

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
YOUTH SUNDAY**

April 29, 2018

11:00AM

"But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us."  
—Romans 5:8

**We Gather To Worship God**

Prelude Noa Tobin

Announcements Grey Pennell

\*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 loves me so, God loves me so, God loves me so, God's so good to me.

\*Opening Hymn "Spirit Song" UMH #347

**We Praise God**

\*Responsive Reading "Psalm 22:25-31 UMH #830 JR Schroeder

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

\*Passing of the Peace

Offering

The Offertory Lindsey Woodie

\*Doxology UMH #95

\*The Offertory Prayer Baylee Wykel

Children's Messag Savannah Waters & Baylee Wykel  
(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 Noa Tobin

Anthem "All My Hope" Youth Band

Holy Land Reflection Debbie Conwell

**We Hear God's Word**

New Testament Reading "Romans 5:1-8" Pew Bible, p.145(N.T.)

Message "What Is Love?" Jacob Sareault

**We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship**

\*Closing Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (v. 1,2) UMH #400

\*Benediction Grey Pennell

\*Benediction Response "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (v.3) UMH #400  
O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness,  
like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, I take and seal it, seal it for thy  
courts above.

\*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 in the church for the Glory of God.

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## THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 29</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Prayer Time</b>
	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>Worship, Youth Sunday</b>
	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Disciples Bible Study</b>
	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>CrossFire</b>
<b>MONDAY, APRIL 30</b>	<b>10-11AM</b>	<b>Stretch &amp; Walking in Gym</b>
	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Interval Training</b>
<b>TUESDAY, MAY 1</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>50+, Covered Dish</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 2</b>	<b>6:30-7:30PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>
	<b>7:30PM</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>THURSDAY, MAY 3</b>	<b>10-11AM</b>	<b>Stretch &amp; Walking in Gym</b>
	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Interval Training</b>
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 5</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Interval Training</b>
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 6</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>	<b>Children's Ministry Meeting</b>

### Sunday, April 22, 2018

Sunday School	75
Worship	118
Offering	\$3,571.00
Received YTD	\$112,675.24
Needed YTD	\$107,988.32
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	+\$4,686.92
Cemetery Fund (3/31/18)	\$2,001.94
Capital Imp. Received	\$90.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$94,032.89

### SCA Staff

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

### SERVANT MINISTRIES

Nursery Workers Today	Myra Boland & Amy Tobin
Nursery Workers May 6	Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles
Children's Church Today	No Children's Church
Children's Church May 6	Communion
Head Usher Today	Rick Christopher
Head Usher May 6	Jeff Boland

### LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sunday, May 6
Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17



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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.**

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

**APRIL 29, 2018**

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

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

Matthew Tucker, 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  
Malik Johnson  
Sharon Community Cupboard  
Sharon Christian Academy

**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 "Dick" Swift by Pat Burgess and Wirron Leonard

**MISSION PRAYER FOCUS:** This week we pray for Azerbaijan. Today we pray for Azerbaijan. We give thanks for Christians who, although they are a tiny minority, have courage to witness to the gospel and find the strength to live according to God's word. The International Red Cross, Doctors without Borders, Amnesty International and all who work on behalf of political prisoners and the dispossessed. We pray for stability and justice for the countries of the former Soviet Union, as they continue to create new forms of government and life.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING:** On May 6th at 5:00PM the Children's Ministry team will have a short meeting to discuss VBS and our current children's programs. Children's Ministry Team, VBS volunteers and anyone simply interested in our programs are invited to attend. Hope to see everyone there.

**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.

**GRADUATION SUNDAY:** Graduation Sunday is coming up on May 20. We would like to recognize those in our extended church family on their accomplishments. If you have a family member that is graduating high school or college and would like some congratulations, please let Grey Pennell know!

**UPPER ROOM:** The Upper Rooms for May/June are on the table in the front foyer and on the table in the gathering space. Pick up your copy today!

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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 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.

**DEADLINE FOR MOTHER'S DAY BULLETIN:** The deadline for the Mother's Day bulletin will be next Sunday, May 6.