



**Sharon United Methodist Church**  
*Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor*  
**Sunday, September 10, 2023 – 11:00 AM**  
**“Take Your Candle, Go Light Your World”**

Bringing in the Light of Christ		Ken Edgar
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Susan Lindblade
Opening Prayer		
Prelude		Anita Cotton
*Call to Worship		Jan Edgar
Leader:	All I am, and all I have, I offer, Lord, to you.	
<b>People:</b>	<b><i>I offer you these hands, that you might use them.</i></b>	
	<b><i>I offer you these feet, that you might lead them to someone who needs my help.</i></b>	
	<b><i>I offer you these shoulders, if you need them to help lighten another’s load.</i></b>	
	<b><i>I offer you this voice, that you might use it to speak up for those in need.</i></b>	
<b>All:</b>	<b><i>All I am, and all I have, I offer, Lord, to you.</i></b>	
*Hymn of Praise	“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”	CH 517
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 40:28-31	Jan Edgar
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	"His Name Medley"	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	“Seek Ye First”	CH 713
Scripture Lesson	1 Corinthians 13:1-8	
Sermon	“Raising the Bar: The Church - A Community Where We See Jesus”	
*Closing Hymn	“The Lily of the Valley”	CH 626
*Taking the Light of Christ into the World		
*Benediction		
*Sending Forth	“Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart”	On Screen/ CH 231
*Postlude		Anita Cotton

(\*) Please stand as you are able

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

<b>Sun. Sept. 10</b>	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship
<b>Mon. Sept. 11</b>	3:00 pm – Finance Meeting Happy Birthday to Dahlia Tuttle
<b>Tues. Sept. 12</b>	10:00 am – Bible Study (Facilitated by Susan Lindblade) 2:00 pm – SPRC Meeting
<b>Wed. Sept. 13</b>	3:00 pm – Church Council Meeting
<b>Thurs. Sept. 14</b>	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
<b>Sun. Sept. 17</b>	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Sunday Fellowship Luncheon

## WORSHIP TEAMS

### SEPTEMBER 10

**Acolyte:** Ken Edgar  
**Greeters:** Marshall & Julie Cherry  
**Worship Leader:** Jan Edgar  
**Ushers:** Marshall & Julie Cherry  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Sylvia Kirk & Joyce Jagucki  
**Trustee:** Anita Cotton

### SEPTEMBER 17

**Acolyte:** Rosalie Jones  
**Greeters:** Patricia Leary & Sylvia Kirk  
**Worship Leader:** Bob Gadkowski  
**Ushers:** Joyce Jagucki & Jan Eanes  
**Flowers:** Deb Chambers  
**Counters:** Danielle Skinner & Barbara Gadkowski  
**Trustee:** Anita Cotton

## UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bible Study, Tuesday, September 12, 10:00 am** – We will resume our weekly Bible study with the Mayberry Bible Series on Tuesday, September 12. It will be a very different kind of bible study as we watch classic episodes of the Andy Griffith Show and use them as a backdrop for studying scripture. Our first lesson will be on Service in the episode of “The English Servant.”
- **Sunday Fellowship Luncheon, September 17, 12:15 pm** – Join us for a BBQ sandwich lunch and ice cream. What a great chance to get to fellowship and know each other better.
- **Women’s Spiritual Life Retreat, Saturday, October 28, 9:00 am** – Have you signed up for the Women’s Spiritual Life Retreat held at Sharon United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 28 yet? The Rev. Dr. Anne Sims will be leading us in the study of “Finding Strength for the Journey: Lessons from Ruth, Miriam and Mary Magdalene.” A light lunch will be provided. Come and enjoy a day of enrichment and fellowship with other women from our District. **Registration is needed to help us plan our day. You can 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

<b>2023 Monthly Budget</b>	<b>Received Last Month (August)</b>	<b>Received Last Sunday</b>
\$6,463.50	\$ 7,574.00	\$2,300.00

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