



# Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, January 28, 2024 – 11:00 AM

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

Bringing in the Light of Christ		Julie Cherry
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Jeanne Murray
Opening Prayer		
Prelude		Anita Cotton
*Call to Worship		Ken Elliott
Leader: Friends, we know what God desires of us:		
<b>People: That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.</b>		
Leader: We gather this morning to remind each other about that,		
<b>People: To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.</b>		
Leader: So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.		
*Hymn of Praise	“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”	CH 648
Scripture Reading	Psalm 111	Ken Elliott
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	"The Solid Rock"	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	“Open My Eyes That I May See”	CH 563
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 14:22-36	
Sermon	“Obstacles to Grace”	
*Closing Hymn	“Freely, Freely”	CH 436
*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. 28</b>	Pastor Susan on Vacation 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Jeanne Murray)
<b>Tues. Jan. 30</b>	3:30 pm – Red Wagon Ministry
<b>Thurs. Feb. 1</b>	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) CANCELED - 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
<b>Sun. Feb. 4</b>	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 am – Sunday Fellowship Luncheon Happy Birthday to Debra Elliott

## WORSHIP TEAMS

### 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

### FEBRUARY 4

**Acolyte:** Bob Gadkowski  
**Greeters:** Jan Eanes & AB Donski  
**Worship Leader:** Danielle Skinner  
**Ushers:** Ken & Jan Edgar  
**Flowers:** Deb Chambers  
**Counters:** Sylvia Kirk & Joyce Jagucki  
**Trustee:** Mager Kirk

## 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.
- **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	\$1,700.00

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