

The Epistle February 13, 2026



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***Sedgefield United Methodist
Church***

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

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Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,
This Sunday I will be preaching on Matthew 5:38-47 and my title will be “The Second Mile.”

The week, as a follow-up to “Better Than Good,” we have more of Jesus’s teaching about what is expected of his disciples. And again, it is not easy to do. He talked about a generous, selfless kind of lifestyle. He spoke of perfection and extraordinary sacrifice. That is a lot to ask of anyone.

In this sermon, we will discuss people, both famous and not, who went out of their way to follow Jesus’s teaching. Some acted intentionally and some did not. We can live according to Jesus’s high standards but we need to support each other so that we can. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom



In Memoriam
Of Our Beloved
Sister in Christ
Clara Hedberg

This Sunday in Worship

February 15, 2026
10:30 a.m.
The Second Mile

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

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers for Sunday, February 15th are in honor of Amy Barnes Birthday from her sister Mary Beth Fields

Future Sermons

Feb 22 - The Devil's Tricks
March 1- Obedient Faith
March 8- Jesus and the Outcast

- ▶ **Lent Lunch (Bring your own Lunch)**
Wednesday, February 25th, 2026
12:00 p.m
Fellowship hall

- ▶ **Room In The Inn**
Serve Dinner and Host
Sunday, March 8, 2026
5:30 p.m.
Avondale Presbyterian Church
2821 Park Rd, Charlotte 28209

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Youth Group**
Sunday, February 15, 2026
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
St Andrews United Methodist
1901 Archdale Dr
Charlotte NC 28210

- ▶ **Memorial Service for Mrs Clara Hedberg**
Sunday, February 15, 2026
2:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**
Sunday, February 15th 2026
4:45pm.
907 W. 1st Street

- ▶ **Bible Study**
Tuesday, February 17th, 2026
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**
Tuesday February 17, 2026
6:30 p.m.
Zoom Only

- ▶ **Ash Wednesday Open Sanctuary**
Wednesday, February 18th 2026
12pm-1pm.

- ▶ **Chili Cookoff**
Saturday, February 21st, 2026
2:00 p.m
Fellowship hall

- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**
Sunday, February 22nd 2026
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street

Sedgefield UMC Giving Statements for 2024

**Annual contribution statements for 2025 were
emailed to you on Friday, January 23rd, 2026.**

**The email subject is Giving Statements for 2025
Please check your spam if you do not see the
email in your inbox.**

**If you have not received your statement or have
any questions about your statement, please
call Gladys in the Church Office at
704-523-0077 or send an email to
office@sedgefieldchurch.org.**

Thank you.



*Ash Wednesday
at Sedgefield*

**Open Sanctuary
Time of Reflection
Imposition of Ashes**

**February 18, 2025
Noon until 1:00 p.m.**



Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, February 21st

Sedgefield United Methodist Church is partnering with the Sedgefield Neighborhood Association in hosting our 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off.

Date: Saturday, February 21st

Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm

Place: Fellowship Hall - Sedgefield Church



If you want to participate as a Chili Chef Contestant and vie for 1st Place for the Best Chili, please email Dan Kapfhammer at kapfhammerdaniel@gmail.com.

Or, if you prefer, you can email the church office at office@sedgefieldchurch.org and your message will be passed on to Dan.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FABA628A5FFC25-62209030-2026?>

Everyone is Welcome.

Please come and join us for this fun event.

(If you just want to join us to taste the chili have fun there is no need to send an email.)



Lent Luncheons

Sedgefield UMC and Woodlawn Community Fellowship UMC are hosting 5 Lenten Luncheons at 12Noon on Wednesdays during Lent.

Please join us we gather for a brief time of devotion and fellowship. The dates and locations are listed below.

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

All are Welcome.



February 25th, March 11th & March 25th

12Noon - Sedgefield United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor

March 4th, March 18th

12Noon - Woodlawn Community Fellowship UMC
737 E. Woodlawn Road
Charlotte 28209
Jonathan Coppedge-Henley, Pastor



Vacation Bible School at Sedgefield Church

Monday-Thursday, July 13–16, 2026
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration opens February 1, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.
for rising kindergartners
to rising 5th graders and for Volunteers.

Click on the Link Below to **OR**
Register your child or to
volunteer at VBS.

Use the QR Code to
Register your child or
to volunteer at VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
2026 - RAINFOREST FALLS

Any questions please contact:
Mary Jo Bridges
VBS Director
marycbridges@yahoo.com
704-617-4056





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.**



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 February!

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.



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.



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, 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.

Susanna Wesley Ladies Circle – Join Us!

Every 2nd Thursday 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:

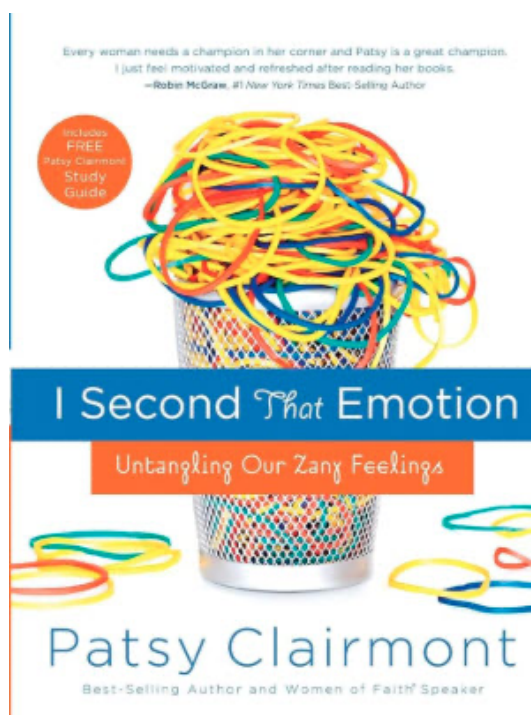
Teacher Appreciation and Teacher of the Month at Sedgefield Middle School
Helping prepare for Vacation Bible School, the Fall Festival and Operation Christmas Child

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.



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
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Online Through

wnccumc.org

Make a credit
card or
electronic
contribution.



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