



Sharon United Methodist Church
Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor
Sunday, January 8, 2023 – 11:00 AM
Epiphany Sunday



Bringing in the Light of Christ		Barbara Gadkowski
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Jeanne Murray
Prelude		Anita Cotton
Opening Prayer		Bob Gadkowski
<p>God, Lord of all creation, lover of life and of everything, please help us to love in our very small way what You love infinitely and everywhere. We thank You that we can offer just this one prayer and that will be more than enough, because in reality everything and everyone are connected, and nothing stands alone. To pray for one part is really to pray for the whole, and so we do. Help us each day to stand for love, for healing, for the good, for the diverse unity of the Body of Christ and all creation, because we know this is what You desire: as Jesus prayed, that all may be one. We offer our prayer together in the name of Jesus. Amen.</p>		
*Call to Worship		Bob Gadkowski
<p>Leader: We are here Lord, your people, your Church gathering together in your presence. People: <i>We are open to each other, and we are open to You.</i> Leader: Today, make yourself known to us through our worship, our prayer, and our understanding of Your Word. People: <i>We are open to each other, and we are open to You.</i></p>		
*Hymn of Praise	"As with Gladness Men of Old"	CH 290
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 12:14-21	Bob Gadkowski
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
Anthem	"The One"	Choir
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology		
<p><i>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.</i></p>		
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Hymn	"What Child Is This?"	CH 281
Scripture Lesson	Ephesians 4:2-6; 31-32	
Sermon	"Radical Unity"	
*Closing Hymn	"We Three Kings"	CH 288
*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. 8	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 4:00 pm – SPM - Assemble School Supply Bags
Mon. Jan. 9	2:00 pm – Take Down Christmas Decorations 3:00 pm – Finance Meeting Happy Birthday to Deb Chambers
Wed. Jan. 11	5:30 pm – Community Meal (Italian Pasta Bake)
Thurs. Jan. 12	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray)
Sat. Jan. 14	2023 Cohort of Connect Church Learning Session Happy Birthday to Sue Austin
Sun. Jan. 15	Pastor Susan on Vacation 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Jeanne Murray and Blessing of the School Supply Bags) 3:00 pm – Choir Practice

WORSHIP TEAMS

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

JANUARY 15

Acolyte: Marshall Cherry
Greeters: AB Donski & Mary Simmons
Worship Leader: Ken Elliott
Ushers: Marshall & Julie Cherry
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Julie Cherry & AB Donski
Trustee: Marshall Cherry

With God
All things are Possible

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!!
- **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.
- **Pastor Susan on Vacation – January 2023** – While Pastor Susan is away, Jeanne has graciously agreed to fill the pulpit during January. 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.
- **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.
- **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	\$2,392.00

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