



# Sharon United Methodist Church

*Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor*

Sunday, January 14, 2024 – 11:00 AM

**“Take Your Candle, Go Light Your World”**

Bringing in the Light of Christ		Barbara Gadkowski
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Jeanne Murray
Opening Prayer		
Prelude		Anita Cotton
*Call to Worship		Jan Edgar
Leader: We see light, hope, and joy;		
<b>People: We bring heart, soul, mind, and body;</b>		
Leader: We share blessings and fears;		
<b>People: We bring faith and doubt.</b>		
<b>ALL: With all that we are and all that we have, let us worship God.</b>		
*Hymn of Praise	“O for a Heart to Praise My God”	CH 650
Scripture Reading	Psalm 119:97-105	Jan Edgar
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	"Be Thou My Vision"	Choir
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology		
<b>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.</b>		
<b>Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</b>		
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Hymn	“Footsteps of Jesus”	CH 685
Scripture Lesson	1 Peter 2:1-5, 9-10	
Sermon	“Means of Grace: Spiritual Disciplines”	
*Closing Hymn	“Victory in Jesus”	CH 353
*Taking the Light of Christ into the World		
*Benediction		
*Sending Forth	“Bind Us Together”	On Screen/ CH 425
*Postlude		Anita Cotton

(\* ) Please stand as you are able

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

<b>Sun. Jan. 14</b>	Pastor Susan on Vacation 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Jeanne Murray) Happy Birthday to Sue Austin
<b>Mon. Jan. 15</b>	6:00 pm – Finance Meeting Happy Birthday to Jim Zettervall
<b>Tues. Jan. 16</b>	Happy Birthday to Dorothy Sellers
<b>Wed. Jan. 17</b>	Happy Birthday to Danielle Skinner
<b>Thurs. Jan. 18</b>	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
<b>Fri. Jan. 19</b>	Happy Birthday to Beth Childers
<b>Sat. Jan. 20</b>	Happy Birthday to Lila Warner
<b>Sun. Jan. 21</b>	Pastor Susan on Vacation 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Jeanne Murray) 12:15 pm – SPRC Meeting

## WORSHIP TEAMS

### JANUARY 14

**Acolyte:** Barbara Gadowski  
**Greeters:** Ken Edgar & Sylvia Kirk  
**Worship Leader:** Jan Edgar  
**Ushers:** Marshall & Julie Cherry  
**Flowers:** Anita Cotton  
**Counters:** Julie Cherry & AB Donski  
**Trustee:** Marshall Cherry

### JANUARY 21

**Acolyte:** Marshall Cherry  
**Greeters:** Joyce Jagucki & Deb Chambers  
**Worship Leader:** Mager Kirk  
**Ushers:** Janet Fairley & Bobbie Piper  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Jan Eanes & Sue Collie  
**Trustee:** Marshall Cherry

## UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday Fellowship Luncheon - Sunday, February 4, 12:15 pm – Let's celebrate!** In celebration of Susan's return, we will have a meal after church on Feb. 4th. Baked pasta casserole, salad, and bread will be provided. We need some desserts.
- **Pastor Susan on Vacation – January 2024** – While she is away, Jeanne Murray has graciously agreed to fill the pulpit. From December 31 - January 6, Jeanne and members of our Congregational Care team will be on call for any emergencies. Jeanne can be reached at (252) 423-0851. Beginning January 7, Eric will be on call for the remainder of the month to cover any emergencies at (252) 725-0513 or elindblade@gmail.com.
- **Cookbooks** – We still have our Sharon UMC cookbooks, *More Kitchen Classics*, available for \$20.00 per cookbook. If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook, please contact Cathy Forbes at (252) 202-1952.
- **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).



### ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God,  
and in memory of Bobby Cotton by Anita Cotton*



### FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

<b>2024 Monthly Budget</b>	<b>Received Last Month (December)</b>	<b>Received Last Sunday</b>
\$6,088.42	\$9,093.00	\$1,826.00