

The Epistle January 17, 2025



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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

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Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor

Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

This Sunday, I will be preaching on 2 Corinthians 4:5-10 and my title will be “Treasure in Clay Pots.”

Our world contains many treasures. From rare metals to natural wonders, or the creativity of human beings, some of the treasures of the world are readily observable. Other treasures are sometimes more difficult to discover. When the Apostle Paul wrote about “this treasure in clay jars,” he was referring to the power of God within us. We are the clay jars, or clay pots. We are fallible, delicate, and temporary containers of God’s power. Nevertheless we have been entrusted with this treasure.

We should find this message both reassuring and unsettling. Whenever we are given something valuable, it is both a great honor and a significant responsibility. So it is with the power of God. We can let it work through us, surrendering ourselves to what God wants, or we can try to resist and be less cooperative. And also, sometimes, we can be confused about what God wants us to do. We will talk about this treasure on Sunday in worship. I look forward to seeing you there.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

January 19, 2025
10:30 a.m.
Treasure in Clay Pots

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

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers from last Sunday, January 12th were in honor of Mary Jo Bridges' birthday from her husband Jim.

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 26 - Living The Word We Hear
Feb 2 - Turning A Crowd Against You
Feb 9 - Ready To Go

- ▶ **Trustees Meeting**
Monday, February 3, 2025
6:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Youth Group**
Sunday, January 19, 2025
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
St. Andrews UMC
1901 Archdale Drive
Charlotte NC 28210
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**
Sunday, January 19, 2025
4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Bible Study - Romans**
Tuesday, January 21, 2025
11:00 a.m. - 12 Noon
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **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
- ▶ **Faith Development Meeting**
Sunday, January 26, 2025
11:30 a.m.
Room 204 in Education Bldg
Light lunch provided.
- ▶ **Youth Group**
Sunday, January 26, 2025
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Lunch provided.



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.**



Well team ... I just can't tell you how great these past 2 days, January 3rd and 4th, have been! Who would have ever thought we could rally the troops to have 2 holiday days with 20 volunteers both days with several churches represented! But we did!

Today was chilly but no wind and a beautiful blue sky with the sun shining... with 20 painters inside, there was plenty of warmth. Three coats of wall paint were applied! Westminster Presbyterian hosted.



The devotion reflected on scripture and Jimmy Carter's legacy of serving others as his body was en route to Atlanta today for a service at the Carter Center. I took several volunteers over to the Meadows to show the Carter Work Project we helped with last year .

What a build it has been... and guess what... we are going to have a Bonus day! Wil (the Site Superintendent) has asked if we could come back to help in February ... of course we can! Tabitha's house still has a ways to go.. So stay tuned on that!

Meanwhile... thanks for all your work hosting, praying, and just being the best team ever! Couldn't do this without you all!

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Save The Date!



Chili Cook Off Saturday, February 15th

Sedgefield Church is partnering with the Sedgefield Neighborhood Association in hosting a Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, February 15, 2025 in Fellowship Hall.





We thank everyone who donated or prepared food, served, hosted and stayed overnight at Room in the Inn this past Sunday, January 12th.

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

Location

Remaining Dates

Avondale Presbyterian Church
2821 Park Road
Charlotte, NC 28209

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.

VBS 2025

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.

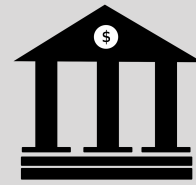
Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



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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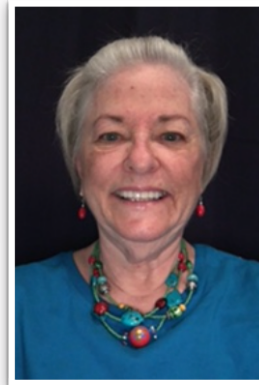
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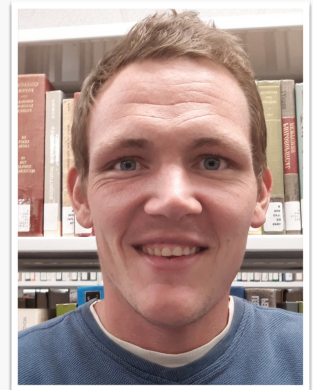
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