



**Sharon United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday, March 17, 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

Ken Edgar

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. Hear our voice.

**People: We wait for you, O God. Our souls wait for you.**

Leader: Give us now your word of hope.

**People: We know your love is steadfast, always there when we need it.**

Leader: Let us feel your presence now in our time of sorrow.

**People: Help us to look to tomorrow to see hope beyond grief, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise

“Blessed Assurance”

UMH 369

Scripture Reading

Psalm 46

Ken Edgar

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Jon E. Strother  
Beacon and Sound District Superintendent

Anthem

“I Never Knew How It Felt”

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

“It Is Well with My Soul”

UMH 377

Scripture Lesson

John 12:1-8

Rev. Jon E. Strother

Sermon

“The Fragrance Of Extravagant Love”

\*Closing Hymn

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

UMH 462

\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

\*Benediction

\*Sending Forth

“Shalom to You”

On Screen/ UMH 666

\*Postlude

Anita Cotton

(\*) Please stand as you are able

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

<b>Sun. Mar. 17</b>	Fifth Sunday in Lent Happy St. Patrick's Day 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Rev. Jon E. Strother) Happy Birthday to Marshall Cherry
<b>Mon. Mar. 18</b>	2:40 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program 5:00 pm – Homecoming Committee Meeting 6:00 pm – Finance Meeting Happy Anniversary to Chris & Patricia Leary Happy Birthday to James Guard
<b>Tues. Mar. 19</b>	Happy Birthday to Arthur "Jack" Symmonds
<b>Wed. Mar. 20</b>	2:40 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program
<b>Thurs. Mar. 21</b>	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
<b>Sun. Mar. 24</b>	Palm Sunday 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship

## WORSHIP TEAMS

### MARCH 17

**Acolyte:** Marshall Cherry  
**Greeters:** Linda Kimble & Donna Steigelman  
**Worship Leader:** Ken Edgar  
**Ushers:** Jan Edgar & Jan Eanes  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Danielle Skinner & Jan Edgar  
**Trustee:** Anita Cotton

### MARCH 24

**Acolyte:** Ken Edgar  
**Greeters:** Patricia Leary & Bobbie Piper  
**Worship Leader:** Jan Edgar  
**Ushers:** Marshall & Julie Cherry  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Julie Cherry & AB Donski  
**Trustee:** Anita Cotton

## UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUMC Homecoming - Sunday, June 2, 10:00 am** – We need your help in securing addresses or email addresses to be used to send a SAVE THE DATE postcard to members and friends about our 120th Anniversary/Homecoming Celebration on June 2. Please give names to Iris Meekins.
- **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 (February)</b>	<b>Received Last Sunday</b>
\$6,088.42	\$8,587.35	\$2295.00