



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor

Sunday, March 23, 2025 – 11:00 AM



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Words of Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

People: *So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.*

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

People: *For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.*

Leader: Come let us worship the LORD!

Jan Edgar

*Affirmation of Faith

"A Modern Affirmation"

On Screen/UMH 885

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

All: *We believe in God the Father; infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.*

*Hymn of Praise

"He Has Made Me Glad"

CH 214

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:1-9

Jan Edgar

Children's Message

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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

"People Need the Lord"

CH 445

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-9

Sermon

"For All"

*Closing Hymn

"Near the Cross"

CH 319

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Benediction

*Sending Forth

"Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart"

On Screen/CH 231

*Postlude

Anita Cotton

(*) Please stand as you are able

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Sun. Mar. 23	Third Sunday in Lent 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship
Mon. Mar. 24	2:40 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program 7:00 pm – Church Council Zoom Meeting
Tues. Mar. 25	10:00 am – Parsonage Committee Meeting 4:00 pm – Red Wagon Ministry Happy Birthday to Bobbie Piper
Wed. Mar. 26	2:40 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program
Thurs. Mar. 27	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice Happy Birthday to Cathy Forbes Happy Birthday to Toni Wood
Sat. Mar. 29	9:30 am – UWF Spiritual Growth Spring Rally (Kitty Hawk UMC)
Sun. Mar. 30	Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship

WORSHIP TEAMS

MARCH 23

Acolyte: Danielle Skinner
Greeters: Jan Eanes & Sylvia Kirk
Worship Leader: Jan Edgar
Ushers: Marshall & Julie Cherry
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Jan Eanes & Sue Collie
Trustee: Marshall Cherry

MARCH 30

Acolyte: Kasey Fairley
Greeters: Patricia Leary & Bobbie Piper
Worship Leader: Marshall Cherry
Ushers: Deb Chambers & Danielle Skinner
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Jeanne Murray & Barbara Gadkowski
Trustee: Marshall Cherry



UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SPM Soup and Salad Luncheon for GES, Wednesday, April 2, 10:30 am** – The School Partnership Mission Team (SPM) needs your help. We will be providing soups, salads, and desserts for the staff at Griggs Elementary School on Wednesday, April 2. If you can help by providing soup, salad, or dessert, **please contact Iris Meekins at (252) 202-6401 to sign up.** Please plan to bring your soup, salad, or dessert to church on Wednesday, April 2 from 10:00 am - 10:20 am. The SPM Team will set up at the school by 10:30 am. If you are able to help deliver the food to the school, please let us know. Thank you for your support!
- **SUMC 2025 Scholarships**
 - Sharon UMC is honored and privileged to be the administrator of the \$1,000 **Lloyd Bateman** and \$1,000 **Nurse Lucy Scholarships**. The scholarships are open to congregants of Sharon United Methodist Church and their families. Participants in the scholarships must complete the 2025 Application and submit a completed application no later than **May 2, 2025**.
 - **The Currituck Community Chorus Music Scholarship** in the amount of \$1,000 will be administered by Sharon United Methodist Church with a Scholarship Committee that will determine the awarding of the scholarship. The scholarship is open to Currituck County graduates (public, private, or home schooled) who submit a completed application no later than **May 2, 2025**.
 - For more information, please contact Iris Meekins at imeekins14@gmail.com or (252) 202-6401.
- **Online Giving** – You can donate by using the link on our website at <https://www.sharon-umc.org/> or by scanning the QR Code below.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2025 Monthly Budget	Received Last Month (February)	Received Last Sunday	
\$ 7,502.38	\$4,444.54	\$1,332.00	