

Good News of Sharon

May 2022



*A Praying
Church,
Loving People
to Christ*

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SUNDAYS
8:45 AM Contemporary Worship
(Also You Tube @ 12noon)
11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Sharing in Each Other's Grief

Welcome to May, Sharon Church Family!

I am truly grateful for the Lenten journey that we walked together recently and know that the Lord blessed our intentionality and efforts to make it a holy season. Of course, the best part was gathering with our church family, neighbors, and friends to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. Wasn't that glorious? Tears of sorrow and grief at the death of Jesus

I will be gathering names of women and men that have recently experienced loss that want to participate in a group-based recovery and support group that I will facilitate. This group will meet weekly to share our stories of grief, watch testimonial and instructive videos and work through a simple guidebook. Some of you have lost loved ones quite recently and some of you suffered loss during the past two years of pandemic and have still not been able to process your grief. If you are struggling with grief, Grief Share is for you. If you know someone that has been struggling with grief, I invite you to share this opportunity with them. Depending on interest, I might offer a daytime and a nighttime group so that everyone can participate who wants to.

With so much going on in the world there really isn't anything such as Common Time. Every day is extraordinary, and we serve an extraordinary God who loves us and brings healing to the faithful and joy to the broken hearted. I look forward to this journey.

Your Partner in the Adventure,
Pastor Jim

were turned to tears of joy and celebration as news spread of the empty tomb. It almost seems too good to be true.

Now, we move forward toward Pentecost and then on to what the Church refers to as "Common Time," a season between the important celebrations of Easter and Advent. In common time, we continue with our faith even though we don't necessarily have a "major holiday" to look forward to as a church family. It is in Common Time that our faith is based on living in this imperfect world and trusting in the Lord to give us what we need for no other reason than we believe it and have witnessed His goodness in our lives.



One of the things that we all need is comfort, and no group in our community needs comfort more than individuals and families who have recently experienced the death and loss of loved ones. At Sharon Church, help is on the way through a ministry called "Grief Share."





Hello Sharon Family,

My Name is Edward Anderson and I am serving on Sharon's Leadership Board as Facilities At Large. I am the son of Scott and Teresa, I'm the "baby boy" out of their three children. I was born in Texas but was raised in Supply, NC where Mom's side of the family has been for over a century. When I was a kid, I just wanted to see the world and at the age of 20, after the attack on the World Trade Center, I saw my opportunity and joined the army as a radar technician. Four states, four countries, and five years later my time was served, however I continued my carrier as a radar technician. My job working on counter fire radar systems and training Soldiers has kept me on the road traveling the world the past 14 years.

My wife Jennifer and I will be celebrating our 16-year anniversary this summer. Jennifer and I met on Holden Beach 21 years ago and I told her she was the prettiest girl I had



ever seen and that I would marry her one day. We were married five years later at the Holden Beach Chapel and this area will always be home. After traveling all these years, I have learned that home truly is where the heart is, I joke that Holden Beach / Supply

is my favorite place to travel. We have two rambunctious children, Wyatt who is ten and Clara who is five.

One of my many talents and favorite things to do it to take things apart, troubleshoot and fix them. I enjoy tinkering and working with my hands especially if it involves problem solving or speeding up a process. I enjoy puzzles such as sudoku and my fastest Rubik's cube time is 2min 15seconds. If you ever want to learn more or just chat, I am very approachable and enjoy talking and learning with others.

KALEIDOSCOPE



The guided developmental play group, Kaleidoscope for children 0-5 years old, meets in the central meeting room

in The Crossing. They meet Tuesdays from 9:30 am-11:00 am. Contact the church office with questions or to register, call our partners at Smart Start 910-754-3166 ext. 1010. lhebertsmith@smartstartbrunswick.org.



This month on Wednesday evenings, the youth will begin a new series on Apologetics through our Right Now media program. We will discuss some tough questions surrounding Christian Faith and help guide teens to understand that believing in God and the Bible is not only reasonable, but all essential.

