



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, July 9, 2023 – 11:00 AM

“Take Your Candle, Go Light Your World”

Bringing in the Light of Christ		Julie Cherry
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Susan Lindblade
Opening Prayer		
Prelude		Anita Cotton
*Call to Worship		Debra Elliott
Leader:	Come! Come praise the eternal God! Let all that is within us – body, emotions, mind, and will – Praise God’s holy name!	
People:	<i>Despite our failures, He forgives and releases us. When we are famished and weak, He fills us with good and beautiful things, satisfying our needs, and restoring our strength.</i>	
ALL:	<i>So come! Come, praise the eternal God! Sing songs from a grateful heart, and remember all that He has done for us.</i>	
*Hymn of Praise	“Give Thanks”	CH 170
Scripture Reading	Psalm 145:8-14	Debra Elliott
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	“As the Deer”	Choir
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology	<i>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.</i>	
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Hymn	“You Are My All in All”	CH 583
Scripture Lesson	Psalm 103:1-5	
Sermon	“Love...In Spite of Me”	
Video	“His Eye Is On The Sparrow” (by Tanya Blount & Lauryn Hill)	On Screen
*Closing Hymn	“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”	CH 602
*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

Sun. July 9	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship
Mon. July 10	3:00 pm – Finance Meeting
Wed. July 12	3:00 pm – Church Council Meeting CANCELED - 5:30 pm – Community Meal
Thurs. July 13	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
Sat. July 15	Happy Birthday to Barbara Gadkowski Happy Birthday to Red Mangham Happy Anniversary to Don & Sue Austin
Sun. July 16	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship

WORSHIP TEAMS

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

JULY 16

Acolyte: Ken Edgar
Greeters: Lee Hein & Patricia Leary
Worship Leader: Julie Cherry
Ushers: Ken & Debra Elliott
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Sylvia Kirk & Joyce Jagucki
Trustee: Marshall Cherry

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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!
- **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.
- **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. You can also click the YouTube link at the bottom of our website www.sharon-umc.org.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2023 Monthly Budget	Received Last Month (June)	Received Last Sunday
\$6,463.50	\$11,193.00	\$2,141.00

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