



## Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, July 16, 2023 – 11:00 AM

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

Bringing in the Light of Christ		Ken Edgar
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Susan Lindblade
Opening Prayer		
Prelude		Anita Cotton
*Call to Worship		Julie Cherry
Leader: Praise the Lord with all that you have!		
<b>People: Praise and trust in the Lord with all your heart and soul!</b>		
Leader: For God is with us throughout all our lives.		
<b>People: God's loving presence surrounds us and comforts us, offering hope to our souls.</b>		
Leader: Rejoice in the Lord at all times, in all places.		
<b>People: Rejoice in the Lord forever!</b>		
*Hymn of Praise	“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”	CH 682
Scripture Reading	Psalm 36:5-7	Julie Cherry
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
Anthem	“Build My Mansion”	Choir
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology		
<b>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.</b>		
<b>Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</b>		
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Hymn	“Sweet Hour of Prayer”	CH 640
Scripture Lesson	Genesis 50:15-20; Acts 16:6-10	
Sermon	“When One Door Closes...”	
*Closing Hymn	“O How I Love Jesus”	CH 92
*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 16</b>	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship
<b>July 17-20</b>	5:30 pm – Vacation Bible School
<b>Wed. July 19</b>	12:00 pm – UMW Meeting (Alleccious) Happy Birthday to Janet Ross
<b>Thurs. July 20</b>	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice Happy Birthday to Bob Kirk
<b>Sun. July 23</b>	Pastor Susan on vacation 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Jeanne Murray) CANCELED - 12:15 pm – Connect Church Mtg.

## WORSHIP TEAMS

### JULY 16

**Acolyte:** Ken Edgar  
**Greeters:** Lee Hein & Patricia Leary  
**Worship Leader:** Julie Cherry  
**Ushers:** Ken & Debra Elliott  
**Flowers:** The Reverends Eric and Susan Lindblade  
**Counters:** Sylvia Kirk & Joyce Jagucki  
**Trustee:** Marshall Cherry

### JULY 23

**Acolyte:** Jan Edgar  
**Greeters:** Marshall & Julie Cherry  
**Worship Leader:** Mager Kirk  
**Ushers:** Joyce Jagucki & Noreen McCarthy  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Danielle Skinner & Jan Edgar  
**Trustee:** Marshall Cherry

## UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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!
- **Pastor Susan on Vacation, July 23-August 1** – Eric and Susan will be leaving next Sunday, July 23 for an eight day cruise in Iceland. In her absence, our Certified Lay Minister Jeanne Murray will preach on July 23rd and 30th and will be available, along with our church officers, to coordinate help in the event of any emergency or pastoral need. Jeanne can be reached at jeannemurray@gmail.com or (252) 423-0851.
- **UMW Sunday and Candle Burning, August 13th** – On Sunday, August 13th we will have a special UMW Sunday and Candle Burning as part of our morning worship service.
  - If you would like to help with this mission giving, please fill in the form (available in the vestibule) and include your contribution and place it in the UMW collection envelope that we will pass around for several Sundays. Please make checks payable to **Sharon UMW**. We are not asking for any specific amount, whatever you would like to donate is greatly appreciated and will be used for local, national, and global missions.
  - We will also have a slideshow of photos of honorees and memorials. If you would like to have a photo included in the slideshow, please submit your photos to Iris Meekins through July 30th.
- **SUMC Golf Tournament - Saturday, August 26** at The Carolina Club (Grandy). For more information, contact AB Donski (252) 722-4344.

## ALTAR FLOWERS



*The flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in honor of the wonderful people of Sharon United Methodist Church in Poplar Branch as we begin a new Conference year together by The Reverends Eric and Susan Lindblade*



## FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

<b>2023 Monthly Budget</b>	<b>Received Last Month (June)</b>	<b>Received Last Sunday</b>
\$6,463.50	\$11,193.00	\$1,256.00

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