



Sharon United Methodist Church
Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor
Sunday, September 22, 2024 – 11:00 AM

Bringing in the Light of Christ		Kamryn Young
Prelude		Anita Cotton
Opening Prayer		Rev. Toni Wood
Words of Welcome and Announcements		
*Call to Worship		Marshall Cherry
Leader: As we draw near to God		
People: God will draw near to us.		
Leader: Let us approach God with child-like faith.		
People: For God loves those who humble themselves.		
Leader: God's arm reaches out to those who are weak.		
People: God's help is near to those who are troubled.		
Leader: Let us worship God.		
*Affirmation of Faith		On Screen/UMH 884
<i>We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testament as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.</i>		
*Hymn of Praise	"This Is the Day"	UMH 657 (sing twice)
Scripture Reading	Psalms 1	Marshall Cherry
Children's Message		
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
Anthem	"Touched by the Hand of the Lord"	Choir
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology		
<i>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.</i>		
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Hymn	"I Am Thine, O Lord"	UMH 419
Scripture Lesson	James 3:13, 4:3, 7-8	
Sermon	"If You're Happy and You Know It"	
*Closing Hymn	"Jesus Loves Me"	UMH 191
*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. 22	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship Happy Birthday to Sylvia Kirk
Mon. Sept. 23	6:00 pm – Nominations and Leadership Mtg.
Tues. Sept. 24	11:00 am – SPRC Meeting 4:45 pm – Red Wagon Ministry
Thurs. Sept. 26	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 5:00 pm – Title I Back to School Night (Griggs School) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
Sat. Sept. 28	Happy Anniversary to James & Laurel Young
Sun. Sept. 29	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Joseph Pilmoor Day (Maple Park) 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship Happy Anniversary to Booty & Susie Spruill

WORSHIP TEAMS

SEPTEMBER 22

Acolyte: Kamryn Young
Greeters: Ken Edgar & Sylvia Kirk
Worship Leader: Marshall Cherry
Ushers: Joyce Jagucki & Julie Cherry
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Jan Eanes & Sue Collie
Trustee: Bob Gadkowski

SEPTEMBER 29

Acolyte: Ken Edgar
Greeters: Joyce Jagucki & Deb Chambers
Worship Leader: Julie Cherry
Ushers: Rosalie Jones & Patricia Leary
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Julie Cherry & Joyce Jagucki
Trustee: Bob Gadkowski

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Title I Back to School Night, Thursday, September 26, 5:00 pm** – Sharon UMC has been invited by Mrs. Tidd, Griggs School principal, to set up a table to promote the church and provide information about our tutoring program at the Title I Back to School Night at Griggs School. If you are able to attend or help with the event, please contact Pastor Toni at twood@nccumc.org or (252) 333-7762.
- **Joseph Pilmoor Day, Sunday, September 29, 10:00 am** – A gathering to celebrate the arrival and share the legacy of the Methodist movement will be at Maple Park, 150 College Way, Barco, NC. Gathering music at 10:00 am. Worship at 10:30 am. Lunch at 11:30 am. Please bring your family, a lawn chair and a side dish or dessert to share.
- **Sunday, October 6, 11:00 am** – We will celebrate World Communion Sunday!
- **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 \$6,088.42	Received Last Month (August) \$6,130.00	Received Last Sunday \$815.00
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