



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, February 18, 2024 – 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		Debra Elliott
Leader: We are called to follow - to walk in the way of justice and righteousness, People: for we are children of God!		
Leader: We are called to shine - to be beacons of hope and witnesses to truth, People: for we are the light of the world.		
Leader: Come, you who are claimed as children of God, light to the world, All: Let us worship the Lord!		
*Hymn of Praise	“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”	CH 33
Scripture Reading	Psalm 139	Debra Elliott
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	“Heaven Came Down”	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 the Deer”	CH 548
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 5:16	
Sermon	“When You Take Up Your Candle, Who Do They See?”	
Video	“Give Me Jesus” by Fernando Ortega	On Screen
*Closing Hymn	“Take the Name of Jesus with You”	CH 235
*Taking the Light of Christ into the World		
*Benediction		
*Sending Forth	“Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart”	On Screen/CH 231
*Postlude		Anita Cotton

(*) Please stand as you are able

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Sun. Feb. 18	First Sunday in Lent 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Hands-Only CPR Session Happy Birthday to Janet Symmonds
Mon. Feb. 19	1:00 pm – Homecoming Committee Meeting
Feb. 20-23	Pastor Susan out of town
Thurs. Feb. 22	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice Happy Birthday to Joyce Jagucki
Fri. Feb. 23	Happy Birthday to Kenita Sohn
Sun. Feb. 25	Second Sunday in Lent 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Trustees Meeting

WORSHIP TEAMS

FEBRUARY 18

Acolyte: Barbara Gadkowski
Greeters: Marshall & Julie Cherry
Worship Leader: Debra Elliott
Ushers: Ken & Debra Elliott
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Julie Cherry & AB Donski
Trustee: Mager Kirk

FEBRUARY 25

Acolyte: Jan Edgar
Greeters: Ken Edgar & Sylvia Kirk
Worship Leader: Marshall Cherry
Ushers: Joyce Jagucki & Jeanne Murray
Flowers: Patricia Leary
Counters: Jan Eanes & Sue Collie
Trustee: Mager Kirk

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Hands-Only CPR Session - Sunday, February 18, 12:15 pm** – The American Heart Association offers a program called Hands-Only CPR, which involves only chest compressions. Jan Eanes will offer this program in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service on February 18th. Information and hands-on practice will be offered. Plan for 45 minutes.
- **A Note From Pastor Susan** – Eric and I will be out of town on February 20-23 to join his oldest brother, Carl and sister and her husband, Marian and Bill in New York City. We'll take Amtrak from Norfolk to Grand Central Station and along with seeing the sites of the city, we have tickets to see the play, "A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical." This will be the first time the siblings have all been together in a number of years. In the event of an emergency, please call Jeanne Murray at 252-423-0851 and she and our Congregational Care Team will be on call until I can return.
- **UMW/UWF Spring Rally - Saturday, March 9, 10:00 am (Edenton UMC)** – We hope to have a good turnout for the UMW/UWF Spring Rally on March 9th. Rev. Laura Early will be bringing children from the Place of Possibilities to present a program. We will also be hearing Rev. Tom Hallberg about C4C (Congregations for Children). We can carpool and leave Coinjock around 8:30 am. Laura has asked those who can, to bring new twin sheet sets and/or blankets for their Bedtime Blessing Bag ministry. Please contact Jeanne Murray at 252-423-0851 for more information.
- **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.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

<i>2024 Monthly Budget</i>	<i>Received Last Month (January)</i>	<i>Received Last Sunday</i>
\$6,088.42	\$6,876.00	\$2,405.00

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