

THE EPISTLE

August 30, 2024

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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

*2830 Dorchester Place
Charlotte, NC 28209*

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704-523-0077

Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor

Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

This Sunday I will be preaching on John 6:66-69 and my title will be “Don’t Know Much.” We will also celebrate Holy Communion and receive food donations for Nourish Up.

In this sermon, we will be talking about Peter and a decision that he made. Simon Peter is a Biblical character that we get to know rather well when we read the New Testament. He and Paul became the primary leaders of the early church. We can relate to Peter because he has many of the personality flaws we all deal with: saying the wrong thing, being overly eager to please, and being overconfident (then frequently looking foolish).

With all that we know about Peter, we can assume decision-making was as difficult for him as it is for any of us. He surely second-guessed himself like we all do. So when it came to this particular decision - to stay or go as a disciple of Jesus - it had to have been an internal struggle for him. He would have looked at others around him and the decisions they made and he would have wondered whether he was more like the ones who left or the ones who remained. On Sunday, we will talk about these internal struggles.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

September 1, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Don't Know Much

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

This Sunday, September 1, 2024 is Communion Sunday. You are invited to bring your Nourish Up food donations with you as you come forward to receive Communion.

Do you 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. 8 - Playing Favorites

Sept. 15 - You Are What You Say

Sept. 22 - People of Peace

- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**
Tuesday, September 17, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Room 204 in Ed. Bldg. w/ Zoom Option
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**
Sunday, September 22, 2024
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Youth Group will not meet this Sunday, September 1, 2024.**
Next Meeting
Sunday, September 8, 2024
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
St. Andrews UMC
1901 Archdale Drive
- ▶ **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
- ▶ **Missions Meeting**
Sunday, September 8, 2024
11:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **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



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.**

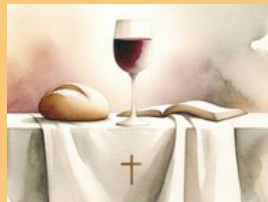
**The Altar Flower donation remains the same at \$40 which
can be paid online using the Church Website
sedgefieldchurch.org or by sending a check to
Sedgefield Church, 2830 Dorchester Place,
Charlotte NC 28209.**

Please note “for flowers” online or your check.



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.

Thank You from Sedgefield Middle School for Hosting the School Supply Pop-Up Store



Thank you Pastor Tom and Sedgefield United Methodist Church for opening up the Back-to-School Pop-Up Store during our Orientation on August 14th and our Open House on August 21st. Please share with your volunteers how much we appreciate all the effort that was put forth.

All the best.

Wendy Johnson-Willis, MSW
School Social Worker
Sedgefield Middle School

Pictures from Saturday's Cookout and Water Slide Event

Thanks to everyone who helped make this great day possible.



An Invitation from United Methodist Men of St. Andrews UMC

My name is Chris Picha and I attend St. Andrew's UMC. David Lewyn and myself are starting up a United Methodist Men's Group here at St. Andrews. We wanted to reach out and see if any men from your church would be interested in joining us.

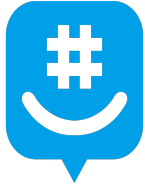
We are planning to meet at St. Andrew's Family Life Center at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 14, 2024 for breakfast.

This will be just an informal get together to meet each other.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via email at sweetss1@comporium.net or by phone/text 704-340-3706.

Thank you.

**Chris Picha
St. Andrews UMC
1901 Archdale Drive
Charlotte, NC 28209**



**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

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

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.



Bank Draft

Set up automatic
contributions
through your
bank's Online
Bill Pay.



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Mail your check to:

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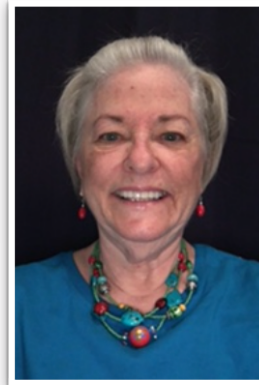
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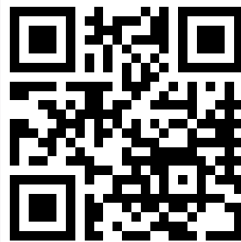
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