

Sharon-Hope This Week –June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Sharon-Hope United Church  
A vibrant community of faith, hope and love ...  
come and see!

## Carrying the Right Baggage



Rev Sadekie

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” - Galatians 5:22–23*

The spring cleaning continues. As we clear out closets, organize drawers, and decide what needs to stay and what needs to go, we also begin to think about another season that often comes with this time of year: travel.



There is something exciting about preparing for a journey. We make plans, choose destinations, and begin thinking about what we will need along the way. But anyone who has packed a suitcase knows the challenge: you cannot take everything with you.

Every item has a cost.

The more we carry, the heavier the journey becomes.

Extra baggage means more effort, more responsibility, more cost based on how airlines work these days and sometimes less freedom to enjoy the experience. That is why packing requires intentionality.

What do I really need?

What will serve me on this journey?

What can I leave behind?



The same questions apply to our lives.

When we look back on our experiences, our relationships, our struggles, and our growth, we discover that not everything from our past should be discarded. Sometimes in the process of healing and moving forward, we assume we have to leave everything behind. But our past can also hold gifts. There are things we have collected along the way that have shaped us in meaningful ways.

- Wisdom gained from difficult seasons.
- Compassion developed through our own struggles.
- Resilience built through challenges we never expected to face.
- Faith strengthened through moments when we had to trust God beyond what we could see.

These are not heavy burdens. They are valuable pieces of our story.

They are like a good pair of multipurpose shoes—the kind that may not be the most impressive item in your suitcase, but they are reliable, comfortable, and useful in many different situations. They travel well. They adapt. They serve a purpose.

Our experiences can be like that. The lessons we have learned can help us walk with others. The compassion we have developed can help us respond with grace. The resilience we have gained can help us keep moving when the road becomes difficult.



But there is also baggage that was never meant to travel with us.

Some things belong to a previous season. Old bitterness. Unforgiveness. Fear that keeps us from stepping forward.

Shame that tells us we are defined by our mistakes. Expectations and labels that were placed on us but no longer reflect who God is calling us to become.

God does not ask us to carry what prevents us from living fully.

Paul reminds the church in Galatia that the Spirit produces a different kind of life within us. The fruit of the Spirit -love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, is the kind of baggage that strengthens our journey.

These qualities do not weigh us down. They equip us.

They help us navigate difficult conversations.

They help us respond to uncertainty.

They help us love when loving is challenging.

They help us reflect Christ wherever we go.

As we prepare for the journeys ahead, perhaps we need to ask ourselves:



What am I carrying that God is inviting me to release?

What am I carrying that God is reminding me to value?

What parts of my story have become gifts that I can offer others?

The goal is not to travel empty.

The goal is to travel wisely.

Because the right baggage does not burden us, it prepares us.

May we carry forward the things that help us love more deeply, live more faithfully, and walk more freely with God.

**Sunday's Message:**  
**“Enough Already! God Can Work with That”**  
**“Kind Enough Already”**



*Every **Thursday** from **11 am - 12 pm**, we read and discuss our insights on the Scriptures read on Sunday and others designated for study in the reading plan for that week.*

