



Sharon United Methodist Church
Jeanne Murray, Pastor
Sunday, July 26, 2026 – 11:00 AM

**Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously**



Bringing in the Light of Christ		Kamryn Young
Words of Welcome and Announcements		Jeanne Murray
Prelude		Anita Cotton
Opening Prayer		
*Call to Worship		Jason Forbes
Leader: Friends, we know what God desires of us:		
People: <i>That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.</i>		
Leader: We gather this morning to remind each other about that,		
People: <i>To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.</i>		
Leader: So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.		
*Hymn of Praise	"This Is My Father's World"	CH 143
Scripture Reading	Exodus 20:1-17	Jason Forbes
Children's Message		
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
Anthem	"Sing Unto the Lord / Bless the Lord, O My Soul"	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	"Revive Us Again"	CH 434
Scripture Lesson	Sermon Series: "Sermon on the Mount" Matthew 5-7	
Sermon	Matthew 5:17-20	
	"Greater Righteousness"	
*Closing Hymn	"Soon and Very Soon"	CH 757
*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

Sun. July 26	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Choir Practice
July 27-30	5:30 pm – Vacation Bible School
Mon. July 27	CANCELED - 12:00 pm – Lunch & Learn (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) Happy Birthday to Jan Eanes Happy Birthday to Gay Statler
Tues. July 28	4:00 pm – Red Wagon Ministry
Wed. July 29	10:00 am – Pastor's Office Hours (Learning Center)
Thurs. July 30	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray)
Sat. Aug. 1	Happy Anniversary to Ken & Debra Elliott
Sun. Aug. 2	UWF Penny and a Prayer begins 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship

WORSHIP TEAMS

JULY 26

Acolyte: Kamryn Young
Greeters: Marshall & Julie Cherry
Worship Leader: Jason Forbes
Ushers: Bob Gadkowski & Marshall Cherry
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Sylvia Kirk & Barbara Gadkowski
Trustee: Bob Gadkowski

AUGUST 2

Acolyte: Marshall Cherry
Greeters: Donna Steigelman & Mark Jackson
Worship Leader: Julie Cherry
Ushers: Janet & Kasey Fairley
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Julie Cherry & Sue Collie
Trustee: Anita Cotton

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Vacation Bible School - July 27-30, 5:30 - 8:00 pm** – Sharon UMC will again be hosting Vacation Bible School for Grades K-5! Dinner will be provided at 5:30 pm. Children will be offered Music, Crafts, and a fun Bible Story each night. Volunteers are needed in all areas; materials will be provided. For more information, contact Anita Cotton at anitacotton@hotmail.com or (757) 286-0862. SPREAD THE WORD!
- **Art for the Heart, Thursday, August 13, 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall** – Need a mental health break? Join us on August 13th for Art for the Heart, a mental health initiative. LaWanda Anderson will be connecting the subject of mental health by using art and color therapy as well as physical movement. Susan Lee, from Saving Lives Task Force, will share a brief presentation about mental health issues. **To help us plan, please RSVP by August 1st by emailing, texting or calling Jeanne Murray at jeannemurray@gmail.com or (252) 423-0851.**
- **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 (June) \$9,188.77	Received Last Sunday \$977.00	
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