

Sharon-Hope This Week –July 24th, 2026
Sharon-Hope United Church
A vibrant community of faith, hope and love ...
come and see!

Lessons from a Stolen Beavertail



Rev Sadekie

"Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour." -1 Peter 5:8

My birthday adventure this year took me to **Wasaga Beach** for the very first time. Although parts of the beachfront were under construction, it was still a beautiful place to spend the day. My teenage daughter gave the experience a **10 out of 10**—high praise from any teenager, and even more remarkable coming from my wonderfully cynical child! I took that as a sign that we had chosen well.

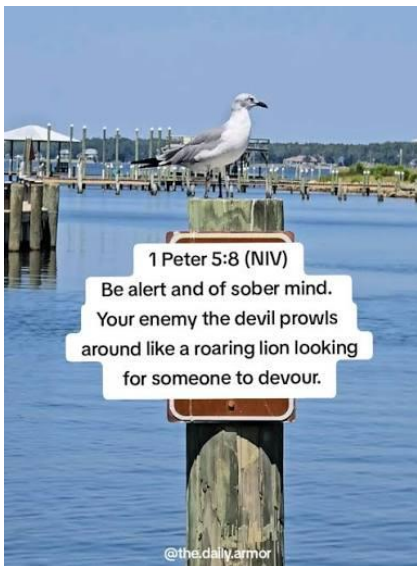
The water was rough but surprisingly warm. Even Imran, who is usually content to stay dry, ventured in. I found myself appreciating the solitude, the expansive scenery, and the kind of silence that creates space for reflection, renewal, and gratitude. Of course, no visit to a waterfront is complete for me without a **Beavertail**. It has become a tradition wherever I find myself by the water. This time, however, I had to share the experience with some very determined seagulls. They were remarkably brazen.



As we tried to enjoy our treats, we developed a strategy: eat while keeping one eye on the birds. What we didn't realize was that they had a strategy too. They worked together. While one gull hovered over Imran, drawing all my

attention, another quietly positioned itself above me. Before I realized what was happening, it swooped down and flew away with half of my Beavertail!

I couldn't help but laugh. But later I found myself wondering, *What could I possibly learn from such an experience?* Perhaps more than I expected.



The seagulls reminded me that distractions are rarely accidental. While my attention was fixed on one obvious concern, I became vulnerable somewhere else. Isn't that often how life works? We become so focused on one challenge that we fail to notice another quietly approaching. **Not every threat announces itself. Some arrive subtly, waiting for the moment our attention is divided.** Peter's words suddenly felt very practical: "**Keep alert.**" Discernment is part of faithful living. We cannot control everything that happens to us, but we can learn to be attentive, prayerful, and wise.



Ask yourself,
Was it a bad day?
Or was it a bad five
minutes that you
milked all day?

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The experience also reminded me that **not every loss is worth ruining the day over**. Yes, I lost half my Beavertail. But I still had half left. I still had laughter. I still had the beach, the water, and the memories we were making together. How often do we allow one disappointment to overshadow countless blessings? Sometimes the enemy cannot steal our joy outright, so instead he tempts us to fixate on what was lost

instead of giving thanks for what remains.



Sometimes, the best
moments in life are
the ones you didn't plan.

Finally, I was reminded that **some of life's best memories are the ones we never planned**. Years from now, I may not remember every detail of the beach, but I suspect we'll all remember the seagull that boldly stole my birthday treat. What felt like an interruption became part of the story we will laugh about for years to come. Perhaps that is true of many of life's unexpected moments.

God has a way of using interruptions to teach us awareness, perspective, and gratitude.

So the next time life swoops in and steals something you weren't expecting to lose, pause before letting disappointment take over.

Ask yourself, *What is God trying to teach me here?*

You may discover that while something was taken from your hand, God was placing something even more valuable in your heart.



“Don’t plan too much,
life has its own plans
for you.

Always remember that
some of the most
beautiful moments
of your life are
actually unplanned.”

