



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, March 19, 2023 – 11:00 AM

“Take Your Candle, Go Light Your World”



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Julie Cherry

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Susan Lindblade

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Anita Cotton

*Call to Worship

Jan Edgar

Leader: God says: I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live. Will you believe?

People: Lord, we lift your name on high. Lord, we love to sing your praises.

Leader: Jesus called Lazarus, come forth! Jesus still calls Sharon Church, come forth!

People: Lord, we lift your name on high. Lord, we love to sing your praises.

*Hymn of Praise

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (2 times)

CH 107

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Jan Edgar

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

"There Is a Fountain"

Choir

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

UMCOR Video

On Screen

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

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

CH 393

Scripture Lesson

John 11:1-26

Sermon

"How Do I Want to be Remembered?"

*Closing Hymn

"Jesus Calls Us"

CH 592

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Benediction

Leader: We are people loved by God.

People: We will live as signs of this love.

Leader: We are a people blessed with hope.

People: We will live in the light of this hope.

All: May the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the courage of the Spirit, strengthen our faith and set us loose to share God's love with everyone! AMEN!

*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. Mar. 19	Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship
Mon. Mar. 20	1:00 pm – Caregivers Support Group
Tues. Mar. 21	10:00 am – Bible Study – “Think Like Jesus” (Facilitated by Susan Lindblade)
Thurs. Mar. 23	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
Sat. Mar. 25	Happy Birthday to Bobbie Piper
Sun. Mar. 26	Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Donna Hudson, guest speaker from Mission of Hope) 12:15 pm – Connect Church Meeting

WORSHIP TEAMS

MARCH 19

Acolyte: Julie Cherry
Greeters: Joyce Jagucki & Noreen McCarthy
Worship Leader: Jan Edgar
Ushers: Bob & Barbara Gadkowski
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Sylvia Kirk & Joyce Jagucki
Trustee: Mager Kirk

MARCH 26

Acolyte: Ken Edgar
Greeters: Bobbie Piper & Patricia Leary
Worship Leader: Joyce Jagucki
Ushers: Ken Edgar & Jeanne Murray
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Jeanne Murray
 & Barbara Gadkowski
Trustee: Mager Kirk

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **UMCOR** – TODAY IS UMCOR SUNDAY, a time to celebrate and participate in United Methodism’s humanitarian arm. For the next three Sundays, we’ll have an opportunity to share our gifts and be a part of UMCOR’s work which reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the US, during times when conflict or natural disaster disrupts life to such an extent that communities cannot recover on their own. **You may make your check payable to Sharon UMC and note UMCOR in the memo line.**
- **SUMC 2023 Scholarships**
 - Sharon UMC is honored and privileged to be the administrator of the \$1,000 **Lloyd Bateman** and \$1,000 **Nurse Lucy Scholarships**. The scholarships are open to the Sharon UMC family and to children and grandchildren of members of Sharon UMC, who meet the criteria established for either of the scholarships and submits a completed application no later than May 5, 2023.
 - **The Currituck Community Chorus Music Scholarship** in the amount of \$500 will be administered by Sharon United Methodist Church with a Scholarship Committee that will determine the awarding of the scholarship. The scholarship is open to anyone who graduates from Currituck County Schools (public, private, or home schooled) and submits a completed application no later than May 5, 2023.
 - For more information, please contact Iris Meekins at imeekins14@gmail.com or (252) 202-6401.
- **Bible Study, Tuesday, March 21, 10:00 am** – Our Bible Study on “Think Like Jesus” continues this Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This week’s lesson is “Who Am I In Christ?” We’ll discuss how when we come to see ourselves the same way God sees us; it can lead to a new identity and a new outlook on life.
- **Recorded Worship Services** – Each week the recorded 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. You can also click the YouTube link at the bottom of our website www.sharon-umc.org.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2023 Monthly Budget	Received Last Month (February)	Received Last Sunday
\$6,463.50	\$5,118.00	\$2,045.00

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