

THE EPISTLE

March 22, 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, we will celebrate Palm and Passion Sunday. We will have Holy Communion as part of the service. We will begin with the “Palms” reading (Mark 11:1-11) of Jesus’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The mood of the service will turn from praise and joy to lamentation and sadness. We will hear Mark 14:12-15:47, the Passion Narrative. The people changed

their attitude toward Jesus in a matter of days, maybe a matter of hours. Were these the same people who praised him at first and scorned him later? We don’t know. We know that it ended badly - Jesus was arrested and taken away. He was put on trial and found guilty. He was sentenced to die and he was executed. Shame on them. Shame on us for any time we have changed our attitude toward Jesus from praise to scorn, or, more likely, from serving him to ignoring him.

I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

March 24, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Palm and Passion Sunday

This Sunday, March 24, 2024
is Communion Sunday.

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

Flowers

The flowers in the narthex this
Sunday, March 24, 2024 are in
honor of Bud and Betty
Davidson's 66th Wedding
Anniversary (April 5) from their
daughters Jean, Sandra and Ann.

Future Sermons

Mar 31 - Easter Sunday Done and Undone

April 7 - Joe Hamby from Roof Above

April 14 - AJ Thomas, Guest Preacher

- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**
Tuesday, April 16, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**
Sunday, March 24, 2024
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Confirmation Class**
Sunday, March 24, 2024
11:45am
Parlor
- ▶ **Youth Group**
Sunday, March 24, 2024
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Lenten Lunch**
Wednesday, March 27, 2024
12 Noon
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Good Friday**
Friday, March 29, 2024
12Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Sanctuary will be open for a time of
prayer and meditation as we reflect
on the Stations of the Cross.
- ▶ **Trustees Meeting**
Wednesday, April 10, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Susanna Wesley Circle**
Thursday, April 11, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Room 204 in the Education Bldg

Lenten Lunch

Our final Lenten Lunch will be this Wednesday, March 27th in Fellowship Hall. 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 church.

All are Welcome.





Easter Lily Information

Completed Order Forms for Easter Lilies must be put
in the Black Box on the Lobby Desk with payment by
this 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 on **Monday, March 25th.**

Your Name

Your Telephone Number

Number of Lilies Ordered

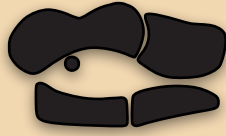
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The cost per Lily is \$14.00. Payment can be made by mailing
a check payable to Sedgefield UMC, 2830 Dorchester Place,
Charlotte, NC 28309 or Paying Online on our Church
Website: www.SedgefieldChurch.org

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



LOAVES & FISHES

Groceries for Neighbors in Need

On Communion Sundays we have a tradition of collecting food for our neighborhood Loaves & Fishes pantry. Items most needed are: canned meat, canned fruit, peanut butter, boxed or canned pasta, and canned vegetables.

You are invited to bring your food donations
on Sunday, April 7, 2024.



The collection of non-perishable food items is an ongoing mission opportunity. Collection baskets are in the lobby each Sunday or donations can be dropped off at any time during office hours.

More from the Chili Cook-Off



Pictured are Palmer Steel who was the Winner of the Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, March 9th and Linda Russ who received Honorable Mention.

Congratulations Palmer and Linda!

Pictures of the Easter Egg Hunt



Youth Retreat

We had 2 youth and 3 adults (Sam Curson, Adelyn Garcia, Youth Director Brad Kirksey, Pastor Tom, MaryAnne Garcia) attend the Confirmation Retreat at Hinton Center in Hayesville, NC March 15-17. We had a wonderful experience and learned about how God sees us, hears us, calls us, and loves us.





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)**

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

OR

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



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.**

Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



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sedgefieldchurch.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.



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contributions
through your
bank's Online
Bill Pay.



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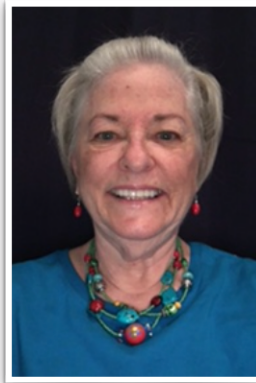
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