



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, August 6, 2023 – 11:00 AM

“Take Your Candle, Go Light Your World”



Bringing in the Light of Christ		Rosalie Jones
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Cathy Forbes
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Prelude		Anita Cotton
*Choral Call to Worship	“Spirit of the Living God”	On Screen
*Hymn of Praise	“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	CH 630
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 53:5	Danielle Skinner
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Susan Lindblade/On Screen
Anthem	“All Who Hunger”	Choir
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings		Danielle Skinner
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	“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”	CH 324
Scripture Lesson	John 15:9-14	Rev. Susan Lindblade/On Screen
Sermon	“It’s All About Love”	
Video	“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” (by Eric Bibb)	On Screen
Celebration of Holy Communion		Rev. Susan Lindblade/On Screen
The Invitation		
Prayer of Confession (In Unison)		
	<i>Faithful God, we confess that we have fallen short. We have given up. We have stopped hoping. We have doubted and failed to trust You. We have failed to remember your covenant and hold on to Your promises. But You have not given up on us. You continue to renew us again and again. You continue to restore us and turn us back to right paths. Forgive us when we complain and forget Your faithfulness. In the name of Christ, our Redeemer and Friend, we pray. Amen.</i>	
Words of Assurance		
The Great Thanksgiving		
Sharing the Bread and Cup		Marshall Cherry
*Closing Hymn	“Love Lifted Me”	CH 508
*Taking the Light of Christ into the World		
*Benediction		Rev. Susan Lindblade/On Screen
*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. 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
Tues. Aug. 8	2:00 pm – SPRC Meeting
Wed. Aug. 9	5:30 pm – Community Meal
Thurs. Aug. 10	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice Happy Birthday to John Childers Happy Birthday to Sydney Kirk Happy Birthday to Preston Murray Happy Anniversary to Jim & Brenda Zettervall
Fri. Aug. 11	Happy Birthday to Chas Connors Happy Anniversary to Pat & Donna Steigelman
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

WORSHIP TEAMS

AUGUST 6

Acolyte: Rosalie Jones
Greeters: Ken Edgar & Bobbie Piper
Worship Leader: Danielle Skinner
Ushers: Janet Fairley & Kasey Fairley
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Danielle Skinner & Barbara Gadkowski
Trustee: Ken Edgar

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



UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pastor's Discretionary Fund** – As you receive communion, we invite you to pause at the altar for a time of prayer and if you feel led to share in this discretionary fund, please leave change or money at the altar rail.
- **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** – 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.
- **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 (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.
- **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

<i>2023 Monthly Budget</i>	<i>Received Last Month (July)</i>	<i>Received Last Sunday</i>
\$6,463.50	\$8,849.00	\$1,700.00

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