

# GOOD NEWS OF SHARON



## A PUBLICATION OF SHARON METHODIST CHURCH

### January Schedule



Methodist Men's Meeting  
January 4, 2024

Gratitude Journaling  
January 9, 2024

Methodist Men's  
Prayer Breakfast  
January 11, 2024

Leadership Board Meeting  
January 15, 2024

Methodist Women's Meeting  
January 18, 2024

Finance Meeting  
January 23, 2024

:: RECREATION TEAM ::  
-SCHEDULE-  
BINGO! January 12th  
BOWLING January 25th

### Living out the Call from Pastor Jim Pegan

Happy New Year Sharon Church Family!

As we enter this new year full of possibilities, I will be presenting a series of Sunday morning messages that I am calling "Living out the Call." This series will follow the family of Abraham and Sarah found in the early pages of the Bible in the Book of Genesis. Genesis 12:1-3 says: "Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'" Our series will look at Abraham's successes and stumbles as he led his extended family on a multi-generational journey in answer to God's call.

All of us who follow Jesus as Lord and Savior have heard and answered God's call on our own lives. If we're honest, like Abraham, all of us have experienced seasons of devoted obedience to that call and seasons of disobedience and spiritual wandering. It's part of the human experience in a broken world. It's true of our Sharon Church Family as well. My hope is that in studying this ancient story of God's call on Abraham and Sarah's family we will be inspired to try to live out our call with devotion and spiritual focus as we enter the promised land of a fresh calendar year and a new start. I think we need it.



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2020-2022 were tough years and 2023 was better, although many of us faced difficult challenges at the end. Pray with me that our Sharon Church Leadership Team will develop some focused vision and accompanying goals that will carry us further along the journey of faith as we walk together in obedience to the God who promises to bless us so that we can be a blessing to others. Invite a friend, family member, or neighbor to join you for this Sunday morning series starting January 7<sup>th</sup>. Let's see where the Lord takes us in this new year.



We want you to know how much we appreciate all the generosity shown to us over the Advent and Christmas seasons. Your cards, gifts, goodies, and financial blessings mean more than you know. We look forward to serving and living among you in the coming year.

Pastor Jim and Susi Pegan

Your Partner in the Adventure,

*Pastor Jim*







## REFLECTIONS OF CHRISTMAS EVE



Our cast and crew did an outstanding job!



Sacrament of Baptism for Ainsley Rue Blankenship





# *Mark Your* **CALENDAR**

**We Are Thrilled to Announce**

## **Wilmington Celebration Choir** **Sunday, March 3rd** **5:00 PM**



**Sharon Methodist Church**  
**2030 Holden Beach Rd. Supply, NC**

**\*A Love Offering will be Taken to Support the Choir's Ministry**



**Global Methodist Church Brochures *are* Available  
at our Welcome Center**

Please feel free to take a brochure to better understand ministry opportunities and share with a friend.

Also, at our Welcome Center you will find devotionals, outreach opportunities, newsletters, etc.

# MISSIONS & OUTREACH



God gave us a beautiful day in December to distribute our 2023 Community Services Awards to a wonderful group of people that serve as God's hands and feet in our community. Thank you to Pastor Jim for guidance, Jackie Leonard for coordinating The Crossing Outreach Ministry, and The Rose of Sharon Thrift Store Volunteers for all your help to make this possible. Come and See what God is doing at Sharon Methodist Church! Together we serve as a team. Blessings, Blessings, Blessings!! Debbie Kirby, Team Leader.



Christian Recovery, Boys & Girls Home of Lake Waccamaw, StreetReach, Coastal Carolina Outreach, Hope Harbor Home, Brunswick Family Assistance, Jackie Leonard and Pastor Jim



*Thank you*

for giving to Building HOPE  
Prison Ministry's Angel Tree  
Project!!

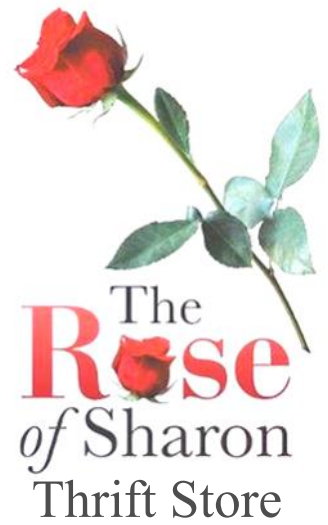
Our Sharon Methodist  
Church congregation is always so generous  
and faithful in giving to our community.  
Many individuals and families were blessed  
with toys, clothing, and shoes during the  
holiday season.

Thank you to Jackie Leonard for coordi-  
nating the drive.





