



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor

Sunday, May 11, 2025 – 11:00 AM

Mother's Day



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Danielle Skinner

Prelude

Anita Cotton

Opening Prayer

Jeanne Murray, Certified Lay Minister

Words of Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Julie Cherry

Leader: Today we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, aunties, and all the women who have loved us.

People: Thank you God for giving us mothers.

Leader: We remember with deep gratitude all the ways they demonstrated their love for us.

People: Sometimes we did not understand them, but we know that God understood.

Leader: We take time to remember our mothers because a mother's love is most like God's love.

All: For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom, for their unfailing trust in our abilities, we give thanks today.

*Affirmation of Faith

(From the UMC Social Creed)

On Screen

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends. We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind. . . . We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons. . . . We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

CH 552

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:15-23

Julie Cherry

Children's Message

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

"Come, Share the Lord"

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

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

CH 429

Scripture Lesson

Romans 12:11-21

Sermon

"Extravagant Hospitality"

*Closing Hymn

"Footsteps of Jesus"

CH 685

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Benediction

*Sending Forth

"He Is Lord"

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*Postlude

Anita Cotton

(*) Please stand as you are able

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Sun. May 11	Mother's Day UMW/UWF Candle Burning collection continues 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Jeanne Murray)
Mon. May 12	2:40 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program
Wed. May 14	2:40 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program
Thurs. May 15	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
Sun. May 18	UMW/UWF Candle Burning collection ends 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 6:00 pm – CCS Baccalaureate Service (Currituck County Middle School)

WORSHIP TEAMS

MAY 11

Acolyte: Danielle Skinner
Greeters: Jan Eanes & Sylvia Kirk
Worship Leader: Julie Cherry
Ushers: Mark Jackson & Madelyn Conroy
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Julie Cherry & Jeanne Murray
Trustee: Mager Kirk


MAY 18

Acolyte: Jan Edgar
Greeters: Janet Fairley & Mandy Williams
Worship Leader: Ken Edgar
Ushers: Marshall & Julie Cherry
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Jan Eanes & Sue Collie
Trustee: Mager Kirk

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **UMW/UWF Candle Burning, Sunday, May 25th** – On Sunday, May 25th we will have a special Candle Burning as part of our morning Worship Service to help raise funds for local, national and global missions.
 - If you would like to help with this mission giving, please fill in the form (available in the vestibule) and include your contribution and return it to Iris Meekins by May 18, 2025. **Please make checks payable to Sharon UMW.** We are not asking for any specific amount, whatever you would like to donate is greatly appreciated and will be used for local, national, and global missions.
 - We will also have a slideshow of photos of honorees and memorials. If you would like to have a photo included in the slideshow, please submit your photos to Iris Meekins through **May 18, 2025.**
- **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.
- **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!
- **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** – 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 (April)	Received Last Sunday	
\$ 7,502.38	\$5,911.33	\$2,308.00	