



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, March 3, 2024 – 11:00 AM

“Take Your Candle, Go Light Your World”



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Kasey Fairley

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Susan Lindblade

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Anita Cotton

*Call to Worship

Julie Cherry

Leader: Jesus said, “Love one another, even as I have loved you.”

People: Love is more powerful than fear; it is mightier than hatred.

Leader: Let the love which God has lavished upon us be poured out to those in need.

People: Help us, O God, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.

Leader: Remind us, Lord, that we are called to be your servants.

All: As we worship this morning, O Lord, lead our hearts and spirits and prepare us to serve you in this world. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”

CH 597 (vs. 1,2,3,6)

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:9-13

Julie Cherry

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem

“There Is a Fountain”

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

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

CH 324

Scripture Lesson

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon

“The Best Seats in the House”

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*Closing Hymn

“Here I Am, Lord”

CH 589

*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

Sun. Mar. 3	Third Sunday in Lent 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:30 pm – Sunday Lunch Bunch 3:00 pm – Cantata Practice
Thurs. Mar. 7	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
Sat. Mar. 9	10:00 am – UMW/UWF Spring Rally (Edenton UMC)
Sun. Mar. 10	Daylight Saving Time starts Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Outreach and Missions Team Mtg. Happy Anniversary to Eric & Susan Lindblade

WORSHIP TEAMS

MARCH 3

Acolyte: Kasey Fairley
Greeters: Joyce Jagucki & Bobbie Piper
Worship Leader: Julie Cherry
Ushers: Rosalie Jones & Patricia Leary
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Jeanne Murray & Barbara Gadkowski
Trustee: Anita Cotton

MARCH 10

Acolyte: Julie Cherry
Greeters: Jan Eanes & AB Donski
Worship Leader: Jeanne Murray
Ushers: Sylvia Kirk & Danielle Skinner
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Sylvia Kirk & Joyce Jagucki
Trustee: Anita Cotton

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pastor's Discretionary Fund** – As you receive communion, we invite you to pause at the altar for a time of prayer and if you feel led to share in this discretionary fund, please leave change or money at the altar rail.
- **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.
- **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 Pastor Susan or 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. You can also click the YouTube link at the bottom of our website 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.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2024 Monthly Budget	Received Last Month (February)	Received Last Sunday
\$6,088.42	\$8,587.35	\$1,473.35

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