



# Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, January 21, 2024 – 11:00 AM

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



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Marshall Cherry

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Jeanne Murray

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Anita Cotton

\*Call to Worship

Mager Kirk

Leader: As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship –

**People: We bring the burdens of the week.**

Leader: We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.

**People: We bring our voices, and our offerings, and our questions.**

Leader: We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

**People: We bring all this to each other and to God, whom we worship today.**

\*Hymn of Praise

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

CH 640

Scripture Reading

Psalm 62:6-9

Mager Kirk

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Blessing of the School Supply Bags

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” (Prayer of St. Francis)

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 Need Thee Every Hour”

CH 638

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 4:4-9

Sermon

“Means of Grace: Prayer”

\*Closing Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

CH 147

\*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. 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
<b>Mon. Jan. 22</b>	6:00 pm – Church Council Zoom Meeting
<b>Tues. Jan. 23</b>	7:00 pm – Connect Church Zoom Meeting
<b>Thurs. Jan. 25</b>	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
<b>Sun. Jan. 28</b>	Pastor Susan on Vacation 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Jeanne Murray)

## WORSHIP TEAMS

### JANUARY 21

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

### JANUARY 28

**Acolyte:** Julie Cherry  
**Greeters:** Linda Kimble & Donna Steigelman  
**Worship Leader:** Ken Elliott  
**Ushers:** Danielle Skinner & Deb Chambers  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Jeanne Murray & Barbara Gadkowski  
**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). You can also click the YouTube link at the bottom of our website [www.sharon-umc.org](http://www.sharon-umc.org).
- **Altar Flowers 2024** – 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>2024 Monthly Budget</b>	<b>Received Last Month (December)</b>	<b>Received Last Sunday</b>
\$6,088.42	\$9,093.00	\$1,545.00

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