



## Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, August 27, 2023 – 11:00 AM

**“Take Your Candle, Go Light Your World”**

Bringing in the Light of Christ		Marshall Cherry
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Susan Lindblade
Opening Prayer		
Prelude		Anita Cotton
*Call to Worship		Ken Edgar
Leader:	How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!	
<b>People:</b>	<b><i>For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.</i></b>	
Leader:	God makes new in God’s Spirit!	
<b>People:</b>	<b><i>Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.</i></b>	
Leader:	Come, let us worship and be thankful.	
<b>ALL:</b>	<b><i>Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God. Amen.</i></b>	
*Hymn of Praise	“I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”	CH 499
Scripture Reading	Psalm 32	Ken Edgar
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	“Wonderful, Merciful Savior” with “We Bow Down”	Choir
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology		
	<b><i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.</i></b>	
	<b><i>Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i></b>	
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Hymn	“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”	CH 591
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 18:21-22; Matthew 6:12, 14-15; Matthew 5:23-24	
Sermon	“Raising the Bar on Forgiveness”	
Video	“Forgive Me, Lord”	On Screen
*Closing Hymn	“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	CH 11
*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

<b>Sun. Aug. 27</b>	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
<b>Mon. Aug. 28</b>	2:00 pm – Policy Meeting
<b>Tues. Aug. 29</b>	4:30 pm – Red Wagon Ministry Happy Birthday to Lois Meekins Happy Birthday to Brenda Zettervall
<b>Wed. Aug. 30</b>	2:00 pm – Nominations Meeting Happy Birthday to Carl Ross
<b>Thurs. Aug. 31</b>	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
<b>Sun. Sept. 3</b>	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:30 pm – Sunday Lunch Bunch (BJ's)

## WORSHIP TEAMS

### 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

### SEPTEMBER 3

**Acolyte:** Julie Cherry  
**Greeters:** Joyce Jagucki & Jan Eanes  
**Worship Leader:** Joyce Jagucki  
**Ushers:** Jeanne Murray & Deb Chambers  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Jeanne Murray & Barbara Gadkowski  
**Trustee:** Anita Cotton

## UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday Lunch Bunch, September 3, 12:30 pm** – We will meet Sunday, September 3, immediately after church at BJ's Carolina Cafe in Jarvisburg. We will meet the first Sunday of each month at a local restaurant for fellowship and a meal together.
- **Women's Spiritual Life Retreat, Saturday, October 28, 9:00 am** – MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the First Annual Women's Spiritual Life Retreat on Saturday, October 28 from 9:00 am until 2:30 pm at Sharon UMC. The Rev. Dr. Anne Sims, pastor of Oriental UMC will lead our time together called "Finding Strength for the Journey: Lessons from Ruth, Miriam and Mary Magdalene." A light lunch will be provided. Invite your friends! **To help us plan for our day, please register by accessing the registration form on our church website at [www.sharon-umc.org](http://www.sharon-umc.org).** If you need help with the registration, please contact Iris Meekins.
- **Mailboxes** – Please be sure to check the mailboxes in the Mail Center in the library. You never know when a card with your name on it may appear!
- **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](http://www.youtube.com/@sharonumcpoplarbranchnc9028). You can also click the YouTube link at the bottom of our website [www.sharon-umc.org](http://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](mailto:imeekins14@gmail.com) or (252) 202-6401.

## 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	\$1,242.00

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