

Sharon-Hope This Week –July 10th, 2026
Sharon-Hope United Church
A vibrant community of faith, hope and love ...
come and see!

Where Did the Dandelions Go?



Rev Sadekie

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." —
Ecclesiastes 3:1

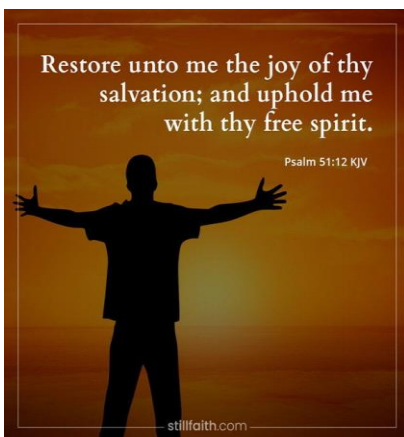
The dandelions on my front lawn and I have had a love-hate relationship for years. They seem to appear overnight, determined to flourish no matter how often they are pulled, cut, or sprayed. Over the years, they have become reluctant teachers, reminding me of resilience, persistence, and the remarkable ability to thrive against all odds. But the other evening, something caught my attention. In the intense heat, the dandelions were nowhere to be seen. Not on my lawn. Not on my neighbours' lawns. It was as if they had all disappeared. I wondered, *Where did the dandelions go?* It turns out the heat had gotten to them too.



I learned that during periods of extreme heat and intense sunlight, dandelion flowers close their petals. This is a natural protective response. By closing, they reduce moisture loss, protect their pollen from drying out, and conserve energy until conditions become more favourable. **They haven't died. They haven't given up. They are simply responding wisely to an environment that has become too harsh.**

Once again, the dandelions taught me something new. There are seasons in life when persistence looks like standing tall and pressing forward. But there are other seasons when wisdom looks like pulling back, resting, and protecting what is most precious. Our culture often celebrates constant productivity. We admire people who never stop, never slow down, and never seem affected by life's pressures. Yet even creation reminds us that there are times when survival requires us to close up for a while.

Jesus often did just that. After long days of teaching and healing, He withdrew to lonely places to pray. **He stepped away from the crowds, not because He was weak, but because He understood the importance of renewal.** If the Son of God embraced rhythms of retreat, perhaps we should not feel guilty when we need them too.



Maybe you are living through a season of intense heat—not from the weather, but from stress, grief, conflict, illness, or uncertainty. Perhaps you feel as though you've lost your colour or your energy. Maybe you've withdrawn from activities that once brought you joy. That does not necessarily mean you are failing. Like the dandelion, you may simply be protecting yourself until the conditions are right for flourishing again. The beautiful thing about a dandelion is that when the cool of the day returns, it opens once more toward the light. It does not remain closed forever. **Neither do we.**

God has created us with rhythms of work and rest, growth and recovery, blooming and waiting. There is no shame in recognizing when the heat is too much. Sometimes faith is not found in pushing harder but in trusting that God is sustaining us while we recover.

So, if someone asks, "*Where did the dandelions go?*" the answer is simple. They are still there. They are simply waiting for the right time to bloom again. And perhaps that is exactly where some of us are today.
Waiting...Resting...Trusting...Knowing that, in God's perfect time, we too will open again toward the light.

Sunday's Message:
“Break Time: Sow Seeds, Not Stress”



Sharon-Hope United Church

invites all to their annual

Outdoor Service *and* Picnic



Sunday
JULY 12, 2026
AT 10:00 AM



♥ Come as you are. All are welcome!

A MOMENT OF *Hope*

Weekly Online Devotional

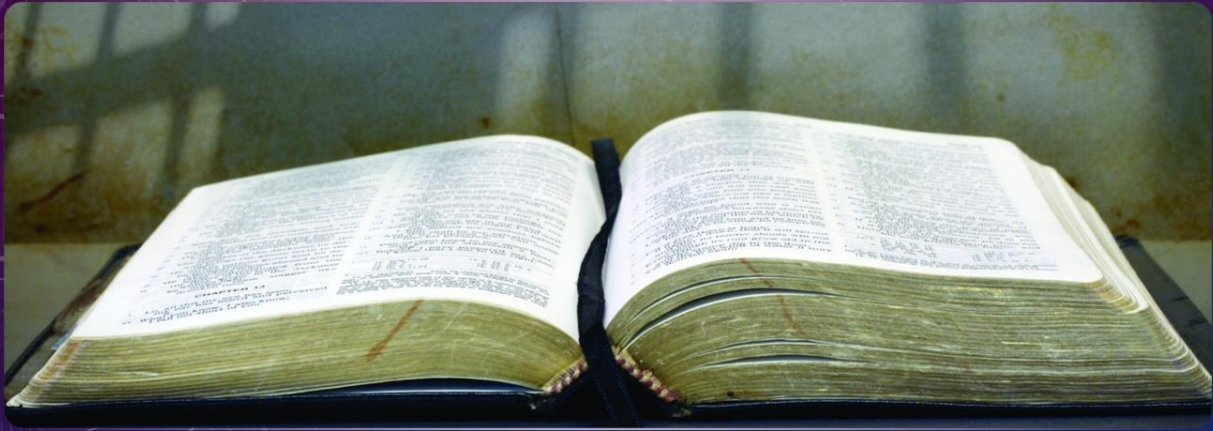


**New Videos are Available Every Monday at 6am
on Facebook & Youtube. Click [Here](#) to see last week's Devotional video**



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
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THANK YOU TO OUR JULY 12TH VOLUNTEERS!!

Greeter
Ed

All
Grace

Scripture
Maryann

Collection
ushers

Coffee Time
Cheryl

AV team
Tom & Bob

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 light gradient.

Missed a Service? Look for it on [Sharon-Hope's YouTube channel](#)
Watch where you want when you want!



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

Readings July 12th...

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



REV SADEKIE
WILL BE TAKING
SOME WELL-
DESERVED
TIME OFF

JULY 15TH –
JULY 31ST

Lectioary



LECTIONARY
CANCELED

July 16th
July 23rd
July 30th

Will Resume on
Thursday August 6th



UPCOMING CHANGES

- The Worship Team will lead the services on July 19th & July 26th.
- No Service on Sunday August 2nd (*Civic Holiday weekend*)

Churches that will be open on August 2nd

- St. James the Apostle (Newmarket)
- Aurora United Church
(temporarily located at Trinity Anglican)



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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 – July 12 th to July 18 th						
Sunday July 12	Monday July 13	Tuesday July 14	Wednesday July 15	Thursday July 16	Friday July 17	Saturday July 18
		Rev Sadekie in Office	Health Watchers 10am Outside	Rev Sadekie Away	Rev Sadekie Away	
				Lectionary Canceled		
SHUC Worship 10 - 11am Sanctuary or Click for ZOOM	KidzCanPlay 7am-5pm Building	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	Ignited Learning Kids Market 5pm-7pm Outside	
		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



**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!

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