

THE EPISTLE

January 3, 2025

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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 Baptismal Renewal and Communion. There will be a Children's Time. I will be preaching on Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 and my title will be "Take A Bath."

In church, we regularly take ordinary things and think of them in extraordinary ways. Water is a great example. We use water for many aspects of our life. In church, we take ordinary water, say a prayer over it and use it for baptism and baptismal renewal. Ordinary water takes on a symbolic quality for renewal, cleansing, initiation, and commitment. It is especially appropriate at the beginning of a new year that we take time to commit and re-commit ourselves to God in this symbolic ritual. I hope to see you at church this Sunday!

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

January 5, 2025
10:30 a.m.
Take A Barth

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

**Holy Communion and
Food Drive for Nourish Up
this Sunday, January 5, 2025**

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers for this Sunday, January 5, 2025 are to the Glory of God and for peace and blessings in the New Year to all my friends at Sedgfield Church from Ellen Freitas.

Do you want to honor or remember someone by donating Altar Flowers?

You can do so by:

- Signing Up on the Altar Flower page in this Epistle
- Email the Church Office at office@sedgieldchurch.org
- Call the office at 704-523-0077.

The flower donation remains at \$40.

Future Sermons

Jan 5 - Take A Bath

Jan 12 - Power Trip

Jan 19 - Treasure In Clay Pots

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Youth Group**
Sunday, January 5, 2025
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
St. Andrews UMC
1901 Archdale Drive
Charlotte NC 28210
- ▶ **Bible Study - Romans**
Tuesday, January 7, 2025
11:00 a.m. - 12 Noon
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Trustees Meeting**
Wednesday, January 8, 2025
6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Susanna Wesley Circle**
Thursday, January 9, 2025
6:30 p.m.
Room 204 in the Education Bldg.
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**
Sunday, January 19, 2025
4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**
Tuesday, January 21, 2025
6:30 p.m.
Room 204 in Ed Bldg - Zoom Option
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**
Sunday, January 26, 2025
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street



Happy Saturday before Christmas!

Went by James Street and got these pics.

Progress definitely being made..siding should be finished and inside will be ready for paint Friday, Jan. 3!

Interior Painting Workdays are Saturday, January 4th and Saturday, January 11th.

Courtney added a few spots for both days so see what you can do to help us fill the sign-up page up...especially on Friday!

Merriest of Christmases to all!

You are the best team ever!

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*Dear Sedgefield Church Friends,
Thank you so much for the Christmas bonuses.
Your generosity is amazing and wonderful. We
are blessed beyond measure to serve you and
serve with you. We look forward to a wonderful
year of ministry in 2025!*

*Blessings,
Pastor Tom and the Sedgefield Church Staff*



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, canned vegetables, powdered milk and shelf milk.
Crackers would be a great addition as well.



*You are invited to bring your
food donations forward
as you receive Communion this
Sunday, January 5, 2025.*

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.



We want to thank the members of our church who volunteered at Room in the Inn this past Sunday, December 8th.

Members of Sedgefield Church will again be hosting at Room in the Inn on the 2nd Sundays in January, February and March.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Remaining Dates</u>
Avondale Presbyterian Church 2821 Park Road Charlotte, NC 28209	Sunday, January 12, 2025 Sunday, February, 9, 2025 Sunday, March 9, 2025

We need Church members and volunteers to host, prepare food and serve on these dates.

We need your help. Please use the Sign-Up Link below to volunteer or to fill a need.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EACAB23A64-46252965-room>

If you have any questions, please email Ellen Lankford at ewlankford@gmail.com.

Thank you.



Donate Altar Flowers

**Use the Sign-up Genius Link Below
to Donate Flowers in 2025.**

**[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**

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

**The Altar Flower donation remains the same at \$40.
Payment can be made by mailing a check payable to Sedgefield
UMC, 2830 Dorchester Pl, Charlotte, NC 28209 or
pay online using your usual method of giving.
Note for “Flower Fund” on the payment method you use.**

Sunday, December 22, 2024 Worship Service

On Sunday, December 22, 2024, Katie and Jeremy Whelan became members of Sedgefield United Methodist Church and their sons Everet and Charlie were baptized.

Jeremy's friendship friend is Tom Little and Katie's friendship friend is Virginia Maxey.



Christmas Eve at Sedgefield Church Tuesday, December, 24, 2024

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” Matthew 1:23



Dear church family,

Please save the items listed below for Vacation Bible School this summer. You may leave the items on the stage in the Fellowship Hall or call me and I will pick them up.

Thanks!

Mary Jo Bridges

VBS Director

704-617-4056

VBS Donations

Green Artificial
Christmas Trees

Empty Wrapping
Paper Tubes

Empty Popcorn Tins





How To Help With WNCCUMC Hurricane Helene Relief

Step 1: Sedgfield UMC Will Collect Supplies.

Current list of supplies needed:

- Water
- Flood Buckets
- Non-perishable food
- Diapers
- Baby Formula
- Cleaning Supplies

Absolutely NO clothes or food items that need refrigeration.

We will work on a more detailed list over time. This list may change quickly, and we will keep you updated.

Please leave your donations under the sign next to the stairs in the Narthex.

Step 2: We Will Deliver Our Donated Supplies to:

Woodlawn Community Fellowship (our District Collection Hub).

Ann Davis - Collection Hub Coordinator

704-502-9265 (Please text.)

Call Woodlawn Coordinator to schedule a time to drop off supplies.

Donate directly to WNCCUMC

Online: Use this Link: <https://bit.ly/WNCCHurricaneReliefDonations>

Checks: Checks can be made out to WNCC Treasurer and mailed to PO Box 2757, Huntersville, NC 28070 with memo Disaster Response.

You can also donate through Sedgfield UMC by whatever method you currently use (**note for Disaster Relief**). We will forward to WNCCUMC.

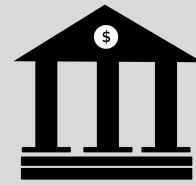
Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



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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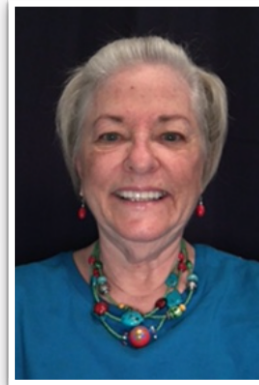
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