



# Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, April 2, 2023 – 11:00 AM

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



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Marshall Cherry

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Susan Lindblade

Prelude

Anita Cotton

Opening Prayer

\*Call to Worship

Bob Gadkowski

Leader: Children of God, Rejoice! Sing out in celebration, God’s people! Your King is coming to you, humble, riding on a donkey, on a donkey’s foal.

**People: Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord’s name. Glory to God! Hosanna!**

\*Hymn of Praise

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

CH 297

Scripture Reading

Psalm 118

Bob Gadkowski

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer/Celebrations and Concerns

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

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 21:1-9

Cantata

"Spread the News"

Choir

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

\*Closing Hymn

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CH 43

\*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. Apr. 2</b>   | 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class<br>10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class<br>11:00 am – Worship (Palm Sunday)<br>"Spread the News" Cantata by the Choir                          |
| <b>Mon. Apr. 3</b>   | Happy Birthday to Charla Connors  |
| <b>Wed. Apr. 5</b>   | 7:00 pm – SPM Zoom Meeting<br>Happy Birthday to Joann Drake<br>Happy Birthday to Susie Spruill  |
| <b>Thurs. Apr. 6</b> | 7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study<br>(Facilitated by Jeanne Murray)<br>CANCELED - 6:00 pm – Choir Practice<br>6:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Service                               |
| <b>Fri. Apr. 7</b>   | Good Friday   |
| <b>Sun. Apr. 9</b>   | 6:30 am – Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast<br>CANCELED - 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class<br>CANCELED - 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class<br>11:00 am – Worship (Easter) |

## WORSHIP TEAMS

### APRIL 2

**Acolyte:** Marshall Cherry  
**Greeters:** Julie Cherry & Sylvia Kirk  
**Worship Leader:** Bob Gadkowski  
**Ushers:** Marshall & Julie Cherry  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Danielle Skinner & Sylvia Kirk  
**Trustee:** Bob Gadkowski

### APRIL 9

**Acolyte:** Kasey Fairley  
**Greeters:** Bobbie Piper & Noreen McCarthy  
**Worship Leader:** Ken Elliott  
**Ushers:** Jeanne Murray & Cathy Forbes  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Julie Cherry & Jan Edgar  
**Trustee:** Bob Gadkowski

## UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **UMCOR** – UMCOR SUNDAY, a time to celebrate and participate in United Methodism's humanitarian arm. Through April 2, 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.
- **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](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).
- **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

| <i>2023 Monthly Budget</i> | <i>Received Last Month (March)</i> | <i>Received Last Sunday</i> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| \$6,463.50                 | \$5,890.00                         | \$1,050.00                  |

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