

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WHITE

April 17, 2016

11:00AM

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."  
--1 Peter 2:9

### We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Bill Lee, Organist

Announcements

Reception of New Members UMH #38

\*Call To Worship "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" UMH #382  
Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

\*Opening Hymn "Seek Ye First" UMH #405

### We Praise God

\*Responsive Reading "Psalm 139:1-12" UMH #854

\*Affirmation of Faith "Apostles' Creed" UMH #881

\*Moments of Fellowship and Passing of the Peace

Offering

The Offertory Bill Lee, Organist

\*Doxology UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

Anthem "God's Not Dead" Children's Choir

Children's Time Christy Snow  
(Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children return to their pews or go to the nursery.  
No Children's Church today.)  
Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight, Jesus loves the little children of the world.

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer Rev. Bryson Williams

### We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading "1 Peter 2:9-10" Pew Bible, p.219 (N.T.)

Sermon "These Kids Today" Rev. Bryson Williams

The Baptismal and Confirmation Covenant UMH #33

### We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

\*Hymn of Dedication & Service "Victory in Jesus" UMH #370

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "This Little Light of Mine" Congregation & Choir  
This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm goin'a  
let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine,  
let it shine.

Postlude

\*The Congregation standing. If it is uncomfortable for you to stand, please remain seated and continue your participation.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers are placed at the altar for the glory of God and in memory of Cathy D. Krass by Loved Ones.

WELCOME: Good morning and welcome to all guests, members, youth and children worshipping with us today. We are glad that you decided to join us for worship! We hope you will experience the hope and love of Jesus Christ as we worship together. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of the Sharon family.

**ON-GOING PRAYER-SHARON UMC FAMILY**

Ben Brockman David & Gertrude Smith  
Betty Jean Brockman June Gossett  
Neely Thompson Howard Jackson  
Doris Fowler Brian Harrison  
Ruby Coggins Dora Edwards  
Margaret DeYoung Dorothy McHugh  
Vivian Eubanks Roie Johnson

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Betty Glover  
Frank & Ruby Vaughn  
J. B. Waddell  
Earl Johnson  
Sharon Cole  
Dollie Brady

**ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES**

Foye Fowler, White Oak Estates, 400 Webber Rd., Spartanburg, 20307  
Pat Lee  
Sharon Lee  
Mike West  
Lewis Sutton  
Lorraine Sroko, 223 Abners Trail Rd., Greer, SC 29651  
Glenn Gardner  
Sharon Ellis  
Lisa Davis, 15 Crescent St., Lyman, SC 29365  
Gettis Solesbee

Joe Fowler's mother  
Dot Pearson's sister-in-law  
Dot Pearson's sister  
Joyce Lee's son  
Laura Williams' father  
Kathy Jordan's mother  
Donna Staton's brother  
Kaitlyn Pless' aunt  
Deb Fowler's sister  
Vera Brockman's brother

**ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS**

Betty McGaha, Friend of the Floyd family  
Holly Wood, Eddie Waldrep's coworker's wife  
Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap, our missionaries to Asia Minor  
Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway, our missionaries to Thailand  
Rev. Ray Allison, friend of Vonda Hendrix

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NURSERY FOR OUR CHILDREN:** Parents, we are so glad that you are our guest today. We have a nursery for our children. The nursery is for newborn to three years old, and is located on the main floor in the gathering space. If you need help with locating the nursery, please see one of our greeters in the narthex. We are so glad that your family came to worship with us today!

**FOOD COLLECTIONS:**

God's Pantry – Canned Vegetables  
Weekend Backpack Ministry – **INDIVIDUAL** packets of grits and/or oatmeal, canned pasta  
Greer Community Ministry – **Plastic** jars or cans of Spaghetti Sauce and noodles

**BACKPACK MINISTRY:** Our Backpack Ministry is in need of money for the purchase of food. Please consider making a gift to this worthy ministry.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Today we welcome into the membership of the church Bill and Lisa Cureton. Bill comes to us by transfer of membership from Mt. Zion UMC in Central, SC and Lisa by transfer of membership from the Baptist Church. Bill and Lisa are the parents of Haylee and Hampton, who are being baptized and confirmed today.

