



# Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, May 7, 2023 – 11:00 AM

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



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

Leader: How wonderful it is to be in a dwelling place for God!

**People: The refreshing springs of God’s love cleans and restore us.**

Leader: There is a place here for everyone. No one is turned away.

**People: The least and the lost; the homeless and hopeless are always welcome in God’s house.**

Leader: Praise to God who invites and shelters us all.

**All: Praise to God who heals and sends us forth to serve. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CH 648

Scripture Reading

Psalms 84

Mager Kirk

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem

"Ancient Words"

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

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

CH 563

Scripture Lesson

I Kings 3:3-14

Sermon

"If You Had One Wish"

Video

"The Prayer" by David Phelps and Lauren Talley

On Screen

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

\*Closing Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

CH 572

\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

\*Benediction

\*Sending Forth

"The Bond of Love"

On Screen/ CH 423

\*Postlude

Anita Cotton

(\* Please stand as you are able)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

<b>Sun. May 7</b>	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:30 pm – Sunday Lunch Bunch (BJ's)
<b>Mon. May 8</b>	3:00 pm – Finance Meeting
<b>Tues. May 9</b>	10:00 am – Bible Study – “Act Like Jesus” (Facilitated by Susan Lindblade)
<b>Wed. May 10</b>	3:00 pm – Church Council Meeting 5:30 pm – Community Meal
<b>Thurs. May 11</b>	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
<b>Sun. May 14</b>	Mother's Day 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship

## WORSHIP TEAMS

### MAY 7

**Acolyte:** Marshall Cherry  
**Greeters:** Jan Eanes & Sylvia Kirk  
**Worship Leader:** Mager Kirk  
**Ushers:** Joyce Jagucki & Noreen McCarthy  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Danielle Skinner & AB Donski  
**Trustee:** Anita Cotton

### MAY 14

**Acolyte:** Lee Hein  
**Greeters:** Joyce Jagucki & Noreen McCarthy  
**Worship Leader:** Jeanne Murray  
**Ushers:** Bobbie Piper & Lee Hein  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Jeanne Murray &  
Barbara Gadkowski  
**Trustee:** Anita Cotton

## UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pastor's Discretionary Fund** – As you receive communion, we invite you to pause at the altar for a time of prayer and if you feel led to share in this discretionary fund, please leave change or money at the altar rail.
- **Sunday Lunch Bunch, May 7, 12:30 pm** – We will meet today immediately after church at BJ's Restaurant. We will meet the first Sunday of each month at a local restaurant for fellowship and a meal together.
- **Bible Study, Tuesday, May 9, 10:00 am** – Our “Act Like Jesus” Bible Study resumes on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Community Meal, Wednesday, May 10, 5:30 pm** – Our Community Meal gathering on May 10, at 5:30 pm will feature hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill with sides and dessert. Invite your neighbors and join us in the Fellowship Hall for the Community Meal!
- **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](mailto:imeekins14@gmail.com) or (252) 202-6401.
- **Red Wagon Ministry** – The Red Wagon ministry is in need of **Baby Diapers (any size)**. A collection container has been placed in the entryway.

## FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

<b>2023 Monthly Budget</b>	<b>Received Last Month (April)</b>	<b>Received Last Sunday</b>
\$6,463.50	\$9,326.68	\$1,195.00

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