

## THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 8</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>UMMen</b>
	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Prayer Time</b>
	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>CrossFire</b>
<b>MONDAY, APRIL 9</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Interval Training</b>
<b>WEDNESDY, APRIL 11</b>		<b>No Wednesday Night Activities</b>
<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 14</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Interval Training</b>

### Sunday, April 1, 2018

Sunday School	64
Worship	270
Offering	\$10,413.00
Received YTD	\$97,939.24
Needed YTD	\$87,740.51
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	+\$10,198.73
Cemetery Fund (2/27/2018)	\$2,473.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$1,029.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$93,737.89

### SERVANT MINISTRIES

Nursery Workers Today	Ann Edwards & Scott Davis
Nursery Workers April 15	Angie Davis & Karen Waldrep
Children's Church Today	Kelle Waters & Amy Tobin
Children's Church April 15	Amy Blackwell & Linette Garrett
Head Usher Today	Rick Christopher
Head Usher April 15	Jeff Boland

### LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sunday, April 15

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

### SCA Staff

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



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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.**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 8, 2018**

**11:00AM**

**"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."  
—Romans 6:23**

**We Gather To Worship God**

**Prelude** **Bill Lee, Organist**

**Announcements** **Grey Pennell**

**\*Call To Worship** **"He Is Lord'** **UMH #177**  
**He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

**\*Opening Hymn** **"Trust and Obey"** **(v. 1,2,4) UMH #302**

**We Praise God**

**\*Responsive Reading** **"Psalm 133"** **UMH #850**

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

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Offering**

**The Offertory** **Bill Lee, Organist**

**\*Doxology** **UMH #95**

**\*The Offertory Prayer**

**Children's Message** **Amy Blackwell**  
**(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** **Grey Pennell**

**Anthem** **"Then Came The Morning"** **Kay Bright**

**We Hear God's Word**

**New Testament Reading** **"Romans 6:19-23"** **Pew Bible, p.146(N.T.)**

**Sermon** **"Defining Grace"** **Grey Pennell**

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

**\*Closing Hymn** **"Just a Closer Walk with Thee "** **TFWS #2158**

**\*Benediction** **Grey Pennell**

**\*Benediction Response** **"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"** **TFWS #2129**  
**I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.**

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

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

**APRIL 8, 2018**

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

Becky Ritch, 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  
Sharon Community Cupboard  
Sharon Christian Academy  
Five Forks Dental Care Mission Trip to Dominican Republic

**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
Rodney Pearson	Pat Burgess’s nephew
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**

Dustin Cole by Jannett Eason, Gerald & Ruth Snow, Ken & Darlene DeYoung, Paul & Ann McChesney, Herbert & Katherine Sisk and Jay & Linda Jeter 111.

**MISSION PRAYER FOCUS:** This week we pray for Estonia. Christianity was first brought to Estonia from Denmark and Germany, in the 13th century. The country adopted the Lutheran Reformation. Orthodoxy came to Estonia from Russia. Besides the Lutheran Church, the two Orthodox churches and a small Methodist Church are also part of the WCC, through the wider church structures to which they belong. There is a Baptist Union, and several Pentecostal and Evangelical groups are active in Estonia.

**NOTE:** There will no UMW this afternoon.

**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 you calendars now for VBS, June 10-14. Invite your neighbors and friends.

**"Dearly Departed":** The 50+ invites you to join them for an evening of Laughter, Fun and Fellowship on Sunday, May27th for the 3:00PM performance followed by supper at Coach House Restaurant. This is a production put on by the Mill Town Players in Pelzer, SC. We will meet at the church at 1:15 and leave at 1:30PM. Church bus will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Gathering Space with more information

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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.