



Sharon United Methodist Church
Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor
Sunday, September 17, 2023 – 11:00 AM
“Take Your Candle, Go Light Your World”

Bringing in the Light of Christ		Rosalie Jones
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Susan Lindblade
Opening Prayer		
Prelude		Anita Cotton
*Call to Worship		Bob Gadkowski
Leader: For the beauty of this summer day, People: <i>And the comfort of friends nearby;</i> Leader: For the invitation to love and be loved, People: <i>For our God who extends that call;</i> Leader: For time set apart to nourish the soul, People: <i>For time to go out into the world armed with love:</i> ALL: <i>For all these things we give thanks. Let us worship God!</i>		
*Hymn of Praise	“Count Your Blessings”	CH 786
Scripture Reading	Psalm 89:1-2, 8	Bob Gadkowski
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	“Lord God, Almighty”	Choir
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings		
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	“Without Him”	CH 504
Scripture Lesson	Acts 17:1-9	
Sermon	“Turning the World Upside Down”	
*Closing Hymn	“When We All Get to Heaven”	CH 772
*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

Sun. Sept. 17	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Sunday Fellowship Luncheon
Mon. Sept. 18	6:00 pm – Connect Church Meeting
Tues. Sept. 19	2:00 pm – Bible Study (NEW TIME) (Facilitated by Susan Lindblade)
Wed. Sept. 20	Happy Birthday to Debbie Williams
Thurs. Sept. 21	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
Fri. Sept. 22	Happy Birthday to Sylvia Kirk
Sun. Sept. 24	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Connect Church Meeting

WORSHIP TEAMS

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

SEPTEMBER 24

Acolyte: Kasey Fairley
Greeters: Julie Cherry & Jan Eanes
Worship Leader: Danielle Skinner
Ushers: Sylvia Kirk & Danielle Skinner
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Julie Cherry & Sylvia Kirk
Trustee: Anita Cotton

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bible Study, Tuesday, September 19, 2:00 pm (NEW TIME)** – We will continue our weekly Bible study with the Mayberry Bible Series on Tuesday, September 19. 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 lesson will be on Peace of the Past in the episode of “The Class Reunion.”
- **Charge Conference, Thursday, October 26, 6:00 pm** – MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW for Charge Conference on Thursday, October 26 at 6:00 pm. here at Sharon UMC. Please see Pastor Susan if you can help with hospitality that night as a Greeter and Usher as we welcome Mt. Zion and Hebron, who will also hold their respective conferences here and join together with us in worship.
 - 6:00 pm - Mt. Zion UMC Charge Conference (Fellowship Hall)
 - 6:15 pm - Hebron UMC Charge Conference (Fellowship Hall)
 - 6:30 pm - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 - 7:00 pm - Sharon UMC Charge Conference (Sanctuary)
- **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.** If you need help with the registration, please contact Iris Meekins.

ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God, and
in memory of my mother, Louise McKnett Smith by Deb Chambers*



FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2023 Monthly Budget	Received Last Month (August)	Received Last Sunday
\$6,463.50	\$ 7,574.00	\$2,445.00