



# Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor

Sunday, February 1, 2026 – 11:00 AM

Communion Sunday



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Words of Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: As we draw near to God

**People: God will draw near to us.**

Leader: Let us approach God with child-like faith.

**People: For God loves those who humble themselves.**

Leader: God's arm reaches out to those who are weak.

**People: God's help is near to those who are troubled.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

Rosalie Jones

Anita Cotton

Rev. Toni Wood

Julie Cherry

\*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

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

UMH 348

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Julie Cherry

Children's Message

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

"Redeeming Love"

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 of Preparation

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

UMH 189

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon

"Blessed!"

Celebration of Holy Communion

\*Closing Hymn

"Near to the Heart of God"

UMH 472

\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

\*Benediction

\*Sending Forth

"The Bond of Love"

On Screen /CH 423

\*Postlude

Anita Cotton

(\* Please stand as you are able

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

<b>Sun. Feb. 1</b>	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – SPRC Meeting
<b>Wed. Feb. 4</b>	3:00 pm – Parsonage Committee Meeting 7:00 pm – SPM Zoom Meeting Happy Birthday to Debra Elliott Happy Birthday to Melinda Hemby
<b>Thurs. Feb. 5</b>	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 4:00 pm – Choir Practice Happy Birthday to Craig Williams
<b>Sat. Feb. 7</b>	Happy Birthday to Carole Mangham
<b>Sun. Feb. 8</b>	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship

## WORSHIP TEAMS

### FEBRUARY 1

**Acolyte:** Rosalie Jones  
**Greeters:** Janet Fairley & Patricia Leary  
**Worship Leader:** Julie Cherry  
**Ushers:** Sylvia Kirk & Ruby Creason  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Sylvia Kirk & Donna Steigelman  
**Trustee:** Marshall Cherry

### FEBRUARY 8

**Acolyte:** Julie Cherry  
**Greeters:** Jan Eanes & Ruby Creason  
**Worship Leader:** Danielle Skinner  
**Ushers:** Bob Gadkowski & Joe Coriaggio  
**Flowers:** Deb Chambers  
**Counters:** Jeanne Murray & Barbara Gadkowski  
**Trustee:** Marshall Cherry

## UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Book/Bible Study, Monday, February 9, 11:00 am** – Join us for a study of Adam Hamilton's *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* on Mondays at 11:00 am beginning on Monday, February 9 in the Learning Center. Please see Jeanne Murray for a copy of the book. Book/Bible Study facilitated by Toni Wood and Jeanne Murray.
- **Beacon District Lay Leader** – We would like to congratulate Jeanne Murray on being our new Beacon District Lay Leader. We are so proud of her and all of her accomplishments. May we all pray for her as she leads not only our church but our district in the ways that God has for us to go.
- **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.
- **Blessing Box** – We are in need of meals that can be easily prepared for our Blessing Box. Items Needed: **soups, canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam), spaghetti sauce in a jar and pasta, fruit cups, Ramen noodles, etc.** Items can be placed in the collection container in the entryway of the church. Thanks for your support.
- **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](http://www.youtube.com/@sharonumcpoplarbranchnc9028).
- **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 2026** – 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](mailto: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

<b>2026 Monthly Budget</b> \$6,030.25	<b>Received Last Month (January)</b> \$3,452.07	<b>Received Last Sunday</b> \$0.00	