



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, July 23, 2023 – 11:00 AM

“Take Your Candle, Go Light Your World”

Bringing in the Light of Christ		Jan Edgar
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Jeanne Murray
Opening Prayer		
Prelude		Anita Cotton
*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 138 in THE MESSAGE by Eugene Peterson)		Mager Kirk
Leader: Come, let us worship our God with joy and thanksgiving: Everything in us says		
People: Thank you!		
Leader: At worship in this sacred place we say it again:		
People: Thank you!		
Leader: For your love, for your faithfulness;		
People: Thank you!		
Leader: When earth’s rulers hear what you have to say, O God, they’ll sing of what you’ve done:		
People: How great the glory of God!		
Leader: Finish what you started in us, God. Your love is eternal – stay with us, now, that we may say:		
People: Thank you!		
*Hymn of Praise	“Praise Him! Praise Him!”	CH 12
Scripture Reading	Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23	Mager Kirk
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	“All the Glory Belongs to Jesus”	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	“Blessed Assurance”	CH 572
Scripture Lesson	2 Corinthians 4:5-11	
Sermon	“Not I but through Christ in me”	
*Closing Hymn	“I Am Thine, O Lord”	CH 552
*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

July 23-Aug. 1	Pastor Susan on Vacation
Sun. July 23	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.
Mon. July 24	Happy Birthday to Don Austin Happy Birthday to Linda Kimble
Tues. July 25	4:30 pm – Red Wagon Ministry
Thurs. July 27	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice Happy Birthday to Jan Eanes Happy Birthday to Gay Statler
Thurs. July 28	Happy Birthday to Susan Lindblade
Fri. July 29	10:00 am – Connect Church Regional Gathering (Manteo)
Sun. July 30	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Jeanne Murray)

WORSHIP TEAMS

JULY 23

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

JULY 30

Acolyte: Kasey Fairley
Greeters: Joyce Jagucki & Jan Eanes
Worship Leader: Marshall Cherry
Ushers: Julie Cherry & Lee Hein
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Julie Cherry & AB Donski
Trustee: Marshall Cherry



UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pastor Susan on Vacation, July 23-August 1** – Eric and Susan will be on 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.
- **NEW DATE - UMW Sunday and Candle Burning, August 20th** – On Sunday, August 20th we will have a special UMW Sunday and Candle Burning as part of our morning worship service. Cindy Tripp from Methodist Home for Children will be our guest speaker.
 - 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.
- **Red Wagon Ministry** – The Red Wagon ministry is in need of **Baby Diapers (any size)**. A collection container has been placed in the entryway.
- **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.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2023 Monthly Budget	Received Last Month (June)	Received Last Sunday
\$6,463.50	\$11,193.00	\$2,920.00

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