

# Sharon Methodist Church

## MAY NEWSLETTER



### MISSION STATEMENT

Sharon Methodist Church is a Spirit-filled family of disciples of Jesus Christ who love God, each other, and our community.

We are part of the new Global Methodist denomination and are committed to traditional family values, a high view of Scripture and serving our neighbors in love. Strategically located in a rural, but growing, area close to the Atlantic Ocean, Sharon Church attracts a mix of long-time locals and new transplants from other parts of the United States. We are a dynamic, kingdom-focused church.

Following the roots of Methodism, our church is devoted to putting faith and love into action (practical divinity, as John Wesley called it) and our primary mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Therefore, we believe we have a responsibility to reach out and listen to you, to accept you as a sister or brother, to share the Good News with you through both word and action, to invite you into our family of faith, to joyfully receive you when you respond, and to continue to encourage you on your spiritual journey.





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## UPCOMING DATES

May 3	Membership Sunday
May 3	VBS Interest Meeting
May 7	Methodist Men's Dinner (6:00PM)
May 8	Bingo (6:00PM)
May 14	Methodist Mens Breakfast (8:00AM)
May 28	Bowling at Planet Fun (7:00PM)

# Church NEWS

## I bet you didn't know.....

Anytime between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:00 noon, Monday – Thursday, you walk into the office reception area and notice things are “a buzz”. We have some very special people who come in and help us maintain order in the office by completing some very important, ongoing tasks and by simply being there to answer your questions at times.



On Mondays you might see **Bev Lenk** running around collecting leftover bulletins in the pews, getting the numbers together to report in next week's bulletin, or you

might get “that call” “Would you like to be a Greeter/Reader/Communion Server, for Sunday (Date)?”. Whatever is left over from Monday tasks she quickly gets to on Tuesdays.

On Wednesdays, **Nancy Bollinger**, quietly sits at the desk and pours over the greeting cards for those who need a kind or encouraging word due to sickness, a family death, or a birthday. She carefully selects just the right card for each person on her list.



On Thursdays **Sherry Zimmerman** hits the ground running as she prepares the bulletins for Sundays by putting them together and sometimes adding flyers to them.

**Judy Montague** comes in mid-week to prepare the slides for Praise Team practice and also works on various projects that might be required on the computer.



Each of these important women answers calls and directs people who have questions and concerns when issues come up and without them the office would not run smoothly. I've just given you a small snapshot of the core tasks we have them working on but those tasks are in between many other office functions that they have to keep things running while Jackie and I get our work done. We could not do it without them!

*Freda Baxter*



# From The Desk of *Pastor Paul*



## **Holy Week**

What a powerful series of Holy Week worship services we had. We considered the services as one long worship service, beginning at Palm/Passion Sunday. That Sunday, we celebrated of course the Triumphant Entry of Jesus to Jerusalem. We also read, with many readers stationed throughout the sanctuary, as the events from later that week, led Jesus to be arrested, convicted, crucified, and died.



# From The Desk of *Pastor Paul*



Maundy Thursday saw the Methodist Men lead us in the Living Last Supper. What a powerful portrayal of both the last supper with Jesus as well as the devotion of his disciples as we were each asked, "Were you there"? Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this special night possible!



Easter Sunday was greeted by a small gathering at the Prayer Garden for our sunrise service, and then a service of Life and Hope- Resurrection Sunday!

We hope that each of you experienced the Risen Savior! Christ is Alive!

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Also coming up in May are Sundays on Mission: from celebrating and praying for our spring trip to the Dominican Republic, to special events throughout May. We will help host an event at Pine Valley MC on May 17, and will host the director of Project Agape on May 31, as well as a Conference Mission Night here on May 30th.

Blessings,

*Pastor Paul*

**Note from the Cemetery Committee:** The Cemetery Committee wants you to know that any contribution marked specifically for the Cemetery Fund will go towards the lawn upkeep of the cemetery, such as gas for mowing, etc.

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As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's grace.

- 1 Peter 4:10

## The saying goes, Spring has Sprung! But, so has your Missions/Outreach Team!

On March 6th, Pastor, the Leonard's, the Harland's & Mark Minor attended a breakfast outreach at CRCI. Information was shared on their Residential Programs, their Workforce Redevelopment Program, their vision for future planning & development. Seeing firsthand how CRCI is making a difference in the lives of those they serve and how Sharon Church can better partner with them.