Tina Kenerson, Manager



The Rose of Sharon Thrift Store  
Volunteers gathered for a wonderful  
Christmas party in December.  
God has been good to our ministry of  
outreach in 2023 with a great group.  
Let's make 2024 even better!  
From Debbie Kirby, Liaison





# THE LAY PERSON'S CORNER

Don Bolinger



## *Happy New Year*

January is a good time to focus on new opportunities to serve God. Serving starts with each of us discovering our spiritual gifts and filling out a church interest form, if you have not done so yet. There was a team effort in December to compile the names from these forms so people could be contacted and fit into the many slots that exist. Sharon is going to be as great as you the congregation will make it.

Remember, the body is made of many parts and not one part is unimportant. If we are going to LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY, WORSHIP PASSIONATELY, AND WITNESS BOLDLY, it will take each of us reaching out to each other and our community to show as neighbors we are all one. I encourage you to look around on any given Sunday and see what activities it takes to make worship meaningful. One of the outstanding actions of the day is taking time to greet someone, you may or may not know, and let them know how good it is to see them. One thing we all have that we cannot give away is a SMILE because it always keeps coming back to us; and just maybe we made the day better for one of our neighbors.

Yes, 2024 will be opening new doors and opening windows of opportunity for each of us, but all will be a reminder that we need to open our hearts to let God in. With God within and for us, nothing will stand in our way of making Sharon and our lives everything that our creator meant for us to be. We have many great things going, but it will take all of us to keep them going. Let's all make sure that 2024 will be a happy and prosperous new year.

“Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3: 13-14



## ANNIVERSERY COOKBOOK UPDATE

Our 200th Anniversary cookbook needs your recipes! This cookbook is to honor the special history of our church's foundation in 1825.

We wish to feature recipes from past and current members of the church.

We have established our account with Morris cookbooks and are ready to accept recipes.

An instruction sheet packet for submitting your recipes is available in the hallway outside the office door. These may be hand PRINTED or submitted electronically directly into our account. Please consider submitting 10 of your favorite recipes.

You may also reserve one or more copies of the cookbook for us to estimate the amount we need to order. Recipes are needed by February 1, 2024.

Thank you for assisting us in the project. Questions? Contact Marilyn Hommer (330) 727-7610 or [mhommer@gmail.com](mailto:mhommer@gmail.com) and Laurie Sypole (336) 302 -3669 or [lasypole@gmail.com](mailto:lasypole@gmail.com)

*"May He  
give you  
the  
desire of  
your heart  
and make  
all your  
plans  
Succeed."*

*Psalms 20:4*

### ATTENTION:

#### Business Owners and Service Providers

Email your business card or information to be included in a registry of businesses within our church to:  
[admin@sharonmethodist.org](mailto:admin@sharonmethodist.org)

Pastor Jim would like to create a list to share within our church.

We need the following:

- Business Name
- Business URL
- Status of Listing

Required Information (Business Name, Address, Phone Number, etc.)





At our December 14th meeting, we gathered with our spouses and enjoyed our Christmas Party at Oak and Anchor Restaurant of Lockwood Folly Golf Course. We had a great time and the food was delicious. At our January meeting, we will decide on speakers, monthly programs, and refreshments. In the New Year, we would love for each woman that has not been coming to attend.

Our New Year meeting will be held on **January 18, 2024.**

We would love for each woman to participate in this wonderful time of fellowship.

## Gratitude Journaling News



Beginning **January 2024**, the **Women's Journaling Group** invite you to join them as we explore the biographies of our biblical heroes. We hope to use the valuable lessons from their lives to encourage us in our own faith walk. For more information, please email Kim Gregg at: [kgregg396@gmail.com](mailto:kgregg396@gmail.com)





**Sharon Methodist Men**

**Don Bolinger, President**

The Sharon Methodist Men's Ministry wrapped up the year with two successful events, a successful Shrimp-A-Roo in March and a great BBQ carry out dinner in September. Both events enabled us to contribute to Mission projects. We will continue to sponsor the West Brunswick High School Fellowship of Christian athletes. Four youth were given expenses to attend church or Summer Scout Camps.

We fulfilled requests for building handicap ramps while partnering with Disaster Relief. Men within our group came together to help with heavy yard work and cutting, and splitting firewood for members of our congregation who needed extra hands. A crew of men prepared meals for The Taste of Sharon dinners on Wednesday nights. Overall, it was and has been a mission-minded year of making Sharon GMC all that God expects us to be.

