

The Garden Post

794 Sedge Garden Road
Kernersville, NC 27284
January 20, 2023

One of the many strengths of Sedge Garden UMC is the prominence of Sunday School Classes and small groups. From the time of the Twelve following Jesus, through the early church, through the Methodist movement of John Wesley, to today, small groups have proven to be foundational in making disciples.

Can one be a disciple without a small group of friends who discuss and learn the faith together? Yes. But that's like asking if a person can survive in the wild with only a backpack. Can it be done? Yes. But hardly anyone does so for more than weeks at a time. The risks are too great. The potentials of life are too limited.

So it is with the Christian life. Without a group of friends in faith, life contains too many perils to go it alone. Without a group that can explore questions and be led by the Spirit, life can just be the same old same old. This month, consider what class or small group might extend the possibilities for your life with God.

Listen, I get it. It's hard to join a new group. It's hard to start a new habit. It feels vulnerable to walk into an established class. But, here's what you might not realize. If a class is worth its salt, having someone new walk in is what they like to see the most. In this newsletter is information detailing some of our classes and small groups. I commend them to you. 2,000 years of Christian practice might have some wisdom for you.

Peace,
Dan

Sunday School Classes at Sedge Garden UMC

ASK: Room 134 90% of the class is Bible Study. Just completed Matthew and now beginning James. Taught by various members of class. (Contact: Todd Braun)

BASIC: Room 211 Group of 20-30 year old adults who enjoy studying Christ and how He works in our day-to-day life. We are active in the church and in our community, providing a hand where needed. (Contact: Anna Gray)

CAYA (Come As You Are): Room 205 Currently studying the Books of Romans. Class is a discussion based class where we take the scripture and discuss the historical and current implications for our daily lives. All are welcome. (Contact: Susan Piotrowski)

Fellowship class: Room 210 Our class uses DVD studies that are normally 4-6 sessions and we have discussions about the material after each session. We do several mission projects throughout the year and have several social gatherings. (Contact: Jerry Hamilton)

Manuel Class: Room 124 The class was created by and named in honor of Bill Manuel and his portrait hangs in a place of honor in our room. Our mission statement is "We work together, play together, pray together, stay together." (Contact: Ron Tuttle)

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YOUTH MINISTRY

24/7



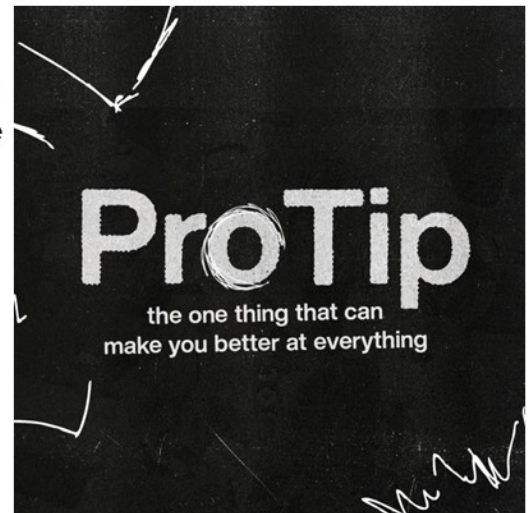
UMYF Schedule

- January 22nd -
 - 9:30-10:45am - Youth Small Groups
 - 3-5pm - GYM
- January 27th-28th -
 - Ski Retreat
- January 29th -
 - 9:30-10:45am - Youth Small Groups
 - 3-5pm - GYM
- February 5th -
 - 9:30-10:45am - Youth Small Groups
 - 3-5pm - GYM
- February 12th -
 - 9:30-10:45am - Youth Small Groups
 - 3-5pm - GYM
- February 19th -
 - 9:30-10:45am - Youth Small Groups
 - 3-5pm - GYM

Seeking Wisdom

Have you ever searched YouTube for advice on how to do... anything? If you have, you know exactly how helpful a pro tip can be. This month the Youth are looking to one of the wisest people ever to live for some pro tips about life. We're spending a few weeks in the book of Proverbs, discovering the one thing that can make us better at everything. We can all learn how to develop the wisdom it takes to be better at life now and in the future through Bible study, worship, and prayer.

