

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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE		
April 9 Palm Sunday	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	Crossfire
	3:00PM	UMW—Dot DeYoung Home
April 12	No Wednesday Night Activities	
	7:30PM	Choir
April 13	7:00PM	Maundy Thursday
April 16 Easter Sunday	8:00AM	Sunrise Service
	9:00AM	Breakfast
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship



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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

Sunday, April 2, 2017	
Sunday School	71
Worship	132
Offering	\$5,856.00
Received YTD	\$92,781.00
Needed YTD	\$89,305.72
Needed Weekly	\$6,378.98
Difference	+\$3,475.28
Cemetery Fund (2/28/2017)	\$3,797.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$1007.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$99,838.94

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, April 16
Acts 10:34-43
Psalms 118:1-2,14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

April 9, 2017

11:00AM

"The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed him."

--John 11:44-45

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements Rev. Bryson Williams

*Opening Hymn "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" UMH #277

*Hymn "All Glory, Laud and Honor" (v. 2,3) UMH #280

We Praise God

Gospel Reading "Matthew 21:1-11" Pew Bible, p.21(N.T.)

*Responsive Reading "Psalm 118:21-29" UMH #840

*Affirmation from Romans UMH #887

*Passing of the Peace

Offering

The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist

*Doxology UMH#95

*The Offertory Prayer

Special Music "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" Lia Tobin

Children's Time Kelle Waters

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

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer Rev. Bryson Williams

Anthem Choir

We Hear God's Word

Scripture "John 11:38-45" Pew Bible, p.99(N.T.)

Sermon "Unbind Him and Let Him Go" Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

*Closing Hymn "O, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH #57

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Victory In Jesus" (v. 1) UMH #370

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, how he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me; I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory. O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood; he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him; he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

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.

**Palm Sunday
April 9, 2017**

ON-GOING PRAYER-SHARON UMC FAMILY

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

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 – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Bill Burgess, friend of Dot Pearson
Billy Tucker, friend of Leslie Roper
Larry Yon, father of Matt Yon
Heather Osegueda, friend of the SCA
Vernon Hudson, friend of Clara Godfrey
Asa Duckworth, friend of Sharon Cole
Sharon's Community Cupboard
Sharon Christian Academy

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

MEMORIALS

Memorial was given in memory of Harold Pearson by Ruth Ellen Clayton

SERVANT MINISTRIES

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY	Linette Garrett & Scott Davis
NURSERY WORKERS April 16	Angie Davis & Karen Waldrep
CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY	Amy Blackwell & Katy Lee
CHILDREN'S CHURCH April 16	Kelle Waters & Linette Garrett
HEAD USHER TODAY	Jeff Boland
HEAD USHER April 16	Eddie Bright

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 no Bible Study this Wednesday, April 12. Bible Study will resume on April 19.

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 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 today 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!

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).