

THE EPISTLE

March 15, 2024

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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

*2830 Dorchester Place
Charlotte, NC 28209*

www.SedgefieldChurch.org

704-523-0077

Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor

Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,
This Sunday, March 17, Tom Little will be preaching on Revelation 21:3-4. I will be joining the Youth on their retreat at Hinton Center in Hayesville, NC. Please pray for the retreat and for Tom as he prepares the sermon for Sunday.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

March 17, 2024
10:30 a.m.
Tom Little Preaching

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

Flowers

The flowers in the narthex this
Sunday, March 17, 2024 are from
Cindy Gadd in honor of
Susannah Wesley Circle

Future Sermons

Mar 24 - Palm and Passion Sunday
Holy Communion
Mar 31 - Easter Sunday Done and Undone
April 7 - Joe Hamby from Roof Above

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Easter Egg Hunt**
Saturday, March 16, 2024
10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon
Fellowship Hall and Courtyard
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**
Sunday, March 17, 2024
4:45 p.m.
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**
Tuesday, March 19, 2024
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Room 204 in the Education Bldg.
with a Zoom option
- ▶ **Lenten Lunch**
Wednesday, March 20, 2024
12 Noon
Woodlawn Community Fellowship UMC
737 Woodlawn Rd, Charlotte, 28209
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**
Sunday, March 24, 2024
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Youth Group**
Sunday, March 24, 2024
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Trustees Meeting**
Wednesday, April 10, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall



Easter Egg Hunt is tomorrow Saturday, March 16th

**Easter Activities and Crafts in Fellowship Hall
from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

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

704-617-4056

Children's Program Director

Symbols of Lent



While hanging on the cross,
Jesus said “I thirst.”

Someone put a sponge
soaked with wine on a
branch and held it up to
Jesus to drink. After drinking
the wine from the sponge,
Jesus said “It is finished.”
Then he died.

Four Lenten Lunch Wednesday's in March 12 Noon

**This week's lunch will be at
Woodlawn Community Fellowship
UMC. Please 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 20th

**Woodlawn Community Fellowship UMC
737 E. Woodlawn Road
Charlotte 28209
Jonathan Coppedge-Henley, Pastor**

March 27th

**Sedgefield United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor**

Receiving Holy Communion



We are observing the Lord's supper
on Sunday, March 24, 2024.

We encourage you to contact the
church office at 704-523-0077 or
email the church office at

office@sedgefieldchurch.org

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

Room in the Inn

Our winter mission for Room in the Inn was completed last Sunday at Avondale Presbyterian. I want to extend a special thanks to all of the volunteers, too many to name! From cooking to serving dinner and our overnight hosts, we served 40 neighbors. Not only food and shelter, but our neighbors also needed a connection with others. We provided that in our common commitment of serving Christ and loving one another. We also included our children in this ministry by having them create breakfast and lunch bags for our guests to take with them, along with placecards of bible verses for their beds.

This mission truly takes a village!

Blessings!
Ellen Lankford



Pictures from Sunday, March 10, 2024 the day Lynn Hager retired.



Pictures from the Chili Cook-Off

The Chefs



The Winner





Easter Lily Information

Order Forms to purchase Easter Lilies will be available in the Church lobby beginning this Sunday, February 25th.

The price remains the same at \$14.00 per Lily.

Please place your completed Order Forms in the Black Box on the Lobby Desk with payment by **Sunday, March 24th.**

(Please note *“for flowers”* on check).

If paying online please note that on the order form.

If you are unable to come to Church, please call the Office at 704-523-0077 or email office@sedgefieldchurch.org and give us the information listed below by **Thursday, March 21st.**

Your Name

Your Telephone Number

Number of Lilies Ordered

Given in Honor of

or

Given in Memory of

The cost per Lily is \$14.00. Payment can be made by mailing a check payable to Sedgefield UMC, 2830 Dorchester Place, Charlotte, NC 28309 or Paying Online on our Church

Website: www.SedgefieldChurch.org

Please note *“for Flowers”* on your check and designate for *“Flowers”* when paying on line.



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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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](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.**

Special Report from Samaritan's Purse regarding Operation Christmas Child 2023.



Thankful for What God Has Done

God did extraordinary things around the world through Operation Christmas Child in 2023! We praise Him that 11.3 million shoeboxes were packed worldwide during last year's collection season. That means millions of children will now hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be discipled in 2024!

To read the Special Report click on the Link below.

<https://links.e.samaritans-purse.org.uk/els/v2/emrKSk9Wg~CY/TEJTcGpSMWRRN0tKdGhjNGRGdUhpSWVCMFIGMC9WVUxFRIFzUG9zUVJ4UIRGdTVkNEhnZk1wOWlrR3VjaEYwVEtNbXZMdkVrdlZpY0pPMHg5ZFhlcUFpMWs4TXJXMUtwQnRQK1hPbkRBYmc9S0/>

We invite you to explore some of 2023's highlights in our Special Report and get a glimpse of just how God expresses His love through simple shoeboxes. You're sure to enjoy discovering some dynamic stories, including how shoeboxes led to several new churches being started in a remote region of Madagascar that was previously hostile to Christianity.

We are grateful for your partnership through faithful prayers, packed boxes, volunteer hours, and other support. Let's continue to “*declare His glory among the nations*” (Psalm 96:3).

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



Online Through

wnccumc.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.



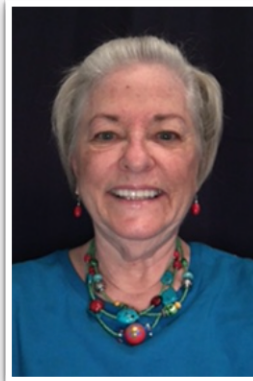
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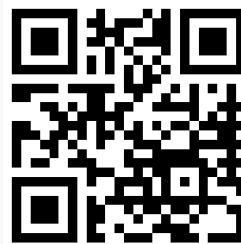
Ellen Freitas
Office Manager



Robin Moore
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