Having a community of believers to surround you as you seek to know God and grow in His wisdom is a great way to have accountability in our Christian journey!



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Wisdom Can Change Everything

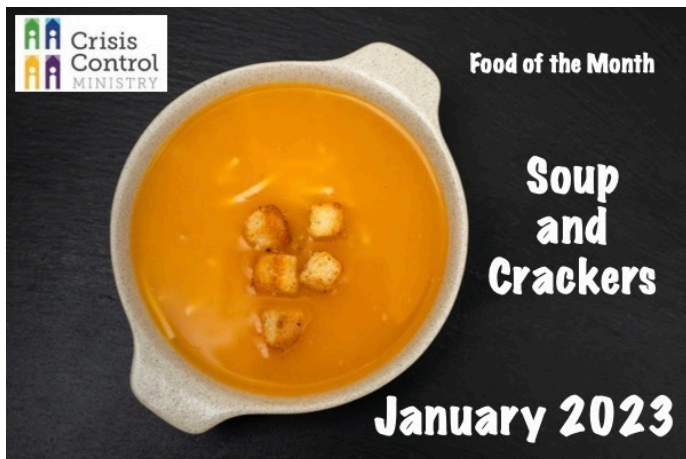
In the month of January, the Garden Kids are diving into Scripture to see how Jesus led his people to seek knowledge. From his visit to the temple, his baptism, being tempted in the desert, and his followers being imprisoned...we'll be learning how all wisdom comes from God. When we receive his wisdom it can really change our life and the way we live it!



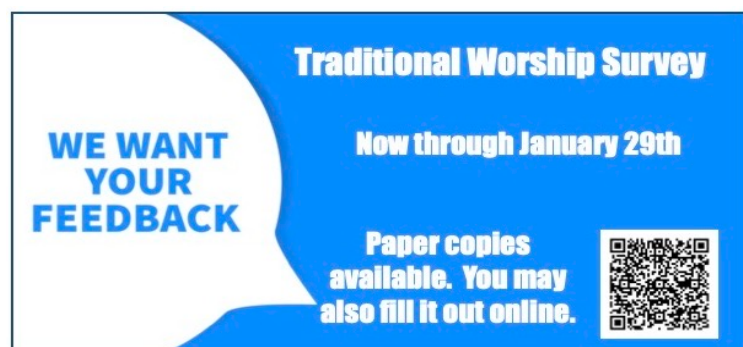
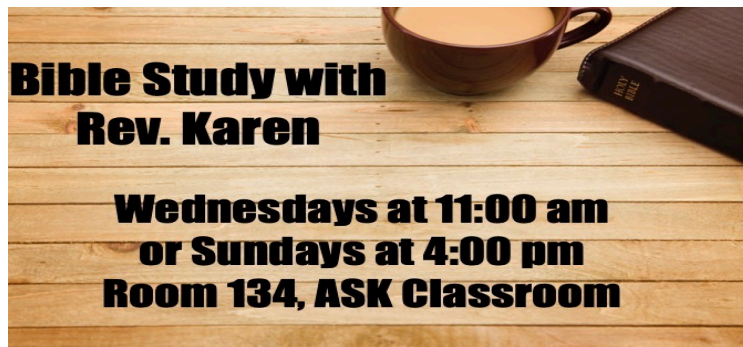
"The Lord gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from his mouth."

Proverbs 2:6, NIV





You may drop off your donations by the West Portico of the church. Thank you for your generosity!!



Pastoral Care Notes

We extend our Christian love and Sympathy in the passing of:



Kay Crews on December 29, 2022. Our Christian love and sympathies to her family and friends.

