



Sharon United Methodist Church
Jeanne Murray, Pastor
Sunday, September 20, 2026 – 11:00 AM

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		Julie Cherry
Leader: If God is for us, who is against us?		
People: He who gave us his son, now gives us the Spirit in power!		
Leader: The Holy One is in our midst:		
People: equipping us for life in the service of Christ.		
Leader: In Christ we are more than conquerors,		
People: for nothing in creation can separate us from the love of God!		
*Hymn of Praise	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	CH 90
Scripture Reading	Mark 1:1-11	Julie Cherry
Children's Message		
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
God Sightings		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
Anthem	"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"	Jeanne Murray
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	"Amazing Grace"	On Screen/Video
Scripture Lesson	Sermon Series: "Holy Spirit"	
Sermon	Various Scriptures	
	"The Holy Spirit in the Gospels"	
*Closing Hymn	"Joy to the World"	CH 270
*Taking the Light of Christ into the World		
*Benediction		
*Sending Forth	"God Be with You"	On Screen/CH 232
*Postlude		Anita Cotton

(*) Please stand as you are able

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Sun. Sept. 20	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship Happy Birthday to Debbie Williams
Mon. Sept. 21	7:00 pm Finance Zoom Meeting
Tues. Sept. 22	Happy Birthday to Sylvia Kirk
Wed. Sept. 23	10:00 am – Pastor's Office Hours (Learning Center)
Thurs. Sept. 24	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 4:00 pm – Choir Practice
Sun. Sept. 27	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship

WORSHIP TEAMS

SEPTEMBER 20

Acolyte: Julie Cherry
Greeters: Donna Steigelman & Sylvia Kirk
Worship Leader: Julie Cherry
Ushers: Bob Gadkowski & Marshall Cherry
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Sylvia Kirk & Barbara Gadkowski
Trustee: Marshall Cherry

SEPTEMBER 27

Acolyte: Kamryn Young
Greeters: Deb Chambers & Marshall Cherry
Worship Leader: Jason Forbes
Ushers: Janet & Kasey Fairley
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Julie Cherry & Sue Collie
Trustee: Marshall Cherry

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Blessing of the Animals, Saturday, October 3, 2:00 pm, Maple Park (at the shelter by the dog park)** – Bring your friendly pets for a short worship service and blessing. Friends and neighbors are welcome!
- **Art for the Heart, Thursday, October 8, 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall** – Need a mental health break? Join us on October 8th for Art for the Heart, a mental health initiative. Sue Ingram will be teaching how to make Christmas Wreaths and she will share a brief presentation about mental health issues. **To help us plan, please RSVP by September 29th by emailing, texting or calling Jeanne Murray at (252) 423-0851 or jeannemurray@gmail.com.**
- **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.
- **Blessing Box** – We are in need of meals that can be easily prepared for our Blessing Box. Items Needed: **microwaveable mac-n-cheese, canned or microwaveable pasta meals (such as spaghetti and meatballs, ravioli, ABC spaghetti), Ramen noodles, small jars of peanut butter and jelly, canned meat, etc.** Items can be placed in the collection container in the entryway of the church. Thanks for your support.
- **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.
- **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!
- **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.
- **Online Giving** – You can donate by scanning the QR Code below.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2026 Monthly Budget \$6,030.25	Received Last Month (August) \$5,505.52	Received Last Sunday \$1,800.00	
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