**Connect...Grow...Come and Join Us in the L**

A MOMENT OF  
*Hope*

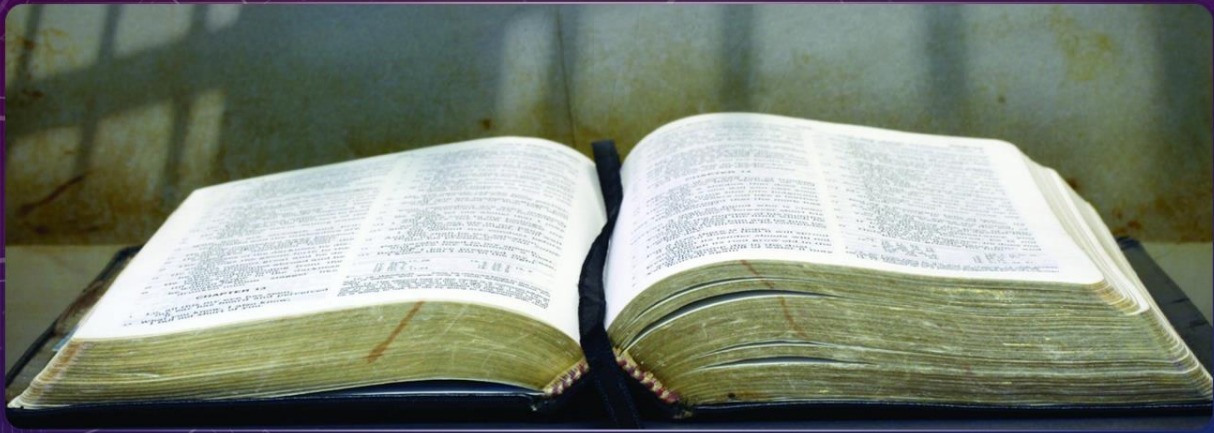
Weekly Online Devotional



**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



## 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 JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> VOLUNTEERS!!

**Greeter**

Ed

**All**

Susan

**Scripture**

Susan

**Collection**

ushers

**Coffee Time**

**AV team**

Mary Jane &

Vicki

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

A red, glowing "ON AIR" sign with white text, set against a dark background with a subtle grid pattern.

**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 June 28th...**

Epistle: Romans 6:12–23

Gospel: Matthew 10:40–42

## **June 2026 Council Update**

Well, summer is officially here! Here's what's been happening this past month.

### **Meeting Overview**

Along with approving the agenda, minutes from May's meeting and June's team reports, your Council addressed ongoing action items. Some exciting news! The Shining Waters grant application for \$10,000 to help support the repairs to the roof was approved. The insurance claim is still in progress, and the Trustees will provide an update as soon as more details are available.

### **Strategic Planning and Growth**

Rev. Sadekie and Jill Southwell connected with South Lake Futures, which provided contacts for community and business development support. Sheila Cook also presented ways she could support Council in gathering information about Sharon-Hope's identity and offerings. Stay tuned for more information.

### **Constitution and Faith Profile**

Both are living documents that are reviewed annually, with Council focusing first on the constitution. If you are interested in helping Council review the constitution and recommend changes, let us know.

### **Team Guidelines (previously called Mandates)**

Teams will provide brief monthly introductions to help the congregation understand their work.

### **2026/27 Planning and Events**

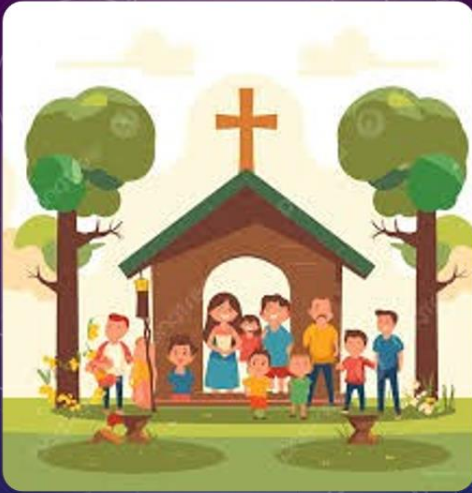
The calendar for the upcoming year was reviewed. Some key dates to mark on your calendar:

- July 12 – Picnic Sunday
- August 2 – Sharon-Hope will be closed for worship
- September 27 – Anniversary / Appreciation Sunday
- November 6 – King Davis Band Concert – ticket sales will start shortly
- November 14 and 15 – Take-out Chili Dinner – ticket sales will start shortly
- December 4 and 5 – Apple Pies!

### **Looking Ahead**

September's meeting is scheduled, with many ongoing tasks. The Council aims to foster greater community visibility, participation, and strategic growth aligned with the "Towards 2035" vision. Questions, comments, or suggestions? Please reach out to anyone on Council — we'd be happy to hear from you.

