



Sharon United Methodist Church
Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor
Sunday, September 1, 2024 – 11:00 AM
Communion Sunday



Bringing in the Light of Christ		Marshall Cherry
Opening Prayer		Rev. Toni Wood
Words of Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude		Anita Cotton
*Call to Worship		Debra Elliott
Leader: We, the Family of God, come together in unity.		
People: <i>We have gathered to worship the LORD, our great Parent.</i>		
Leader: We are from many walks of life, people of many colors and fabrics.		
People: <i>Yet we are woven together by the Master Quilt Maker; made into one beautiful piece.</i>		
Leader: Let us approach God with humble hearts, always willing to be transformed into the image of Christ. Let us worship God!		
*Hymn of Praise	"I Love You, Lord"	TFWS 2068 (sing twice)
Scripture Reading	James 1:17-27	Debra Elliott
Children's Message		
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
Anthem	"If I Be Lifted Up"	Choir
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology		
<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.</i>		
<i>Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>		
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Hymn	"Jesus, Name Above All Names"	TFWS 2071 (sing twice)
Scripture Lesson	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	
Sermon	"Hypocrites!"	
Celebration of Holy Communion	"A Service of Word and Table I"	UMH 7
*Closing Hymn	"Change My Heart, O God"	TFWS 2152 (sing twice)
*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. Sept. 1	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship
Mon. Sept. 2	Labor Day
Tues. Sept. 3	6:00 pm – Meet & Greet Rev. Gina Miller (Beacon District Superintendent)
Thurs. Sept. 5	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice Happy Birthday to Sheryl Oliver
Sun. Sept. 8	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship

WORSHIP TEAMS

SEPTEMBER 1

Acolyte: Marshall Cherry
Greeters: Jan Eanes & AB Donski
Worship Leader: Debra Elliott
Ushers: Marshall & Julie Cherry
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Sylvia Kirk & Joyce Jagucki
Trustee: Bob Gadkowski

SEPTEMBER 8

Acolyte: Julie Cherry
Greeters: Patricia Leary & Bobbie Piper
Worship Leader: Jeanne Murray
Ushers: Bob & Barbara Gadkowski
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Danielle Skinner & Jeanne Murray
Trustee: Bob Gadkowski

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Meet & Greet Rev. Gina Miller (Beacon District Superintendent), Tuesday, Sept. 3, 6:00 pm** – Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a “floating” Meet & Greet with our new District Superintendent, Rev. Gina Miller and her assistant, Ashley Kennedy. Sharon UMC will be hosting the Meet & Greet for area Methodist churches. This will give time for her to meet laity throughout the district and speak to clergy as well, in a more informal environment. Light refreshments will be provided. If you would like to help with the refreshments, please contact Jeanne Murray at jeannemurray@gmail.com or 252-423-0851.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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!

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2024 Monthly Budget	Received Last Month (August)	Received Last Sunday
\$6,088.42	\$6,130.00	\$1,878.00

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