Hospitalization and Rehabilitation

Catrin Giles (recent procedure)	Jim Harrison (hospice)
Denny Holder (recent hospitalization)	Sheila Holder (recent hospitalization)
Mona Terrell (recent rehabilitation)	Richard Terrell (hospitalization)
Robin Weavil (rehabilitation)	

We extend ongoing prayers of petition for comfort and healing to the following:

Congregational Care Circle of Concerns

Shirley Ayers
Lynn Cash
Nina Holder
Caitlin Little
Erline Shelton
Pat Vogler

Debbie Brooks
Darla Brooke Dennison
Robert Kiser
Scott Mooney
Bryan Staley
...and prayers unspoken

Betty Bryant
Fran Fiumara
Lynn Lamb
Amber Perrin
Jim Swaim

Homebound Friends, Nursing Home, Assisted Living and Independent Living Residents



**Ann Coffey
Dot Sides
Pat Vogler**

**Myrtis Holder
Peggy Holder**

**Jenell Hart
Gladys Paschal**

Betty Bryant (Westchester Manor Nursing Home)
Hugh & Willie Hill (River Landing, Colfax)
Bub and Karen Manning (Salem towne)
Betty Peddycord (Kerner Ridge)
Virgil Smith (Heritage Woods)
Ruth Tucker (Arbor Ridge)

Gayle Hampton (Homestead Hills)
Jenny Linville (Arbor Ridge)
Josephine Mathis (Arbor Ridge)
Peggy Smith (Arbor Ridge)
Linda Southern (Kerner Ridge)

Church Members Currently on Active Military Duty

Jared Robbins Sam Tice Markus Hamilton Cameron Ashburn

***All names above have given permission to the Congregational Care Ministry to be listed.**



Thank you to everybody that helped me raise money to buy 5 ducks and 2 chickens through World Vision. I love my church family !

Money was raised through the efforts of Emma Shaw and from Sunday School classes at SGUMC.



Birthdays

2/1	Chase Smith	2/13	Bramley Johnson
2/3	Amy Oakley		Deb Neal
	Barbara Taite		Ivan Pechtel
2/4	Pam Joyce		Pat Smothers
	Heather Lewis		Ashlyn Stone
	Kraig Sandell	2/14	Ronald Whaley
	Edna Standland		Lauren Bowling
2/5	Judy Swaim		Dennis Stout
2/6	Kate Jackson	2/15	Selena West
2/8	Suzie Holland		Edna Holland
2/9	Patrick Grubbs		Linda Virden
2/10	Ryan Collette	2/16	Yvonne Coffey
	Les Jackson		Catrin Giles
	Camille Simmons		Pat Kinnamon
2/11	Ashley Ogburn	2/18	George Peace
	Eddie Clark		Megan Brady
2/12	Karen DeBusk	2/19	Lena Stone
	Harry Roberts		Kyle Hagborg
		2/20	Gladys Paschal
			Jerry Hamilton
			Peggy Holder
			Mike Stone
			Cliff Time
			Cheryl Walker
		2/21	Della Leidholm

2/22	Jackson Howell Dunlap
	Sheila Holder
	London McCann
	Lisa Newton
2/24	Drew Karr
	Michael Simmons, Jr.
2/25	Dehlia Carver
	Mark Chandler
	Wanda Cole
	Mindy Grubbs
	Denise Ring
	Rhonda Sapp
2/26	Berry Walker
2/27	Norma Freeman
	Cindy Poindexter
	Lindley Robbins
2/28	Alice Bartlett
	Melissa Carter
	Wayne David
	Anna Grace Hancock

Anniversaries

2/19	Steve & Amy Hobbs
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Please communicate any Errors and Omissions on the Birthday and Anniversary list to Corine Brouwer in the Sedge Garden UMC office. You may call the office at 336-788-2297 or email her at corine@sedgegardenumc.org. Please be patient with updates...this is a large project with many moving parts!

END OF YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS...PLEASE READ!!