# OUTDOOR SERVICE & PICNIC SUNDAY JULY 12<sup>TH</sup> 10AM



- Bring your lunch  
*(cake & cold drinks will be provided)*
- Bring a small musical instrument
- Chairs/lawn chairs available

Everyone Is Welcome!!

Weather permitting  
(we will move inside if needed)

Zoom Not Available

## A Message from Finance

### Financial Update for May

Donations were \$1,200 less than budgeted for in the month of May. Thank you for giving what you did. If you're able to make extra donations in the coming months, please do.

The plant and yard sale went very well this year even with fewer shoppers as a result of the long weekend falling on the 16<sup>th</sup>. 100% of your beautifully packaged delicious baking was sold by the 17<sup>th</sup>. Most of your plant contributions also sold. Unsold plants made a welcome contribution to Carol's garden club sale. Thank you all for making this year's sale so successful. Total sales came to \$1,286 (2025 - \$1,596)

Rental income for May brought in more than was budgeted and helped to reduce our donation shortfall.

Expenses for the month were a bit lower than budget so the results for the month were as expected with a shortfall of \$3,500.

Adding this to our cumulative shortfall to the end of April raised our cumulative deficit to \$19,023. We have now eliminated the full surplus left from 2025. Efforts will need to be made to generate more income. Please help in any way that you are able.

With gratitude and blessings,  
Your Finance Team

Sharon-Hope United Church	Year-to-date May		
	2026		2025
Income & expense summary	Actual	Budget	Actual
<u>Income</u>	\$	\$	\$
Donations	43,174	41,916	44,747
All other sources	36,839	37,180	38,845
Total income	80,013	79,096	83,592
<u>Expense</u>			
Total expense	99,036	105,533	100,788
Operating deficit before the following	<b>(19,023)</b>	(26,437)	(17,196)
Count Me In Special Gifts	-	-	13,256
Operating DEFICIT	<b>(19,023)</b>	(26,437)	(3,940)
OPERATING SURPLUS, DECEMBER 31, 2025	18,921		
OPERATING SURPLUS, MAY 31, 2026	(102)		
	\$	\$	\$
<b>MISSION &amp; SERVICE</b>	3,844	4,167	3,667



Thank you for  
your donations



## CARING CRAFTERS Check Out Our Library!!

Please remember Only Novels  
can be donated.



## SIGN UP FOR COFFEE TIME!!

Sign Up Sheet  
located outside  
the Kitchen.

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

Week at a Glance – June 28 <sup>th</sup> to July 4 <sup>th</sup>						
Sunday June 28	Monday June 29	Tuesday June 30	Wednesday July 1	Thursday July 2	Friday July 3	Saturday July 4
		Rev Sadekie in Office		Rev Sadekie in Office	Rev Sadekie in Office	
			CANADA DAY	Lectionary 11am Lounge		
<u>SHUC Worship</u> 10 - 11am <u>Sanctuary or</u> <u>Click for ZOOM</u>	KidzCanPlay 7am-5pm Building	KidzCanPlay 7am-5pm Building		KidzCanPlay 7am-5pm Building	KidzCanPlay 7am-5pm Building	
Sharon Village Bible Church 1 - 5pm Building				SHUC Celebration Choir 7pm-9:30pm Sanctuary		
		York Harmony Chorus 6:30pm-10pm 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



Pastoral  
**CARE**

Do you or a friend  
need Pastoral Care?

Do you know how to  
contact Rev Sadekie?

# Do you need to speak with the Minister? Here's how...



1) Leave a confidential voicemail for Rev Sadekie on her private number 905-589-0889.



2) Email/Call the church office, leave your name & phone number and the office will direct the message. 905-478-2231



3) Let your phone tree caller know and they will redirect a message.

You Are Not Alone!

## Community Notices

CHATs, [Community Programs](#)

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

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

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

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