

The Epistle February 27, 2026



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***Sedgefield United Methodist
Church***

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

Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

This Sunday we will have communion and a special time in worship for the children. I will be preaching on Genesis 12:1-4a and the title will be “Obedient Faith.”

The words “obey” and “obedience” are not exactly popular words these days. We like our freedom, so “obedience” sounds forced and constricting. Yet when obedience is something we choose, it should have a different feeling.

Abram and Sarai (this was before they were re-named Abraham and Sarah) CHOSE to be obedient when God called them to go to a new land. God assured them they would be blessed and that they would be a blessing themselves. With that promise, it seems that would make it an easy decision to be obedient. The decision to move, and sometimes the decision to stay, is challenging. Change is hard. Leaving somewhere familiar to go to somewhere unfamiliar forces us to stretch and grow. In worship on Sunday, we will talk about the challenges that come with being obedient. I look forward to seeing you there.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

March 1st, 2026
10:30 a.m.
Obedient Faith

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

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given by Gladys and Vida in grateful appreciation for the numerous demonstrations of welcome extended to Vida and her.

Future Sermons

March 8- Jesus and the Outcast

March 15- The Second Choice

March 22- Irreplaceable You

▶ Admin Council Meeting

Tuesday March 17th
6:30pm
Zoom

▶ Serve At Rebound-Breakfast

Sunday, March 22nd 2026
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street

▶ Easter Celebration

Saturday March 28th
10:30am
Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events

▶ Gladys Welcome Reception

Sunday March 1st, 2026
11:45am
Fellowship Hall

▶ Youth Group

Sunday March 1st
12pm-1:30pm
St Andrews UMC
1901 Archdale Dr
Charlotte NC 28210

▶ Lent Lunch (Bring your own Lunch)

Wednesday, March 4th 2026
12Noon
Woodlawn Community Fellowship
UMC
737 E. Woodlawn Road

▶ Room In The Inn

Serve Dinner and Host
Sunday, March 8, 2026
5:30 p.m.
Avondale Presbyterian Church
2821 Park Rd, Charlotte 28209

▶ Trustees Meeting

Wednesday March 11th
6:30pm
Zoom

▶ Serve At Rebound-Dinner

Sunday, March 15th 2026
4:45pm.
907 W. 1st Street



So many donations have been received for the Barbara Carter Scholarship Fund in memory of Clara Hedberg. Carl and his family appreciate these gifts and all the loving thoughts, words, and cards they have received.

The Symbols of Lent



Purple was considered the color of royalty and wealth in the ancient world. It was an expensive and lengthy process to make it. The dye came from mollusk (shellfish), and they could get only about one drop out of each mollusk. We remember that Jesus was King of Kings, so purple is an appropriate color for us to use to remember him. We also know that many people mocked Jesus, calling him king as a cruel joke.



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.



You are invited to bring your food donations forward as you receive Communion this Sunday, March 1, 2026

Our Food Collection for 2026

January **94** 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.



Chili Cook-Off Winners

On Saturday, February 21st

Sedgefield United Methodist Church
partnered with the Sedgefield Neighborhood
Association in hosting our 4th Annual Chili
Cook-Off. Our winners were:

1st Place Jay (middle)

2nd Place Jean (Left)

3rd Place Dan (Right)



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:

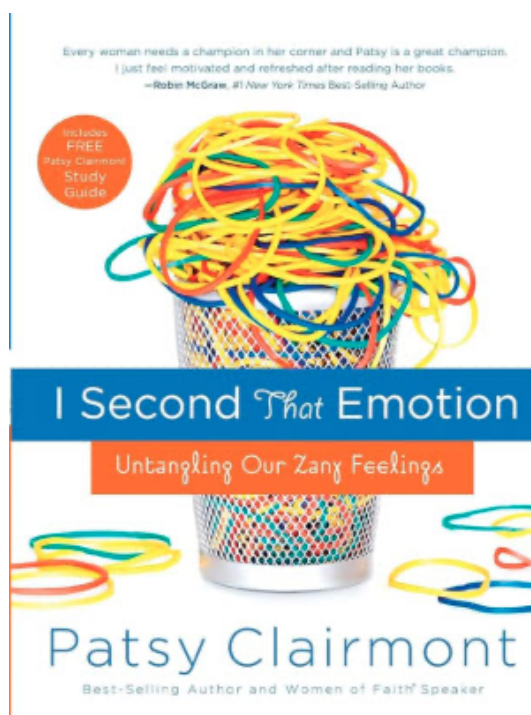
Teacher Appreciation and Teacher of the Month at Sedgefield Middle School
Helping prepare for Vacation Bible School, the Fall Festival and Operation Christmas Child

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.



Easter Egg Hunt



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Activities will be on Saturday, March 28th at 10:30 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall – Rain or Shine. We will have games, crafts, food and an egg hunt for our preschool and elementary children. We hope that you and your family will be able to attend.

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers (middle schoolers - adults) to assist with our crafts/activities and to hide our eggs for our egg hunt. If you can volunteer, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Also, we will have bags of empty plastic eggs available for you to take home and fill with age-appropriate candy (**no hard candy please**) this Sunday in the narthex. Please return the bags of filled eggs on or before **March 15th** to the basket in the narthex.

Blessings!

Mary Jo Bridges /704-617-4056
Children's Program Director





Easter Lily Information

Order Forms to purchase Easter Lilies are available in the Narthex.

New Price is \$15.00 per Lily.

Please place your completed Order Forms in the Black Box
on the Lobby Desk with payment by **Sunday, March 29th, 2026.**

(Please note “*for flowers*” on your check).

Or you can use your normal method of payment, just note “*for flowers.*”

**Important: An Order Form must be completed and put in
the Black Box to acknowledge the honoree in the
Newsletter and on the screen in Church on Easter Sunday.**

If you are unable to attend Church, please call the Office at
704-523-0077 or email office@sedgefieldchurch.org and give us the
information listed below by **Monday March 30th, 2026.**

Your Name

Your Telephone Number

Number of Lilies Ordered

Given in Honor of

or

Given in Memory of

New Price is \$15.00 per Lily. Payment can be made by mailing a
check payable to Sedgefield UMC, 2830 Dorchester Place, Charlotte,
NC 28209 or you can use your normal method of payment.

Please note “*for Flowers*” on whatever method you use.

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.



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



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.



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 March

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.

Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgewfield UMC



Online Through

sedgewfieldchurch.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.



Bank Draft

Set up
automatic
contributions
through your
bank's Online



Church

Mail your check to:

Sedgewfield UMC
2830 Dorchester
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Online Through

wnccumc.org

Make a credit
card or
electronic
contribution.



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