



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, August 20, 2023 – 11:00 AM

“Take Your Candle, Go Light Your World”



Bringing in the Light of Christ		Barbara Gadkowski
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Susan Lindblade
Opening Prayer		
Prelude		Anita Cotton
*Call to Worship		Lee Hein
Leader: Jesus said, Let the little children come to me...		
People: We come, each of us a child of God.		
Leader: Jesus said, It is to such as these that the reign of God belongs.		
People: We come to recognize that each child is already part of God’s kingdom.		
*Hymn of Praise	“Jesus Calls Us”	CH 592
Scripture Reading	Psalm 67:1-7	Lee Hein
UMW Candle Burning		Cathy Forbes and Jan Eanes
UMW Candle Burning Video Presentation		On Screen
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		
Prayer of Dedication for Penny and A Prayer		
Anthem	“We Are So Blessed”	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	“Something Beautiful”	CH 507 (sing twice)
UMW Special Recognition		Jeanne Murray
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 25:31-40; Hebrews 6:10	Cindy Tripp
Sermon	“The Joy of Service”	
*Closing Hymn	“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”	CH 688
*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. 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) 12:15 pm – Trustees Meeting Happy Birthday to Charles Drake
Thurs. Aug. 24	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice Happy Birthday to Diane Forbes
Fri. Aug. 25	Happy Birthday to Chris Leary
Sat. Aug. 26	8:00 am – Golf Tournament Happy Anniversary to Ken & Jan Edgar
Sun. Aug. 27	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Connect Church Meeting Happy Birthday to Jan Edgar

WORSHIP TEAMS

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

AUGUST 27

Acolyte: Marshall Cherry
Greeters: Lee Hein & Patricia Leary
Worship Leader: Ken Edgar
Ushers: Bob & Barbara Gadkowski
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Julie Cherry & AB Donski
Trustee: Ken Edgar

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.

SHARON UMW OFFICERS

Jeanne Murray - President
Jan Edgar - Vice-President
Cathy Forbes - Treasurer
Mary Simmons - Secretary

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

<i>2023 Monthly Budget</i>	<i>Received Last Month (July)</i>	<i>Received Last Sunday</i>
\$6,463.50	\$8,849.00	\$1,768.00