**MISSION PRAYER FOCUS:** This week we pray for Japan. Japan was settled thousands of years ago by people who migrated from China and Korea. The original religion of Japan is Shinto, which has intermingled with Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism. The Christian churches form a small minority. The Protestant churches, through the national Christian council, have been active in promoting reconciliation between Japan and the Asian countries it had occupied.

**COVERED DISH LUNCH:** Following Worship Service today we will have a covered dish lunch in the Ben Brockman Center. Everyone is invited to attend. The lunch is to celebrate with the confirmands.

**SALKEHATCHIE MEETING:** There will be a Salkehatchie Meeting immediately following the worship service on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Any participant has to turn 14 by July 10. Adults 18 and older are welcome.

**YOUTH NEWS:** Please continue to join us for dinner on Wednesday at 6:30PM in BBB and Sunday School at 10:00AM. We look forward to having you join us.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES:** We will have Wednesday night activities this week. Bible study is lesson 11 from Luke: Journey Through The Bible.

**GOD'S PANTRY:** We will be packing food boxes on Tuesday, April 19. The bus will leave the Church at 9:00AM and should return around noon. The Pantry will distribute food every Monday from 4:00-6:00PM. If you would like to help with distribution come to the Brockman Center at 3:30 to assist. Come join in the fun.

**SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY:** Don't miss your opportunity to enroll for Fall 2016. We are accepting registration for children ages 2,3 &4 on or before September 1. Contact Laura at [sharonchristianacademy@gmail.com](mailto:sharonchristianacademy@gmail.com) or come by the Church for a tour!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Mark your calendars! VBS is set for June 12-16. It is going to be great. Let Christy Snow know if you have any questions.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** On Saturday, May 7 we are having Spring Fling BBQ, Car and Bike Show, Corn Hole, Cake Walk, Bingo, Kick Ball day of fun. Please plan on attending this Church-wide Event.

**WEBSITE:** Check out our website [sharonumchurch.com](http://sharonumchurch.com).

**Our Mission Statement – Sharon United Methodist Church glorifies God as a friendly, caring, Christ-centered fellowship with strong family and spiritual values working to grow our church, our community, and our world one disciple at a time.**

**Sunday, April 24, 2016 Lectionary Texts**

**Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 10:22-30**

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 17</b>	<b>9:00AM-12:00</b>	<b>Blood Drive</b>
	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>
	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Confirmation Lunch, Gym</b>
<b>MONDAY, APRIL 11</b>	<b>4:00-6:00PM</b>	<b>God's Pantry</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13</b>	<b>6:30-7:30PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>
	<b>7:30PM</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>

**NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Gayle Fowler & Linette Garrett**  
**NURSERY WORKERS April 24: Dot DeYoung & Jannett Eason**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: No Children's Church**  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH April 24: Christy Snow & Kelle Waters**

**HEAD USHER: Trudy Cox**  
**HEAD USHER April 24: Jeff Boland**

**Sunday, April 10, 2016**

<b>Sunday School:</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Worship:</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Offering :</b>	<b>\$7,295.00</b>
<b>Received YTD:</b>	<b>\$95,919.00</b>
<b>Needed YTD:</b>	<b>\$94,033.50</b>
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>+\$1,885.50</b>
<b>Needed Weekly:</b>	<b>\$6,268.90</b>
<b>Cemetery Fund (3/31/2016)</b>	<b>\$4,992.66</b>
<b>Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Received</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$78,618.26</b>

**CHURCH STAFF:**

**Rev. Bryson Williams, Jr., Pastor**  
**Mary Jo Bradley, Secretary**  
**Katie Stewart, Music Director**  
**Clara Godfrey, Pianist**  
**Bill Lee, Organist**  
**Christy Snow, Children's Min. Director**  
**Debra Fowler, Custodian**  
**Kaitlyn Pless, Director of Student Ministries**  
**Laura Williams, Preschool Director**  
**Ministers: Sharon Congregation Member**