



Sharon United Methodist Church
Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor
Sunday, January 1, 2023 – 11:00 AM



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Bob Gadkowski

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Jeanne Murray

Prelude

Anita Cotton

Opening Prayer

Joyce Jagucki

Glory be to God in the highest! Thank you, Jesus, for the grace we have in you. We are gathered here today, knowing that you promised us that where two or three are gathered in your name, you are there with us. We have gathered to praise and worship you. Come and fellowship with us. Let your presence be felt in our midst. Come with the abundance of your blessings overflowing as we begin a new year. Thank you, Jesus, because you hear us always. Amen.

*Call to Worship

Joyce Jagucki

Leader: A new day has dawned, a new year begun

People: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice

Leader: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future

People: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path

Leader: We enter this new year with hope and excitement

People: O Lord, remind us that You lead us

O Lord, guide us as we look to You and worship You.

*Hymn of Praise

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

CH 271

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Joyce Jagucki

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

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

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

CH 249

Scripture Lesson

Psalms 133:1-3

Sermon

"Celebrating Community"

*Closing Hymn

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

CH 278

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Benediction

*Sending Forth

"The Bond of Love" vs. 1

On Screen

*Postlude

Anita Cotton

(* Please stand as you are able)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Sun. Jan. 1	<p>Happy New Year! Pastor Susan on Vacation CANCELED - 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class CANCELED - 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Jeanne Murray) CANCELED - 3:00 pm – Choir Practice</p>
Mon. Jan. 2	Happy Birthday to Charles Oliver
Thurs. Jan. 5	<p>7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) Happy Birthday to Bonnie Houser</p>
Sat. Jan. 7	Happy Birthday to Donna Steigelman
Sun. Jan. 8	<p>Pastor Susan on Vacation 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Jeanne Murray) 3:00 pm – Choir Practice</p>

WORSHIP TEAMS

JANUARY 1

Acolyte: Bob Gadkowski
Greeters: Ken Edgar & Sylvia Kirk
Worship Leader: Joyce Jagucki
Ushers: Bob & Barbara Gadkowski
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Sylvia Kirk & Joyce Jagucki
Trustee: Marshall Cherry

JANUARY 8

Acolyte: Barbara Gadkowski
Greeters: Joyce Jagucki & Noreen McCarthy
Worship Leader: Bob Gadkowski
Ushers: Ken & Jan Edgar
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Danielle Skinner & Jan Edgar
Trustee: Marshall Cherry

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Take Down Christmas Decorations – January 9, 2:00 pm** – Please join us as we clear the sanctuary of the Christmas decorations. If you are able to help, please let Jeanne or Iris know. Many hands make light work!!
- **Pastor Susan on Vacation – January 2023** – While Pastor Susan is away, Jeanne has graciously agreed to fill the pulpit during January. From January 1 - 6, Jeanne and members of our Congregational Care team will be on call for any emergencies. Jeanne can be reached at (252) 423-0851. Beginning January 7, Eric will be on call for the remainder of the month to cover any emergencies at (252) 725-0513 or elindblade@gmail.com.
- **Mailboxes** – Be sure to check the mailboxes in the Mail Center in the library. You never know when a card with your name on it may appear! Note: Please use the Mail Center for in-house mail only. If you wish to send mail to people who do not come to church on a regular basis you will need to mail items to them.
- **Blessing Box and Food Pantry** – We are in need of items for our Food Pantry and Blessing Box. Items Needed: **Applesauce (Squeezable for Children), Apple Juice, Diapers Size 2 or 3 (any size is good), Wipes, Toilet Paper, Feminine Pads and Holiday Foods.** 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.
- **Cookbooks** – We still have our Sharon UMC cookbooks, *More Kitchen Classics*, available for \$20.00 per cookbook. If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook, please contact Cathy Forbes at (252) 202-1952.
- **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 or (252) 202-6401.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2023 Monthly Budget	Received Last Month (December)	Received Last Sunday
\$6,463.50	\$10,060.00	\$866.00

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