

# THE EPISTLE

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April 25, 2025

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*Sedgefield United Methodist Church*

*2830 Dorchester Place  
Charlotte, NC 28209*

*[www.SedgefieldChurch.org](http://www.SedgefieldChurch.org)*

*704-523-0077*

*Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor*

## Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,  
I will be on vacation this Sunday and Rev. Emily Parker from Galilee Center will be our special guest. Emily will bring information about the wonderful ministry and work of the Galilee Center and will also preach the sermon. I hope you can be there to learn and be inspired.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tom

## **Reverend Deacon Emily Parker**

The Reverend Deacon Emily Parker was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina in January 2020 and serves at Christ Episcopal Church. During the work week, Emily is the Executive Director of The Galilee Center which works with other community partners to offer hope for a new and better life through welcome, connection, empowerment, and collaboration. Emily completed her undergraduate degree at UNC Asheville and her graduate degree at UNC Charlotte. She is a native Charlottean who enjoys photography, backyard bird watching, traveling, reading, and spending time with family and friends.



## This Sunday in Worship

April 27, 2025  
10:30 a.m.  
Rev. Emily Parker Preaching

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

### Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers for this Sunday,  
April 20, 2025 are to the Glory of  
God and in honor of Kimberly  
Little's Birthday from her family.

### Future Sermons

*May 4 - In An Instant*  
*May 11 - What Others Might Not See*  
*May 18 - Opening Up*

- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**  
Tuesday May 20, 2025  
6:30p.m.  
Room 204 in Ed. Bldg. w/ Zoom Option
- ▶ **Trustees Meeting**  
Wednesday, May 21, 2025  
6:30p.m.  
Via Zoom

## Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**  
Sunday, April 27, 2024  
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.  
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Youth Group**  
Sunday, April 27, 2025  
12Noon - 1:30 p.m.  
St. Andrew's UMC  
1901 Archdale Drive  
Charlotte NC 28210
- ▶ **Church Cook Out**  
Saturday, May 3, 2024  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Front Lawn
- ▶ **Sedgefest**  
Saturday, May 10, 2025  
11:00 a.n. - 4:00 p.m.  
Sedgefield Park
- ▶ **Graduation Recognition**  
Sunday, May 18, 2025  
10:30 a.m.  
Sanctuary
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**  
Sunday, May 18, 2025  
4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.  
907 W. 1st Street

**Saturday, May 3, 2025**

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm on the Front Lawn**

**Sedgefield Church & Sedgefield  
Neighborhood Cookout**

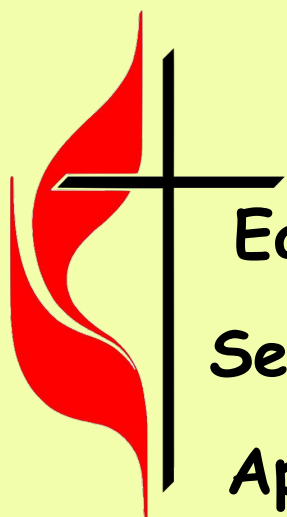


**Volunteers and food are needed.  
Please sign up using the link below:**

**[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/  
20F0D4EACAB23A64-neighborhood3](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EACAB23A64-neighborhood3)**

**Everyone is invited!  
Enjoy some food, fun and fellowship.**





# Easter Sunday Sedgefield UMC April 20, 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, canned vegetables, peanut butter, boxed or canned pasta, whole grain cereal, crackers, powdered milk and shelf milk.



***You are invited to bring your food donations forward as you receive Communion on Sunday, May 4, 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.



## **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](mailto: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, May 4, 2025.**



## **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:annhusk@yahoo.com).

**Thank You!**





## How To Help With WNCCUMC 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 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 Sedgefield 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](http://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:

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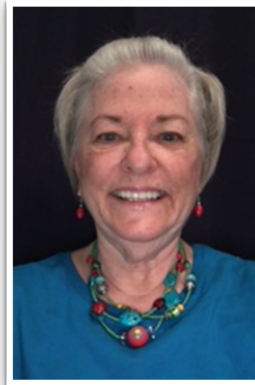
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**Ron Aldridge**  
Worship Leader



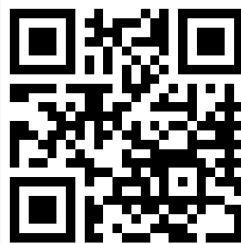
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