

# THE EPISTLE

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August 2, 2024

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*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, I will be preaching on Psalm 51 and my title will be “Cleaning Inside Out.” We will celebrate communion and receive food for Nourish Up (formerly Loaves and Fishes).

We spend a lot of time cleaning. I looked it up and the estimate from something called ACI (American Cleaning Institute) was that American spend about 6 hours a week cleaning their homes. Then I noticed that survey was from 2018, pre-Pandemic. I can only assume we spend more time now, or at least for a while we did, when we had all that time at home.

Psalm 51 is attributed to King David, supposedly after his scandalous and evil affair with Bathsheba and his subsequent successful ploy to have her husband killed in battle. “Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.” (Psalm 51:2) The king was overwhelmed by his own sin. He was so guilty in so many ways it may be a little difficult for us to relate to him. Nevertheless, sin is universal. We have all sinned. Maybe not as boldly or blatantly as what David did, but still we are sinners. In this sermon, we will talk about the clean up work we all have to do.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tom

# This Sunday in Worship

August 4, 2024  
10:30 a.m.  
Cleaning Inside Out

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

## Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers this Sunday, August 4, 2024 are in honor of Virginia Maxey from her five children.



Do you want to honor or remember someone by donating Altar Flowers? Dates are available in August, September and October. Please see the Altar Flowers Sign-Up page in this Epistle or call the church office at 704-523-0077.

## Future Sermons

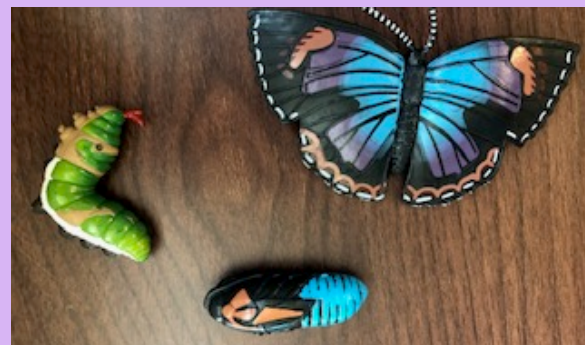
*Aug. 11 - Words That Heal*  
*Aug. 18 - The Best Use of Your Time*  
*Aug. 25 - What To Wear*

- ▶ **Blessing of the Backpacks**  
Sunday August 25, 2024  
10:30 a.m.  
Sanctuary
- ▶ **Youth Group Starts on**  
Sunday August 25, 2024  
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.  
St. Andrews UMC  
1901 Archdale Drive  
Charlotte NC 28210

# Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Summer Fun Wednesday**  
August 7, 2024  
10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon  
Playground, Front Lawn  
and Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Trustees Meeting**  
Wednesday, August 7, 2024  
6:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom
- ▶ **Susanna Wesley Circle**  
Thursday August 8, 2024  
6:30 p.m.  
Room 204 in the Education Bldg.
- ▶ **Membership Info Meeting**  
Sunday, August 11, 2024  
11:45am -12:45 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall  
(Childcare Available)
- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**  
Thursday, August 15, 2024  
6:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**  
Sunday, August 18, 2024  
4:45 p.m.  
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Church Cookout**  
Saturday, August 24, 2024  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Front Lawn
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**  
Sunday August 25, 2024  
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.  
907 W. 1st Street

# Pictures of this week's Summer Fun Wednesday with Reedy Creek Nature Center



# **Final Summer Fun Wednesday at Sedgefield Church**

**2830 Dorchester Place**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Play Ground and Front Lawn**

**Ages Preschool – Elementary Children+**

**(Parents are asked to stay with their children for the program.)**

**10:00 – 10:30 a.m. – Playground Fun**

**10:30 – 11:45 a.m. – Program**

**11:45 – Noon – Popsicles**

## **August 7<sup>th</sup> – Jumpin' Jacks Waterslide**

**Come prepared to get wet!**

**Parents may want to bring a lawn chair and beach towel.**



**Questions – Call Mary Jo Bridges – Children's Program**

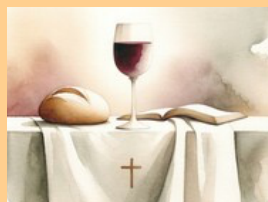
**Director 704-617-4056**



On Communion Sundays we have a tradition of collecting food for Nourish Up our neighborhood food 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 forward as you receive Communion this Sunday, August 4, 2024.*



## **Our Food Collection for 2024**

January & February - **120 pounds**

March & April - **118 pounds**

May - **175 pounds**

June & July - **170 pounds**

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.

**Sedgefield Church is hosting two Back-to-School Store Events on behalf of Sedgefield Middle School in August.**

**Students and families will be able to shop for school supplies free of charge.**

**You can help by donating School Supplies or if you want to volunteer at the store, please contact Pastor Tom.**

**You can purchase supplies from Amazon by using the link below:**

**Link to Back to School Store:  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/dmTwmPt?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/dmTwmPt?ref_=wl_share)**

**Or, if you prefer, you can shop on your own. In any case, supplies must be brought to the Church and put in the designated box in the Narthex on or before Sunday, August 4, 2024.**

### **School Supplies Needed**

- Pencils – any kind**
- Spiral Notebooks – 1 subject**
- Pens – black or blue ink**
- Color Pencils**
- Markers**
- Glue Sticks**
- Post it Notes (any color)**
- Highlighters**
- Pencil Pouch**
- Loose Leaf Paper- college or wide**



# Save the Date

You won't want to miss our  
Final Summer Cookout on  
**Saturday, August 24, 2024.**

**Sedgefield Church & Sedgefield  
Neighborhood Cookout**  
**11:30 am - 1:00 pm on the Front Lawn**  
**2830 Dorchester Place, Charlotte 28209**



**Everyone is invited!**  
**Enjoy food, fun and fellowship.**

*Bring a Friend or Neighbor*





**Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
will return in September.**

**We will begin meeting on Tuesday  
September 3, 2024 at  
11:00am in Fellowship Hall.**

**Everyone is Invited.**



# Altar Flowers

You can now Order Sunday  
Altar Flowers online.

**Use the Sign-up Genius Link  
Below to Order Flowers.**

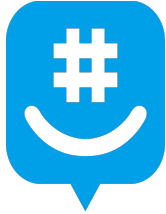
**[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/  
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- pick an available date
- write a message to let us know who/what you want to memorialize, honor or celebrate on a special day

**Or you can just call the Church Office  
at 704-523-0077 to order flowers.**

**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.**

**Please note “for flowers” online or your check.**



**You are invited to join the  
Sedgefield Church  
Group Me Prayer Group.**



Sedgefield Church has a notification platform through Group Me which enables Pastor Tom to let people know when someone from our congregation is in need of prayer.

Many of you already receive these notifications.

If you would like to be part of this group, please email

**[PastorTom@SedgefieldChurch.org](mailto:PastorTom@SedgefieldChurch.org)**

and give him your cellphone number (preferred) or your email address and he will add you to this group.

This is an opportunity to minister to each other through prayer.

# 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  
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## Online Through

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

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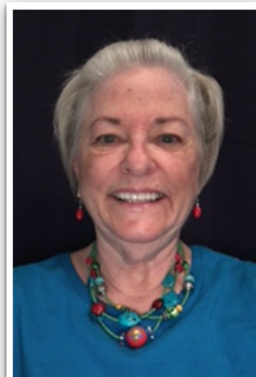
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