We ended the year with our Annual Christmas Dinner at Jerome's Restaurant. The main order of business was the presentation of the Man of the Year, awarded to Jonas Daugherty. This award is given each year to the man who best exemplifies the actions of Jesus in their relationship with others. Officers for 2024 were also announced and they are:

Don Bolinger, President  
Jim Whitehead, Vice President  
Doc Ferrell, Secretary  
Chuck Wilson, Treasurer

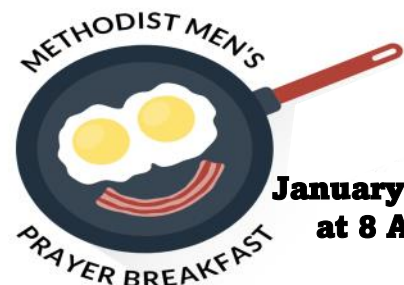
Now that we are starting a New Year, no doubt new opportunities will be welcomed for ministry. Sharon Methodist Men is an active ministry and always welcoming new men who wish to join us, our merry band. We meet in the Fellowship Hall every first Thursday at 6:00 PM for an evening meal and meeting. Also, we meet the second Thursday of each month at 8:00 AM for our Prayer Breakfast with devotional discussions.

Thank you to everyone for a great 2023 and there is a promising 2024 awaiting us in the wings.



**Join Us for Our  
Meeting**

**January 4, 2024  
at 6 PM**



**January 11th  
at 8 AM**





2nd Laurie Winner  
3rd Joyce Lowrimore  
5th Tom Arnette  
9th Samuel Noll  
17th Betty Robinson Blake  
20th Vicky Evans

20th Faye Haker  
22nd Truett West  
24th Kim Keech  
30th Clyde Roach  
31st Verlie Jernigan

*Happy Anniversary*

2nd Martin & Marilyn Hommer

## 2 INVITATIONS TO 2 RESCHEDULED EVENTS



at SHARON METHODIST  
CHURCH

CHOIR CHRISTMAS  
CANTATA

Sunday  
January 7th  
2024 at 4:00 PM

**DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER  
A VERY RETRO CHRISTMAS**  
An original production presented by Dixon Chapel

**Saturday, January 6 at 6PM**

Come Let Us Adore Him  
Doing a new thing on Old Christmas



at DIXON CHAPEL  
190 VARNAMTOWN ROAD



Visit us at:  
[www.sharonbythesea.com](http://www.sharonbythesea.com)

2030 Holden Beach Road, SW  
 Supply, North Carolina 28462  
 (910) 842-2929

### Once A Week Events at SMC

#### SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday School: All Ages (The Crossing)  
 10:00 AM W O R S H I P (Sanctuary)  
 2:00-4:00 PM Girl Scouts (The Crossing)  
 6:00 PM NA (The Crossing)

MONDAY  
 9:00 AM

TOPS (Fellowship Hall)

#### TUESDAY

8:00 AM Women's Prayer Group (The Crossing)  
 9:30-11:30 AM KALEIDOSCOPE LEARN & PLAY (The Crossing)  
 6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING

10 AM to Noon Neighbor to Neighbor Food Pantry  
 10:30 AM Bible Study w/Pastor Jim (The Crossing)

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

6:00 PM Taste of Sharon (Fellowship Hall)  
 6:30 PM 6-12th Grade Youth Group (The Crossing)  
 7:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)

#### THURSDAY

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry (CMR)  
 3:00 PM GriefShare (The Crossing)

#### FRIDAY

10 AM to Noon Neighbor to Neighbor Food Pantry  
 7:00 PM Women's NA (The Crossing)

### Once A Month Events at SMC

3RD  
 MONDAY

6:30 PM  
 Leadership  
 Board  
 Meeting  
 (The Crossing)

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 4TH  
 MONDAY

7:00 PM  
 Facilities Team  
 Meeting

2ND  
 TUESDAY

4:30 PM  
 Women's  
 Gratitude  
 Journaling  
 (Fellowship Hall)

4TH  
 TUESDAY

7:00 PM  
 Finance Team  
 Meeting  
 (Choir Room)

1ST  
 THURSDAY

6:00 PM  
 Methodist  
 Men's  
 Meeting  
 (Fellowship  
 Hall)

2ND  
 THURSDAY

8:00 AM  
 Methodist  
 Men's  
 Prayer  
 Breakfast  
 (Fellowship  
 Hall)

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 9:30 AM  
 Brunswick  
 Family  
 Assistance  
 (The Crossing)

3RD  
 THURSDAY

7:00 PM  
 Methodist  
 Women's  
 Meeting  
 (Fellowship  
 Hall)

2ND SATURDAY  
 6:00 PM  
 SATURDAY  
 NIGHT LIFE  
 at the  
 PARSONAGE