



Sharon United Methodist Church
Jeanne Murray, Pastor
Sunday, August 16, 2026 – 11:00 AM

**Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously**



Bringing in the Light of Christ		Kasey Fairley
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Jeanne Murray
Prelude		Anita Cotton
Opening Prayer		
*Call to Worship		Jason Forbes
Leader: We gather today to worship the One who created us,		
People: <i>The One who calls us,</i>		
Leader: The One who equips us,		
People: <i>The One who loves us without end.</i>		
Leader: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.		
*Hymn of Praise	"Through It All"	CH 580
Scripture Reading	Ephesians 3:17-19	Jason Forbes
Children's Message		
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
God Sightings		
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.</i>		
<i>Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>		
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Hymn of Preparation	"Near to the Heart of God"	CH 617
	Sermon Series: "Lessons from Mr. Rogers"	
Scripture Lesson	Romans 8:35, 37-39	
Sermon	"I Love You Just the Way You Are"	
*Closing Hymn	"You Are My All in All"	CH 583
*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. Aug. 16	UWF Penny and a Prayer continues CANCELED - 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 2:00 pm – Worship Service at Currituck Health and Rehab (Barco)
Mon. Aug. 17	7:15 am – SPM Breakfast for GES Staff
Wed. Aug. 19	10:00 am – Pastor's Office Hours (Learning Center)
Thurs. Aug. 20	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) Happy Birthday to Charles Drake
Sat. Aug. 22	Happy Birthday to Madelyn Conroy
Sun. Aug. 23	UWF Penny and a Prayer ends 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (UWF Sunday) 12:15 pm – Choir Practice

WORSHIP TEAMS

AUGUST 16

Acolyte: Kasey Fairley
Greeters: Janet Fairley & Patricia Leary
Worship Leader: Jason Forbes
Ushers: Bob Gadkowski & Kasey Fairley
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Sylvia Kirk & Donna Steigelman
Trustee: Anita Cotton

AUGUST 23

Acolyte: Marshall Cherry
Greeters: Jan Eanes & Julie Cherry
Worship Leader: Preston Murray
Ushers: Julie Cherry & Sylvia Kirk
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Sylvia Kirk & Barbara Gadkowski
Trustee: Anita Cotton

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **GriefShare Group, Moyock UMC, Tuesday, August 18, 6:30 pm** – If you are dealing with grief from the death of a loved one, you are invited to our GriefShare group. There you will find a supportive group of folks to walk alongside you in your journey. Join us starting Tuesday, August 18th at 6:30 pm. Register at: <https://find.griefshare.org/groups/299317>
- **UWF "Penny and a Prayer" August 2-23** – A Penny and a Prayer is an avenue of mission giving that is to put prayer back in our giving. The UWF invites everyone to take a container or use a container of your choice and drop pennies or spare change in each time you pray, especially praying for our work as United Methodists in missions. All monies collected are sent directly to our District UWF to support missions. We will be doing our Penny and a Prayer from Sunday, August 2nd through Sunday, August 23rd and ask that you **return your filled container to the church no later than Sunday, August 23, 2026**. If you have any questions or to get a container, please contact Cathy Forbes at 252-202-1952. Thank you for your support of UWF.
- **Art Fund Silent Auction** – At Sharon UMC local artists/crafters donate items to be used for our silent auction. Each month new artwork will be available for bidding. Proceeds go into an art fund to be used as needed for the ministries of the church. See Lee Hein or Jeanne Murray if you have questions or if you would like to donate your artwork for our silent auction.
- **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.
- **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 scanning the QR Code below.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2026 Monthly Budget \$6,030.25	Received Last Month (July) \$4,610.52	Received Last Sunday \$260.00	
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