

# The Epistle

March 27th, 2026



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***Sedgefield United Methodist Church***

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

***[www.SedgefieldChurch.org](http://www.SedgefieldChurch.org)  
704-523-0077***

***Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor***

## Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,  
This Sunday is Palm and Passion Sunday. We will celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and experience the reading of the Passion narrative with special music and communion. It will be a powerful worship experience. I hope to see you there!

Blessings,  
Pastor Tom

## This Sunday in Worship

March 29th, 2026  
10:30 a.m.  
Palm and Passion Sunday

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

### Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given In Honor  
of Everet's upcoming 5th birthday  
from Jeremy Whelan

### Future Sermons

*April 5- Easter "The Roller Coaster"*

*April 12- Leigh Fresina Preaches*

*April 19- Jim Brookshire Preaches*

#### ▶ Bible Study

Tuesday April 28th  
11am  
Fellowship Hall

#### ▶ Admin Council Meeting

Tuesday April 28th  
6:30pm with Zoom Option

## Upcoming Events

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

▶ **Youth Group**  
Sunday March 29th  
12pm-1:30pm  
St Andrews UMC  
1901 Archdale Dr  
Charlotte NC 28210

▶ **Trustees Meeting**  
Wednesday April 1st  
6:30pm in person with  
Zoom option

▶ **Good Friday April 3rd**  
Open Sanctuary  
12 noon - 1pm

▶ **Susanna Wesley Ladies Circle**  
Thursday April 9th  
5:30pm  
Education Building Room 204

▶ **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**  
Sunday, April 19, 2026  
4:45 p.m.  
907 W. 1st Street

▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**  
Sunday, April 26 2026  
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.  
907 W. 1st Street

# Our Susanna Wesley Ladies Circle is on a Mission

This amazing group of women recently donated 11 care kits to families in transition. Check out this Thank You letter from the YWCA.

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**Andrea Spears Jackson**, President-Elect  
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**Pamela G. Senegal**, Chief Executive Officer

March 19, 2026

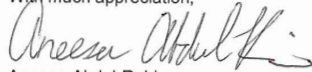
Dear Judy,

I am incredibly grateful to have the opportunity to reach out to you today with these simple words: **Thank you!** Sedgefield United Methodist Church made a donation to our YWCA, and we are humbled by your generosity. **Thank you for your donation of 11 care kits to support our Families Together transitional housing program.**

Every gift supports YWCA's mission. **This in-kind gift makes a direct impact on the families who participate in our Families Together program.**

Thank you for your support of YWCA Central Carolinas! Together, we are working to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

With much appreciation,



Aneesa Abdul-Rahim  
Senior Philanthropy Manager

Date Received	Gift Type	Gift Details	Purpose
3/13/2026	In-Kind	11 - Care Kits – Toiletries, cleaning supplies and kitchenware	Families Together

YWCA Central Carolinas is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and your contribution is fully tax deductible to the extent of the law (EIN 58-0532139). This letter serves to acknowledge that you have received no goods or services in exchange for your contribution. For any questions or concerns, please contact Sarah Lanners Avinger, Chief Philanthropy Officer at (980) 585-0498.

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[www.ywacentralcarolinas.org](http://www.ywacentralcarolinas.org)

## Easter Egg Hunt



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Activities will be on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>** to the basket in the narthex.

Blessings!

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





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  
March **67** 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 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](mailto: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.



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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:

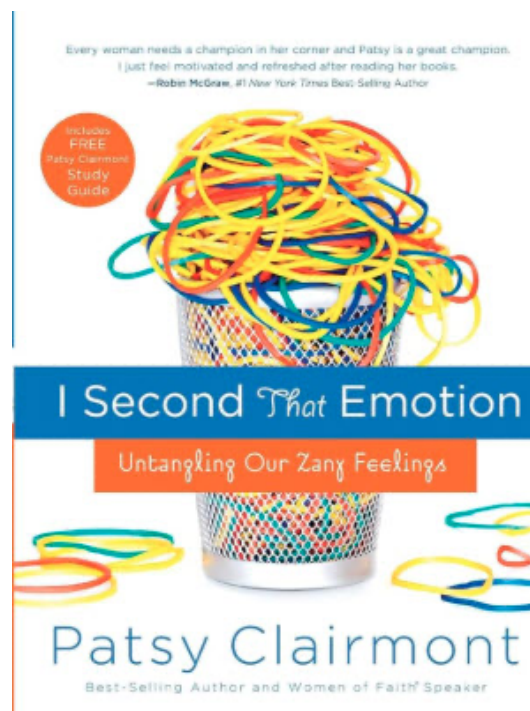
Teacher Appreciation and Teacher of the Month at Sedgefield Middle School  
Helping prepare for Vacation Bible School, the Fall Festival and Operation Christmas Child

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](mailto:sclarke15@gmail.com).





## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://wnccumc.org)

Make a credit  
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