



# Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, February 5, 2023 – 11:00 AM

## “Take Your Candle, Go Light Your World”



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Jan Edgar

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Susan Lindblade

Prelude

Anita Cotton

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Mager Kirk

***Bountiful God, who gives us all that we need to sustain our lives: Open our hearts today to hear your words of hope and challenge, that we may focus on the ways in which you intend us to live and to be the people you wish us to be in serving the world. In Jesus’ name. Amen.***

\*Hymn of Praise

"Majesty"

UMH 176

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:14-16

Mager Kirk

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem

“Whiter than Snow / Change My Heart”

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

"Here, O Lord, I See Thee"

UMH 623

Scripture Lesson

II Corinthians 5:17

Sermon

"Take Your Candle"

Video

“Go Light Your World” by Chris Rice

On Screen

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

\*Closing Hymn

"Pass It On"

UMH 572

\*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

<b>Sun. Feb. 5</b>	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 5:00 pm – Welcoming Service for Bishop Shelton (Virtual)
<b>Tues. Feb. 7</b>	Happy Birthday to Carole Mangham
<b>Wed. Feb. 8</b>	5:30 pm – Community Meal
<b>Thurs. Feb. 9</b>	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
<b>Sun. Feb. 12</b>	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship

## WORSHIP TEAMS

### FEBRUARY 5

**Acolyte:** Jan Edgar  
**Greeters:** Marshall & Julie Cherry  
**Worship Leader:** Mager Kirk  
**Ushers:** Sylvia Kirk & Danielle Skinner  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Danielle Skinner & Jan Edgar  
**Trustee:** Ken Edgar

### FEBRUARY 12

**Acolyte:** Kasey Fairley  
**Greeters:** Joyce Jagucki & Noreen McCarthy  
**Worship Leader:** Marshall Cherry  
**Ushers:** Ken & Debra Elliott  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Julie Cherry & AB Donski  
**Trustee:** Ken Edgar



## UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcoming Service for Bishop Shelton (Virtual), February 5, 5:00 pm** – A worship service celebrating the assignment of Bishop Connie Mitchell Shelton as resident bishop of the North Carolina Conference will be held Sunday, Feb. 5, beginning at 5 pm. The virtual service will be livestreamed at [nccumc.org](http://nccumc.org) and on the North Carolina Conference app.
- **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, laundry detergent, and deodorant**. Please consider donating these items. A collection container has been placed in the entryway.
- **Blessing Box and Food Pantry** – We are in need of items for our Food Pantry and Blessing Box. Items Needed: **Baby Wipes, Diapers sizes 4/5 or any size, Toilet Paper, Feminine Pads, Mac and Cheese (microwavable)**. If you would like to write a check to Sharon UMC for the Blessing Box please make sure to note "Blessing Box" in the memo line.
- **Recorded Worship Services** – Each week the recorded Zoom Worship Service is posted to our YouTube Channel. If you missed a service or would like to watch past services, you can visit our YouTube Channel at [www.youtube.com/@sharonumcpoplarbranchnc9028](http://www.youtube.com/@sharonumcpoplarbranchnc9028). You can also click the YouTube link at the bottom of our website [www.sharon-umc.org](http://www.sharon-umc.org).
- **Brochures** – Copies of our SUMC Brochure are available on the credenza. Please feel free to take one of these brochures and use it to invite your family, friends and neighbors to join you at church next Sunday!!
- **Altar Flowers 2023** – If you would like to place altar flowers in the church "in memory of" or "in honor of" a special person, please contact Iris Meekins at [imeekins14@gmail.com](mailto:imeekins14@gmail.com) or (252) 202-6401.

## 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	\$2,540.00

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