



Sharon United Methodist Church
Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor
Sunday, December 1, 2024 – 11:00 AM
Communion Sunday and First Sunday of Advent



Bringing in the Light of Christ		Jan Edgar
Prelude		Anita Cotton
Opening Prayer		Rev. Toni Wood
Words of Welcome and Announcements		
*Call to Worship		Marshall Cherry
Leader: Christ, God’s gift to the world, shall come:		
People: For those who feel despair will know hope.		
Leader: For those who are oppressed will know freedom		
People: For those who are lonely will know love.		
Leader: For those who are suffering will know inner peace.		
People: O Christ, Lord of the world, your time is now!		
All: Fill our hearts with joy!		
*Affirmation of Faith	“The Apostles’ Creed”	On Screen/UMH 881
*Hymn of Praise	“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”	UMH 203
Scripture Reading	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Marshall Cherry
Lighting the First Candle of Advent – HOPE		Kamryn Young
Children’s Message		
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		
Anthem	“Promised One Medley”	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	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	UMH 234 (vs. 1-4)
Scripture Lesson	Luke 21:25-36	
Sermon	“The Future”	
Celebration of Holy Communion		
*Closing Hymn	“Joy to the World”	UMH 246
*Taking the Light of Christ into the World		
*Benediction		
*Sending Forth	"O Come, Let Us Adore Him" vs. 4	On Screen /CH 196
*Postlude		Anita Cotton

(* Please stand as you are able

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Sun. Dec. 1	First Sunday of Advent 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship
Mon. Dec. 2	2:40 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program
Tues. Dec. 3	10:00 am – Sanctuary in use (piano tuning) Happy Birthday to Ken Edgar Happy Birthday to Bob Gowitzka Happy Birthday to Jessie Moore
Wed. Dec. 4	2:40 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program 7:00 pm – SPM Zoom Meeting
Thurs. Dec. 5	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
Sun. Dec. 8	Second Sunday of Advent 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship

WORSHIP TEAMS

DECEMBER 1

Acolyte: Jan Edgar
Greeters: Patricia Leary & Bobbie Piper
Worship Leader: Marshall Cherry
Ushers: Marshall & Julie Cherry
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Jan Eanes & Sue Collie
Trustee: Mager Kirk

DECEMBER 8

Acolyte: Kasey Fairley
Greeters: Marshall & Julie Cherry
Worship Leader: Jeanne Murray
Ushers: Sylvia Kirk & Danielle Skinner
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Jeanne Murray & Barbara Gadkowski
Trustee: Mager Kirk

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.
- **Christmas Angel Tree** – If you would like to participate, please pick an Angel off of the tree (gift info will be on the back of each Angel). Please bring your **unwrapped gift**, with your Angel included or attached to your gift, to the church by **Sunday, December 15th** and place it in the container in the library. You may also wish to bring wrapping supplies along with your gift. For more information, please contact Sylvia Kirk at sjdkirk@gmail.com or (252) 202-6648. Thank you so much for your support and participation.
- **Christmas Cookies** –The Outreach Team is asking for your help in donating cookies that will be delivered to local Fire Stations & EMS in Waterlily and Grandy for Christmas. We will be making containers of cookies so if you can help with this mission, please bring your cookies to church on **Sunday, December 15th**. We will be packing the cookie containers in the Fellowship Hall directly after church for delivery that afternoon. For more information, please contact Julie Cherry at juliecherry@mchsi.com or (252) 207-3651. Thank you so much for your support and participation.
- **Christmas Cantata, Sunday, December 22, 11:00 am and 3:00 pm** – Celebrate the joy of the season at Sharon UMC on Sunday, December 22, as the Choir presents the Cantata "Jesus, There's Something About That Name" during the 11:00 am worship service and again at 3:00 pm. What a wonderful opportunity to invite your family and friends to enjoy the festive songs and hear again the Christmas story!
- **Cookbooks** – We still have our Sharon UMC cookbooks, *More Kitchen Classics*, available for \$20.00 per cookbook. If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook, please contact Cathy Forbes at (252) 202-1952.
- **United Methodist Women Prayer Partners 2025** – If you would like to participate in this ministry and enjoy the blessings of praying for someone else and having someone remember you in prayer throughout the year, please contact Cathy Forbes by December 22, 2024 at forbescat101@gmail.com or (252) 202-1952 for more information.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2024 Monthly Budget	Received Last Month (November)	Received Last Sunday
\$6,088.42	\$5,854.00	\$2,020.00