

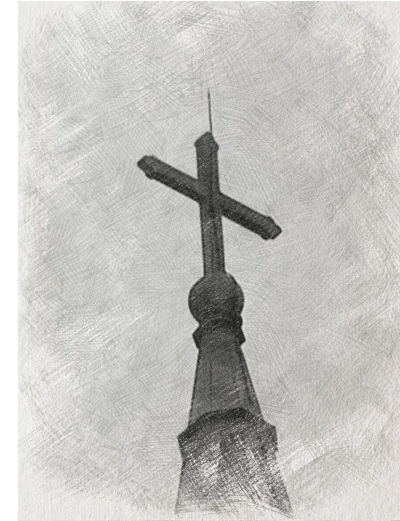
**OUR MISSION STATEMENT – Sharon United Methodist Church glorifies God as a friendly, caring, Christ-centered fellowship with strong family and spiritual values working to grow our church, our community, and our world one disciple at a time.**

| THE WEEK AT A GLANCE |         |                            |
|----------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Sunday, April 2      | 9:30AM  | Prayer Group               |
|                      | 10:00AM | Sunday School              |
|                      | 11:00AM | Worship                    |
|                      | 6:30PM  | Crossfire                  |
| Monday, April 3      | 4-6PM   | Sharon's Cupboard          |
| Tuesday, April 4     | 6:30PM  | 50+ Reidville Pres. Church |
| Wednesday, April 5   | 6:30PM  | Wednesday Night Activities |
|                      | 7:30PM  | Choir Practice             |

| HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE |  |                 |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|
| April 9            |  | Palm Sunday     |
| April 12           | No Wednesday Night Activities<br>Choir At 7:30pm |                 |
| April 13           | 7:00PM   | Maundy Thursday |
| April 16           | 8:00AM   | Sunrise Service |
|                    | 9:00AM   | Breakfast       |
|                    | 10:00AM  | Sunday School   |
|                    | 11:00AM  | Worship         |

| Sunday, March 26, 2017    |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday School             | 63          |
| Worship                   | 102         |
| Offering                  | \$7277.00   |
| Received YTD              | \$86,925.00 |
| Needed YTD                | \$82,926.74 |
| Needed Weekly             | \$6,378.98  |
| Difference                | +\$3,978.67 |
| Cemetery Fund (2/28/2017) | \$3,797.96  |
| Capital Imp. Received     | \$150.00    |
| Capital Imp. Fund Balance | \$98,831.94 |

| SERVANT MINISTRIES        |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| NURSERY WORKERS TODAY     | Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles |
| NURSERY WORKERS April 9   | Linette Garrett & Scott Davis  |
| CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY   | Kelle Waters & Amy Tobin       |
| CHILDREN'S CHURCH April 9 | Amy Blackwell & Katy Lee       |
| HEAD USHER TODAY          | Rick Christopher               |
| HEAD USHER April 9        | Jeff Boland                    |



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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*

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

April 2, 2017

11:00AM

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or image."

--Ephesians 3:20

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements

\*Call To Worship "Spirit of The Living God" UMH #393

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

\*Opening Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" UMH #420

We Praise God

\*Responsive Reading "Psalm 130" UMH #848

\*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 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 "Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying" TFWS #2193

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up Lord. Come and quench this thirsting of my soul. Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer Grey Pennell

Anthem "Hymn Of Promise" Choir

We Hear God's Word

Scripture "Ephesians 3:14-21" Pew Bible, p.182(N.T.)

Sermon "Ordinary People" Grey Pennell

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

\*Closing Hymn "Trust and Obey" UMH #467

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" (v. 1) UMH #382  
Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

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 and in honor of Sophie Blackwell's 5th birthday by her daddy, mommy, grandma, papa, Kaiden, Chet, Ashley, Bowen & Brecken.

**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.

April 2, 2017

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

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

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

Bill Burgess, friend of Dot Pearson  
Billy Tucker, friend of Leslie Roper  
Larry Yon, father of Matt Yon  
The Waters Family  
Everett Bridwell, friend of Sharon Cole  
Asa Duckworth, friend of Sharon Cole  
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

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

Sunday, April 9

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 17:11-54

**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  |
| Eric Childress   | Megan Childress's husband          |
| 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

**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:**

*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 Slovakia. Today's Republic of Slovakia came into being in 1993, with the peaceful division of former Czechoslovakia in two states. The Slovaks are Slavonic people who settled the area in the 5th century and formed the Moravian kingdom, which later became part of the Hungarian kingdom. The country had an industrialized, centrally planned economy, which it has transformed and adjusted to the free market system. The Catholic Church is the majority church. The largest Protestant churches are the Lutherans and the Reformed, the latter mostly among the Hungarians.

**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:** There will be Bible Study this Wednesday, March 29. We are studying *Give Up Something Bad For Lent* by James Moore. This week we are in Chapter 4.

**YOUTH NEWS:** Crossfire is in full bloom right now and meets every Sunday at 6:30 in the youth room above the gym. All are invited and feel free to bring a friend.

**Sharon's Community Cupboard:** The Sharon Community Cupboard will continue to distribute food the first and third 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.

**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.

**SIGN-UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2017:** The 2017 flower calendar is located outside the church office today. Please select your special date (s) for the coming year. The cost for the altar flowers is around \$65.00 depending on flower selection.

**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 EGGSTRAVAGANZA:** Mark your calendar for our annual Easter Eggstravaganza, April 8, from 10:00-12:00. We will have huge egg hunts, crafts, games, snacks and lots of fun. If anyone would like to donate candy or prize items, please see Amy or Kelle, or leave in the box marked Easter in the gathering space. Everyone is invited!!!

**50+ APRIL GATHERING:** Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, April 4 at Reidville Presbyterian Church at 6:30pm. We will enjoy a Low Country Boil. Price for the meal will be determined. Please bring desserts.

**Easter Sunday Flowering Cross:** We will have a flowering cross in front of the sanctuary on Easter Sunday Morning. Please bring your live flowers or greenery to help us decorate. Our Flowering Cross is a symbol and reminder of our living Savior.

**UMW:** The UMW will meet on April 9 at 3:00PM at the home of Dot DeYoung 701 Brockman Rd. Greer. All women of the church are invited and encouraged to attend.

**UPPER ROOMS:** The Upper Rooms for March-April are in the rack in the Gathering Space and the Narthex. Pick up your copy today!