



Sharon United Methodist Church

Jeanne Murray, Pastor

Sunday, July 5, 2026 – 11:00 AM

Communion Sunday

Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Julie Cherry

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Jeanne Murray

Prelude

Anita Cotton

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship

Jason Forbes

Leader: Welcome to God's house! We are delighted to have you here!

People: We hunger for God's word of hope.

Leader: You have come to the right place. Here you will be fed on the life-giving love of God.

People: We thirst for God's healing in our lives.

Leader: At the table of the Lord, you will be fed and your thirst quenched.

People: Thanks be to God who provides for our needs.

*Hymn of Praise

"The Church's One Foundation"

CH 401

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-10

Jason Forbes

Children's Message

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

"Shout to the Lord"

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

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

CH 89

Sermon Series: "Sermon on the Mount" Matthew 5-7

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 7:24-29

Sermon

"A Roadmap for Life"

Celebration of Holy Communion

"A Service of Word and Table III"

UMH 15

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

CH 575

*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 5	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Choir Practice
Wed. July 8	10:00 am – Pastor's Office Hours (Learning Center)
Thurs. July 9	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 2:00 pm – Art for the Heart
Sun. July 12	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Choir Practice



WORSHIP TEAMS

JULY 5

Acolyte: Julie Cherry
Greeters: Jan Eanes & Donna Steigelman
Worship Leader: Jason Forbes
Ushers: Mark Jackson & Madelyn Conroy
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Julie Cherry & Sue Collie
Trustee: Bob Gadkowski

JULY 12

Acolyte: Bob Gadkowski
Greeters: Deb Chambers & Sylvia Kirk
Worship Leader: Marshall Cherry
Ushers: Julie Cherry & Patricia Leary
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Julie Cherry & Patricia Leary
Trustee: Bob Gadkowski

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.
- **Pastor's Office Hours** – Each Wednesday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Jeanne Murray will hold office hours in the Learning Center. Come pray, chat, request hymns, talk about ministries, share ideas.
- **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 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.
- **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.
- **Mailboxes** – Please be sure to check the mailboxes in the Mail Center in the library. You never know when a card with your name on it may appear!
- **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 \$1,026.25	
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