



# Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor

Sunday, March 1, 2026 – 11:00 AM

Communion Sunday



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Kasey Fairley

Prelude

Anita Cotton

Opening Prayer

Rev. Toni Wood

Words of Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 121)

Julie Cherry

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come?

**People: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**People: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Leader: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

**People: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.**

**All: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. Come let us Worship the LORD!**

\*Affirmation of Faith "A Statement of Faith of The United Church of Canada" On Screen/UMH 883

**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.**

\*Hymn of Praise

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

UMH 452

Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

Julie Cherry

Children's Message

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

"In Remembrance"

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

"Because He Lives"

UMH 364

Scripture Lesson

John 3:1-17

Sermon

"For God So Loved"

Celebration of Holy Communion

\*Closing Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH 369

\*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

<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
<b>Mon. Mar. 2</b>	2:15 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program 6:00 pm – Trustees Meeting
<b>Wed. Mar. 4</b>	2:15 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program
<b>Thurs. Mar. 5</b>	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 4:00 pm – Choir Practice
<b>Sun. Mar. 8</b>	Third Sunday in Lent Daylight Saving Time starts 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship

## WORSHIP TEAMS

### MARCH 1

**Acolyte:** Kasey Fairley  
**Greeters:** Linda Kimble & Patricia Leary  
**Worship Leader:** Julie Cherry  
**Ushers:** Deb Chambers & Ruby Creason  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Sylvia Kirk & Donna Steigelman  
**Trustee:** Bob Gadkowski

### MARCH 8

**Acolyte:** Joe Coriaggio  
**Greeters:** Donna Steigelman & Mark Jackson  
**Worship Leader:** Marshall Cherry  
**Ushers:** Marshall & Julie Cherry  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Jeanne Murray & Barbara Gadkowski  
**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:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2 – receiving blankets</li> <li>○ 3 – newborn onesies</li> <li>○ 5 – cloth diapers</li> <li>○ Diaper pins (with plastic closures)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2 – gallon size zip lock bag</li> <li>○ A note of encouragement or card</li> <li>○ Photo of group making the layette sets</li> </ul> |
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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.

- **SPM “Church Lady Casserole Day” for Staff at Griggs School, Wednesday, March 18** – The School Partnership Mission Team (SPM) needs your help. We will be providing casseroles, bread and desserts for the staff at Griggs Elementary School on Wednesday, March 18th. If you can help by providing casseroles, bread or desserts, **please contact Iris Meekins at 252-202-6401 to sign up.** Please plan to bring your casseroles, bread or desserts to church on Wednesday, March 18th from 9:30 am - 10:00 am. The SPM Team will set up at the school by 10:15 am. If you are able to help deliver the food to the school, please let us know. Thanks!
- **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.
- **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.
- **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).
- **Online Giving** – You can donate by scanning the QR Code below.

### FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

<b>2026 Monthly Budget</b> \$6,030.25	<b>Received Last Month (February)</b> \$5,401.08	<b>Received Last Sunday</b> \$954.00	