



**Sharon United Methodist Church**  
*Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor*  
**Sunday, July 2, 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: Let God’s praise be heard in the midst of the congregation.

**People: Shout praise to the Lord of hosts!**

Leader: Let God’s praise be whispered in the spirits of the people!

**People: We give you thanks for the many ways you have loved and guided us.**

Leader: Let God’s praise be proclaimed wherever we are.

**ALL: May we praise God in all that we do and say. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise

“Majesty”

CH 10

Scripture Reading

Psalm 145:1-9

Ken Elliott

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem

“Patriotic Medley”

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

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

CH 460

Scripture Lesson

Mark 5:24-34

Sermon

“The Touch of His Garment”

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us, O God, when we limit you, when we remake you in our image, when we claim our causes as your own, when we box you in, and explain you away, and in our attempts at understanding, whittle away all mystery. Awaken us to your blinding glory; confound us by your love. Shower us with grace so that we will be made new, recreated in your image, and grateful for all that we cannot know. In the name of Christ, who brought us closer to you, we pray. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

\*Closing Hymn

“Nothing but the Blood”

CH 337

\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

\*Benediction

\*Sending Forth

“God Be with You”

On Screen/ CH 232

\*Postlude

Anita Cotton

(\*) Please stand as you are able

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

<b>Sun. July 2</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) Happy Birthday to Kasey Fairley
<b>Tues. July 4</b>	<b>Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July</b>
<b>Thurs. July 6</b>	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice Happy Anniversary to Tom & Joyce Jagucki
<b>Sun. July 9</b>	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship



## WORSHIP TEAMS

### JULY 2

**Acolyte:** Marshall Cherry  
**Greeters:** Lee Hein & Noreen McCarthy  
**Worship Leader:** Ken Elliott  
**Ushers:** Jan Eanes & Bobbie Piper  
**Flowers:** Jan Eanes' UMW Prayer Partner  
**Counters:** Cathy Forbes & Joyce Jagucki  
**Trustee:** Marshall Cherry

### JULY 9

**Acolyte:** Julie Cherry  
**Greeters:** Bobbie Piper & Deb Chambers  
**Worship Leader:** Debra Elliott  
**Ushers:** Sylvia Kirk & Danielle Skinner  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Jeanne Murray & Barbara Gadkowski  
**Trustee:** Marshall Cherry

## UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Congratulations** and sincere best wishes to Sydney Kirk and Jay Dienn, who were married yesterday at Sharon Church. Sydney and Jay make their home in Vietnam, where they both teach. May God richly bless your new life together.
- **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, July 2, 12:30 pm** – We will meet Sunday, July 2, immediately after church at BJ's Restaurant in Jarvisburg. We will meet the first Sunday of each month at a local restaurant for fellowship and a meal together.
- **Community Meal** – The Community Meal for **July has been canceled**. We will resume the Community Meal on August 9th at 5:30 pm.
- **Vacation Bible School – July 17-20, 5:30 - 7:45 pm** – Sharon UMC is excited to be hosting Vacation Bible School for Grades K-5! Dinner will be provided at 5:30 pm. Children will be offered Music, Crafts, and a thoughtful Bible Story each night. Volunteers are needed in all areas; materials will be provided. For more information, contact Anita Cotton at anitacotton@hotmail.com or (757) 286-0862. **SPREAD THE WORD!**
- **SUMC Golf Tournament - Saturday, August 26** at The Carolina Club (Grandy). For more information, contact AB Donski (252) 722-4344.
- **Red Wagon Ministry** – The Red Wagon ministry is in need of **Baby Diapers (any size)**. A collection container has been placed in the entryway.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God, and  
in honor of Jan Eanes by Jan Eanes' UMW Prayer Partner*



## FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

<i>2023 Monthly Budget</i>	<i>Received Last Month (June)</i>	<i>Received Last Sunday</i>
\$6,463.50	\$11,193.00	\$1,372.00

◆ Sharon United Methodist Church ◆ 275 Poplar Branch Road ◆ PO Box 182 ◆ Poplar Branch, NC 27965  
 www.sharon-umc.org ◆ (252) 453-2806 (church) ◆ sclindblade@gmail.com ◆ (252) 725-0514 (cell)