

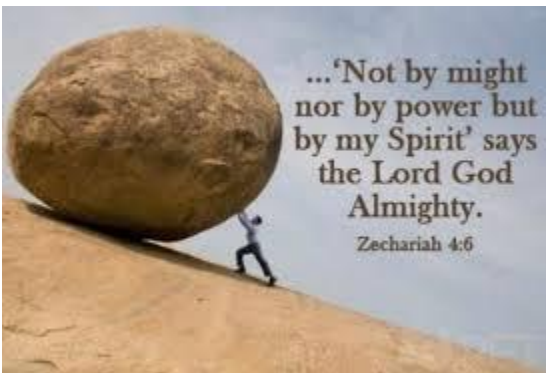
Sharon-Hope This Week – January 30th, 2026
Sharon-Hope United Church
A vibrant community of faith, hope and love ...
come and see!

“When Strength Runs Out, the Spirit Steps In”

Rev Sadekie

Zechariah 4:6

“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty.”



There are moments when life confronts us with situations that feel immovable, circumstances that refuse to budge no matter how hard we try, pray, plan, or push. This verse was spoken to a people facing what looked impossible: rebuilding amid exhaustion, opposition, and limited resources. God’s word to them was not a strategy, but an assurance. What lies ahead

will not be accomplished by human strength alone, but by divine presence at work.

This scripture gently dismantles the illusion that everything depends on us.

“Might” and “power” represent effort, influence, and capacity, the very things



we reach for when anxiety rises. Yet God reminds us that lasting transformation does not flow from force or control, but from the quiet, faithful work of the Spirit. When our strength runs thin, the Spirit does not withdraw; the Spirit moves closer.

The assurance in this text is profound: **you are not expected to carry what God has already claimed as God’s work.** The outcome does not rest on your

endurance alone, your cleverness, or your ability to hold everything together. God’s Spirit supplies wisdom where there is confusion, courage where there is fear, and perseverance where hope feels fragile.

God is saying to you today,

"When fear tries to interrupt your peace during the day, remember who walks with you. I am greater than what worries you. My word in Psalm 118:6 says, 'The Lord is with me. I will not be afraid.' Fear does not get to decide your direction. Stay anchored in Me and let courage grow as you move forward."

remind us that this work does not rest on our might or power. Help us to release what we cannot control and to trust Your presence to sustain, guide, and complete what You have begun. Breathe hope into our weary places and lead us forward by Your Spirit. Amen.

Reflection Question

Where might God be inviting you to release control and trust the quiet, steady work of the Spirit instead?

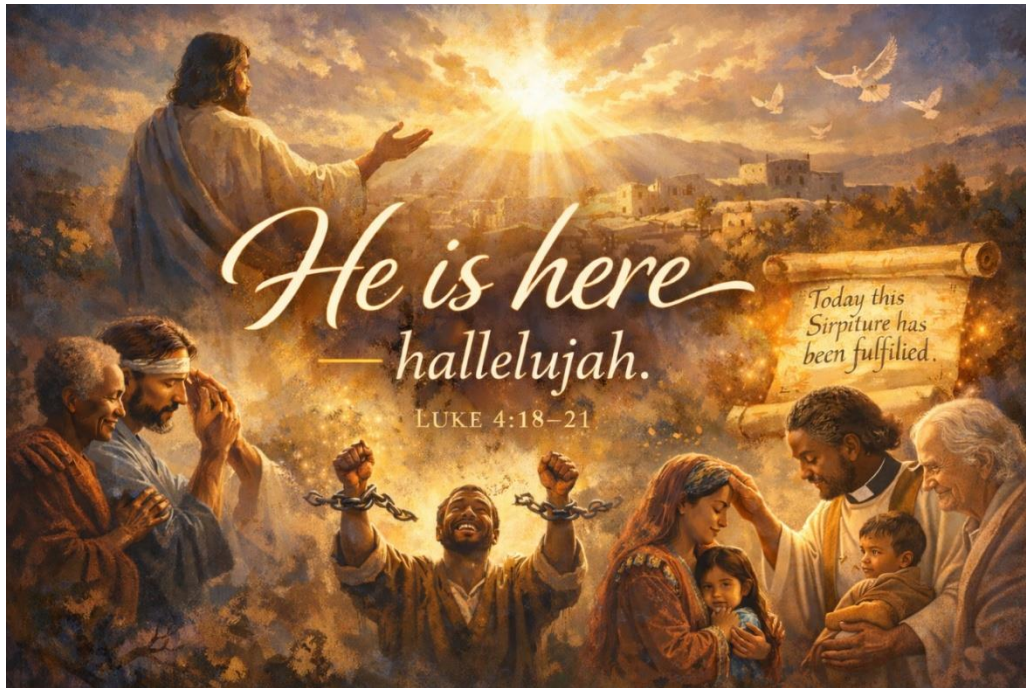
Zechariah 4:6 invites us to shift our posture from striving to trusting, from anxiety to expectancy. What seems impossible to us is not overwhelming to God. The Spirit specializes in breathing life into stalled places, reviving vision, and making a way forward where none appears.

