

**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 30	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	Crossfire
MONDAY, MAY 1	4:00-6:00PM	Sharon Cupboard
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3	6:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
NURSERY WORKERS TODAY	Myra Boland & Amy Tobin
NURSERY WORKERS May 7	Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles
CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY	Amy Blackwell & Sarah Boland
CHILDREN'S CHURCH May 7	Kelle Waters & Lisa Cureton
HEAD USHER TODAY	Rick Christopher
HEAD USHER May 7	Jeff Boland

Sunday, April 23, 2017	
Sunday School	65
Worship	100
Offering	\$3,993.00
Received YTD	\$113,362.00
Needed YTD	\$108,442.66
Needed Weekly	\$6,378.98
Difference	+\$4,919.34
Cemetery Fund (3/31/2017)	\$3,793.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$140.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$100,678.94

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, May 7
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10



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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*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 30, 2017**

**11:00AM**

**"Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side.'"**

**--John 20:27**

**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**

**"They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love"**

**TFWS #2223**

**We Praise God**

**\*Responsive Reading**

**"Psalm 116:1-11"**

**UMH #837**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**New Testament Reading**

**"1 Peter 1:17-23"**

**Pew Bible, p.218(N.T.)**

**Offering**

**The Offertory**

**Clara Godfrey, Pianist**

**\*Doxology**

**UMH#95**

**\*The Offertory Prayer**

**Children's Time**

**Kelle Waters**

**(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"**

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace. (once)**

**The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

**Rev. Bryson Williams**

**Anthem**

**"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"**

**Choir**

**We Hear God's Word**

**Scripture**

**"John 20:24-28"**

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

**Sermon**

**"Our Scars"**

**Rev. Bryson Williams**

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

**\*Closing Hymn**

**"Just As I Am"**

**UMH #357**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

**"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"**

**(v.1) UMH #133**

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**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.**

**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 30, 2017**

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

Bill Burgess, friend of Dot Pearson  
Billy Tucker, friend of Leslie Roper  
Family of 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 Botswana. The original inhabitants of the Republic of Botswana were Bush people. In 1885 the land became a British protectorate known as Bechuanaland. Attempts by South Africa to include Bechuanaland in the Union of South Africa were resisted. Botswana became an independent nation in 1966. Botswana’s economy is based primarily on the export of diamonds. Botswana has the highest rate of HIV and AIDS infection in the world, with nearly 40 percent of all adults infected. Protestantism is a significant force. The United Congregational Church is the major denomination.

**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 2 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 today.

**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.

**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.

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** Annual Conference is being held in Greenville this year. Anyone interested in volunteering can go to the UMC Greenville District website: [greenvilleumcsc.org](http://greenvilleumcsc.org) to sign up or for information.

**MOTHER’S DAY EPWORTH OFFERING:** On Sunday, May 14, we will have our annual Mother’s Day offering for Epworth Children’s Home. Find more information about Epworth at [epworth-childrenshome.org](http://epworth-childrenshome.org).