

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 24, 2016

11:00AM

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more."
--Revelation 21:1

Prelude We Gather To Worship God Bill Lee, Organist

Announcements

Reception of New Members UMH #38

*Call To Worship "Jesus Loves Me" UMH #191
Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

*Opening Hymn "Spirit Song" UMH #347

We Praise God

*Responsive Reading "Psalm 148:1-8" UMH #861

*Affirmation From Romans UMH #887

*Moments of Fellowship and Passing of the Peace

First Reading "John 13:31-35" Pew Bible, p.102 (N.T.)

Offering

The Offertory Bill Lee, Organist

*Doxology UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

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

Anthem "The Gift of Love" Choir

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading "Revelation 21:1-6" Pew Bible, p.244 (N.T.)

Sermon "Then I Saw" Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

*Hymn of Dedication & Service "Soon and Very Soon" UMH #706

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Awesome God" Congregation & Choir
Our God is an awesome God; he reigns from heaven above with wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God!

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.

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
Betty Jean Brockman
Neely Thompson
Doris Fowler
Ruby Coggins
Margaret DeYoung
Vivian Eubanks

David & Gertrude Smith
June Gossett
Howard Jackson
Brian Harrison
Dora Edwards
Dorothy McHugh
Roie Johnson

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

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
Jason Davenport

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
Clara Godfrey's son-in-law

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Today we receive into membership of the church Chip, Karen, Bailey, Tyler and Trevor Babb. The Babbs come to us on letter of transfer from Lyman UMC. We also receive Jerry and Angela Dalenta. The Dalentas come to us by transfer from The Church of God of Prophecy in Florence, SC. Please warmly welcome the Babbs and Dalentas.

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Twain. Taiwan is formed by one large and several small islands off the coast of China. From the 16th through the 19th century, it was part of China, and from 1895 through 1945 it was a colony of Japan called Formosa. It reverted to China after World War II. Christianity came to the island in the 17th century but only developed significantly in the 19th and 20th centuries. Taiwan has an indigenous population which is heavily Christian. The majority of Christians are Catholic and Presbyterian along with an Evangelical and Pentecostal presence.

SALKEHATCHIE MEETNG: There will be a Salkehatchie Meeting immediately following the worship service today. 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 12 from Luke: Journey Through The Bible.

GOD'S PANTRY: We will be packing food boxes on Tuesday, May 3. 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 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.

EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING: On May 8 we will receive our annual Mother's Day offering for Epworth. Epworth is a children's home in South Carolina. Epworth Children's Home is a ministry of South Carolina United Methodists. This home provides a safe place for children who do not have one.

WEBSITE: Check out our website 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, May 1, 2016 Lectionary Texts

Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, APRIL 24	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
MONDAY, APRIL 25	4:00-6:00PM	God's Pantry
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27	6:30-7:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Dot DeYoung & Jannett Eason
NURSERY WORKERS May 1: Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Christy Snow & Kelle Waters
CHILDREN'S CHURCH May 1: Communion

HEAD USHER: Jeff Boland
HEAD USHER May 1: Gene Snow

Sunday, April 17 2016

Sunday School:	85
Worship:	200
Offering :	\$7,905.00
Received YTD:	\$103,824.00
Needed YTD:	\$100,302.40
Difference:	+\$3,521.60
Needed Weekly:	\$6,268.90
Cemetery Fund (3/31/2016)	\$4,992.66
Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Received	\$350.00
Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Balance	\$78,968.26

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