



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, September 24, 2023 – 11:00 AM

“Take Your Candle, Go Light Your World”

Bringing in the Light of Christ		Kasey Fairley
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Susan Lindblade
Opening Prayer		
Prelude		Anita Cotton
*Call to Worship		Danielle Skinner
Leader:	Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you are called:	
People:	<i>We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people.</i>	
Leader:	Lead a life worthy of your calling, a life filled with service and meekness.	
People:	<i>We come to build up Christ's body, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.</i>	
Leader:	Lead a life which reflects your calling, that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.	
People:	<i>Lord, renew us in this hour and lead us to cover and color your world (at least our corner of it) with your grace and love.</i>	
*Hymn of Praise	“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”	CH 21
Scripture Reading	Psalms 51:1-12	Danielle Skinner
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
Anthem	“Whiter than Snow / Change My Heart, O God”	Choir
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology		
	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.</i>	
	<i>Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>	
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Hymn	“The Church's One Foundation”	CH 401
Scripture Lesson	Ephesians 4:11-16	
Sermon	“Whose Life Will You Bless By Your Words Today?”	
*Closing Hymn	“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”	CH 426
*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. 24	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Connect Church Meeting
Tues. Sept. 26	2:00 pm – Bible Study (NEW TIME) (Facilitated by Susan Lindblade) 4:30 pm – Red Wagon Ministry
Thurs. Sept. 28	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
Fri. Sept. 29	Happy Anniversary to Booty & Susie Spruill
Sun. Oct. 1	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:30 pm – Sunday Lunch Bunch (Coinjock Marina)

WORSHIP TEAMS

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

OCTOBER 1

Acolyte: Rosalie Jones
Greeters: Bobbie Piper & Deb Chambers
Worship Leader: Julie Cherry
Ushers: Marshall & Julie Cherry
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Jeanne Murray & Barbara Gadkowski
Trustee: AB Donski

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUMC Golf Tournament** – We would like to give a BIG SHOUT OUT to everyone who helped make the 20th Annual Sharon United Methodist Church Golf Tournament a success. Thank you to all of our sponsors, donors, golfers and participants. The 2023 Golf Tournament provided net proceeds of \$2,970.83.
- **Bible Study, Tuesday, September 26, 2:00 pm (NEW TIME)** – We will continue our weekly Bible study with the Mayberry Bible Series on Tuesday, September 26. Our lesson will be on Mercy in the episode of “Dogs, Dogs, Dogs.”
- **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.
- **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!

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2023 Monthly Budget	Received Last Month (August)	Received Last Sunday
\$6,463.50	\$7,574.00	\$1,394.00

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