This month at Youth Sunday School we continue looking at the nature of God and our identity, the meaning of Jesus's death, prayer, the Scriptures and look closer at those who encountered Jesus in a message series "NUA:Orgins".

We appreciate everyone who has been enjoying our Bingo Fundraiser. Our Next Bingo Fundraiser will be May 13th from 6-8 PM. We will have hot dogs, chips and a drink available for \$5 per meal.

If any children or youth are interested in attending camp this year at either Camp Rockfish or Camp Don Lee visit <https://donleecenter.org/camp-programs-2022/> for more information and space availability. Financial assistance is available through our Methodist Men's send the kids to camp fundraisers. Please contact Melanie Gray @ sumcmedia@atmc.net if you would like to sign your child up.

Blessings to you all!! Melanie Gray



Holy Week was marked by a very detailed recreation of the Last Supper by the men of the Church. On Saturday a solemn group walked the "Stations of the Cross" as a reminder of Jesus' final hours before his Crucifixion. At sunrise on Easter morning several churches enjoyed a combined Sunrise Service at the waterfront in Varnamtown at Honey's Place.



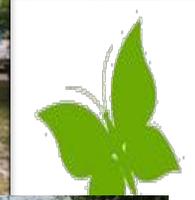
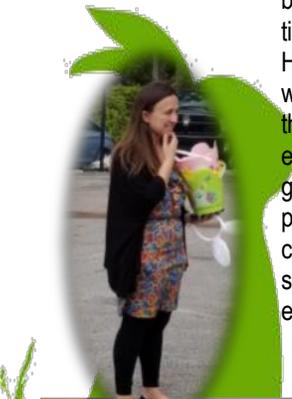
Pre-Easter & Sunrise!



Easter at Sharon!



Beginning at sunrise on Easter, the Sharon Church Family began their remembrance celebration of our Lord's Resurrection! A great breakfast buffet was available in the Fellowship Hall, followed by games and activities for the children. There was a photo "booth", crafts and more for the children and their families, and then the Easter Egg Hunt! The children enjoyed a prize table with all sorts of goodies right before going into Church. There was some amazing Praise music prior to the service and the congregation was vibrant! The choir lead the congregation in hymns and sang their own special praises. By far, many thought this was the best Easter ever. Thanks be to God!





United Women in Faith

Sharon

At our April 21st meeting, Debbie Kirby and Helen Hamer were in charge of the program and refreshments. They invited, as the guest speaker, **Karmen Smith**, Executive Director of Hope Harbor Home, a domestic violence shelter for women and children in Brunswick County. Mary Weaver provided an inspirational devotion.

On May 19, 7:00 pm at the Crossing, Central Meeting room, Lori Minor has invited Donna Phelps, Co-Founder of Brunswick County Streetreach to speak to us. She will speak about the unsheltered population and effects on women and children, our veterans, and other marginalized citizens as well as the opportunities to serve the unsheltered and financially challenged people in our communities. Teresa Anderson will have devotions and Kim Todd and Leslie Robinson, refreshments. All women of the church are invited and welcome to attend.

Attending the North Carolina Conference Spiritual Enrichment Retreat, "Sustaining Serenity" were Mary Weaver, Shirley Hufstetler, Linda Register, and Jean D'Addario. It was held at Ocean View UMC on Oak Island April 22 & 23. The Retreat Leader is The Reverend Carolyn Goehring.



Local Mission Project for the Month of May

Help us meet the needs of Hope Harbor Home, a domestic violence shelter for women and children. Please donate laundry detergent, dishwasher detergent or liquid dish soap, and toothpaste. There will be a marked container at both entrances to the sanctuary. As you are able, please bring in one of these items and place in the container.



