

THE EPISTLE

March 21, 2025

Find Hope Here

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 I will be preaching on Psalm 63:1-8 and my title will be “A Soul Unsatisfied.”

What brings you satisfaction, that is, a feeling of being satisfied? It could be a project completed, arriving at a destination, or hosting an event. Sometimes we are more familiar with feelings of DIS-satisfaction than we are with feelings of satisfaction. Psalm 63 talks about “thirsting for you (God).” Our soul longs for God, even if we don’t know that’s what’s going on inside of us.

The Psalm also says “My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast...” We know how it feels to be full after eating. That is a physical form of satisfaction. In this sermon we will be talking about different kinds of satisfaction, but especially the spiritual kind of satisfaction. That’s what God offers us. I look forward to seeing you at worship on Sunday.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

March 23, 2025
10:30 a.m.
A Soul Unsatisfied

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

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers for this Sunday, March 23, 2025 are in honor of Adalynn Watford's 13th birthday on March 24th from her family.

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

You can do so by:

- Signing Up on the Altar Flowers page in this Epistle
- Email the office at office@SedgefieldChurch.org
- Call the office at 704-523-0077.

In order for your flowers to be announced in the Newsletter and in Church on a particular Sunday, your order must be placed by Wednesday morning of that week.

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.

Future Sermons

Mar 30 - Leigh Fresina Preaching

Apr 6 - What Was She Thinking

Apr 13 - Palm/Passion Sunday

► Susanna Wesley Circle

Thursday, April 10, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Room 204 in the Education Bldg.

Upcoming Events

► Serve At Rebound-Breakfast

Sunday, March 23, 2025

7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

907 W. 1st Street

► Youth Group

Sunday, March 23, 2025

12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.

St. Andrews UMC

1901 Archdale Drive

Charlotte NC 28210

► Admin Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Room 204 w/ Zoom Option

► Lenten Lunch

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

12 Noon - 1:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

► Charlotte Checkers Game

Sunday, March 30, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Bojanles Coliseum

2700 E. Independence Blvd.

Charlotte, NC 28205

► Blood Drive

Sunday, April 6, 2025

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sedgefield Church Parking Lot

► Chamber Concert

Sunday, April 6, 2025

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

► Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

The Symbols of Lent



After Jesus was arrested, the soldiers guarding him made fun of him. They made a crown of thorns and put it on him, calling out “Hail, King of the Jews!” In addition to publicly humiliating him, the crown itself would have been quite painful, and likely contributed to the already weakened condition of his body.



**Pictures from the Dedication for the
House on James Street
on Saturday, March 15, 2025.**

**Together we were able to provide a
home for Tabitha and her son.**





Easter Lily Information

Order Forms to purchase Easter Lilies are available in the Narthex.

New Price is \$15.00 per Lily.

Please place your completed Order Forms in the Black Box
on the Lobby Desk with payment by **Sunday, April 13, 2025.**

(Please note “*for flowers*” on your check).

Or you can use your normal method of payment, just note “*for flowers.*”

**Important: An Order Form must be completed and put in
the Black Box to acknowledge the honoree in the
Newsletter and on the screen in Church on Easter Sunday.**

If you are unable to attend Church, please call the Office at
704-523-0077 or email office@sedgefieldchurch.org and give us the
information listed below by **Monday April 14, 2025.**

Your Name

Your Telephone Number

Number of Lilies Ordered

Given in Honor of

or

Given in Memory of

New Price is \$15.00 per Lily. Payment can be made by mailing a
check payable to Sedgefield UMC, 2830 Dorchester Place, Charlotte,
NC 28209 or you can use your normal method of payment.

Please note “*for Flowers*” on whatever method you use.

Lenten Luncheons

Sedgefield UMC and Woodlawn Community Fellowship UMC are hosting five Lenten Luncheons at 12Noon on Wednesdays during Lent.

This Wednesday, March 26th, the Luncheon is in Fellowship Hall.

Please join us we gather for a brief time of devotion and fellowship. Remaining dates and locations are listed below.

Those attending are invited to bring their own lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided by the host church.



All are Welcome!