End of year giving statements will be emailed out this year to the email the church has on file. If you wish a copy mailed or if you want to pick up a hard copy, please let Chris Edwards know either by calling the church office, 336-788-2297, and follow the prompts to his voicemail or email him at chris@sedgegardenumc.org

From the Finance Committee...
Needed to meet weekly budgeted
expenses: \$11,492.00

Year to Date Expenses: \$3,312.44

Giving from Jan 1- Jan 15:
\$19,479.46

2022 Annual Totals Mission and Ministry Fund Update



MEMORIALS

In Memory Of

Harold Blue

Choir Fund Jerry & Judy Smith

Rebecca H. Coltrane

Cemetery Fund Jane Veach
 Andrew H. Veach

Kay Crews

General Fund Hunter Atkins

John A. Hastings

Cemetery Fund Jane Veach
 Andrew H. Veach

Don Hester

General Fund Albert Ray Long

Jimmy Hill

General Fund Jerry & Judy Smith

In Memory Of

Eugene Hoover

General Fund Richard Hoover (Eugene's
 brother)

Cleo & Estelle Pope

Choir Larry & Sheila Hicks

Dana Wooten

Choir Jerry & Judy Smith

Brenda Young

General Fund Jerry Young
 Frances Fiumara
Choir Robert & Cheryl Kiser
Sounds of Joy Jerry & Judy Smith

In Honor Of

Barry Lyons

Choir Harry & Vicki Jarman

SGUMC Leaders 2023 (cont)

Mission and Outreach Ministry (cont)

Shalom Project Darla Miller
SGUMC Garden Jerry Hamilton
 Richard Hoover

Smith Farm Elementary

Regional Mission & Outreach

HOPE Educational Center (Kenya) Roberta Peterson
Packathon Jerry Hamilton

Project Agape

Operation Christmas Child Mike Hennis

Worship Ministry

Director of Traditional Music PG Hazard
Director of Contemporary Music Amanda Betters (int.)
Response Team Leaders Ashley Locklear
 Addison Locklear
Senior Pastor Dan Hester

COVID-19 Leadership Team

Pastor and Chair Dan Hester
Admin Board Chair Jay Giles
Admin Board Vice Chair Ron Tuttle
Lay Leader Barbara Tuttle
Lay Delegate to A.C. Anne White
Finance Co-Chairs Kevin Shaw
 Michelle Edwards
Staff Parish Chair Mike Hennis
Congregational Care Team Anne White
Mission and Outreach Brenda Roth

SGUMC Leaders 2023

Church Council

Chair	Jay Giles	2023
Vice Chair	Ron Tuttle	2023
Immediate Past Chair	Todd Braun	2023
Lay Leader	Barbara Tuttle	2024
Lay Delegate to Annual Conf.	Anne White	2025
Recording Secretary	Debby Alexander	
Finance Co-Chair	Kevin Shaw	
	Michelle Edwards	
Church Treasurer	Janet Gamble	
Assistant Treasurer	Rob Alexander	
*Financial Secretary	Chris Edwards	
*Church Membership Sec.	Corine Brouwer	
Staff Parish Chair	Mike Hennis	2025
Trustees Chair	John Miller	
Parsonage Chair		
Cemetery Chair	David Manuel	
Congregational Care Team Leader	Anne White	
Garden Kids Ministry Team Leader	Morgan Shaw	
*Garden Kids Ministry Director	Amanda Betters	
Pre-School Ministry Team Leader	Tim McCann	
*Pre-School Director	Judy Hoyle	
*Grounded Youth Ministry Directors	Chad and Amanda Betters	
Girl Scout Coordinator	Susan Piotrowski	
Scouting Coordinator	Bryan Staley	
UMM President		
UMF President	Anne White	
Mission and Outreach Team Leader	Brenda Roth	
Worship Team Leader		
Coordinator of Contemporary Music		
Director of Traditional Music	PG Hazard	
Pastor	Dan Hester	
*staff member		

Members At-Large

Sarah Piotrowski	2023
Anna Gray	2023
Paula Walker	2023
Jill Mooney	2024
Otis Eubanks	2024
Nickolas McLean	2025
Ashley Locklear	2025
Bill Ayers	2025
Meghan Smith	2025

