

THE EPISTLE

May 2, 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,

On Sunday, we will celebrate Holy Communion and there will be a special Children's Time in worship. I will be preaching on Acts 9:1-9 and my title will be "In An Instant."

We are told that sometimes, life moves fast. We know it's true. Life moved fast for a guy named Saul of Tarsus. He was a Pharisee, devoted to the Law, and devoted to persecuting any "enemies" of the Law. The first Christians, known as "The People of The Way," were seen by Paul and others as enemies of the Law, enemies of the Jewish faith, and therefore, enemies of God. In a quick and dramatic turnaround in his life, Saul went from being a persecutor of Jesus-people to being one of them. That wasn't all - Saul (soon to be referred to as "Paul") became a LEADER among Christians. That, too, happened quite rapidly.

Life moves fast, but not usually THAT fast. Those changes were challenging for Paul, and for the others around him. Christian leaders had to deal with this guy. They had feared him and now they were asked to accept him and follow him. In this sermon, we will talk about quick changes in life and how we should handle them. I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

May 4, 2025
10:30 a.m.
In An Instant

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, May 4, 2025

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers for this Sunday,
May 4, 2025 are in celebration of
Polly Willis's Birthday on May 7th
from her Family.

Future Sermons

May 11 - What Others Might Not See
May 18 - Opening Up
May 25 - Living Up To Your Word

- ▶ **Church-Wide Bowling Outing**
Sunday, June 1, 2025
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Bolero Park 10 Bowling Alley
1700 Montford Drive, Charlotte

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Church Cook Out**
Saturday, May 3, 2025
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Front Lawn
- ▶ **Youth Group**
Sunday, May 4, 2025
12Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Sedgifest**
Saturday, May 10, 2025
11:00 a.m. - 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
- ▶ **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
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**
Sunday, May 25, 2025
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street

**Don't forget! This Saturday, May 3rd,
is our Sedgefield Church and
Neighborhood Cookout**

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



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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/>

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





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 this Sunday, May 4, 2025.

**This week Sedgefield UMC delivered 68 pounds of food to Nourish Up.
Thank you for your generosity!**

Our Food Collection for 2025

January **70** pounds

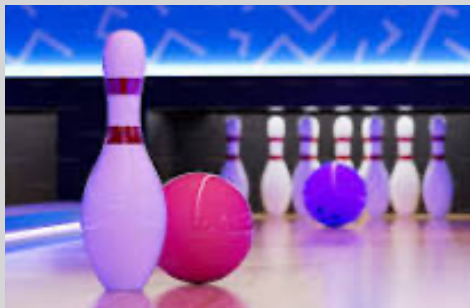
February **65** pounds

March **118** pounds

April **68** pounds

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.

Church-wide Bowling Event



Please Join us for our Church-wide Bowling Event.

Date: Sunday, June 1, 2025
Time: 12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Where: Bolero 10 Park Lanes
Address: 1700 Montford Drive
Charlotte, NC 28209

Please come and experience an afternoon of fun!

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex!

Cost is \$27.28 for adults and \$17.28 for children and youth.

This includes 1½ hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and a drink.

We are required to pay in advance to reserve the space.

New Payment Instructions

Please make your payment online via the church website or Zelle. Be sure to note for “children’s ministry/bowling” on whatever payment method you use.

Payment must be made by Wednesday, May 7, 2025.

Thank you.

Mary Jo Bridges
Children’s Director
704-617-4056



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!





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

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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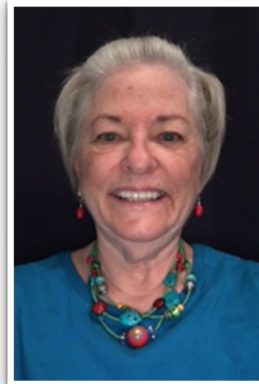
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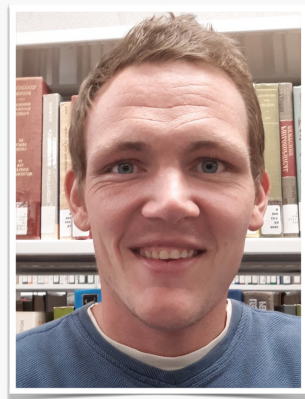
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