

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.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER REQUEST LINK:** Send celebrations and concerns to: [prayer@newsharonchurchnc.org](mailto:prayer@newsharonchurchnc.org)

**CARDS:** To have card sent from church, contact Faye Cleaton: [fbcleaton@gmail.com](mailto: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](#)

**BIRTHDAY CARD-** Frances Baugess will celebrate her birthday on April 11. Please sign the birthday card that is on the back podium.

### CALENDAR EVENTS:

**April 7 at 10:00 a.m.** the New Sharon Women will sort and price yard sale donations.

**April 14 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.

**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.

**May 3 at 4:30 p.m.** the SPRC will meet in the upstairs classroom.

**May 17, at 4:00 p.m.** the Administrative Council will meet in the fellowship hall.

### FINANCE REPORT:

March Expenses: \$9,473.57

March Credits: \$10,458.85

### 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:** We encourage 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!

**PIANIST:** 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.



New Sharon Church  
A Global Methodist Congregation

~ Est. 1768 ~

April 5, 2026

11:00 a.m.

## EASTER SUNDAY



*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!

**APRIL 5, 2026  
EASTER SUNDAY**

\* Please stand, as able

*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: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: The grave is empty!

**People: God's love has won!**

Leader: Death is defeated!

**People: New life has begun!**

Leader: This is the day of resurrection!

**People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: Come, let us worship the risen King!

**People: We come with joy and praise! Amen.**

\***OPENING HYMN:** "Up From the Grave He Arose" #322

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Risen Lord,

**We confess that we often live as though the tomb is still sealed—held back by fear, doubt, and sin.**

**We cling to what is familiar instead of stepping into the new life you offer.**

**We turn away from your light and settle for shadows.**

**Forgive us.**

**Roll away the stones in our hearts.**

**Call us again by name, and lead us into the joy and freedom of your resurrection.**

**In your mercy, renew us.**

**In your grace, restore us.**

**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:** Colossians 3:1-4 Paul Jones

**MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC:** Praise Band  
"Glorious Day"

\***SCRIPTURE READING:** John 20:1-18 Pastor Ken

**SERMON:** *When Seeing Is Not Believing* Pastor Ken

**OFFERING**

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

\***DOXOLOGY**

**HOLY COMMUNION** #12

\***CLOSING HYMN:** "He Lives" #310

\***BENEDICTION**



*Hallelujah, Christ is Risen!*