

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 19, 2018**

**11:00AM**

**"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."**

**— Acts 1:8**

**We Gather To Worship God**

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

**Announcements** **Rev. Bryson Williams**

**\*Call To Worship** **"Seek Ye First"** **UMH #405**  
**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

**\*Opening Hymn** **"The Lily of the Valley"** **TFWS #2062**

**We Praise God**

**\*Responsive Reading** **"Psalm 67"** **UMH #791**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Offering**

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

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

**Salkehatchie Reflection**

**Children's Message** **Kelle Waters**  
**(Sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children ages 4,5 and 1st grade to go children's church.)**  
**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** **Rev. Bryson Williams**

**Anthem** **"Give Thanks"** **Choir**

**We Hear God's Word**

**New Testament Reading** **"Acts 1:6-11"** **Pew Bible, p.110(N.T.)**

**Sermon** **"You Will Be My Witnesses"** **Rev. Bryson Williams**

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

**\*Closing Hymn** **"I'll Fly Away"** **TFWS #2282**

**\*Benediction** **Rev. Bryson Williams**

**\*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 and in honor of Karl Fowler's birthday by Allan & Gayle.**

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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE		
<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 19</b>	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	CrossFire
<b>MONDAY, AUGUST 20</b>	10-11AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	4-6PM	Sharon's Community Cupboard
	6:30PM	Interval Training
<b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 21</b>	7:00PM	Nominating Committee Mtg.
<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22</b>	6:30PM	Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 23</b>	10-11AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	6:30PM	Interval Training
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 27</b>	9:00AM	Interval Training

Sunday, AUGUST 12, 2018	
Sunday School	83
Worship	143
Offering	\$5,937.00
Received YTD	\$222,199.24
Needed YTD	\$215,976.64
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	+\$6,222.60
Cemetery Fund (7/31/18)	\$2,735.94
Capital Imp. Received	\$40.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$99,276.89

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
Nursery Workers Today	Sarah Boland & Gayle Fowler
Nursery Workers August 26	Kay Bright & Ann Edwards
Children's Church Today	Kelle Waters & Linette Garrett
Children's Church August 26	Amy Blackwell & April Brunson
Head Usher To-day	Jeff Boland
Head Usher August 26	Eddie Bright

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, August 26
1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69



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**CHURCH STAFF:**

*Rev. Bryson Williams, Jr., Pastor*

*Mary Jo Bradley, Secretary*

*Katie Reckart, Music Director*

*Victoria Fowler, 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.**

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

Ben Brockman  
Frank & Ruby Vaughn  
Roie Johnson  
Margaret DeYoung  
Dorothy McHugh  
Gregg Gowan  
Gerald & Ruth Snow  
Al Boland  
Phyllis Brockman

**IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN**

Dora Edwards  
Betty Jean Brockman  
June Gossett  
J. B. Waddell

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

Matthew Tucker, friend of Clara Godfrey  
Jackie Keith, friend of Leslie Roper  
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  
Sandy Colter, friend of Janett Eason  
Earl Neely, Sheila King’s dad, friend of Deb Fowler  
Sybil Taylor, friend of Pat Burgess  
Malik Johnson  
Tyler Aktins  
Dot Sprayberry, wife of Rev. Rance Sprayberry  
Sharon Community Cupboard  
Sharon Christian Academy

**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 –  
Dried beans (all kinds), canned soup, canned fruit, jelly and  
canned beans (pintos, blackeye peas, great northern, etc.)*

**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
Mary & Bill Ruppe	Suzie Horn’s mother & step-father
Sharon Lee	Dot Pearson’s sister
Dottie Currin	Brian Harrison’s sister

**MISSIONARIES IN ACTION**

Asia Minor - Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap  
Thailand - Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway

**MISSION PRAYER FOCUS:** This week we pray for Liberia. Liberia was founded in the early 19th century for liberated slaves returning from the USA. The territory was inhabited by the Mandingo and other groups. From 1989 to 2003 Liberia was devastated by a civil war. Many people were killed, others were displaced or fled to neighboring countries, and the economy was destroyed. Liberia’s economy was mainly based on the production and export of timber and rubber, and farming. The main Protestant churches in Liberia are the Methodists, the Lutherans, and the Baptists. The churches have played an important role in peace and rehabilitation, through the Liberian Council of Churches.

**BACK TO SCHOOL:** On August 26, we will have several fun things going on! During the Sunday worship service we will have our Backpack Blessing to wish our students the best in a new school year. We will recognize our teachers as they begin the hustle and bustle of the new year. We hope to also invite our Preschool students and teachers. After the service, we will celebrate in the Ben Brockman Building with pizza, crafts and Bingo! We hope you will join us during this exciting time!



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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:** SCA, our preschool, is beginning our third school year this fall. We are now registering children for the coming school year. Please let your family, friends and neighbors know.

**HELP NEEDED:** SCA needs some help with advertising!! If you can, please take a sign and place it in your yard or a high traffic area. They can be found in the lobby by the door. Thanks for your help!!!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES:** Children’s activities and Bible Study will resume on September 12 at 6:30PM. Choir practice will continue at 7:30PM beginning on the 12th. It is going to be a lot of fun. Please consider the Bible Study led by Pastor Bryson.