United Women in Faith, Assembly 2022, is being held in Orlando and virtually as well. The Community Gatherings will join our sisterhood for spiritual healing, hope and renewal through impactful worship experiences, inspiring speakers, integrated performing arts and by lifting our voices in song. Rich, scriptural passages from James and Matthew will guide the celebration of our identity in a new time, a time that calls us to TURN IT UP! A key component of every United Women in Faith Assembly is participatory workshops that TURN IT UP! to engage and nurture attendees, provide skills and tools to inspire leadership and make a difference in our communities. Town Hall Meetings and film discussions bring together experts on many topics while challenging

us to think in new ways. Assembly 2022 has both in-person and online experiences allowing even more women to participate and Turn it Up. Virtual attendees get access to all five Community Gatherings, one workshop on Friday and Saturday, exclusive behind-the-scenes speaker interviews, and sisterhood networking. On behalf of the North Carolina Conference United Women in Faith, Harbor District and Sharon, I have the privilege of attending virtually and will be participating in these events May 20-22. There is a significant registration fee and donation/love offering opportunities for which the NC Conference United Women in Faith and Harbor District United Women in Faith funds have paid for me to "attend". I am grateful and looking forward to this experience!

Jean D'Addario

The Southeastern Gospel
Music Association and
Hope Radio 88.5
present



Hope
88.5

Hope for the Children 2022 Concert

featuring Dove Award Winning Artist



KAREN PECK and NEW RIVER
Friday, May 20th, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Sharon United Methodist Church
2030 Holden Beach Rd SW • Supply, NC

FREE ADMISSION! Doors open at 6:00pm! First Come, First Seated!

Offering received 100% to benefit Boys and Girls Homes of N.C. This concert is brought to you by the Southeastern Business Community and Holden Beach Ladies Club.

For More Information Contact
SGMA Office 1-910-763-1297



The Nelons

& MC
Vernon Adams



Port City Quartet



MISSIONS

The Rose of Sharon Needs YOU!!

Matthew 25:35-40 says. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

Sharon Church is so blessed to have been able to support community services to assist us in doing as God told us to do as a church family through The Rose of Sharon. Through the hard work of the volunteers, and our store manager it has been a tremendous support for helping those in need in our community. Through our food pantry, the One Can ministry, donations of clothing and household supplies from The Rose, we as a church are able to do these ministries as directed in the Bible. Since Covid, the volunteer help at the Rose is at its lowest and it is now critical that we as a church family step up to build our team of volunteers to continue this ministry. If you stepped up to volunteer and the timing was not right, maybe now is the time. It does not happen by itself. So who is the Lord speaking to for this ministry to share God's love and continue these ministries? Do you have a day, a half day, a few hours that you can donate to continue this ministry? Volunteering for as many hours as you can, whether it is 2 or 3 hours or a half day. Any help would be appreciated to help price, sort, organize, clean, run fast register or hang clothing, as long as your health allows. Pray that God will bless us in a great and mighty way to continue what he has directed us to do and help better the future of those in need.

-God's Blessings, Debbie Kirby Team Leader

FIRE FIGHTERS PRAYER BREAKFAST

Sharon Prays for Our Firefighters and we want to show our appreciation by supporting them on International Firefighters Day May 4th. You are invited to join the Church Family at the Firefighter's Prayer Breakfast, 9:00 am at the Sabbath Home Station.

So, when you pass by our Holden Beach Tri Beach Fire Department on Sabbath Home Road, Seashore Road or the Beach, honk your horn twice to let them know we support them and all they do for our community. The Firefighters emblem pictured below is blue, to represent water and red to represent fire.



The Rose of Sharon Thrift volunteers boxed up much needed winter clothing for the people of Ukraine and Sharon Missions delivered to Moto Global in Navassa for shipment to Ukraine. Blessings to all the people that helped make this happen.





