



Sharon United Methodist Church
Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor
Sunday, July 30, 2023 – 11:00 AM
“Take Your Candle, Go Light Your World”



Bringing in the Light of Christ		Kasey Fairley
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Jeanne Murray
Prelude		Anita Cotton
Opening Prayer (Psalm 9:1-2, 11 CEB)		Marshall Cherry
<i>I will thank you, Lord, with all my heart;</i>		
<i>I will talk about all your wonderful acts.</i>		
<i>I will celebrate and rejoice in you;</i>		
<i>I will sing praises to your name, Most High.</i>		
<i>Sing praises to the Lord, who lives in Zion!</i>		
<i>Proclaim his mighty acts among all people! Amen</i>		
*Choral Call to Worship	“Let’s Just Praise the Lord”	CH 18
Scripture Reading	Colossians 3:15-17	Marshall Cherry
Special Music		Danielle Skinner
Favorite Hymns	Congregational Choice	Call out the name & page number
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	“The Summons”	Choir
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology		
<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.</i>		
<i>Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>		
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Favorite Hymns	Congregational Choice	Call out the name & page number
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 13:10-13	
Sermon	“Love Stories”	
Special Music		Meekins Family
Favorite Hymns	Congregational Choice	Call out the name & page number
*Closing Hymn	“My Life Is in You, Lord”	CH 542
*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 30	UMW Penny and a Prayer begins 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Jeanne Murray)
Tues. Aug. 1	Happy Anniversary to Ken & Debra Elliott
Wed. Aug. 2	7:00 pm – SPM Zoom Meeting
Thurs. Aug. 3	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
Sun. Aug. 6	UMW Penny and a Prayer continues 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:30 pm – Sunday Lunch Bunch (Compadres) Happy Anniversary to Edward & Jean Donovan

WORSHIP TEAMS

JULY 30

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

AUGUST 6

Acolyte: Rosalie Jones
Greeters: Ken Edgar & Sylvia Kirk
Worship Leader: Danielle Skinner
Ushers: Janet Fairley & Cathy Forbes
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Danielle Skinner & Barbara Gadkowski
Trustee: Ken Edgar

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pastor Susan on Vacation, July 23-August 1** – During Susan’s absence, 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.
- **Sunday Lunch Bunch, August 6, 12:30 pm** – We will meet Sunday, August 6, immediately after church at Los Compadres Mexican Restaurant in Grandy. We will meet the first Sunday of each month at a local restaurant for fellowship and a meal together.
- **UMW “Penny and a Prayer” July 30 - August 20** – A Penny and a Prayer is an avenue of mission giving that is to put prayer back in our giving. The UMW invites everyone to take a container this Sunday or use a container of your choice and drop pennies or spare change in each time you pray, especially praying for our work as United Methodists in missions. All monies collected are sent directly to our District UMW to support missions. We will be doing our Penny and a Prayer from this Sunday, July 30th through Sunday, August 20th and ask that **you return your filled container to the church no later than Sunday, August 20, 2023**. If you have any questions or to get a container, please contact Cathy Forbes at 252-202-1952.
- **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.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2023 Monthly Budget	Received Last Month (June)	Received Last Sunday
\$6,463.50	\$11,193.00	\$832.00

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