

# THE EPISTLE

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August 23, 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 a Blessing of the Backpacks and I will be preaching from Ephesians 6:10-17. My title will be “What To Wear.”

Perhaps nothing is as personal as a person’s wardrobe. We choose each day and sometimes several times a day what clothes to wear. Clothes range from mundane to scandalous, and from boring to daring. We make a statement with what we wear or maybe we are merely trying to blend in. For some, it is important to keep up with the latest trends, whereas others couldn't care less.

Paul uses clothing imagery to describe Christians who are preparing for spiritual “warfare.” He talks about “the belt of truth” and “the helmet of salvation” as if these are actual items that we might find in the store and put on. His language is symbolic but still important for us to understand and follow. We will talk about our “spiritual wardrobe” on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tom

# This Sunday in Worship

August 25, 2024  
10:30 a.m.  
What To Wear

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

## Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers this Sunday,  
August 25, 2024 are in honor of  
Johnny Horn's Birthday from  
Kelli Horn.



Want to honor or remember someone by  
donating Altar Flowers? You can do so by  
using the Altar Flower Sign-Up Page in this  
Epistle or call the church office at  
704-523-0077.

## Future Sermons

*Sept. 1 - Don't Know Much*  
*Sept. 8 - Playing Favorites*  
*Sept. 15 - You Are What You Say*

- ▶ **Susanna Wesley Circle**  
Thursday, September 12, 2024  
6:30 p.m.  
Room 204 in the Education Bldg.
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**  
Sunday, September 15, 2024  
4:45 p.m.  
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 17, 2024  
6:30 p.m.  
Room 204 in Ed. Bldg. w/ Zoom Option

# Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Church Cookout**  
Saturday, August 24, 2024  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Front Lawn  
Including Water Slide for Kids  
(11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**  
Sunday, August 25, 2024  
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.  
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Blessing of the Backpacks**  
Sunday, August 25, 2024  
10:30 a.m.  
Sanctuary
- ▶ **Celebrating Robin Moore**  
Sunday, August 25, 2024 is  
Robin's last day serving as our  
Nursery Caregiver. Please join  
us for a Reception in Robin's  
honor following the 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service.
- ▶ **Youth Group**  
Sunday, August 25, 2024  
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.  
St. Andrews UMC  
1901 Archdale Drive  
Charlotte NC 28210
- ▶ **Bible Study**  
Tuesday, September 3, 2024  
11:00 a.m. - 12Noon  
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Trustees Meeting**  
Wednesday, September 4, 2024  
6:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom



# Altar Flowers

**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**

**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.**

# **Final Summer Cookout Tomorrow Saturday, August 24, 2024**

**Sedgefield Church & Sedgefield  
Neighborhood Cookout**

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm on the Front Lawn  
2830 Dorchester Place, Charlotte 28209**



**PLUS A WATER SLIDE  
FOR THE KIDS.**



**Volunteers and food are needed.  
Please sign up using the link below:**

**[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/  
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/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EACAB23A64-neighborhood3/122828026#/)**

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

*Bring a Friend or Neighbor*

# Events taking place this Sunday, August 25, 2024

**Celebrating Robin Moore**  
Sunday, August 25, 2024 is  
Robin's final day serving as  
Nursery Caregiver for SUMC.  
Please join us for a reception in  
Robin's honor after the  
10:30am Worship Service.



**Sedgefield Church's Annual  
Blessing of the Backpacks  
Sunday, August 25th  
10:30 am in the Sanctuary**



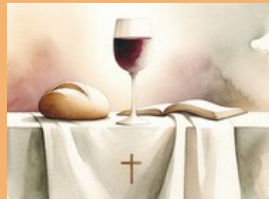
**Youth Group Meets  
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.  
Sunday August 25, 2024  
at St. Andrews UMC  
1901 Archdale Drive  
Charlotte NC 28210**





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. **Powdered milk and shelf milk are also needed.**

*You are invited to bring your food donations forward as you receive Communion on Sunday, September 1, 2024.*



## **Our Food Collection for 2024**

January & February - **120** pounds

March & April - **118** pounds

May - **175** pounds

June & July - **170** pounds

August - **77** pounds

The collection of non-perishable food items is an ongoing mission opportunity. Collection baskets are in the lobby each Sunday. Food donations can also be dropped off at the church office from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday.



