

The Epistle March 13th, 2026



Find Hope Here

***Sedgefield United Methodist
Church***

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

Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

This Sunday, we will have special guests, Loren and Michelle Rothman from Wycliffe Bible Translators. I will be preaching on Matthew 4:18-22 and my title will be "The Second Choice."

In our lives, we have many choices to make. Even though we sometimes feel like so much is beyond our control, we still have some choice in what we do and say. We have a choice in how we react to situations and other people. If someone says something unkind to you, you have the choice how to respond.

We know that Jesus had a powerful influence on the people he met. Most people were impressed with him, but not everyone. We know that many followed him, but many did not. This week, we will talk about the response Jesus got from the first disciples he recruited, and we will talk about how God continues to recruit us and call us to be disciples. I look forward to seeing you at church.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

March 15th, 2026
10:30 a.m.
The Second Choice

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

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given In loving
memory of Clarence and Mary Dennis,
Ernest and Lois Ayers, and Earl and
Lucille Slayton by Leigh Fresina

Future Sermons

March 22- Irreplaceable You
March 29- Palm/Passion Sunday
April 5- Easter

- ▶ **Easter Celebration**
Saturday March 28th
10:30am
Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events

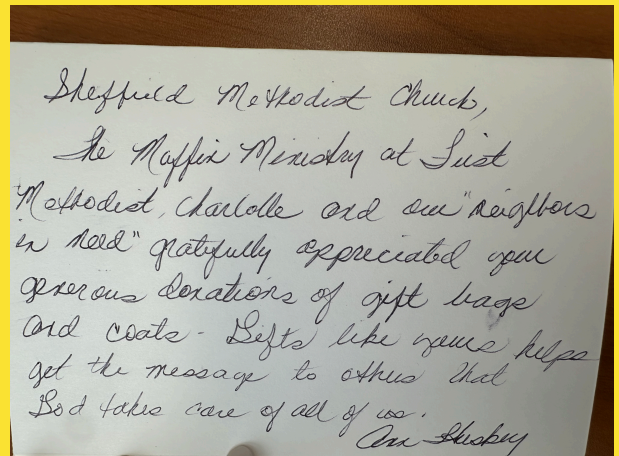
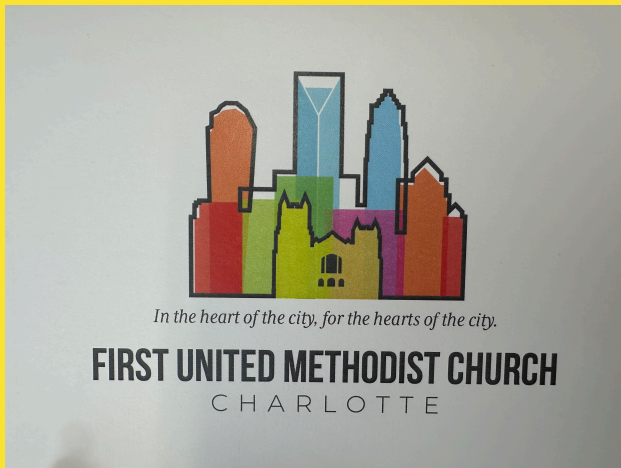
- ▶ **Youth Group**
Sunday March 15th
12pm-1:30pm
St Andrews UMC
1901 Archdale Dr
Charlotte NC 28210
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**
Sunday, March 15th 2026
4:45pm.
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**
Tuesday March 17th
6:30pm
Zoom
- ▶ **Lent Lunch (Bring your own Lunch)**
Wednesday, March 18th 2026
12Noon - Woodlawn Community
Fellowship UMC
737 E. Woodlawn Road Charlotte
28209
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**
Sunday, March 22nd 2026
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street

The Symbols of Lent

As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds were praising him, saying “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.” The Pharisees wanted Jesus to tell the people to be silent. Jesus said, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.” The presence of stones also calls to mind the stone which was rolled in from of Jesus’s tomb.



First United Methodist Church Thanks You!



Sedgefield Methodist Church,

The Ministry at First Methodist Charlotte
and our neighbors in need gratefully
appreciated your generous donations of gift
bags and coats. Gifts like yours help get
the message to others that God takes care
of all of us.

Ann Husbey



**You are invited to join the
Sedgefield Church
Group Me Prayer Group.**



Sedgefield Church has a notification platform through Group Me which enables Pastor Tom to let people know when someone from our congregation is in need of prayer.

Many of you already receive these notifications.
If you would like to be part of this group, please email
PastorTom@SedgefieldChurch.org
and give him your cellphone number (preferred) or your email
address and he will add you to this group.

This is an opportunity to minister to each other through prayer.

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:

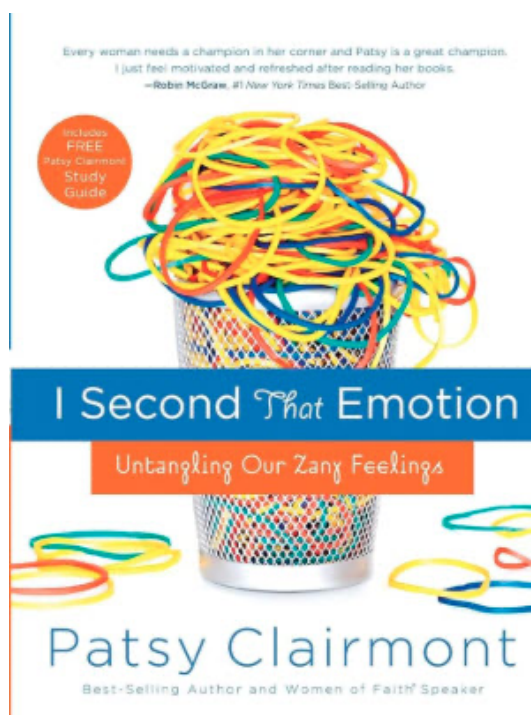
Teacher Appreciation and Teacher of the Month at Sedgefield Middle School
Helping prepare for Vacation Bible School, the Fall Festival and Operation Christmas Child

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.





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 29th, 2026

Our Food Collection for 2026

January 94 pounds

February 75 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.

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 18th

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

March 25th

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

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 Pl
Charlotte, NC



Online Through

wnccumc.org

Make a credit
card or
electronic
contribution.



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