



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, August 13, 2023 – 11:00 AM

“Take Your Candle, Go Light Your World”

Bringing in the Light of Christ		Bob Gadkowski
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Susan Lindblade
Opening Prayer		
Prelude		Anita Cotton
*Call to Worship		Jeanne Murray
Leader: We come seeking Jesus, the light of the world!		
People: Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus!		
Leader: We believe in the strength of God to illuminate the dark places.		
People: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness shall not overcome it.		
Leader: Lord, in this hour of worship, kindle in us the light of your love.		
ALL: Let your light shine through us, now and forever. Amen.		
*Hymn of Praise	“Shine, Jesus, Shine”	CH 431
Scripture Reading	Psalm 100	Jeanne Murray
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	“How Great Your Love Must Be”	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	“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”	CH 665
Scripture Lesson	Luke 6:31-33	
Sermon	“Raising the Bar on the Golden Rule”	
*Closing Hymn	“They’ll Know We Are Christians”	CH 429
*Taking the Light of Christ into the World		
*Benediction		
*Sending Forth	“Bind Us Together”	On Screen/ CH 425
*Postlude		Anita Cotton

(* Please stand as you are able

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Sun. Aug. 13	UMW Penny and a Prayer continues 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship
Tues. Aug. 15	Happy Birthday to Julie Cherry
Thurs. Aug. 17	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
Fri. Aug. 18	Happy Birthday to Linda Strickland
Sun. Aug. 20	UMW Penny and a Prayer ends 9:00 am – Community Meal Meeting 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Cindy Tripp, guest speaker; UMW Sunday and Candle Burning) Happy Birthday to Charles Drake

WORSHIP TEAMS

AUGUST 13

Acolyte: Bob Gadkowski
Greeters: AB Donski & Deb Chambers
Worship Leader: Jeanne Murray
Ushers: Rosalie Jones & Patricia Leary
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Sylvia Kirk & Joyce Jagucki
Trustee: Ken Edgar

AUGUST 20

Acolyte: Barbara Gadkowski
Greeters: Sylvia Kirk & Julie Cherry
Worship Leader: Lee Hein
Ushers: Bobbie Piper & Jan Edgar
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Danielle Skinner & Jan Edgar
Trustee: Ken Edgar

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Community Meal Meeting, August 20, 9:00 am** – On Sunday, August 20 we will have a Community Meal Meeting. The meeting is open to all who are interested in planning/discussing the Community Meal.
- **UMW "Penny and a Prayer" July 30 - August 20** – All monies collected are sent directly to our District UMW to support missions. We will be doing our Penny and a Prayer from Sunday, July 30 through Sunday, August 20 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.
- **UMW Sunday and Candle Burning, August 20** – On Sunday, August 20 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. The UMW theme for this year is "Courage" and our color is Red. **We encourage everyone to wear Red** and thank you all so much for your support of United Methodist Women.
- **SUMC Golf Tournament - Saturday, August 26** at The Carolina Club (Grandy). For more information, contact AB Donski (252) 722-4344.
- **Red Wagon Ministry (located in the Mt. Zion parking lot)** – The Red Wagon ministry is in need of **Baby Diapers** and **Feminine Hygiene Products**. 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.
- **Altar Flowers 2023** – If you would like to place altar flowers in the church "in memory of" or "in honor of" a special person, please contact Iris Meekins at imeekins14@gmail.com or (252) 202-6401.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2023 Monthly Budget	Received Last Month (July)	Received Last Sunday
\$6,463.50	\$8,849.00	\$3,034.00

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