



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, October 15, 2023 – 11:00 AM

“Take Your Candle, Go Light Your World”

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Barbara Gadkowski

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Susan Lindblade

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Anita Cotton

*Call to Worship

Mager Kirk

Leader: We are pulled in many directions.

People: Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.

Leader: Today, in this place, let service to God be our choice.

People: Today, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.

Leader: Hear us, Lord, as we unite in prayer:

All: O Lord, there never seems to be enough time to do all the things that are demanded of us. Our schedules are busy, as we live by the clock. Forgive us, Lord, for making you a scheduled event which we tend to erase when something else comes our way. Help us to realize, with you as our focus, all things pale in comparison. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

“Sanctuary”

CH 655 (sing 2 times)

Scripture Reading

Psalm 145:1-8

Mager Kirk

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem

“He Calls the Stars by Name”

Choir

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn

“I Surrender All”

CH 596

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 4:11-16

Sermon

“What I Love About Church”

*Closing Hymn

“The Old Rugged Cross”

CH 327

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Benediction

*Sending Forth

“Shalom to You”

On Screen/UMH 666

*Postlude

Anita Cotton

(*) Please stand as you are able

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

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| Sun. Oct. 15 | 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Outreach Team Meeting 3:00 pm – Connect Church Meeting |
| Tues. Oct. 17 | 2:00 pm – Bible Study (Facilitated by Susan Lindblade) |
| Wed. Oct. 18 | 12:00 pm – UMW Meeting (Los Compadres) |
| Thurs. Oct. 19 | 7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice |
| Sat. Oct. 21 | 9:30 am – UMW District Annual Meeting (at SUMC) 3:00 pm – Cantata Practice |
| Sun. Oct. 22 | 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Connect Church Meeting |

WORSHIP TEAMS

OCTOBER 15

Acolyte: Barbara Gadkowski
Greeters: Marshall & Julie Cherry
Worship Leader: Mager Kirk
Ushers: Bobbie Piper & Lee Hein
Flowers: Rosalie Jones
Counters: Danielle Skinner & Jan Edgar
Trustee: AB Donski

OCTOBER 22

Acolyte: Julie Cherry
Greeters: Joyce Jagucki & Jan Eanes
Worship Leader: Danielle Skinner
Ushers: Rosalie Jones & Patricia Leary
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Julie Cherry & AB Donski
Trustee: AB Donski

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bible Study, Tuesday, October 17, 2:00 pm** – Our lesson will be on Accountability in the episode of "The Loaded Goat."
- **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. We will 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** – Come and enjoy a day of enrichment.
- **Halloween Fun Night, October 31, 5:00 pm** – Join us in the Fellowship Hall for: CANDY - CRAFTS - GAMES.
- **Updated and Revised Church Policies** – Recently, our Church Council reviewed and approved our updated policies for church use. Copies of the new policies and application are posted on our church website as well as placed in the Mail Center in the Library.
- **Stuff the Pumpkin** – The School Partnership Mission Team (SPM) will be doing "Stuff The Pumpkin" again this year. This mission will run from October 15th through the end of November. We are asking that you bring Gloves, Mittens, Hats, Toboggans, Scarves, Socks, and Undies to fill the Pumpkin (located at the front of the church). The items collected are for children at Griggs Elementary School (Kindergarten-5th grade) and will be delivered to the school in December. Thank you for your support of the SPM Team.

ALTAR FLOWERS



*The flowers are given to the Glory of God, and
in honor of our many blessings at SUMC by Rosalie Jones*



FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

| 2023 Monthly Budget | Received Last Month (September) | Received Last Sunday |
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| \$6,463.50 | \$7,305.00 | \$1,966.00 |