

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 28, 2016

11:00AM

"But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher', then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you."
--Luke 14:10

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements Rev. Bryson Williams

*Call To Worship "I Come with Joy" UMH #617
I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.

*Opening Hymn "Jesu, Jesu" (v.1,4,&5) UMH #432

We Praise God

*Responsive Reading "Psalm 81:1-10" UMH #803

*Passing of the Peace

Installation of Co-Directors of Children's Ministry

Congregational Response:

**We pledge ourselves to pray for you and for the Children's Ministry of this Congregation.
We pledge to enable, encourage and love you in this ministry.
We pledge to support our Children as they grow in their faith.
We pledge to be learners ourselves with you and our Children.
God bless you, Amy and Kelle, in this important ministry.**

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 1st grade go to children's 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

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Choir

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

"Luke 14:1, 7-14"

Pew Bible, p.72 (N.T.)

Sermon

"Where Do I Sit?"

Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

*Hymn of Dedication & Service

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

UMH #557

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"I Come with Joy"

Congregation & Choir

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

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 Gary & Sherry Brockman's 47th wedding anniversary!

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

August 28, 2016

Ben Brockman
Betty Jean Brockman
Neely Thompson
Dollie Brady
Ruby Coggins
Margaret DeYoung
Vivian Eubanks

David & Gertrude Smith
June Gossett
Howard Jackson
Brian Harrison
Dora Edwards
Dorothy McHugh
Roie Johnson

Betty Glover
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
J. B. Waddell
John Waddell
Sharon Cole
Gerald & Ruth Snow
Jerry & Teresa Wheeler

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Pat Lee
Sharon Lee
sister
Mike West
Lewis Sutton
Glenn Gardner
brother
Sharon Ellis
Gettis Solesbee
brother
Christi Edwards

Dot Pearson's sister-in-law
Dot Pearson's

Joyce Lee's son
Laura Williams' father
Donna Staton's

Kaitlyn Pless' aunt
Vera Brockman's

Dan & Ann Edwards' daughter-in-law

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Sandra Gowan, friend of Darlene DeYoung
Cheryl Brown, friend of Jerry & Angie Dalenta
Buddy & Angelee Berry, friends of Nancy O'Shields and Pat Burgess
Robbie Strange, friend of Christy Kurtz
Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap, our missionaries to Asia Minor
Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway, our missionaries to Thailand
God's Pantry

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:

The Pantry – Canned meat (chicken, tuna, salmon etc.), mac-n-cheese, can fruit, spaghetti sauce and noodles.
Backpack Ministry – Ravioli, Gallon Zip Lock bags and Drinks (Hugs).

FLOWERS: If anyone is interested in placing flowers in the church during worship, there are several opportunities remaining this year. The sign-up list is located on the wall by the door to the church office if anyone is interested.

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for The Cook Islands. The Cook Islands are a group of fifteen small islands situated in the Polynesian part of the Pacific. They are named after the British explorer Captain Cook. The islands became a British protectorate in 1888, and came under administrative control of New Zealand in 1900. In 1965 the Cook Islanders opted for self-government in free association with New Zealand. The economy of the Cook Islands is based on agriculture and some small industries. The population is predominantly Protestant.

UMM: United Methodist Men please make plans to attend our meeting on September 11, 2016 at 8:00AM. We look forward to seeing each of you after the summer break.

UMW: The United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00PM. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: Wednesday night activities will resume on September 14. Children, Youth and Adult Bible Study at 6:30 and Choir Practice at 7:30. See you there!

SAVE THE DATE: Sharon UMC is hitting the hills, Asbury Hills that is on Saturday, September 24th. See the insert on the table in the Gathering Space or the Narthex for more details. Sharon UMC is having a church picnic after church on Sunday, October 23rd. More information to come.

TRIP TO HOLY LAND: We are planning a trip to the Holy Land. See Pastor Bryson if you would like a brochure. The dates are set for April 18-28, 2017. Please mark your calendars. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Bryson who will be leading this trip.

THE PANTRY: The Sharon Pantry 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.

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: As our preschool opens tomorrow, please continue to pray! We ask that you lift up each teacher, student and parent. We have worked so hard to make the classrooms a special place. If you have not taken a peek, make sure to stop by before you leave today. We are still collecting **BABY WIPES AND EMPTY PLASTIC COFFEE CANS**. There is a collection bin beside the Pantry bin under the cross. Thanks so much!!!

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY STAFF:

Lisa Welch, Bailey Cox and Laura Williams – 2K
Melissa Farmer and Stephanie Wykel – 3K and 4K
Kay Bright – Music

SHARON UMC INFORMATION SHEET: We are in the process of updating the church membership and would like everyone to fill out a new information sheet. If you have filled out one before, we still need for you to fill out a new one. The sheets are on the table in the gathering space. After you have filled it out, please return to the church office. You can drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Church address is P.O. Box 418, Reidville, SC 29375. Thank you for your cooperation.

WEBSITE: Check out our website sharonumchurch.com.

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.

Sunday, September 4, 2016 Lectionary Texts

Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
MONDAY, AUGUST 29	9:00AM	First Day of Sharon Christian Academy
	4:00-6:00PM	God's Pantry
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31	7:30PM	Choir Practice

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Myra Boland & Scott Davis
NURSERY WORKERS September 4: Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Sarah Boland & Pam Parham
CHILDREN'S CHURCH September 4: Communion

HEAD USHER: Gerald Snow
HEAD USHER September 4: Trudy Cox

Sunday, August 28, 2016:

Sunday School	75
Worship	143
Offering	4,568.00
Received YTD	216,962.90
Needed YTD	213,142.60
Difference	+3,820.30
Needed Weekly	6,268.90
Cemetery Fund (6/30/2016)	3,880.66
Capital Imp. Fund Received	374.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	85,862.26

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
Kaitlyn Alexander, Director of Student Ministries
Laura Williams, Preschool Director

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Today we install Amy Blackwell and Kelle Waters as Co-Directors of Children's Ministry. This is great news for our church. Please pray for Amy and Kelle as they begin this important work.