



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, February 26, 2023 – 11:00 AM

“Take Your Candle, Go Light Your World”

Bringing in the Light of Christ		Bob Gadkowski
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Susan Lindblade
Prelude		Anita Cotton
*Call to Worship		Jeanne Murray
Leader: We gather this morning to sing God’s praises.		
People: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!		
Leader: We bring our brokenness and seek God’s peace.		
People: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!		
Leader: We come to worship the God of love.		
People: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!		
*Hymn of Praise	"God of Grace and God of Glory"	CH 435
Scripture Reading	Psalm 27:1-14	Jeanne Murray
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"	Choir
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology		
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.		
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Hymn	"Just as I Am"	CH 488
Scripture Lesson	Luke 18:9-17	
Sermon	"When Gratitude Says It All"	
*Closing Hymn	"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"	CH 688
*Taking the Light of Christ into the World		
*Benediction		
*Sending Forth	"Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart"	On Screen
*Postlude		Anita Cotton

(*) Please stand as you are able

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Sun. Feb. 26	First Sunday in Lent 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Connect Church Meeting Happy Birthday to Phil Kratzer
Tues. Feb. 28	10:00 am – Bible Study – “Think Like Jesus” (Facilitated by Susan Lindblade) 3:30 pm – Red Wagon Ministry
Thurs. Mar. 2	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
Sun. Mar. 5	Second Sunday in Lent 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship

WORSHIP TEAMS

FEBRUARY 26

Acolyte: Bob Gadkowski
Greeters: AB Donski & Mary Simmons
Worship Leader: Jeanne Murray
Ushers: Bobbie Piper & Lee Hein
Flowers: Patricia Leary
Counters: Jeanne Murray &
 Barbara Gadkowski
Trustee: Anita Cotton

MARCH 5

Acolyte: Barbara Gadkowski
Greeters: Marshall & Julie Cherry
Worship Leader: Lee Hein
Ushers: Janet Fairley & Cathy Forbes
Flowers: Rosalie Jones
Counters: Danielle Skinner & Sylvia Kirk
Trustee: Mager Kirk

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lighthouse Congregation** – Sharon United Methodist Church is a Lighthouse Congregation of The North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, in partnership with The United Methodist Collective and the Office of New Faith Communities. In doing so, not only do we commit to remaining a part of the United Methodist Church, but we also commit to serving those who have lost their church homes through disaffiliation or closure.
- Connect Church Meeting, Sunday, February 26, 12:15 pm** – The first of our NC Rural Initiative Connect Church meetings will be held on Sunday, February 26 immediately following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Our Coach, Darren Crotts, will be leading us and a light lunch will be provided. At this meeting, we will discuss future meeting dates.
- Bible Study, Tuesday, February 28, 10:00 am** – Our Bible Study, “Think Like Jesus” will begin this Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Session One will begin with “Who Is God?” Please bring your Bible and be prepared to ask the question, “What Do I Believe and Why Does It Matter.”
- Layette Sets for Mission of Hope** – Throughout the month of February, the UMW will be collecting items to make layette sets for Mission of Hope. We need cloth diapers, receiving blankets, newborn onesies, notes or cards of encouragement. Each set contains **2 blankets, 3 onesies, and 5 diapers**. Please place your donations in the tub in the library. If you prefer to give money, each set costs about \$20.00. Give cash or checks payable to Sharon UMW to Cathy Forbes, our UMW treasurer.
- Red Wagon Ministry** – The Red Wagon ministry is in need of **Band-Aids and Baby Diapers (any size)**. Please consider donating these items. A collection container has been placed in the entryway.

ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God, and
 in memory of Edna Doxey by Patricia Leary*



FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

<i>2023 Monthly Budget</i>	<i>Received Last Month (January)</i>	<i>Received Last Sunday</i>
\$6,463.50	\$9,622.00	\$0.00

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