

Sharon-Hope This Week –August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Sharon-Hope United Church  
A vibrant community of faith, hope and love ...  
come and see!

## Holding On to Hope in Uncertain Times

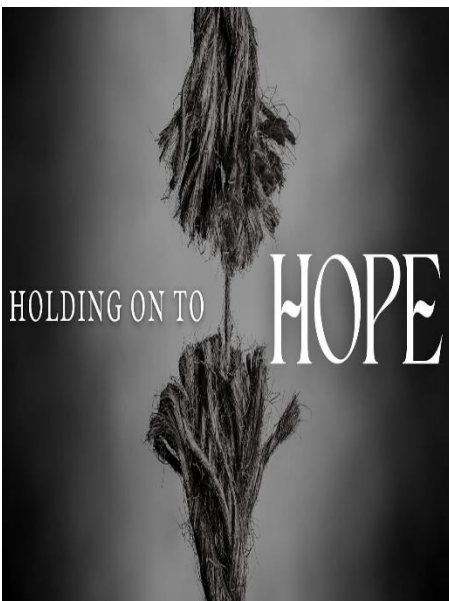


Rev Sadekie

*"But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." — Isaiah 40:31*

If there are two words that seems to describe this week, they are **waiting** and **uncertainty**.

**In seasons like these, hope can begin to feel fragile.** The headlines continue to remind us of a world under strain. Communities are coping with extreme weather, families are feeling the pressure of rising costs, wars continue to displace innocent people, and many are carrying burdens that never make the news, illness, grief, loneliness, fractured relationships, and questions about what the future holds.



It can feel overwhelming.

Closer to home, many of us are simply trying to make it through another week. We are balancing work and family, caring for aging parents,

supporting children and grandchildren, navigating health concerns, managing bills, waiting on information to make life altering decisions and wondering how much more we can carry.



*"There's light at the end of the tunnel but it looks like the bulb's gone."*

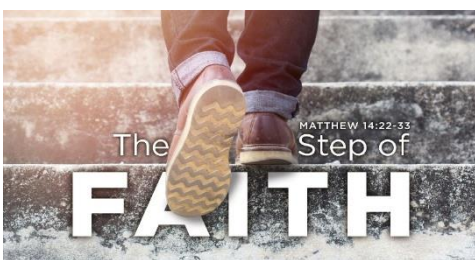
The prophet Isaiah wrote to people who also knew uncertainty. They were weary from loss and waiting. They longed for God to act, but their circumstances were not changing at least not fast enough, to them their problems remained with **"no end in sight"**. **Into their exhaustion** came God's promise: **"Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength"**. Notice that Isaiah does not promise that those who trust in God will never

grow tired. He promises that **God meets us in our weariness.**

Sometimes we imagine strength as the ability to keep going without struggle. But biblical strength is different. It is the quiet confidence that God is present even when life is difficult. It is finding enough grace for today without demanding that tomorrow's answers arrive early.

### **Perhaps that is the invitation for us this coming week.**

-Rather than trying to solve every problem, we can choose to remain rooted in the One who is greater than our problems.



-Rather than allowing fear to dominate our conversations, we can become people who speak words of encouragement.

-Rather than focusing on the fact that we can't see the whole staircase, we can direct our energies to taking the stairs one step at a time.

-Rather than becoming overwhelmed by everything we cannot control, we can faithfully tend to what God has placed in our hands today.

**Hope is not pretending everything is fine.**

**Hope is believing that God is still at work, even when we cannot yet see the outcome and doing our part from where we are.**

As we move through this coming week, let us pray not only for peace in our own hearts but also for wisdom for leaders, compassion for neighbours, courage for those facing difficult decisions, resources for those in need, help

for those carrying more than they were meant to, comfort for those who mourn, and justice for all who continue to suffer.

The world may feel uncertain, but God remains faithful.



The news may change by the hour, but God's promises endure.

Our circumstances may shift, but the One who walks beside us does not.

May you find renewed strength for whatever this week brings. May your heart be anchored in hope, your spirit refreshed by God's presence, and your life become a quiet witness that, even in uncertain times, faith still has the final word. **Hold on...**

This Sunday Series begins...

**Teach Us to Pray: *Growing a Prayer That Changes Us***



**Message: “Praying Above the Storm”**

# FOOD BANK



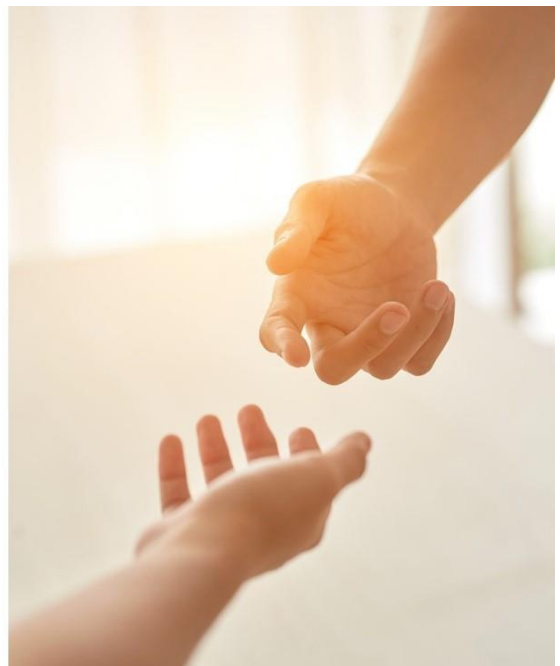
Join us in Helping the Food Bank by Donating Non-Perishable Items.