Finance Committee

Co-Chairs	Kevin Shaw	2025
	Michelle Edwards	2025
	Susan Piotrowski	2023
	Robert Kiser	2023
	Cindy Stout	2023
	George Peace	2024
	Ronnie Stack	2024
	Paula Walker	2024

Ex-Officio of Finance

Treasurer	Janet Gamble
Assistant Treasurer	Rob Alexander
Church Council Chair	Jay Giles
Lay Leader	Barbara Tuttle
Lay Delegate to AC	Anne White
SPRC Chair	Mike Hennis
Trustee Chair	
Pastor	Dan Hester

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

Chair	Mike Hennis	2025
	Ron Talley	2023
	Cindy Poindexter	2023
	Angela McCann	2023
	Catrin Giles	2024
	Ryan Julian	2024
	Robert Peterson	2024
	Jerry Hamilton	2025
	Bill Spencer	2025

Ex-Officio of SPRC

Lay Leader	Barbara Tuttle
Lay Delegate to AC	Anne White
Pastor	Dan Hester

Trustees

Chair	John Miller	2025
	Judy Hamilton	2023
	Becky Gurley	2023
	Rob Alexander	2023
	James Alley	2024
	David Roggenkamp	2024
	Sharon Hennis	2024
	Troy Reed	2025
	Jamie Piotrowski	2025

Cemetery Committee

David Manuel	Lee Sloan
Andy Holder	Michelle Manuel
Janet Gamble	Nancy Swaim

Nominations and Lay Leadership

Pastor Dan Hester	Chair
Linda Eubanks	2023
Morgan Shaw	2023
Ron Tuttle	2023
Bob White	2024
Carrie Wilson	2024
Chris Connor	2024
Tracy Kearns	2025
Debbie Talley	2025
Barbara Tuttle	Ex-Officio

Committee on Archives and History

Sheila Holder	Chair
Nancy Swaim	
Norma Freeman	

Ministry Teams

Congregational Care	Anne White
Bereavement Care	Linda Eubanks
Card Ministry	Carolyn Voss
Golden Agers	Debby Alexander
Military Ministry	Laura Time
	Kerry Let
Stephen Ministry	Anne White

Discipleship Ministry

Children's Ministries/ Garden Kids Ministry	Morgan Shaw
Pre-School Ministry Team Leader	Tim McCann
	Pat Smothers
	Paula Walker
	Peggy Mumaw
	Cindy Eubanks
	Brenda Young
	Jay Giles
	Mark Chandler
Director	Judy Hoyle

Youth Ministries

Grounded Youth Ministries & Core Council Team	Amanda Betters
	Chad Betters
Girl Scouts	Susan Piotrowski
Scouting Coordinator	Brian Staley
SGUMC Scholarship Ministry	Gene Gurley
	Jay Giles
	Norma Freeman
	Tracy Kerns
	Nancy Kluttz
	Jane Kamiab

Adult Ministries

Adult Fellowship	Richard Hoover
Golden Agers	Debby Alexander
United Methodist Men	Jerry Hamilton
	Troy Reed

United Women in Faith

President	Anne White
Vice President	Yvonne Coffey
Secretary	Linda Eubanks
Treasurer	Sharon Hennis
Social Action	JoAnn Stewart
Rachel's Rose Garden	Linda Eubanks
Rachel's Daisy Garden	Vicki Jarman
Rachel's Tulip Garden	Anne White

Mission and Outreach Ministry

Team Leader	Brenda Roth
Local Mission & Outreach, Backpack Ministry	Susan Piotrowski
Christmas Tree Lighting	Brenda Roth
	Amanda Betters
Crisis Control Food Donations	Paul Huffstettler
Garden Kids' Mission Week	Amanda Betters
Hall Woodward Elementary	Norma Freeman
Next Step Ministry	
Open Arms Ministry	Judy Sullivan
Red Cross Blood Drive	Darla Miller

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