

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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE		
April 16 Easter Sunday	8:00AM	Sunrise Service
	9:00AM	Breakfast
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
April 17	4:00PM-6:00PM	Sharon's Community Cupboard
April 19	6:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
NURSERY WORKERS TODAY	Angie Davis & Karen Waldrep
NURSERY WORKERS April 23	Dot DeYoung & Jannett Eason
CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY	Kelle Waters & Linette Garrett
CHILDREN'S CHURCH April 23	Amy Blackwell & April Brunson
HEAD USHER TODAY	Eddie Bright
HEAD USHER April 23	Trudy Cox

Sunday, April 9, 2017	
Sunday School	67
Worship	136
Offering	\$7,413.00
Received YTD	\$100,194.00
Needed YTD	\$95,684.70
Needed Weekly	\$6,378.98
Difference	+\$4,509.00
Cemetery Fund (3/31/2017)	\$3,793.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$550.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$100,388.94

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, April 23
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalms 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31



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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

EASTER SUNDAY

April 16, 2017

11:00AM

"But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.'"

--Matthew 28: 5-6

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Gospel Reading "Matthew 28:1-10" Pew Bible, p.32(N.T.)

Announcements
Leader: Jesus Christ is Risen
Congregation: **He is Risen indeed,**
Leader: Our Lord Jesus the Messiah is Risen
Congregation: **He is Risen indeed, Alleluia.** (Loudly)

***Opening Hymn** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" UMH #302

***Hymn** "All Glory, Laud and Honor" (v. 2,3) UMH #280

We Praise God

***Affirmation Of Faith** "Apostles' Creed" UMH #881

***Passing of the Peace**

Offering

The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist

***Doxology** UMH#95

***The Offertory Prayer**

Children's Time

Amy Blackwell

(Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children ages 4, 5 and 1st grade go to children church).
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 "Because He Lives" Choir

We Hear God's Word

Scripture "Colossians 3:1-4" Pew Bible, p.190(N.T.)

Sermon "It's Going To Be Great" Rev. Bryson Williams

Sacrament of Baptism "The Baptismal Covenant" UMH #33

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

***Closing Hymn** "He Lives" UMH #310

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "O How I Love Jesus" UMH #170

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

Postlude

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

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.

**Easter Sunday
April 16, 2017**

ON-GOING PRAYER-SHARON UMC FAMILY

Ben Brockman
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
Roie Johnson
Sharon Cole
Margaret DeYoung
Dorothy McHugh
Gregg Gowan

IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN

Dora Edwards
Betty Jean Brockman
Vivian Eubanks
June Gossett
Gertrude Smith
Betty Glover
J. B. Waddell
Ruby Coggins

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Bill Burgess, friend of Dot Pearson
Billy Tucker, friend of Leslie Roper
Asa Duckworth, friend of Sharon Cole
Heather Osegueda, friend of the SCA
Sharon's Community Cupboard
Sharon Christian Academy

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Joann Waldrep	Eddie Waldrep's mother
Mike West	Joyce Lee's son
Mary & Bill Ruppe	Suzie Horn's mother & step-father
Jonathan Houck, deployed to Iraq, grandson of Chuck & Debi Hembree	
Christi Edwards	Dan & Ann Edwards' daughter-in-law
Jeff Harlan	Neil Harlan's father
Jane Gates Dowis	Doris Wade's cousin
Arliss Richardson	Pat Burgess' sister

MISSIONARIES IN ACTION

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

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (SCA) STAFF:

Lisa Welch, Bailey Cox and Laura Williams – 2K
Melissa Farmer and Stephanie Wykel – 3K and 4K
Kay Bright – Music

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

Sharon's Community Cupboard – Ramen Noodles and individual packets of grits and oatmeal.

Backpack Ministry – Tuna or chicken, applesauce, fruit cups and Drinks (Hugs).

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Romania. Romania came into being as a kingdom in 1878. It acquired Transylvania from the Austro-Hungarian empire after World War I, was briefly on the side of Nazi Germany in World War II, and became part of the Soviet bloc in 1948. The Romanians suffered under the communist dictatorship of Ceausescu until they brought it to an end in a popular uprising in 1989. Since then, the country has been in a process of democratization and transformation of its economy. The Romanian territory was Christianized in the first century and has always been a majority Orthodox country. It belongs to the east through its Byzantine and Turkish heritage, and to the west through its linguistic culture, which is Latin. Romania has a large Roma population (Gypsy).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES:

Wednesday night activities for Children and Adult Bible Study at 6:30 and Choir Practice at 7:30. See you there.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:

Bible Study resumes this Wednesday, April 19. We will discuss chapter 6 and 7 in Give Up Something Bad For Lent. We will complete this study and receive books for our next study.

50+: We are planning a road trip to Pelzer, SC to see "Smoke on the Mountain" on Sunday, May 21. Sign up sheet on the table in the Gathering Space. More information to come!!

THANK YOU: As always, our Sharon family overwhelms us with your generosity. Thank you all so much for all of your donations for our Easter Eggstravaganza. We had a fabulous time, and it's all thanks to you guys! Thank you for all of your love and support of our children's ministry!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Today we celebrate the Baptismal Covenant for Ryleigh Makay Brunson and Thomas James Brunson, proclaiming their adoption by grace and their word to God promising their response of faith and love. Today may we all recall our Baptism as we remember our Easter promise of death and resurrection with Jesus.

Sharon Christian Academy: Registration for 2017-2018 school year is currently underway!! If you would like to register your child or know someone who does, please see Laura or come by the preschool office for a registration form or more information.

Easter Sunday Flowering Cross: Make sure to stop by our flowering cross this morning. Our Flowering Cross is a symbol and reminder of our living Savior.

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!

SPRING FLING CAR & BIKE SHOW: will be on Saturday, May 20, 2017. Car and bike show registration will be from 10:00-12:00. Entry fee is \$20.00, spectators are free! Trophies and door prizes will be awarded at 1:30PM. Cake walk will begin at 12 noon and continue until all cakes are won. There will be a bounce house. \$5.00 BBQ plates will be available 11:30AM until gone.

VBS: For anyone who is interested in helping with VBS this year, there will be a meeting at 5:00PM on April 30.