



**Sharon United Methodist Church**  
 Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor  
 Sunday, February 22, 2026 – 11:00 AM



Bringing in the Light of Christ		Danielle Skinner
Prelude		Anita Cotton
Opening Prayer		Rev. Toni Wood
Words of Welcome and Announcements		
*Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 32)		Jeanne Murray
Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.		
<b>People: Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.</b>		
Leader: While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.		
<b>People: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.</b>		
Leader: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.		
<b>All: Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.</b>		
*Affirmation of Faith	"The Apostles' Creed"	On Screen/UMH 881
<b><i>I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.</i></b>		
*Hymn of Praise	"Lead Me to Calvary"	CH 310
Scripture Reading	Romans 5:12-19	Jeanne Murray
Children's Message		
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
Anthem	"Heaven Came Down"	Choir
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology		
<b><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></b>		
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Hymn of Preparation	"I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary"	CH 318
Scripture Lesson	Matthew 4:1-11	
Sermon	"Lent"	
*Closing Hymn	"At the Cross"	CH 323
*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. 22</b>	First Sunday in Lent 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Fellowship Luncheon
<b>Mon. Feb. 23</b>	11:00 am – Book/Bible Study (Facilitated by Toni Wood & Jeanne Murray) 2:15 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program Happy Birthday to Kenita Sohn
<b>Tues. Feb. 24</b>	4:00 pm – Red Wagon Ministry
<b>Wed. Feb. 25</b>	2:15 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program
<b>Thurs. Feb. 26</b>	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) CANCELED - 4:00 pm – Choir Practice Happy Birthday to Phil Kratzer
<b>Fri. Feb. 27</b>	Happy Birthday to Joe Coriaggio
<b>Sun. Mar. 1</b>	Second Sunday in Lent 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship

## WORSHIP TEAMS

### FEBRUARY 22

**Acolyte:** Danielle Skinner  
**Greeters:** Marshall & Julie Cherry  
**Worship Leader:** Jeanne Murray  
**Ushers:** Janet & Kasey Fairley  
**Flowers:** Anita Cotton  
**Counters:** Jeanne Murray & Patricia Leary  
**Trustee:** Marshall Cherry

### MARCH 1

**Acolyte:** Kasey Fairley  
**Greeters:** Linda Kimble & Bobbie Piper  
**Worship Leader:** Julie Cherry  
**Ushers:** Deb Chambers & Danielle Skinner  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Sylvia Kirk & Donna Steigelman  
**Trustee:** Bob Gadkowski



## UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **UWF Spring Rally - Saturday, March 14, 10:00 am (Edenton UMC)** – Let's plan to carpool so that we have good representation from Sharon UMC. Our speaker will be Amy Sessions from Mission of Hope. We are asked to bring layette kits or supplies for the kits for Mission of Hope: Rotifunk Hospital in Sierra Leone.  
**Suggested items to include in each layette set:**
  - 2 – receiving blankets
  - 3 – newborn onesies
  - 5 – cloth diapers
  - Diaper pins (with plastic closures)
  - 2 – gallon size zip lock bag
  - A note of encouragement or card
  - Photo of group making the layette sets
- Bring kits or supplies by March 8th and put them in the tub in the library. Thanks for all you do for our community and beyond.
- **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.
- **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.

## ALTAR FLOWERS



*The flowers are given to the Glory of God,  
and in memory of Bobby Cotton's birthday by Anita Cotton*



## 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> \$800.00	