So when circumstances loom large and your resources feel small, take heart. The promise still stands. What God has begun, God will complete not by your might, not by your power, but by God's Spirit.

Prayer

Spirit of the Living God, when our strength fails and the way forward feels impossible,

This Month's Theme



This Sunday's Message:

"He is Here to Reform our Values"



A MOMENT OF
Hope

Weekly Online Devotional

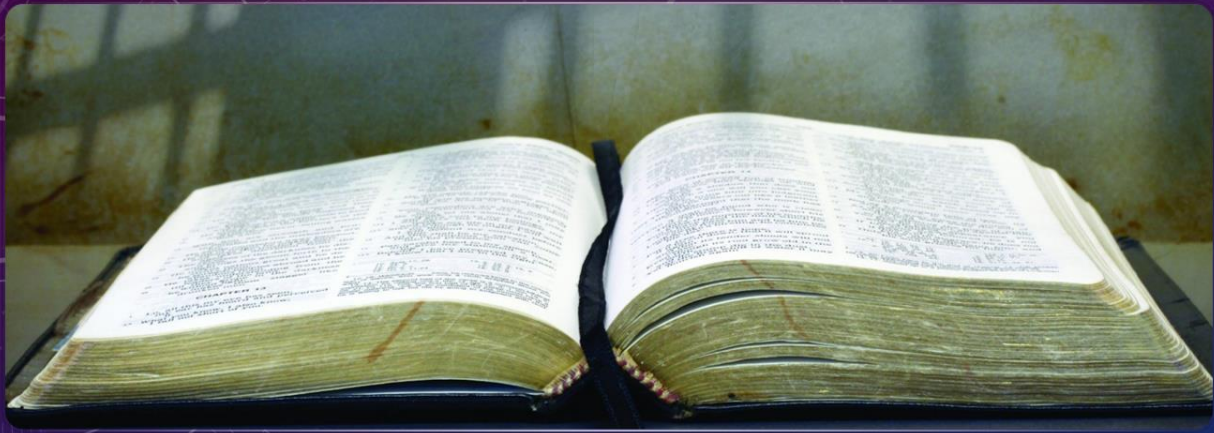


**New Videos are Available Every Monday at 6am
on Facebook & Youtube. Click [Here](#) to see last week's Devotional video**



As WE follow
after Christ, we
all can lead one

each **ONE**
REACH one



LECTIONARY READINGS 2026

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
READING THE ONLINE
VERSION?

WOULD YOU PREFER
TO PRINT YOUR OWN
COPY AT HOME?

[Click Here to
Access the Full
Series for 2026.](#)

THANK YOU TO OUR FEBRUARY 1ST VOLUNTEERS!!

Greeter

Ed

All

Susan

Scripture

Maryann

**Collection
ushers**

Coffee Time

Carol, Mary Jane &
Ginny

AV team

Jim & Bob

Remember to signup outside the kitchen or
[click here](#)

ON AIR

Missed a Service? Look for it on [Sharon-Hope's YouTube channel](#)

Watch where you want when you want!