April 2nd

12Noon - Woodlawn Community Fellowship UMC
737 E. Woodlawn Road
Charlotte NC 28209

April 9th

12Noon - Sedgefield United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall



Sedgefield Church at the Charlotte Checkers

Sunday, March 30, 2025 at 1:00 pm

Sedgefield Day at the Charlotte Checkers Hockey Game will be Sunday, March 30th at 1:00 pm! Come hang out with your church friends and enjoy some hockey.

Tickets are \$29.12 each - use the link below to purchase.

This event is open to all ages!


Blessings!
Mary Jo Bridges
704-617-4056

Below is the link to purchase

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Sedgefieldchurch7>

**Bojangles Coliseum
2700 E. Independence Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28205**





DONATE BLOOD

Sedgefield United Methodist Church
Sunday, April 6
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

All donors receive*:
 - **\$20 eGift Card**
 - **OneBlood T-Shirt**
 - **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.

Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use **sponsor code 43269**

ID REQUIRED
*One gift per donor per donation. No cash value. Not transferable. Gifts may vary for more information please visit oneblood.org/terms.

oneblood Share your power

Below is the Link to schedule a donation.
 Walk Ups also welcome!

https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1626969

The Lifesaving Gift: Why Blood Donation Matters

Every few seconds, someone in the world needs a blood transfusion. Whether due to accidents, surgeries, or medical conditions like anemia or cancer, the demand for blood is constant. However, blood cannot be manufactured - it can only come from the support of generous donors who choose to give this lifesaving gift. Approximately 62% of the population is eligible to donate blood yet only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.

Blood transfusions are essential in medical emergencies and help to manage chronic medical conditions. *A single blood donation can help save up to three lives*, making each contribution incredibly impactful. There are many reasons patients need blood:

- More than 25% of the blood supply is used by patients battling cancer
- 1 out of every 83 childbirths will require a blood transfusion
- 3.2% of the blood supply is used to treat pediatric patients
- Patients with sickle cell disease, cancer, and severe anemia rely on regular transfusions to maintain their health and quality of life.

Without a steady blood supply, hospitals and medical facilities would struggle to meet patient needs.

Donating blood is safe, quick, and usually takes less than an hour. When you donate, you will find the process to be simple and easy. We are using OneBlood for the upcoming blood drive in Sedgefield. OneBlood is a non-profit organization that supplies blood and blood products to our community and the surrounding areas. Besides the opportunity to give back to your community, YOU will also receive perks for donating such as tasty snacks, gift cards and other fun items.

Blood donation is a vital act of kindness that saves lives and strengthens communities. By giving blood, donors provide hope to patients in need and help ensure a stable healthcare system. The simple decision to donate can have a profound impact, proving that a small act of generosity can make a world of difference.

To be eligible to donate blood you must:

- be at least 17 years old (16 with parental permission in some states)
- meet height and weight requirements (at least 110 pounds based on height)
- be in generally good health

Before donating you should:

- get a good night's sleep
- drink plenty of fluids
- eat within 2-3 hours

**We hope to see you at the upcoming blood drive on April 6th.
 The Big Red Bus will be in the church parking lot.**

Chamber Music for All Concert
Sunday, April 6, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.
Sedgefield United Methodist Church

CM4A

Chamber Music for All
Calin Lupanu & Monica Boboc, Directors

Brahms Clarinet Quintet
with

Sam Sparrow (Clarinet, Charlotte Symphony)

CM4A musicians: Calin Lupanu and Monica Boboc (violins)
Marcus Pyle (viola) and Sean Hawthorne (cello)

Tchaikovsky- Quartet no. 1 in D Major op. 11
Brahms- Clarinet Quintet op. 115 in B Minor

Sunday, April 6th @ 3pm

Sedgefield United Methodist

2830 Dorchester Pl. Charlotte, NC 28209

Tickets \$25, Seniors @15

children and students under 18 free admission

for more information or to purchase tickets, please visit

chambermusicforall.com



Culture for All



Infusion Fund
A Partnership for Arts + Culture

**FOUNDATION FOR
THE CAROLINAS**

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 12, 2025



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Activities will be on Saturday, April 12, at 10:30 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall – Rain or Shine! We will have games, crafts, food and an egg hunt at 11:30 a.m. for our preschool and elementary children.

We hope that you and your family will attend.

