

THE EPISTLE

March 28, 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, I will be out of town. Amelia and I will be on the Deep South Pilgrimage with other United Methodist clergy. We will be touring the Civil Rights historic sites in Alabama. Thanks so much to Leigh Fresina who will be preaching in my absence.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

March 30, 2025
10:30 a.m.
Leigh Fresina Preaching

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

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers for this Sunday, March 30, 2025 are given with gratitude to Leigh Fresina for preaching today.

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.

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Future Sermons

Apr 6 - What Was She Thinking

Apr 13 - Palm/Passion Sunday

Apr 20 - Easter Sunday -

Short Term Memory Loss

Upcoming Events

▶ Youth Group

Youth Group is not meeting this Sunday, March 30, 2025. Will meet next Sunday, April 6th at St. Andrews.

▶ Charlotte Checkers Game

Sunday, March 30, 2025
1:00 p.m.
Bojangles Coliseum
2700 E. Independence Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28205

▶ Lenten Lunch

Wednesday, April 2, 2025
12Noon - 1:00 pm
Woodlawn Community UMC
737 E. Woodlawn Road
Charlotte, NC 28209

▶ 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

▶ Susanna Wesley Circle

Thursday, April 10, 2025
5:30 p.m.
Room 204 in the Education Bldg.

▶ Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 12, 2025
10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall (Rain or Shine)

The Symbols of Lent

As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds were praising him, saying “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.” The Pharisees wanted Jesus to tell the people to be silent. Jesus said, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.” The presence of stones also calls to mind the stone which was rolled in from of Jesus’s tomb.





Sedgefield Church at the Charlotte Checkers

Sunday, March 30, 2025 at 1:00 pm

Sedgefield Day at the Charlotte Checkers Hockey Game is this 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**





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 week's Luncheon, Wednesday, April 2nd is at 12Noon at Woodlawn Community Fellowship UMC, 737 E. Woodlawn Road, Charlotte NC 28209

Please join us as we gather for a brief time of devotion and fellowship.

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



All are Welcome!

Final Luncheon on Wednesday, April 9th at 12Noon - Sedgefield UMC in Fellowship Hall.



Receiving Holy Communion at Home

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

We encourage you to call the church office at 704-523-0077 or email the church at 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, April 6, 2025.




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 on Sunday, April 6, 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.



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.**

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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!





How To Help With WNC CUMC 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 WNC CUMC

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

Checks: Checks can be made out to WNC C 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 WNC CUMC.

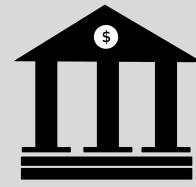
Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



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
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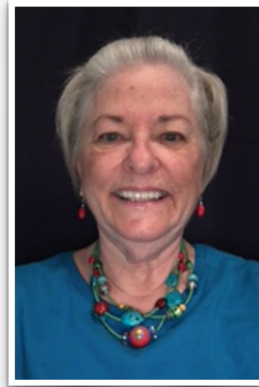
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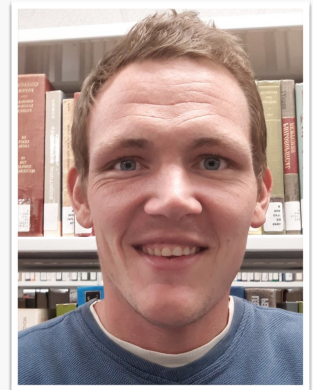
Ron Aldridge
Worship Leader



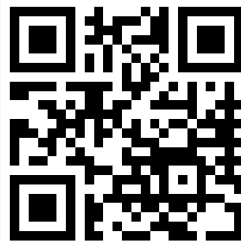
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