

# THE EPISTLE

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May 3, 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



Dear Friends,

This Sunday, we will have communion and I will be preaching on Acts 10:44-48. My title will be “When The Church Changed Its Mind.”

It is a proven fact that human beings change their minds. We do it all the time. When institutions, like the Church, change their minds, it is a significant event. That’s because institutions are made up of groups of people and getting groups of people to agree to change is much more difficult.

The Church has changed its mind throughout its history. Chapter 10 of Acts describes one of the earliest changes the Church made. Although the Church started as an exclusively Jewish movement, non-Jews (Gentiles) showed interest immediately. Peter led the Church in being open to ALL people, not only Jews. This was a controversial move, because many Christian Jews wanted the Church to remain only for people who were Jews first. Nevertheless, the Church became a religion for anyone and everyone who sought to follow Jesus. In the sermon on Sunday, we will talk about many more times the Church changed its mind and the implications for us today. I hope to see you there, but if not, I hope you can join us on the livestream.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tom

## This Sunday in Worship

May 5, 2024

10:30 a.m.

When The Church Changed Its Mind

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

### Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for Sunday, May 5,  
2024 are in honor of Polly Willis's  
birthday from her family.

### Future Sermons

*May 12 - Challenge Course*

*May 19 - Too Early To Be Drinking*

*May 26 - Your Inheritance*

- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**  
Sunday May 26, 2024  
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.  
907 W. 1st Street

## Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Final Confirmation Class**  
Sunday, May 5, 2024  
11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Youth Group**  
Sunday, May 5, 2024  
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
St. Andrews UMC  
1901 Archdale Drive  
Charlotte, 28210
- ▶ **Bible Study**  
Tuesday, May 7, 2024  
11:00 a.m. - 12Noon  
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Susanna Wesley Circle**  
Thursday, May 9, 2024  
6:30 p.m.  
Room 204 in the Education Bldg.
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**  
Sunday, May 19, 2024  
4:45 p.m.  
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 21, 2024  
6:30 p.m.  
Rm 204 in Ed. Bldg w/Zoom Option



On Communion Sundays we have a tradition of collecting food for our neighborhood food pantry which is now named

***Nourish Up (formerly Loaves & Fishes).***

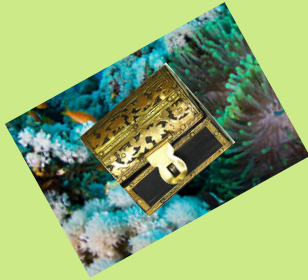
Items most needed are: canned meat, canned fruit, peanut butter, boxed or canned pasta, and canned vegetables.

***You are invited to bring your food donations forward as you receive Communion this Sunday, May 5, 2024.***



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

# Diving for Sunken Treasures!



## Your Trash is our Treasure!

**We are collecting items to help make decorations for VBS.**

**If you have any of the following items that you would like to donate, please place them in our treasure box, in the narthex, by this Sunday, May 5th!**

**Items needed: egg cartons, ribbons (any color or size), cardboard tubes (any size), artificial flowers/plants, plastic, styrofoam or paper bowls (all sizes), caps from plastic bottles, **brightly colored pool noodles, pipe cleaners, cupcake liners, spray paint, straws, netting, and tulle.****

**Also, we need foam balls (any size), curvy packing peanuts (non-biodegradable), long wooden skewers (16" – 36"), and large sheets of foam.**

**I appreciate all donations!**

**Thanks!**

**Mary Jo Bridges  
VBS Director**



# Sedgefest 2024

Sedgefest, our neighborhood festival, is Saturday, May 11, from 11:00 – 4:00 pm at our neighborhood park at 600 Elmhurst Drive.

Our church will oversee the Kids' Zone which will be under the Gazebo again this year. We need **volunteers** to help monitor the activities. If you are available to volunteer for 1 – 2 hours, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or see/email me.

Thanks!

Mary Jo Bridges

704-617-4056

[marycbridges@yahoo.com](mailto:marycbridges@yahoo.com)

*Pictures from Sedgefest 2023*



# Pictures from our Cookout on Saturday.

It was a time of good fellowship and delicious food. Thanks to all who helped, participated and donated to the Missions Ministry.



# Altar Flowers



**You can now Order Sunday Altar Flowers online.**

**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 on a special day**

**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.**





## Sedgefield Middle School PTO

### Volunteers Needed for EOY Proctoring

We are in need of around 30 volunteers each day. There will be proctor training in advance of the testing days as well as proctor training on testing days. **You do need to be a cleared CMS volunteer to help us.** We test reading, math and 8<sup>th</sup> grade science. May 28th will be the reading test; May 30th will be the math test and June 4th will be the 8<sup>th</sup> grade science test! Testing times are from 7:45am-12:00pm for all days.

Proctors-

- MUST be 18 years or older and an approved CMS volunteer
- May not be assigned to proctor in a room where a relative is testing
- Read proctor guide
- Receive face-to-face proctor training
- May not assist students nor be left alone with testing materials
- May not read test directions
- Must turn off cell phone and not have access to any electronic devices.

#### EOG Sign Up Link-

<https://forms.gle/PLJr7mV6sH2CtsfSA>

#### CMS Volunteer Link-

<https://www.cmsvolunteers.com/login.php>

We appreciate your willingness to serve as a proctor at our school! You make testing possible!

**Questions?** Contact [Ms. Eldridge](#).

Email: [catherine.eldridge@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:catherine.eldridge@cms.k12.nc.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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:marycbridges@yahoo.com)

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# 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 Pl  
Charlotte, NC



## Online Through

[wnccumc.org](http://wnccumc.org)

Make a credit card  
or electronic  
contribution.



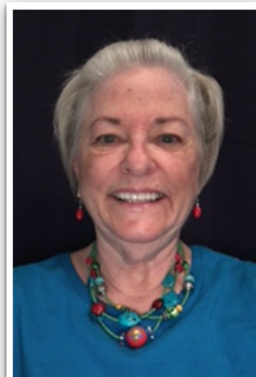
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