THE LAY PERSONS CORNER

March 2nd began the season leading up to Holy Week and the celebration of our risen Lord. The people of Sharon were kept most active with the several events and projects that made up this year's celebration. Many options to worship were found in the Maundy Thursday rendition of the Living Last Supper, then on to the combined Good Friday celebration hosted by Camp United Methodist Church, the Walk To The Cross on Saturday evening and all culminating in a full Easter Sunday Celebration starting with the Sun(Son) rise service at Honey's with Sharon, Dixon Chapel, Concord and Gospel Center Churches represented, and ending with a combined Easter service which had all church age groups taking part in the service. The service was preempted with a great breakfast and an enjoyable time watching the children participating in games, crafts and Easter egg hunt. Every step of the way was filled with the joy of celebrating what Jesus gave up for us to be free of the sins of the world.

The Leadership Board met in both March and April to continue to develop organizational guidelines, policies, procedures all which are to define how we intend to meet our vision of what we feel God wants us to be doing for his people. As we work through these steps, new opportunities continue to make their presence known. Times change as do the ways to meet the challenges and the efforts made are beginning to show the rewards of Sharon's pursuit of finding new ways to serve. Last month we spoke of making an offer on the lot bordering the Rose Thrift Shop. That offer has been made and now we wait to hear back. One main theme that keeps itself in the forefront is that of taking advantage of the opportunities that are present to help others in our Church community and the community around us.

This month's Methodist Moment focuses on how we are tied to other Methodist Churches and the programs of the Methodist Churches of the World. We are what is known as a "connectional church" which means we are connected with all of our Methodist brothers and sisters around the world. There are needs expressed in many places and each church, as it can, provides funds to maintain the programs and even other Methodist Churches and their missions. These funds are known as Apportionments. It is important that we strive to pay our share of being a member of the Global Community so that others do not suffer and support of programs does not waver. We are currently supporting, World Service Benevolence (aid to others worldwide), Episcopal Fund, Black College Fund, Africa University and interdenominational support. This support connects us with Methodists around the world as we reach out to others making "Disciples of Christ".

Don Bolinger



Disaster Response Training – Hurricane season will soon be upon us! If you are interested in learning skills necessary to help your neighbors after a disaster, you, and anyone you know, are invited to attend a training class at Seaside UMC, 1300 Seaside Rd SW, Sunset Beach, NC to certify Early Response Team members for Disaster Response. Kim & Dave Keech will be teaching the class June 11, 2022 from 8:30 to 4:30. To register, sign onto the NC Conference website <https://nccumc.org/disaster/training#ert>. Upon completion of the class, and background check, you will be certified by UMCOR for 3 years. The class cost \$20 and includes all materials. Lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, call Dave Keech (717-487-6018).



Ladies - Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow. A new journaling group meets monthly to encourage one another and discover ways to cultivate an "attitude of gratitude". You don't need any experience, just a willingness to join in the journey and the fun. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 10th from 4:30 to 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Kim Gregg kgregg396@gmail.com



The Sylvia Ludlum Scholarship Committee is offering college scholarships for a limited time for the fall 2022 semester. Qualified candidates must be currently active members of Sharon UMC. Please contact the church office for an application.



Sharon's Crossing Network

Brunswick Family Assistance Satellite Intake Specialists will be at The Crossing serving Community Needs, May 12th. During this time the Specialists will be available to answer questions and help new clients with applications. They will be in The Crossing from 9:30 am-11:45 am. This is an on-going service scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month at the same time period.

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

SUMC Evangelism Team reminds you to share a simple card "Sit With Me". An invite to the unchurched, those who are hurting, friends and family we want to come sit with us and hear of God's love. It may get thrown in the trash. We may need to keep handing them to the same individuals over and over again. As God's church, pray that God will send us the individuals that need his love. We may be rejected or maybe one time we share this card with someone they might think, "I believe you care, I believe you are not giving up on me and praying for me." "Sit With Me" cards will be on table in the narthex in front of church. Pick them up every week and be fishers of men for God's love to be shared.

-Blessings, Debbie Kirby, Missions and Outreach Team Leader.