Remember



Sharon-Hope is a scent-free building

Did you know ... You can find the weekly readings for 2026 [here](#)

Readings for February 1st ...

OT: Micah 6:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Sharon-Hope United Church is having
a Community pancake dinner!!!



Delicious pancakes, sausages and ice cream for dessert will be served from **5pm to 7pm on Tuesday, February 17th**. Order your tickets online by clicking on the link below, or use the QR code:

<https://forms.gle/DK4FW6EmWumUSby8>



You can also order them through the church office. Ticket pricing is:

Adults - \$15
Children aged 3 to 10 years - \$6
Children under the age of 3 – no charge
Family package (2 adults + 3 children aged 3 to 10) \$35

Please purchase your tickets as early as possible.

If you have questions, please call our office at 905-478-2231
The church is located at 18648 Leslie Street in Sharon
Everyone is welcome to this event!



Sharon-Hope United Church presents

YORK HARMONY CHORUS *in* Concert

Pop Songs in 4 - Part Harmony



Saturday

Feb 28, 2026

SHOWTIME: 1:30 PM

Tickets: \$25

Refreshments after the show

Scan QR Code
for Tickets



SANCTUARY
18648 Leslie St,
Sharon, ON

Gates open at 12:45pm

Tel: 1 (905) 478-2231 | Email: sharonhopeuc@gmail.com | <https://sharonhopeunitedchurch.ca/>



A Message from Finance

December and Year-end Financial Update

December was another month of good news and gratitude. For the second month in a row, donations exceeded the amount needed to cover all monthly expenses. A generous gift of shares, made through The United Church of Canada Foundation (UCCF) program was gratefully received. And an unanticipated \$5,000 donation from Rainbows for All Children Canada (Rainbows) came to us through the work of one of our members on the dissolution of that organization. It is disheartening that this special organization came to an end. These 2 special gifts accounted for most of the additional donations for the month. As a result, December ended with a surplus of **\$12,600**. We give thanks for the generosity, commitment, and faithfulness shown throughout this past year.

All other income sources and expenses were in line with expectations for the month, with one exception: the Harmony Hall floor stripping was postponed and completed in January instead.

Overall, income sources for the year exceeded budget by **\$25,142**. This wonderful result was made possible:

- when we individually donated more through regular envelope givings to the tune of **\$14,000** in excess of budget (some of this may have been Count-Me-In Special gifts but was not identified as such),
- through an unanticipated special donation of **\$5,000** by **Rainbows**
- when we worked together to make our fundraisers successful resulting in **\$2,600 more** than budgeted, and
- by opening our doors and welcoming outside users which generated **\$2,400 more** than budgeted from rental and other services.

On the expense side, we spent **\$5,170 less** than expected for the year. Combined, these income gains and expense savings totaled to **\$30,312**

At the start of the year, we anticipated a shortfall of \$34,000. The Count Me In Special Gift program was implemented to cover that shortfall. You voted to support the program, and you went beyond what was needed as explained above. All of your efforts left us with a small **shortfall of \$3,688**. You then gave your Count-Me-In special gifts in the amount of **\$23,251** to bring us to our final **year-end surplus of \$19,563**.

This outcome is a powerful testament to faithful stewardship and shared ministry. Thank you for responding so generously to God's work among us and for supporting the life and mission of our church.