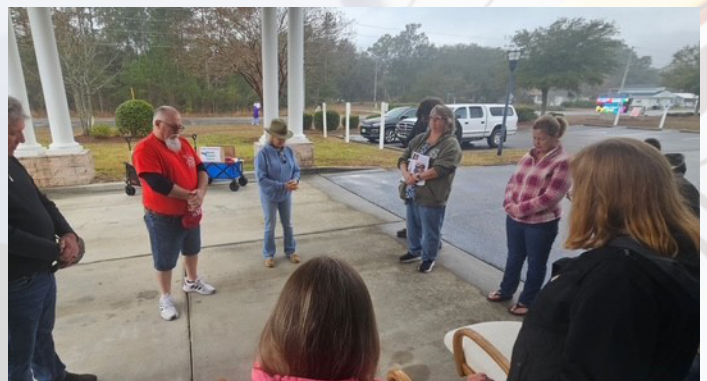


We were doubly blessed on Palm Sunday to have The Rose House ladies & the men from Grants Harbor share & participate in our service! The Rose House also joined us for The Living Last Supper portrayal.

Our Wagon Pull Ministry is rolling right along! Within each new neighborhood we are making connections, walking alongside those experiencing life trials & sharing the love our Savior freely gives.



Drive Thru Prayer is continuing monthly as our faithful volunteer pray-ers lift up & intercede for all the folks stopping by. What a privilege to walk with them through their sorrows, their praises & share the gospel!



April 17th brought together Suds of Love, StreetReach, New Hope Clinic, BSRI, Brunswick County Health & Human Services and of course, volunteers from Sharon Church's Mission team for our SERVE DAY! How blessed were we all to have

# MISSIONS OUTREACH



such beautiful weather, to love on many members of our community, to provide needed supplies, free basic medical care, hot showers & clean clothing, free box fans, yummy bagged lunches and 10 loads of laundry washed, dried & folded!! Our hearts overflowed!!! Our collaboration provided DIGNITY, HOPE & SO MUCH LOVE!!



We will be sharing upcoming Serve Day info soon. PLEASE! Come out, volunteer & be blessed!!

All For His Glory,  
*Lori Minor*



# RECREATION TEAM



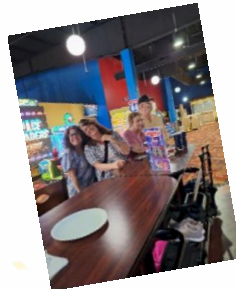
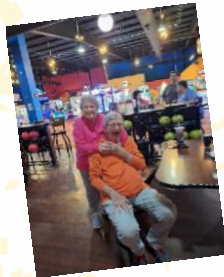
We had a great turn out for March Bingo & lots of fun. We had 1 table that won several times & Colleen brought a yummy peanut butter dessert for all to share. In April we had a good crowd of 44 people, and the night was filled with lots of laughs & good fellowship with Hotdogs & Chips to eat.

We are taking donations for prizes & gift cards if anyone would like to contribute or if anyone would like to donate a cake or any baked goods that would be great also. Come join us on Bingo night for fun & fellowship!



Bowling will be on Thursday, May 28th at 7:00PM at Planet Fun in Shallotte. The cost is \$2.00 per game & \$3.00 for shoe rental. Pizza is provided by the Recreation Team. Come on out for some fun! We hope to see you there!

In March we had a big crowd of 18 people for bowling with several people having a high score of over 150 & quite a few more with a score of over 100. Woo Hoo!! 🎳🎉



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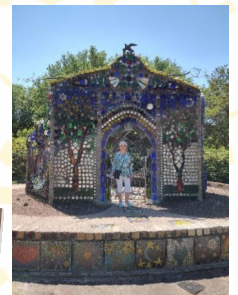
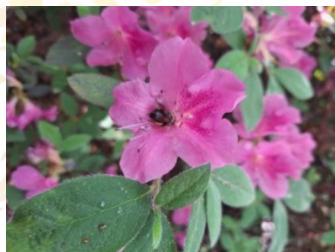
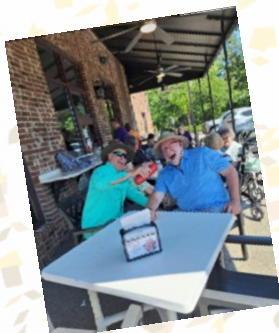
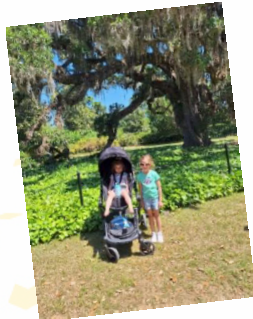
We had a nice day for our outing to Airlie Gardens in Wilmington on Saturday, April 18th to see the flowers & God's great nature. After the gardens we had some yummy lunch at PT's Grille. Our last stop was at Lewis Farms Market where we had some delicious homemade ice cream & Emma & Skylar picked some strawberries. Several people bought some flowers, strawberries, & goodies to bring home with them. We had a great time & fellowship together. Thank you to all who came to spend your day with us. It is greatly appreciated. Also, we want to thank Brian & Mark for being our drivers for the day. We appreciate you very much!