Sunday’s Message:
“Break Time”

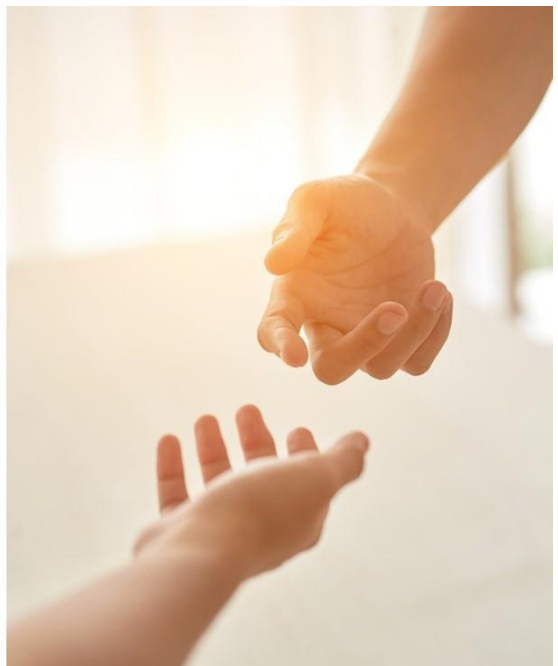


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WILL BE TAKING
SOME WELL-
DESERVED
TIME OFF

JULY 15TH –
JULY 31ST

A MOMENT OF
Hope

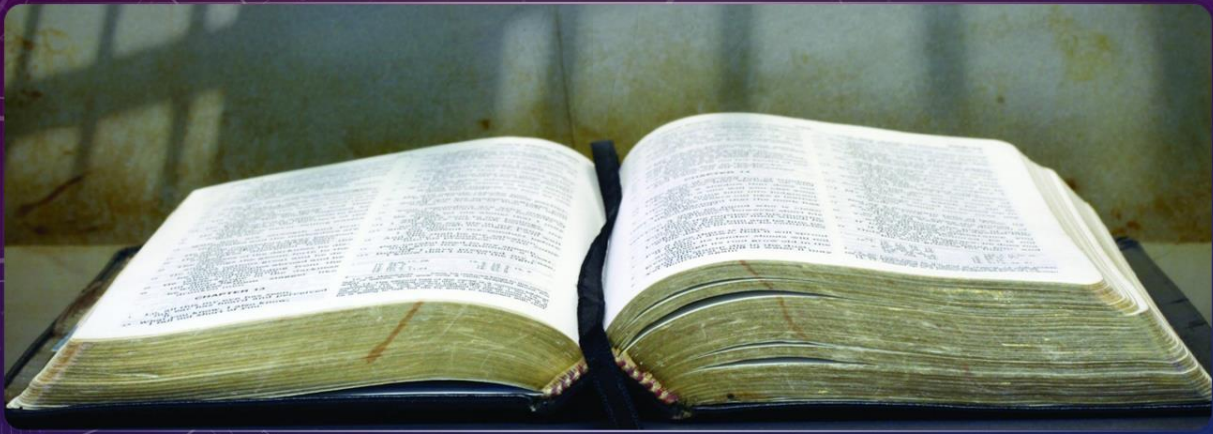
Weekly Online Devotional



**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?

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Join us on
Sunday July 26th for a

Coffee House
Worship Service!!

Located in Harmony Hall

Zoom not available.

THANK YOU TO OUR JULY 26TH VOLUNTEERS!!

Greeter
Ed

All
Worship Team

Scripture
Worship Team

Collection
ushers

Coffee Time
Cheryl & Audrey

AV team
Tom

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

A red, three-dimensional rectangular sign with the words "ON AIR" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The sign is mounted on a dark, curved base.

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 July 26th...

Scripture Readings – Worship Team



CANCELED

IMPORTANT NOTICE

NO WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday August 2nd

Churches that will be open on August 2nd

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

Lectioary



LECTIONARY
CANCELED

July 16th

July 23rd

July 30th

Will Resume on
Thursday August 6th



SAVE THE DATE!!

Sharon-Hope United Church is excited to welcome "The King Davis Band" an amazing cover band that excels in performing songs from Stevie Wonder, David Bowie, The Beatles, Michael Jackson and many more.

[Check Out their website to watch live performances.](#)

Friday November 6th
7pm

*Doors open at 6:20pm
Refreshments will be served during
intermission.*

Ticket Sales Coming Soon!!



**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 – July 26 th to August 1 st						
Sunday July 26	Monday July 27	Tuesday July 28	Wednesday July 29	Thursday July 30	Friday July 31	Saturday August 1
		Rev Sadekie AWAY		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		
		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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