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers (middle schoolers – adults) to assist with our crafts/activities and to hide our eggs for our egg hunt. If you able to volunteer, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Also, we will have bags of empty plastic eggs available for you to take home to fill with age-appropriate candy (no hard candy please**) this Sunday. Please return the bags of filled eggs on or before April 6th.**

Blessings!

**Mary Jo Bridges
Children's Director**



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.**

**In order for your flowers to be announced in the Newsletter
and in Church on a particular Sunday, your order must be
placed by Wednesday morning of that week.**

**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.**



Vacation Bible School at Sedgefield Church

Monday-Thursday, July 14–17, 2025

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is open for rising kindergartners
to rising 5th graders and for Volunteers.

Click on the Link Below to
Register your child or to
volunteer at VBS.

OR

Use the QR Code to
Register your child or
to volunteer at VBS

[VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
2025 - TRUE NORTH](#)



Any questions please contact:
Mary Jo Bridges
VBS Director
marycbridges@yahoo.com
704-617-4056

First United Methodist Church
501 N Tryon St, Charlotte, NC 28202

***BREAKFAST MINISTRY
NEEDS VOLUNTEERS***



Every Sunday morning between 8-9:15, some 250 guests receive breakfast in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church, called the **Muffin Ministry**.

Since it began 15 years ago, volunteers actually serve a full meal, with cereal, fruit, sandwiches, eggs, biscuits, pastries, bagels, and coffee and juice.

Individuals or church groups are welcome to assist in this important work! Come once, or schedule a recurring Sunday.

If you would like to help set up, serve, visit, or clean up, please email the Muffin Ministry Coordinator, Ann Huskey at annhusk@yahoo.com.

Thank You!



Hurricane Helene Volunteer Opportunity from Woodlawn Community Fellowship

Woodlawn Community Fellowship has been in collaboration with other area churches and Neighborhood Table to provide hot meals several days a week as part of Hurricane Helene Relief.

Every Tuesday in February and March, we will take a team of 3 people to Newland UMC in Avery County. Catered food is picked up at a local restaurant in Avery County, delivered to Newland UMC and served to approximately 200 guests 12:00-2:00 pm. Guests include local residents impacted by the storm, FEMA workers and other work crews.

Please contact Barbara Helm at wcf@woodlawncommunityfellowship.org if you can help by:

1. Travel on a Tuesday in February or March. Leave Woodlawn Community Fellowship at 8:30am and return approximately 5:00pm. Everyone travels in one vehicle.
2. Provide baked goods/desserts. Desserts need to be placed in individual baggies or wrapped in clear plastic wrap. 200 desserts are needed each Tuesday. Desserts can be dropped off Monday morning or Tuesday morning between 8:00 - 8:30. Please schedule a drop off with the number of servings with Barbara.
3. Provide soft drinks.

Thank You!



How To Help With WNCCH Hurricane Helene Relief

Step 1: Sedgefield 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 WNCCH

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

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

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

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.



Church

Mail your check to:

Sedgefield UMC
2830 Dorchester Pl
Charlotte, NC 28209



Online Through

wnccumc.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.



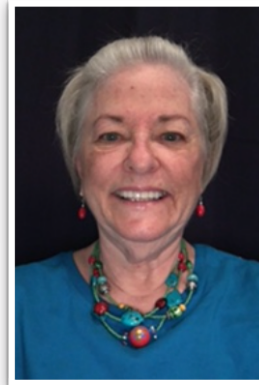
Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor
pastortom@sedgefieldchurch.org



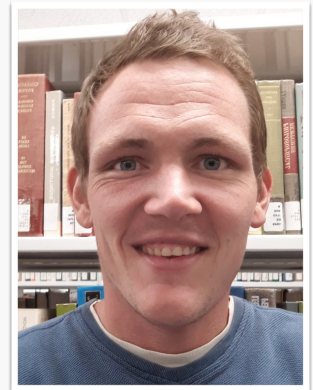
Ron Aldridge
Worship Leader



Mary Jo Bridges
Director of
Children's Ministry



Ellen Freitas
Office Manager



Bradley Kirksey
Youth Director



2830 Dorchester Place
Charlotte, NC 28209
704-523-0077
office@SedgefieldChurch.org
SedgefieldChurch.org