Sit W * I * T * H Me		
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Times		
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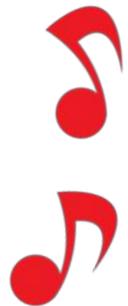
HOPE ROCKS A Coastal Carolina Outreach Program for Teen Girls

Mission ...to provide peer connection, guide self-reflection, and help develop healthy coping strategies so that teenage girls have the tools, optimism, and confidence to live their best lives. Recently the focus was on emotions, specifically how to develop emotional intelligence. The teens also finished and proudly shared their positive affirmations posters.



Happy Birthday Taylor!

The Birthday Gospel Sing with Taylor Phelps was a blast! Thank you for all who came out to support this exceptional young man.



Calendar Dates

- May 2:** Hope Rocks Youth Program focus "Self-Care"
- May 5:** 6:00 PM United Methodist Men Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Wellness Group-The Crossing
- May 8:** Mothers' Day
- May 9:** Hope Rocks Youth Program focus "My Tribe"
- May 10:** 4:30 pm-5:30 pm Gratitude Journaling
- May 12:** 9:30 am-11:45 am Brunswick Family Assistance
The Crossing
6:30 pm Worship Team meeting-Fellowship Hall
- May 13:** 6:00 pm—9:00 pm Bingo –Fellowship Hall plus
Hot Dog dinner for \$5.00
- May 16:** 6:30 pm Leadership Board- The Crossing
Hope Rocks Youth Program focus "My Future"
- May 19:** 7:00 pm United Women of Faith The Crossing
- May 20:** 6:00 pm Karen Peck & "friends"
- May 23:** Hope Rocks Youth Program focus "Pay it Forward"
- May 24:** 7:00 pm Finance Team-Choir Room
- May 26:** 7:00 pm Bowling, Planet Fun
- May 30:** Memorial Day

Planning Ahead:.....

- June 6:** Hope Rocks Youth Program "Celebrate Hope"
- June 10-12:** Sharon Family "Camp Meeting"
- June 11:** 8:30 am-4:30 pm Disaster Response Training
Seaside United Methodist Church, Sunset Beach

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

- 8:45 am Contemporary Service
10:00 am Sunday School - All ages
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Monday

- 9:00 am TOPS (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday

- 8:00 am Prayer Group (Choir room)
9:30 am KALEIDOSCOPE (Central Meeting Room)
6:30 pm Cubs (Central Meeting Room/Fellowship Hall)
6:30 pm Praise Band (Sanctuary)

Wednesday

- 10:30 am Adult Bible Study (Central Meeting Room)
6:00 pm Supper at Sharon (Fellowship Hall)
6:45 pm Legacy Youth Group (Youth Room)
6:45 pm Adult Bible Study (Central Meeting Room)
7:30 pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday

- 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Central Meeting Room)

Wednesday & Friday

- 10:00 am-Noon "One-Can" Ministry Food Pantry

Tuesday-Saturday

- 10:00 am-4:00 pm Rose of Sharon Thrift Store open



Thursday-April 28th
May 26th 7:00 pm
Bowling at Planet Fun
4th Thursday every month
\$2 per Game \$3 Shoe rental
Contact Vern Stephens 910-448-2775

Stewardship Speaks:



Malachi 3:8-10

⁸ Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, "How are we robbing you?" In your tithes and offerings! ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! ¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.



FINANCE FACTS – March 2022

March Receipts: \$47,667.44

March Expenses: \$35,335.92

Restricted Funds Defined:

Know before you give.

Memorial Fund –

- The Finance Team, Finance Team Lead and Treasurer are responsible for receiving and accounting for designated gifts in memory/honor of members and others associated with the church or its friends.
- The Treasurer will assure the Board/Committee that all memorials will be registered and accurately accounted for.
- While specific interests of donors will be considered, the Board/Committee retains the authority and responsibility to use the Funds in a manner appropriate to the purposes of the church.

