



# Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, January 7, 2024 – 11:00 AM

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



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Kasey Fairley

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Jeanne Murray

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Anita Cotton

\*Call to Worship

Ken Edgar

Leader: Arise! Shine! God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

**People: Arise! Shine!**

Leader: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

**People: Arise! Shine!**

Leader: God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

**People: Arise! Shine!**

Leader: Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.

**ALL: Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

\*Hymn of Praise

“We Three Kings”

CH 288

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Ken Edgar

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem

"The Word Became Flesh"

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

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

CH 290

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 10:22-25, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Sermon

“Means of Grace: Worship and Communion”

\*Closing Hymn

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

On Screen

\*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. 7</b>	Pastor Susan on Vacation 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Jeanne Murray) 12:30 pm – Sunday Lunch Bunch (El Potrillo) 2:00 pm – Conference-Wide Leadership Training (Zoom) Happy Birthday to Donna Steigelman
<b>Mon. Jan. 8</b>	1:00 pm – Take Down Christmas Decorations
<b>Tues. Jan. 9</b>	Happy Birthday to Deb Chambers
<b>Thurs. Jan. 11</b>	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
<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

## WORSHIP TEAMS

### JANUARY 7

**Acolyte:** Kasey Fairley  
**Greeters:** Marshall & Julie Cherry  
**Worship Leader:** Ken Edgar  
**Ushers:** Jan Edgar & Jan Eanes  
**Flowers:** Deb Chambers  
**Counters:** Danielle Skinner & Jan Edgar  
**Trustee:** Marshall Cherry

### JANUARY 14

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pastor Susan on Vacation – January 2024** – Pastor Susan and Eric will be leaving for the Florida Keys early Saturday morning, December 30. 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 or (252) 202-6401.

## ALTAR FLOWERS



*The flowers are given to the Glory of God,  
and in memory of my father, Coach Emerson Smith by Deb Chambers*



## 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	\$1,000.00

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