Any ideas that someone may have for the Recreation Team or an outing please feel free to share it with us. Also, if anyone would like to be a part of the Recreation team, please let us know. We will be glad to have you join us.

Thank you & blessings to all!

*Your Recreation Team*

Lance, Gretchen & Audree  
Brian & Dottie James  
Christa & Doug Boulia



# News From The Rose



The Rose would like to introduce our newest paid employee. Please join us in welcoming Renee Cushing. Renee began volunteering in March and started as an employee on April 1st. She and Katie will be managing the store while Tina is away this summer. Renee was born and raised in Chicago and prior to moving to NC she and her family lived in the suburb of Naperville, IL for 21 years. Renee and her husband David have three adult children living in NC, Colorado and Chicago. They moved to Leland in Aug 2021 to escape the harsh winters of Chicago and be close to family here. She found out about The Rose from her brother and sister-in-law, Rich and Kathy Rudnicki. How does she feel about working at The Rose: **"I'm excited to work at The Rose of Sharon because I enjoy being part of something that gives back to the community. It feels good knowing that the work I do helps support missions and charities that make a real difference. What I get out of working here is a sense of purpose, connection with others, and the opportunity to be part of a positive and meaningful environment."**

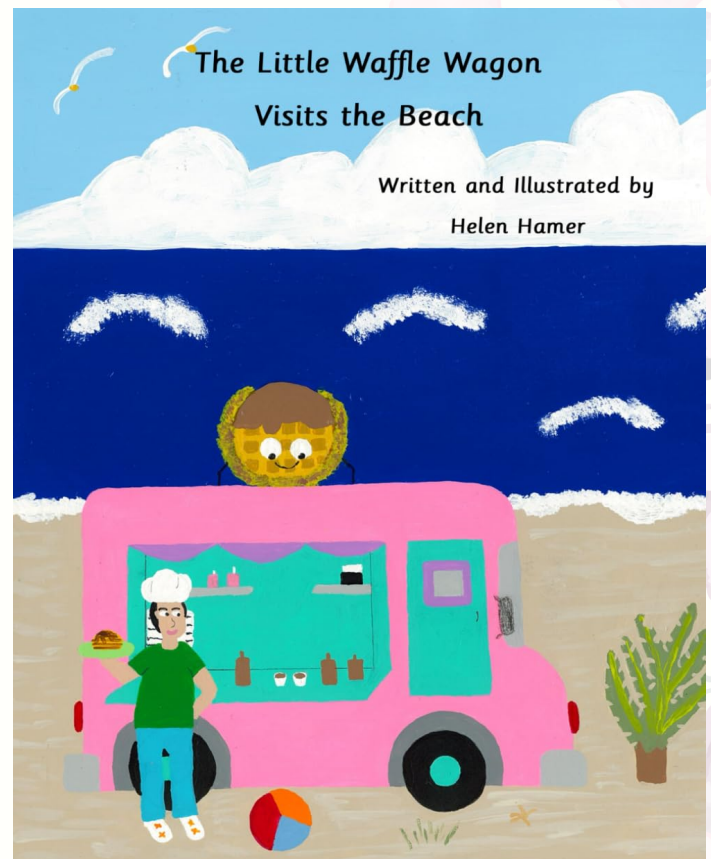
## Expansion News:

By the time you read this we will hopefully be close to, if not already, moving into our expansion. Be on the lookout for opening news!

## Thank You :

- Tina sends a special thank you two of our Methodist Men (Kevin H. and Mark M.) for reconnecting the electricity and lights to the second Conex trailer.

- A big thank you to Helen Hamer for donating her newest book to Sharon's Story Station. Her commitment to sharing her talent and her continued support in donating several books is truly appreciated. Thank you for sharing your gifts to bless others and to bring big smiles to the children.



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# News From The Rose

## Raffles :

- Kenny Ward, from Western NC, was the lucky winner of the Coach purse raffle. We raised \$106.00. Thank you to all who purchased tickets and to the donor of the purse.

- One of our community members, Donna, who is a faithful donor recently gave us many homemade holiday and child themed gift baskets. We will be raffling them off over the rest of the year. Mother's Day and July 4th themed baskets are in the store now. Please stop in and buy a couple tickets to support our expansion.

## Fun Times at The Rose :

Tina has always gone out of her way to celebrate all her volunteers. She never forgets a birthday or special occasion. And that's why we all love her! Here are a few pictures of just a couple of our 'Fun Times'.

