

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to New Sharon! We're delighted to have you join us today. If you are visiting, or are a member wishing to have a visit from Pastor Ken, please fill out a Connection Card (located in the pew pockets) and place it in the offering plate.

PRAYER REQUEST LINK: Send celebrations and concerns to:
prayer@newsharonchurchnc.org

CARDS: To have card sent from church, contact Faye Cleaton:
fbcleaton@gmail.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9 a.m. with Rob on Zoom via our church webpage at [About Us/Ministries/Sunday School](#)

WORSHIP on Sundays at 11 a.m. in Sanctuary or live stream via our church webpage at [All Sermons/Live Sermon](#)

CALENDAR EVENTS:

March 10 at 11:00 a.m. the New Sharon Women will meet in the fellowship hall. Bring a friend and join us for devotion and fellowship.

March 15 at 4:30 p.m. the SPRC will meet in the upstairs classroom.

March 18 at 5:30 p.m. the New Sharon Women will host a Wednesday night dinner. The menu will include baked spaghetti, salad, deserts and beverages.

March 22 at 4:00 p.m. the Administrative Council will meet in the fellowship hall

April 18 from 7:30-noon there will be a yard sale, bake sale and biscuit breakfast in the fellowship hall sponsored by the New Sharon Women and New Sharon Men. We are accepting 'gently used' items that you can leave in the middle classroom downstairs. No clothes please...

FINANCE REPORT:

January Expenses: \$12,276.49

January Credits: \$7,522.14

MISSION GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

OCIM (Orange Congregations in Mission): There is a list of staples needed on the tables at both sanctuary entrances. Their shelves are very low so all donations will be greatly appreciated!

BACKPACK BUDDIES: This outreach needs single serving/ ready to eat/easy to prepare items for breakfast and lunch as well as snack size pouches of vegetables, fruit and snacks.

TIME OF PRAYER: During the winter months we are encouraging everyone to set a timer for Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. and lift up prayers for our church, pastor and congregation, our community and our country. What a blessing to be able to spend this time with our Lord and know others are doing so at the same time!

 **New Sharon Church**
A Global Methodist Congregation

~ Est. 1768 ~

March 1, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Lent



Our logo is a faithful reproduction of "Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane" by Heinrich Hofmann

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Pastor's Office Hours:

9:00 a.m.- noon, Wednesday - Friday & by appointment

Ministers of the Gospel: Every member of New Sharon!

MARCH 1, 2026

* Please stand, as able

Welcome and Greeting

*Sharing of Christ's Peace

Christ welcomes us all to the house of the Lord. Welcome each other in the name of Christ's grace, peace, and welcoming mercy.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Sykes

Leader: We come this morning carrying questions, hopes, and quiet prayers.

People: God is present.

Leader: In a world that often feels uncertain

People: God remains faithful.

Leader: When we cannot see the whole picture

People: God is still at work.

Leader: When our understanding feels small

People: God invites us into deeper trust.

Leader: Come, not because we have everything figured out.

People: But because God's love draws us near.

Leader: Let us worship the One who brings life and light to His people.

People: We worship with humble and open hearts.

*OPENING HYMN: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #117

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

We confess that we often rely on what we can see and control, rather than trusting fully in You. We cling to familiar ways and resist the quiet work of Your Spirit within us. At times, we choose comfort over obedience, and shadows over light. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our hearts. Help us to trust Your saving love and to walk more fully in Your truth.

Through Christ our Lord we pray,
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER *Concluding with The Lord's Prayer*
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. **AMEN.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 12:1-4 Chris Sykes

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC: "Made for More"

Praise Band

***SCRIPTURE READING:** John 3:1-8

Pastor Ken

SERMON: *How Can This Be?*

Pastor Ken

OFFERING

Offerings may be mailed/brought to church or given online through our church webpage at [Giving](#) Thank you!

*DOXOLOGY

HOLY COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN:** "Blessed Assurance"

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*BENEDICTION

WEEKLY UPCOMING EVENTS

On Saturday, March 7, everyone is invited to join in the celebration of Cainon Miller's 1st birthday! The party will be in the fellowship hall from 2:00-4:00. No gifts necessary- just come spend time with the church baby!

New Sharon church is looking to hire a pianist to play for our 11:00 worship service. If you, or someone you know, is interested in the position please contact Audrey or Judi.