

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, APRIL 15	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	Disciples Bible Study
	6:30PM	CrossFire
MONDAY, APRIL 16	4-6:00PM	Sharon's Community Cupboard
	6:30PM	Interval Training
WEDNESDY, APRIL 18	10:30AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
	6:30-7:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
SATURDAY, APRIL 20	9:00AM	Interval Training

Sunday, April 8, 2018

Sunday School	46
Worship	104
Offering	\$6,057.00
Received YTD	\$103,996.24
Needed YTD	\$94,489.78
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	+\$9,506.46
Cemetery Fund (2/27/2018)	\$2,473.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$65.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$93,802.89

SERVANT MINISTRIES

Nursery Workers Today	Angie Davis & Ann Edwards
Nursery Workers April 22	Dot DeYoung & Jannett Eason
Children's Church Today	Amy Blackwell & Linette Garrett
Children's Church April 22	Kelle Waters & Katy Lee
Head Usher To-day	Jeff Boland
Head Usher April 22	Eddie Bright

LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sunday, April 22
Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16.24
John 10:11-18

SCA Staff

Kay Bright	Bailey Cox
Melissa Farmer	Lisa Welch
Laura Williams	Stephanie Wykel



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CHURCH STAFF:

Rev. Bryson Williams, Jr., Pastor

Mary Jo Bradley, Secretary

Katie Stewart, Music Director

Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Bill Lee, Organist

Amy Blackwell, Children's Co-Director

Kelle Waters, Children's Co-Director

Debra Fowler, Custodian

Grey Pennell, Director of Student Ministries

Laura Williams, Preschool Director

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 15, 2018

11:00AM

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure." —John 3:1-3

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude **Bill Lee, Organist**

Announcements **Rev. Bryson Williams**

***Call To Worship** **"God is So Good"** **TFWS #2056**
God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, God's so good to me.
God cares for me, God cares for me, God cares for me, God's so good to me.

***Opening Hymn** **"Take Time to Be Holy"** **(v. 1,2,4) UMH #395**

We Praise God

***Affirmation of Faith** **"1 Timothy"** **UMH #889**

***Passing of the Peace**

Offering

The Offertory **Bill Lee, Organist**

***Doxology** **UMH #95**

***The Offertory Prayer**

Children's Message **Kelle Waters**
(Sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children return to their seat.) 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.

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

Anthem **Choir**

We Hear God's Word

New Testament Reading **"1 John 3:1-6"** **Pew Bible, p.225(N.T.)**

Sermon **"What We Will Be"** **Rev. Bryson Williams**

We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship

***Closing Hymn** **"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian "** **(v. 1,2,3) UMH #402**

***Benediction** **Rev. Bryson Williams**

***Benediction Response** **"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian "** **(v.4) UMH #402**
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

***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 in the church 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
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
Roie Johnson
Margaret DeYoung
Dorothy McHugh
Gregg & Martha Gowan
Gerald & Ruth Snow
Dot Pearson
Doris Wade

IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN

Dora Edwards
Betty Jean Brockman
June Gossett
J. B. Waddell

APRIL 15, 2018

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Becky Ritch, friend of Clara Godfrey
Jackie Keith, friend of Leslie Roper
Richard Lanford, friend of Pat Burgess
Deborah Howard, friend of Denise Belcher
Dawn Bond, friend of Denise Belcher
Myleigh McDowell, friend of Denise Belcher
Eddie Cooper, Pastor at Apalache Baptist Church
John Tomlanovich, friend of Rob & Amy Lancaster
Sharon Community Cupboard
Sharon Christian Academy
Five Forks Dental Care Mission Trip to Dominican Republic

OUR MILITARY

Erin Pennell
Jonathan Houck, Chuck and Debi Hembree’s grandson
Jamie Matekaitis, Rob & Amy Lancaster’s son-in-law

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

Sharon’s Community Cupboard –
Spaghetti Noodles, individual packs of grits and oatmeal and individual packs (not cups) of Ramen noodles.

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Mike West	Joyce Lee’s son
Shelby Hendrix	Jackie Floyd and Allen Sheriff’s sister
Steve Farmer	Katy Lee’s father
Dottie Currin	Brian Harrison’s sister
Mary & Bill Ruppe	Suzie Horn’s mother & step-father
Sharon Lee	Dot Pearson’s sister

MISSIONARIES IN ACTION

Asia Minor - Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap
Thailand - Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway

MEMORIALS

Richard Swift by Gerald & Ruth Snow, Martha Ann Bennett, Johnny & Doris Wade, Rick & Denise Belcher and Margaret DeYoung

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Singapore. Singapore became a British colony in 1867. Occupied by Japan in World War II, it acquired the status of a self-governing colony in 1959 and became independent in 1965. The island state developed rapidly from a situation of mass poverty and lack of resources into a highly successful free-market economy based on manufacturing, export, and finance. Singapore has a very diverse population and a centrally regulated society. The freedom of individuals and groups is conditioned by the objective of stability and harmonious relationships between the different ethnic and religious groups. The Catholic, Anglican, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches were established in Singapore during the colonial period and continue today.

STRETCH CLASS AND WALKING IN THE GYM: On Tuesday and Thursday there is a stretch class in the gym at 10:00AM. You can also come and walk in the gym during this time. This is a low impact stretch class and some great fellowship!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Mark your calendars now for VBS, June 10-14. Invite your neighbors and friends.

“Dearly Departed”: The 50+ invites you to join them for an evening of Laughter, Fun and Fellowship on Sunday, May 27th for the 3:00PM performance followed by supper at Coach House Restaurant. This is a production put on by the Mill Town Players in Pelzer, SC. We will meet at the church at 1:15 and leave at 1:30PM. Church bus will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Gathering Space with more information.

THANK YOU: Thank you for all of the awesome donations for our Easter Eggstravaganza. We had a fabulous turnout and tons of fun! Thank you for all that you do to support the children of our church!

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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!

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: 2018-2019 registration is currently underway. If you or someone you know would like to register a child, contact the preschool office at 864-879-1763 or see Laura for a form.

We have a few spots open for the remainder of this school year. Contact us if you are interested.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: S.C. Annual Conference is June 3-6 at the TD Convention Center. Volunteers are needed to make the experience welcoming and smooth for our Methodist guests from across the State. There are a number of opportunities to serve: ushers, greeters, drivers and registration. Go to UMCSC.org to find out more and to register. Sound exciting? It is!

CAR SHOW: Volunteers are needed for the “Car Show” on May 12. If you would like to volunteer to help, please sign up on the sheet in The Gathering Space or call Suzie Horn at 864-680-1302.