 4	Second Class (Cancelled)
February 18	Third Class
March 3	Fourth Class
March 15-17	Retreat at Hinton Center in Hayesville, NC
April 14	Fifth Class
May 5	Sixth/Final Class
May 19	Confirmation Sunday



Save The Dates

for Vacation Bible School at Sedgefield Church

Monday-Thursday, July 15–18, 2024 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

This year's theme for Bible Study is "SCUBA: Diving Into Friendship With God."

To see a short introductory video about this year's program please click on the Link Below.

https://player.vimeo.com/video/834887893? h=e87b078ead



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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is open for rising kindergartners to rising 5th graders and for Volunteers.

Click on the Link Below to Register your child or to volunteer at VBS. <u>https://vbspro.events/p/</u> <u>c43d9d</u>

OR

Use the QR Code to Register your child or to volunteer at VBS

Any questions please contact: Mary Jo Bridges VBS Director <u>marycbridges@yahoo.com</u> 704-617-4056





Please consider joining other church members and volunteer to host, prepare food or serve at Room in the Inn on one of our remaining dates listed below.

You can Sign Up using the Link below.

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

<u>Location:</u> Avondale Presbyterian Church 2821 Park Road Charlotte, NC 28209

<u>Remaining Dates:</u>

Sunday, February 11th Sunday, March 10th

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner



In preparation for the Lenten season, please join us for a Pancake Dinner on Shrove Tuesday, February 13, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

If you are able to help with set-up or serve at the dinner, please use the Link below to Sign Up.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ 20F0D4EACAB23A64-47102215-shrove/ 122828026

Thank you.



Open Sanctuary Time of Reflection Imposition of Ashes

February 14, 2024 Noon until 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Four Lenten Lunch Wednesday's in March

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 is the first of four opportunities during the Lenten season to join us for a brief time of devotion and fellowship.



Those attending are invited to bring their own lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided by the host church.

All are Welcome.

March 6th & March 20th Woodlawn Community Fellowship UMC Jonathan Coppedge-Henley, Pastor

> March 13th & March 27th Sedgefield United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor

Altar Flowers



You can now sign-up for Altar Flowers online.

Use the SignUp Genius Link below to:

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

Sign up Genius Link

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ 10C0D4DA5AB2AAB9-sedgefield

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 28209.



Observations at Keystone

Imagine a beautiful classroom with lovely materials and young children moving about freely, choosing their work in a peaceful and calm way. It truly is a sight to see! Keystone offers observations in all of our classrooms every Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. We invite you to come and observe to witness the peace and beauty for yourself. Within the hour you are with us you can expect to see a wide range of activities, as well as some sweet and kind interactions. We are quite sure you will leave with a new appreciation for just how capable young children are!

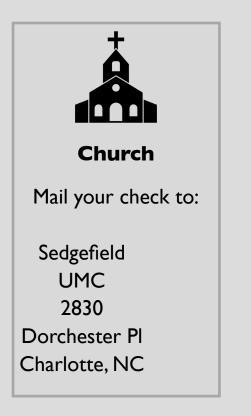
Observations are scheduled through the school office by calling 980-355-0900.

Hawley H. Hoggard Head of School Keystone Montessori School

Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC













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