Please bring your Items to Church this Sunday.

A MOMENT OF  
*Hope*

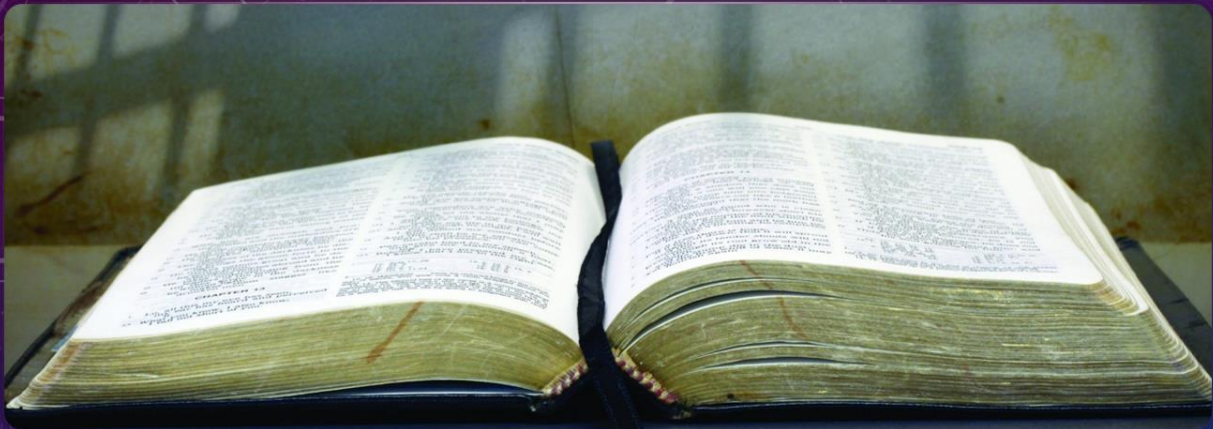
Weekly Online Devotional



**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 AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup> VOLUNTEERS!!

**Greeter**  
Ed

**All**  
Susan

**Scripture**  
Tenley

**Collection**  
ushers

**Coffee Time**

**AV team**  
Barry & Vicki

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 August 9<sup>th</sup>...**

**Epistle:** Romans 10:5-15

**Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-33



## 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 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**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.

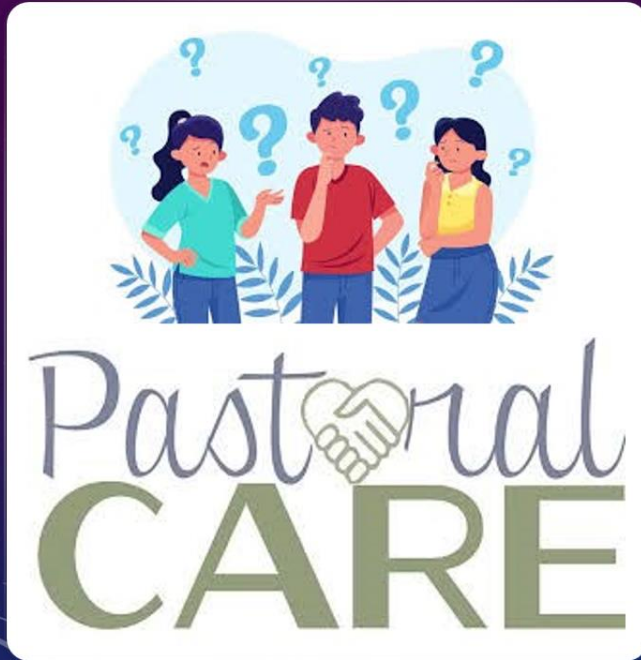


# SIGN UP FOR COFFEE TIME!!

Sign Up Sheet  
located outside  
the Kitchen.

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

| Week at a Glance – August 9 <sup>th</sup> to August 14 <sup>th</sup>           |                                    |                                         |                                                |                                                      |                                    |                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday<br>August 9                                                             | Monday<br>August 10                | Tuesday<br>August 11                    | Wednesday<br>August 12                         | Thursday<br>August 13                                | Friday<br>August 14                | Saturday<br>August 15                          |
|                                                                                |                                    | Rev Sadekie<br>in Office                |                                                | Rev Sadekie<br>in Office                             | Rev Sadekie<br>in Office           |                                                |
|                                                                                |                                    |                                         |                                                | Lectionary<br>11am<br>Lounge                         |                                    |                                                |
| <a href="#">SHUC Worship<br/>10 - 11am<br/>Sanctuary or<br/>Click for ZOOM</a> | KidzCanPlay<br>7am-5pm<br>Building | KidzCanPlay<br>7am-5pm<br>Building      | KidzCanPlay<br>7am-5pm<br>Building             | KidzCanPlay<br>7am-5pm<br>Building                   | KidzCanPlay<br>7am-5pm<br>Building |                                                |
| Sharon Village<br>Bible Church<br>1 - 5pm<br>Building                          |                                    |                                         |                                                | SHUC Celebration<br>Choir<br>7pm-9:30pm<br>Sanctuary |                                    |                                                |
|                                                                                |                                    | York Harmony Chorus<br>6:30pm-10pm Hall | A Cappella York<br>6:30pm-10pm<br>Harmony Hall | Church of Christ<br>7:15pm-9:15pm<br>Hall / Lounge   |                                    | Church of Christ<br>5pm – 9pm<br>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!**

## 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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