

THE EPISTLE

February 9, 2024



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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 Mark 9:2-9 and my title will be "Beholding A Mystery."

I have noticed something about myself: I don't need to understand everything I experience. I'm pretty sure I went through a phase of my life that it bothered me when I couldn't understand things. That phase is over.

I'm still somewhat intellectually curious, but I am quite content to let some things in life go unexplained. Does that happen to everyone when they get older?

Our Scripture Lesson for Sunday is The Transfiguration - when Jesus took three disciples up on the mountain and revealed himself to them in a dazzling manner. If any of those disciples were the type who needed to understand everything they experienced, it would have only ended in frustration. What happened on that mountain defied explanation; it was difficult enough to describe. In this sermon, we will talk about what we do when we can't understand something. I hope to see you in church.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

February 11, 2024
10:30 a.m.
Beholding A

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

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers for Sunday,
February 11, 2024 are in honor of
Virginia Maxey's 91st Birthday on
February 10th from her five children.

Future Sermons

Feb 18 - Why Wait?

Feb 25 - The Easy Way

March 3 - Pre-Spring Cleaning

- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**
Thursday, February 22, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall (w/Zoom option)
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**
Sunday February 25, 2023
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Charlotte Checkers Game**
Sunday February 25, 2023
1:00 p.m.
Bojangles' Coliseum

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Youth Group**
Sunday, February 11, 2024
2:00 p.m. Super Bowl Event
Andrew's UMC
1901 Archdale Drive
- ▶ **Room In The Inn**
Serve Dinner and Host
Sunday, February 11, 2024
5:30 p.m.
Avondale Presbyterian Church
2821 Park Rd, Charlotte 28209
- ▶ **Bible Study**
Tuesday, February 13, 2024.
11:00 a.m. - 12 Noon
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Pancake Dinner**
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
6:00 p.m. - 7: 00: p.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Ash Wednesday**
February 14, 2024
Imposition of Ashes
12Noon until 1:00 p.m.
and
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sanctuary
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**
Sunday February 18, 2023
4:45 p.m.
907 W. 1st Street



**This Sunday, February 11th, we will host,
provide food and serve the RITI guests at
Avondale Presbyterian Church.**

**Thank you to everyone who volunteered
to make this possible.**

**Your last chance to serve at Room in the Inn
is Sunday, March 10, 2024.**

**Avondale Presbyterian Church
2821 Park Road
Charlotte, NC 28209**

**We still need volunteers for this final event.
Please consider volunteering to help by
clicking on the Link Below.**

**[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/
20F0D4EACAB23A64-46252965-room](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EACAB23A64-46252965-room)**

Thank you.



**Pancake Dinner this Tuesday,
February 12th, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall.**

**Please join us for warm fellowship as
we prepare for the Lenten season.**

Everyone is welcome.



*Ash Wednesday
at Sedgefield*

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.

Sedgefield at the Charlotte Checkers



Sedgefield Church Congregation

Sedgefield Day at the Charlotte Checkers Hockey Game will be Sunday, Feb. 25th at 1:00 pm!

Come hang out with your church friends and enjoy some hockey. Tickets are \$30.00 each - use the link below to purchase tickets.

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/Sedgefieldchurch>

Mary Jo Bridges
704-617-4056

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

737 E. Woodlawn Road

Charlotte 28209

Jonathan Coppedge-Henley, Pastor

March 3th & March 27th

Sedgefield United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall

Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor



Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 16, 2024

**Our annual Easter Egg Hunt and activities will be on
Saturday, March 16th from 10:30 a.m. – 12Noon.**

**The children will enjoy Easter activities and crafts
from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

The Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 11:30 a.m.

**Please remember to Sign-In in the Fellowship Hall
and to bring an Easter basket or bag!**

This event will be held Rain or Shine!

Blessings!

Mary Jo Bridges

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Children's Program Director



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



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Monday-Thursday, July 15–18, 2024

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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.**

**[https://vbspro.events/p/
c43d9d](https://vbspro.events/p/c43d9d)**

OR

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



**Any questions please contact:
Mary Jo Bridges
VBS Director
marycbridges@yahoo.com
704-617-4056**

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



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:

Sedgefield UMC
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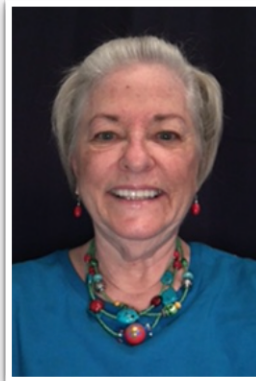
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