With gratitude and blessings,
Your Finance Team

Sharon-Hope United Church Income & expense summary	Year-to-date December		
	2025		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
<u>Income</u>	\$	\$	\$
Donations	124,475	104,350	20,125
All other sources	111,077	106,060	5,017
Total income	235,552	210,410	25,142
<u>Expense</u>			
Total expense	239,240	244,410	(5,170)
Operating deficit before the following	(3,688)	(34,000)	30,312
Count Me In Special Gifts	23,251	34,000	(10,749)
Operating SURPLUS	19,563	(0)	19,563
OPERATING DEFICIT, DECEMBER 31, 2024	(642)		
OPERATING SURPLUS, DECEMBER 31, 2025	<u>18,921</u>		



**Cold and Flu
Season is
upon us!**



**Reduce the
spread and
stay home if
you are feeling
unwell**

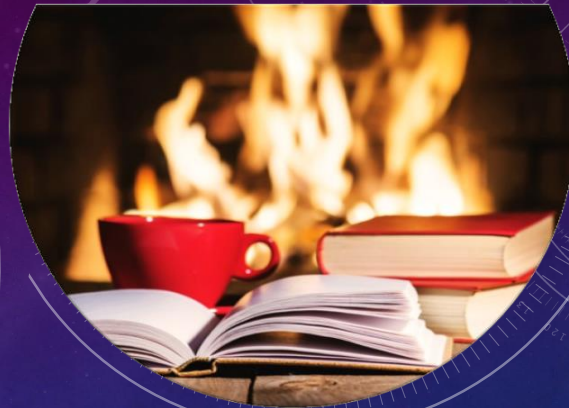
**Services are always
available virtually
on ZOOM**

**Check the website
or eBlast for the link**





Thank you for
your donations.



CARING CRAFTERS

Check Out Our Library!!

Please remember the book sale is
for Novels Only.



SIGN UP FOR COFFEE TIME!!

Home baked Goods
not required

Sign Up Sheet located
outside the Kitchen.

The Week at a Glance (See [website calendar](#) for other details)

Week at a Glance – February 1 st – February 7 th						
Sunday February 1	Monday February 2	Tuesday February 3	Wednesday February 4	Thursday February 5	Friday February 6	Saturday February 7
		Rev Sadekie in Office		Rev Sadekie in Office	Rev Sadekie in Office	St. Silouan Orthodox Church 9am-1pm Harmony Hall / Kitchen
		Ignited Learning 9:30am-3pm Outside		Lectionary 11am Lounge	Ignited Learning 9:30am-12pm Outside	
SHUC Worship 10 - 11am Sanctuary or Click for ZOOM		Caring Crafters 1pm Lounge			Gwillimbury Quilters 10am-3pm Harmony Hall / Kitchen	
Sharon Village Bible Church 1 - 5pm Building		Pastoral Care Meeting 1:30pm-3:30pm Rev Sadekie's office		SHUC Celebration Choir 7pm Sanctuary		
	Canadian Tai Chi 7pm-9pm Harmony Hall	York Harmony Chorus 6:30pm-10pm Harmony Hall	A Cappella York 6:30pm-10pm Harmony Hall	Church of Christ 7:15pm-9:15pm Hall / Lounge		Church of Christ 5pm – 9pm Hall / Lounge

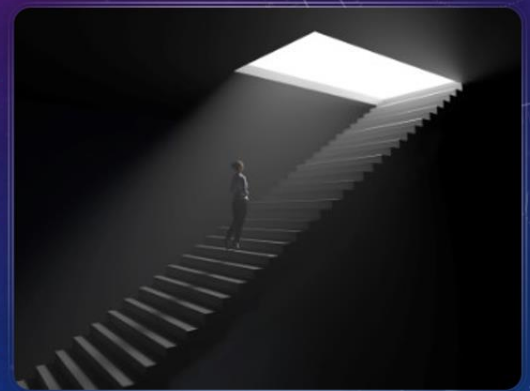
DID YOU KNOW ... YOU ARE NOT ALONE

If you would like Rev Sadekie to call you, you could do one of the following:

Leave a voicemail message on the minister's confidential phone # 905 -589-0889

Leave a voicemail message on the office phone # 905-478-2231 and the office will direct the message

Let your phone tree caller know and they can direct a message



Community Notices

CHATs, [Community Programs](#)

United Church of Canada, [Events and Webinars](#) and [e-Newletters](#)

Shining Waters Regional Council, [Events](#) and [News](#) (including the Current)

Toronto United Church Council, [Events and Workshops](#)

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