



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor

Sunday, February 16, 2025 – 11:00 AM

Bringing in the Light of Christ		Joe Coriaggio
Prelude		Anita Cotton
Opening Prayer		Rev. Toni Wood
Words of Welcome and Announcements		
*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 1)		Jan Edgar
Leader:	Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;	
People:	<i>But their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.</i>	
Leader:	They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,	
People:	<i>And their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.</i>	
Leader:	For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.	
*Affirmation of Faith	"A Statement of Faith of The Korean UMC"	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	"O How I Love Jesus"	UMH 170
Scripture Reading	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Jan Edgar
Children's Message		
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
Anthem	"The Solid Rock"	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	"O Word of God Incarnate"	UMH 598
Scripture Lesson	Luke 6:17-26	
Sermon	"Blessed"	
*Closing Hymn	"My Jesus, I Love Thee"	UMH 172
*Taking the Light of Christ into the World		
*Benediction		
*Sending Forth	"The Family of God"	On Screen/CH 419
*Postlude		Anita Cotton

(* Please stand as you are able

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Sun. Feb. 16	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship
Tues. Feb. 18	2:00 pm – Memorial Service for Lila Warner Happy Birthday to Janet Symmonds
Wed. Feb. 19	2:40 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program 7:00 pm – Scholarship Team Zoom Meeting
Thurs. Feb. 20	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray)
Fri. Feb. 21	2:00 pm – UMW/UWF Meeting
Sat. Feb. 22	Happy Birthday to Joyce Jagucki
Sun. Feb. 23	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Choir Practice 1:00 pm – Local Church Leadership Training & Live Q&A Happy Birthday to Kenita Sohn


WORSHIP TEAMS

FEBRUARY 16
Acolyte: Joe Coriaggio Greeters: Linda Kimble & Donna Steigelman Worship Leader: Jan Edgar Ushers: Sylvia Kirk & Brenda Zetervall Flowers: OPEN Counters: Julie Cherry & Jan Edgar Trustee: Bob Gadkowski
FEBRUARY 23
Acolyte: Bob Gadkowski Greeters: Jim & Brenda Zetervall Worship Leader: Ken Edgar Ushers: Rosalie Jones & Patricia Leary Flowers: Anita Cotton Counters: Jan Eanes & Sue Collie Trustee: Bob Gadkowski

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Local Church Leadership Training & Live Q&A (Zoom), Sunday, February 23, 1:00 pm** – Church members who serve on a local church committee are invited to attend a virtual leadership training event to learn more about the roles and responsibilities of your committee. Leadership trainings are available for:
 - Trustees - 1:00 pm
 - Church Council - 4:00 pm
 - Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations - 2:00 pm
 - Lay Leaders - 5:00 pm
 - Finance - 3:00 pm
 - Nominations - 7:00 pm
- Learn more and register at <https://nccumc.org/leadership-training/>
- **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!
- **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 2025** – 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.
- **Online Giving** – We have established an online giving method for SUMC. We encourage you to continue giving in the manner that is most convenient for you, but know that this online giving option is available. Feel free to share this new way of donating to our church with others. You can donate by using the link on our website at <https://www.sharon-umc.org/> or by scanning the QR Code below.

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2025 Monthly Budget \$ 7,502.38	Received Last Month (January) \$6,159.00	Received Last Sunday \$1,280.00	