Belinda's Witticism

One Sunday morning the pastor shares the story of when he wanted to mail a letter. He asked a young boy where the post office was. When he answered the pastor, he was very thankful and said to the young man, "If you'll come to church tonight, you'll hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven." The boy said, "Pastor, I don't think I'll be there... cause you don't even know how to get to the post office."



Sharon Youth are sponsoring

BINGO

May 13th from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm.
Enjoy a fun night out with prizes
and more.

Plus hot dog dinners available for
\$5.00.



Nursery



A lover of the Little Lambs Nursery brought
"Fun Buckets" to the Nursery kiddos last month!
What a nice surprise!

Thank you!

Nursery children from baby to age 5 are enjoying
the new facilities! Many Thanks to the Volun-
teers who staff the Nursery during Sunday ser-
vices. Volunteers are always welcome.

“CATCHING THE VISION”

ACTIVITIES OF THE SHARON UNITED METHODIST MEN



Did March go out like a lion or a lamb? Well, it must have been the former because it was still roaring through the first half of April.

The big event of the Month was the Boston Butt project for the UMM. One might ask what all does it take to get them into the hands and eventually the stomachs of people who love good barbeque. Tickets get printed and then into the hands of the UMM and other people of Sharon who help get them presold. Then there are propane bottles to fill, get all of the materials lined up to rub and wrap the butts, order the anticipated number of butts, get all the cookers lined up and on site and then it is time to load and unload 584 butts, wash, rub, wrap and put them on the cookers. While this is done the sold tickets are tallied and put on a spread sheet to be checked off when people show up the day before Easter to pick up their orders. Then there is the cooking and the cooks who spend Good Friday night tending the cookers on into Saturday morning to insure each one is done just right. Then there is the crew who shows up early Saturday morning to bag and hand out the butts to the public and keep track of sold tickets. Again, the fellowship was amazing and when all was said and done it was another 30 persons plus people of Sharon crew that took on these tasks to provide funds to send kids to North Carolinas' church camps.

While awaiting the crunch time to get the Boston Butt project up and going, thirteen of the men took time out to present the Living Last Supper on Maundy Thursday celebration of Holy Week. For the first time we had a set and stage crew who did an outstanding job in preparing the Upper Room as it would be depicted back in Jesus's time and a great technical crew to man the sound, computer scripts and broadcast of the event on our Facebook page. Many thanks to all involved and to those who attended that night. God was definitely present throughout all of the activities and the UMM are proud to serve him to the best of their ability. Men of Sharon—come join us each first Thursday for food, fellowship and service at 6pm.

-Don Belinger



Sharon Family Camp Meeting June 10th-June 12th

Something different is happening this summer! We are having a Sharon Family “camp out” right here at Sharon! If you have a camper, a tent or other camping equipment, please let us know. Plans are to set up on Friday and enjoy a family supper, Camp Meeting and Worship followed by a camp fire, youth activities, snacks and games! Saturday will include morning devotions, age appropriate discipleship groups, more food, activities and another camp fire. Sunday concludes the camping “expedition” with morning devotions, community worship, lunch and clean up by noon. The parish family is invited to help with suggestions and in planning this event. A tentative schedule follows.

Friday

Afternoon		Arrival and Camp Site Set-Up
6:00		Family Supper
7:00		Camp Meeting/Worship
9:00		Camp Fire/Youth Activities/Snacks/Games

Saturday

7:30		Morning Watch (Devotions)	
8:00		Family Breakfast	
9:30		Age Group Discipleship Groups (children, youth, adults)	
11:00		Free Time	
12:00		Family Lunch	
1:00-6:00		Free Time/Fun Activities	
6:00		Family Supper	
7:00		Camp Meeting/Worship	
9:00		Camp Fire/Youth Activities/Snacks/Games	

Sunday

7:30		Morning Watch (Devotions)
8:00		Family Breakfast
9:00		Sunday School Hour
10:00		Community Worship
11:30		Family Lunch
12:00		Clean Up and Return to our Homes





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Linda Register, Pastor Jim Pagan

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AND UPDATES !**



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