

**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.**

Week at a glance		
SUNDAY, APRIL 23	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	Crossfire
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26	6:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
NURSERY WORKERS TODAY	Dot DeYoung & Jannett Eason
NURSERY WORKERS April 30	Myra Boland & Amy Tobin
CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY	Amy Blackwell & April Brunson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH April 30	Amy Blackwell & Sarah Boland
HEAD USHER TODAY	Trudy Cox
HEAD USHER April 30	Rick Christopher

Sunday, April 16, 2017	
Sunday School	70
Worship	232
Offering	\$9,175.00
Received YTD	\$109,369.00
Needed YTD	\$102,063.68
Needed Weekly	\$6,378.98
Difference	+\$7,305.32
Cemetery Fund (3/31/2017)	\$3,793.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$150.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$100,538.94

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, April 30
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35



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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*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2017

11:00AM

"But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'"

--John 20:24-25

### We Gather To Worship God

Prelude

Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements

Rev. Bryson Williams

\* Call To Worship "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" UMH #349  
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

\*Opening Hymn "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" (v.1 & 4) UMH #462

### We Praise God

\*Affirmation Of Faith From 1 Timothy UMH #889

\*Passing of the Peace

New Testament Reading "Acts 2:14a, 22-32" Pew Bible, p.111(N.T.)

Offering

The Offertory

Clara Godfrey, Pianist

\*Doxology UMH#95

\*The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

Joe Fowler

(Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children ages 4, 5 and 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Call To Prayer

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bryson Williams

### We Hear God's Word

Scripture

"John 20:19-29"

Pew Bible, p.109(N.T.)

Sermon

"Unless I See"

Rev. Bryson Williams

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

\*Closing Hymn

"To God Be the Glory"

UMH #98

\*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.

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**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers are placed at the altar for the Glory of God and in memory of Rose Blattert by Ray, Charyl and J.R. Schroeder.

**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  
Sharon Cole  
Margaret DeYoung  
Dorothy McHugh  
Gregg Gowan

**April 23, 2017**

**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

**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 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 – Peanut Butter, Jelly, can pinto or great northern beans, pasta sauce, and can soup.*

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

**MISSION PRAYER FOCUS:** This week we pray for Russia. The Russian Empire came into being in the 16th century. It played a major role in European history, until the Russian Revolution of 1917 when the Communist Party seized power and founded the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union disintegrated in 1991. Since then, Russia has been building a democratic political system and a market economy. All the Christian churches and other religious groups suffered severe persecution under the atheist communist regime, but in particular the Russian Orthodox Church. Among the Protestant and other churches are Baptists, Pentecostals, Seventh-day Adventists, Lutherans and United Methodists.

**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:**

This Wednesday we begin a new Bible Study. We will be studying *What Makes You Happy* by Andy Stanley. Chapter 1 this week. Everyone is welcome. Books are available in the Gathering Space.

**50+:** We are planning a road trip to Pelzer, SC to see “Smoke on the Mountain” on Sunday, May 21. This is open to the entire church. Sign up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Space. There is a sheet telling about the play, the time and the cost of tickets with the sign up sheet. See Rob or Amy Lancaster for more details.

**SALKEHATCHIE:** Salkehatchie will be in Clover, July 15-22. Anyone (adult and /or youth) 14 and older are invited. Bring a friend if you would like. Information is on the table in the Gathering Space. See or contact Kaitlyn Alexander at 8864-378-8561 for more information.

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

**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.

**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.

**UPPER ROOMS:** The Upper Rooms for May—June are in the rack in the Gathering Space and the Narthex. Pick up your copy today!

**TRIP TO HOLY LAND:** We have a trip to the Holy Land scheduled for April 2-12, 2018. The trip will be led by Pastor Bryson.

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION:** Please let us know about our High School and College graduates. Contact the church office or Grey Pennell and let us know their full name, school, degree and future plans. Graduate recognition will be Sunday, June 4th.