

THE EPISTLE

May 23, 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 preaching on John 14:23-29 and my title will be “Living Up To Your Word.”

How much is someone’s word worth? How easily do we trust another person? Clearly there is a lot of mistrust in our world right now. It seems like there are so many scams and tricks and traps, sometimes we don’t know if we can believe anything or anyone.

Keeping that in mind, we have even more motivation to be true to OUR word. When we make promises and commitments, we should follow through on them. We are people of faith and followers of Jesus Christ. Jesus said, “Those who love me will keep my word...” (John 14:23) If we struggle to keep our own word, the promises we make, then how will we be able to keep Jesus’s word? That’s what we will talk about on Sunday. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

May 25, 2025
10:30 a.m.
Living Up To Your Word

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

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers for this
Sunday, May 25, 2025 are from
Don Rusch and in honor of our
Church Staff and Volunteers.

Future Sermons

June 1 - Jail Break
June 8 - Tom Little Preaching
June 15 - Access

- ▶ **Susanna Wesley Circle**
Thursday, June 12, 2025
5:30 p.m.
Room 204 in the Education

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**
Sunday, May 25, 2025
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Youth Group not meeting today.**
Will meet Sunday, June 1, 2025
12Noon - 1:30 p.m.
St. Andrew's UMC
1901 Archdale Drive
Charlotte NC 28210
- ▶ **Bible Study**
Tuesday, May 27, 2025
11:00 a.m. - 12Noon
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Trustees Meeting**
Tuesday, May 27, 2025
6:30p.m.
Via Zoom
- ▶ **String Quartet Concert**
Saturday, May 31, 2025
3:00 p.m.
Sanctuary
- ▶ **Church-Wide Bowling Outing**
Sunday, June 1, 2025
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Bowlero Park 10 Bowling Alley
1700 Montford Drive, Charlotte

Worship Service on Sunday, May 18, 2025



New Members and a Baptism

Andrew and Carrie Grant joined Sedgefield United Methodist Church. Their Fellowship Friends are Jason Turner and Mary Jo Bridges. Their son Henry was baptized and their daughter Lily along with Andrew and Carrie renewed their baptism.



Honoring our Graduates

Congratulations to
Elliot Willis and Hayley McAllister.
Both are graduating from
Myers Park High School.





Request from Sedgefield Middle School

Urgent! EOG Proctors Needed at Sedgefield Middle School.

Sedgefield needs about 30 proctors per day to test properly.
Which means we need you!

For dates, details and to sign up, use the link below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/
1FAIpQLSdDIV3u2KasUuFtMRb3jQxl
JBHuUrjup-p3mBw_zz8VoVf4Bw/
viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDIV3u2KasUuFtMRb3jQxlJBHuUrjup-p3mBw_zz8VoVf4Bw/viewform)

Thank you.



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 June 1, 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 if you, or someone you know, would like Holy Communion brought to the home.

Our next observance of the Lord's Supper is Sunday, June 1, 2025.

Chamber Music for All Concert
Saturday May 31, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.
Sedgefield United Methodist Church



String Quartets

Calin Lupanu and Monica Boboc (violins)
with Marcus Pyle (viola, Davidson College)
and Marlene Ballena (cello, Charlotte
Symphony)

Shostakovich- Quartet no. 8 op. 110
Beethoven- Quartet op. 59 no. 2
"Razumovsky"

Saturday, May 31st @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



Infusion Fund
A Partnership for Arts + Culture

FOUNDATION FOR
THE CAROLINAS



Culture For All

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: Bowlero 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.

Thank you.

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



Serving Meals at Rebound part of the Charlotte Rescue Mission

Rebound provides Christian residential recovery services at no cost for men seeking freedom from drug and alcohol addiction.

A team from Sedgefield Church serves meals twice a month at Rebound, 907 W. 1st Street:

**On the 3rd Sunday of each month
we serve dinner from 4:45pm - 5:45pm.**

**On the 4th Sunday of each month
we serve breakfast from 7:45am - 8:45pm.**

If you are interested in serving at one these meals, please go to the Church Website and click on the Ministries tab, click on Outreach from the dropdown tab, click on the Charlotte Rescue Mission. If you have not volunteered through this Website before, you must create an account.

If you have any questions, please call the Church Office at 704-523-0077 during Office Hours:
Monday-Friday, 8:00am-1:00pm.

Thank you.



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:

Sedgefield UMC
2830 Dorchester
PI
Charlotte, NC
28209



Online Through

wnccumc.org

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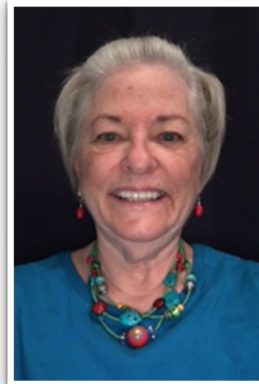
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