*Kathy Rudnicki*

Rose of Sharon Board, Chairperson





North Carolina Conference  
GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

NC GMC MISSIONS presents

# Faith on the Frontlines:

## *Voices from the Middle East and North Africa*

- Hear speakers from the region share firsthand accounts of gospel movement in Muslim-majority nations
- Learn how your congregation can partner with missional communities in the region

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**Saturday, May 16, 2026**

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**St. Paul Methodist Church**  
204 E Chestnut St, Goldsboro, NC

**Sunday, May 17, 2026**

**3:00 – 6:00 PM**

**Pine Valley Methodist Church**  
3788 Shipyard Blvd, Wilmington, NC

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**REGISTER**

<https://bit.ly/FaithFrontlines>



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# We're in the Bible App.



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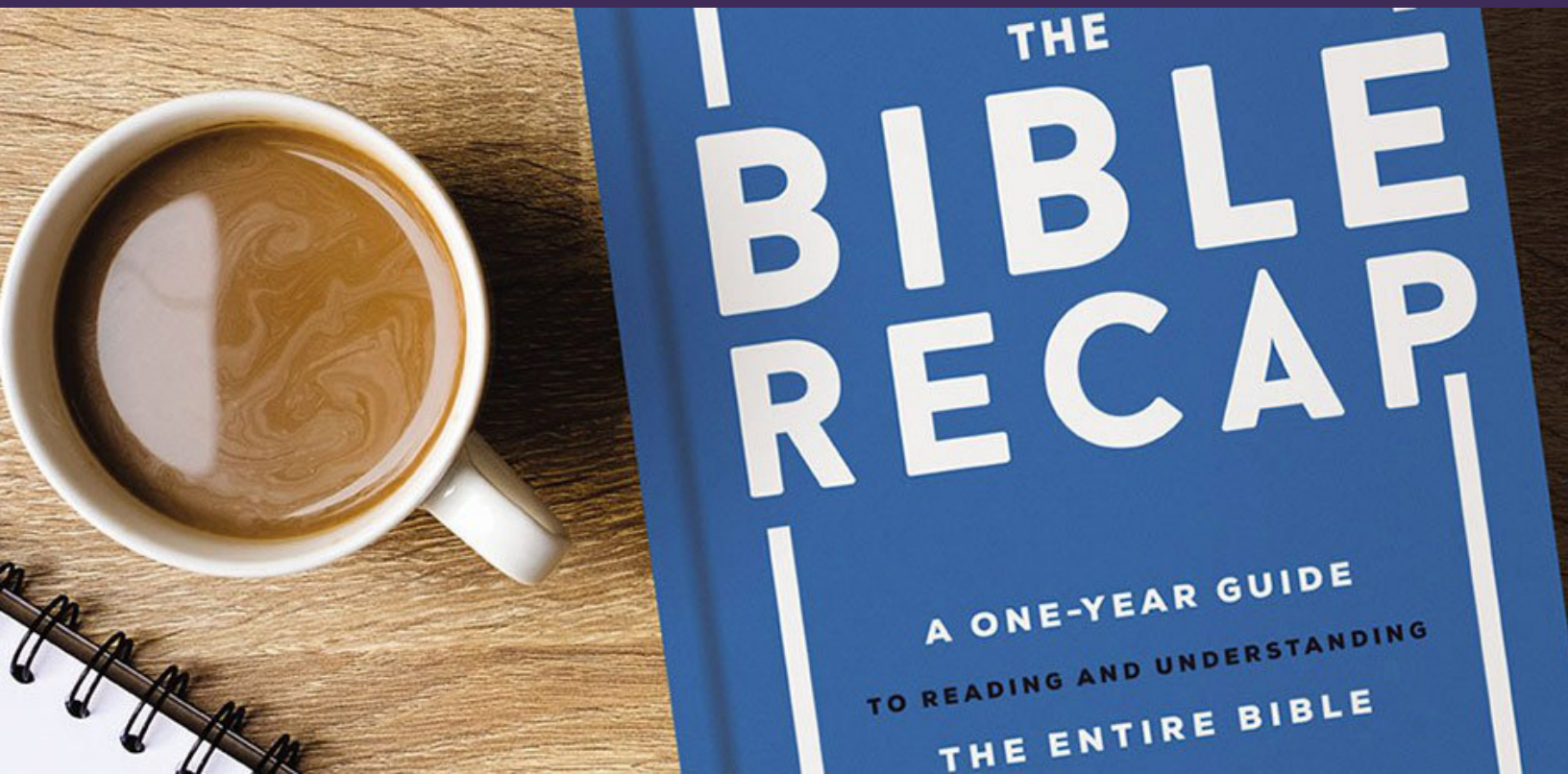
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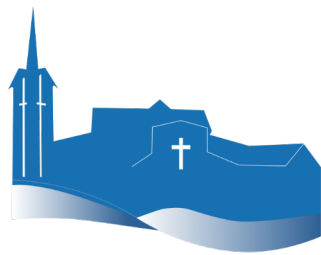
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