

The Epistle January 16, 2026



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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

***2830 Dorchester Place
Charlotte, NC 28209***

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Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor

Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

This Sunday I will be preaching on John 1:35-42 and my title will be “A Simple Introduction.”

One of the foundational aspects of society is our small courtesy of connecting people to other people. It starts with an introduction. One person who knows two people introduces the two to each other. It’s simple but meaningful.

That’s what happened in our Bible passage for this week. John the Baptist introduced two of his followers to Jesus, indirectly. Next, those followers introduced Simon to Jesus, directly. With those first introductions, a movement began. That’s probably how ALL movements begin.

We make connections all the time. We don’t think about it, but perhaps we should. In this sermon, we will discuss introductions and connections and how they help us do the work of God’s Kingdom. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

January 16, 2026
10:30 a.m.
A Simple Introduction

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

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers for Sunday, January 18, 2026 are in honor of Mary Beth Fields on her birthday next week.

Future Sermons

Jan 25 - The Second Choice
Feb 1 - Irreplaceable You
Feb 8 - Better Than Good

- ▶ **Susanna Wesley Circle**
Thursday, February 12, 2026
5:30 p.m.
Room 204 in the Ed. Bldg.
- ▶ **Trustees Meeting**
Thursday February 12, 2026
6:30 p.m.
Zoom Only

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Youth Group**
Sunday, January 18, 2026
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**
Sunday, January 18, 2026
4:45 p.m.
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Bible Study**
Tuesday, January 20, 2026
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**
Tuesday, January 20, 2026
6:30 p.m.
Rm 204 in Ed. Bldg. w/ Zoom Option
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**
Sunday, January 25 2026
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **SAIL Fitness Class for Older Adults**
Thursday January 29, 2026
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Room In The Inn**
Serve Dinner and Host
Sunday, February 8, 2026
5:30 p.m.
Avondale Presbyterian Church
2821 Park Rd, Charlotte 28209

Susanna Wesley Ladies Circle – Join Us!

Thursday Feb 12 at 5:30pm in the Education Building
Room 204

The Susanna Wesley Ladies Circle is a wonderful opportunity to connect, grow, and serve together as women of faith. We meet once a month, **every 2nd Thursday at 5:30 PM** in the **Education Building**, and we'd love for you to join us!

What's Happening?

We're excited to announce the start of a **Women's Bible Study!** Our first book will be "*I Second That Emotion: Untangling Our Zany Feelings*" by Patsy Clairmont. If you'd like to participate, please reach out to **Jean Fostvedt** at jazziejaf@aol.com so we can order the right number of books.

Our Mission of Service

The Ladies Circle is active in supporting our community and church. Some of our projects include:

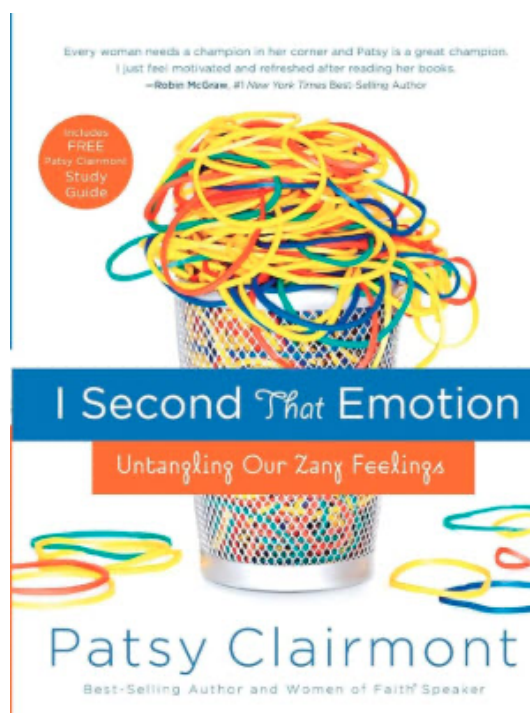
Teacher Appreciation and Teacher of the Month at Sedgefield Middle School
Helping prepare for Vacation Bible School, the Fall Festival and Operation Christmas Child

Congregational Care- sending cards, flowers, meals
Collecting donations for organizations

Why Join?

Each meeting includes light refreshments and plenty of fellowship. It's a great time to meet with other women in the church, share encouragement, and make a difference together.

We hope to see you at our next meeting! If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact **Shea Clarke** at sclarke15@gmail.com.





**Thank you for your generosity.
This week Sedgefield Church delivered
94 pounds of food to Nourish Up.**

On Communion Sundays we have a tradition of collecting food for Nourish Up our neighborhood food pantry. Items most needed are: canned meat, canned fish, canned fruit, canned vegetables, peanut butter, boxed or canned pasta, variety of cereals, crackers, powdered milk and shelf milk.

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.



Sedgefield Church Nursery

In addition to Adriana, our Nursery Attendant, every Sunday we need an adult volunteer to help in the Nursery during worship service to meet our Safe Sanctuary guidelines.

We need volunteers for January!

Please consider signing up to volunteer in the Nursery on a Sunday using the Sign-Up link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4DA5AE29AAF94-59236691-nursery#/>

Thank You.



Sedgefield Church will once again be hosting four Sunday nights at Roof Above. We need Church members and volunteers to host, prepare food and serve on those nights.

We will be using the facilities at Avondale Presbyterian Church, 2821 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28209

Our hosting dates, the second Sunday of each month, are listed below. Arrival time is 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Sunday, March 8, 2026

We need your help. Please use the Sign-Up Link below to volunteer or to fill a need.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EACAB23A64-46252965-room>

**If you have any questions,
please contact Ellen Lankford
Email: ewlankford@gmail.com
Cellphone: 980-722-8435**

Thank you.

Gloves & Socks Collection



Beginning this Sunday, January 11, 2026 we will be collecting Gloves & Socks for people in need. You can drop your donated Gloves & Socks in the containers in the Church Narthex or anytime in the Black Trash Bin on the front porch of the Church.

If you prefer, you can make a donation to the Church; please write for Gloves & Socks in the memo of your check. You can also donate online using your usual method be sure to include for Gloves & Socks.

All monetary donations will be used to purchase Gloves and Socks in bulk.

We will be collecting these items through Sunday, January 25, 2026.

Please feel free to call the church at 704-523-0077 or email office@sedgefieldchurch.org if you have any questions.



Donate Altar Flowers

**Use the Sign-up Genius Link Below
to Donate Flowers in 2026.**

**[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/
10C0D4DA5AB2AAB9-60388805-2026](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA5AB2AAB9-60388805-2026)**

- **pick an available date**
- **write a message to let us know who/what you want to memorialize, honor or celebrate**

**You can also just call the 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.**



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.

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



Church

Mail your check to:

Sedgefield UMC
2830 Dorchester Pl
Charlotte, NC



Online Through

wnccumc.org

Make a credit
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