## Receiving Holy Communion

**On Communion Sundays, generally the first Sunday of the month, servers are available to bring Communion to your home.**

**We encourage you to contact the church office at 704-523-0077 or email the church office at [office@sedgefieldchurch.org](mailto:office@sedgefieldchurch.org) if you, or someone you know, would like Holy Communion brought to the home.**

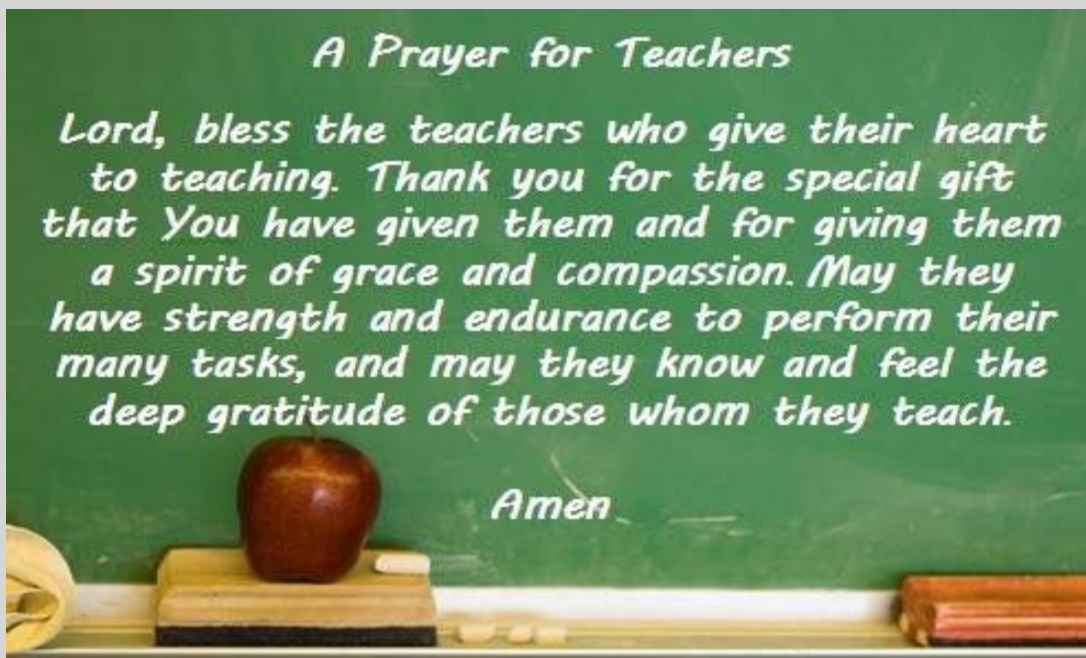
**Our next observance of the Lord's Supper is Sunday, September 1, 2024.**

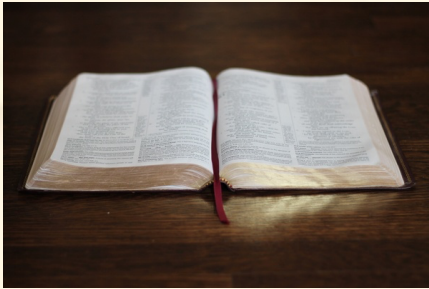


# Back to School Treat Bags



**Thank you to the Susanna Wesley Circle for providing snacks for the Sedgefield Middle School Staff this week. We wish them a safe and wonderful school year.**

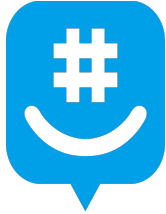




**Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
will return in September.**

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

**Everyone is Invited.**



**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



## Church

Mail your check to:

Sedgefield  
UMC  
2830  
Dorchester Pl  
Charlotte, NC



## Online Through

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

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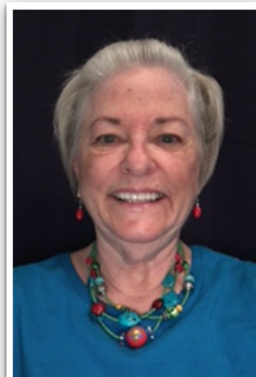
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