



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor

Sunday, March 9, 2025 – 11:00 AM

Bringing in the Light of Christ		Bob Gadkowski
Prelude		Anita Cotton
Opening Prayer		Rev. Toni Wood
Words of Welcome and Announcements		
*Call to Worship (In Unison)		Jeanne Murray
	“Lent”	On Screen/UMH 268
<i>O God our deliverer, you led your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.</i>		
*Affirmation of Faith	“A Statement of Faith of The United Church of Canada”	On Screen/UMH 883
<i>We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.</i>		
*Hymn of Praise	“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”	UMH 139
Scripture Reading	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Jeanne Murray
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	“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”	UMH 269
Scripture Lesson	Luke 4:1-13	
Sermon	“In the Wilderness”	
*Closing Hymn	“It Is Well with My Soul”	UMH 377
*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. 9	Daylight Saving Time starts 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Choir Practice
Mon. Mar. 10	2:40 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program
Wed. Mar. 12	2:40 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program
Thurs. Mar. 13	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
Sun. Mar. 16	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship

WORSHIP TEAMS

MARCH 9

Acolyte: Bob Gadkowski
Greeters: Deb Chambers & Joe Coriaggio
Worship Leader: Jeanne Murray
Ushers: Mark Jackson & Madelyn Conroy
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Jeanne Murray & Patricia Leary
Trustee: Marshall Cherry

MARCH 16

Acolyte: Kamryn Young
Greeters: Ken & Jan Edgar
Worship Leader: Julie Cherry
Ushers: Janet & Kasey Fairley
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Julie Cherry & Jan Edgar
Trustee: Marshall Cherry

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.
- **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.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2025 Monthly Budget \$ 7,502.38	Received Last Month (February) \$4,444.54	Received Last Sunday \$2,205.00	