

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, AUGUST 20	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	Crossfire
MONDAY, AUGUST 21	4:00-6:00PM	Sharon Community Cupboard
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23	7:30PM	Choir Practice

SERVANT MINISTRIES

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY	Sarah Boland & Angie Davis
NURSERY WORKERS AUGUST 27	Kay Bright & Suzie Horn
CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY	Kelle Waters & Amy Tobin
CHILDREN'S CHURCH AUGUST 27	Amy Blackwell & April Brunson
HEAD USHER TODAY	Jeff Boland
HEAD USHER AUGUST 27	Eddie Bright

Sunday, August 13, 2017

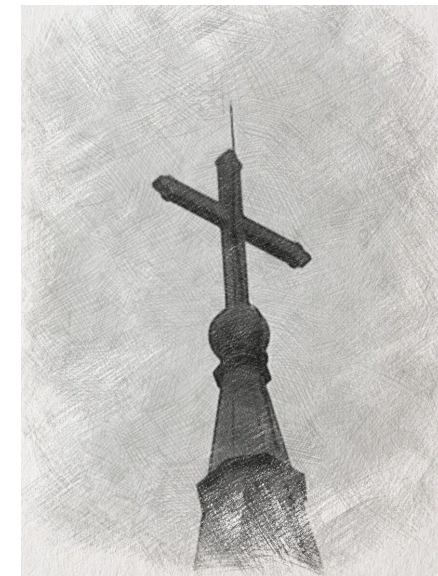
Sunday School	73
Worship	120
Offering	\$6,269.00
Received YTD	\$213,779.33
Needed YTD	\$210,506.34
Needed Weekly	\$6,378.98
Difference	+\$3,272.99
Cemetery Fund (6/30/2017)	\$2,166.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$173.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$90,079.22

LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sunday, August 27
Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalms 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday –Thursday	8am–12noon
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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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 20 2017

11:00AM

"I will study your commandments and reflect on your ways. I will delight in your decrees and not forget your word"

-Psalm 119:15-16

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude

Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements

Rev. Bryson Williams

***Call To Worship "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.**

***Opening Hymn "This Little Light of Mine" UMH #585**

We Praise God

***Apostles' Creed**

UMH #881

***Passing of the Peace**

Offering

The Offertory

Clara Godfrey, Pianist

***Doxology**

UMH#95

***The Offertory Prayer**

Promotion Recognition

Backpack and Children's Blessing

Liturgy for Learning:

Pastor: Today we celebrate the growth of our children and youth as they mature in faith and mature in years.

Congregation: O God, you have created us as human beings who mature from infancy, through childhood and adolescence into adulthood. Today we celebrate that growth. We lift up all who move this day into new classes for learning and spiritual growth.

Pastor: We pray for all who teach our children and youth.

Congregation: We pray for all of our congregation's classes and groups in which we mature in faith.

Pastor: Keep each child and youth in your care.

Congregation: Keep us ever mindful of the promise we make each time we baptize another in faith: That we will assist them to grow in knowledge, in spiritual practices, and in living as disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Children's Message

Amy Blackwell

(Sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children ages 4,5 & 1st grade go to 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

"Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace"

Choir

We Hear God's Word

New Testament Reading

"Psalm 119:15-16"

Pew Bible, p.535 (O.T.)

Sermon

"Are You Learning"

Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

***Closing Hymn**

"Blesses Assurance"

UMH #369

***Benediction**

Rev. Bryson Williams

***Benediction Response**

"Because He Lives"

(refrain) UMH #364

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

***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 in the church for the Glory of God and in memory of Marvin Pearson by Dot Pearson & Family.

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.

August 20, 2017

ON-GOING PRAYER-SHARON UMC FAMILY

Ben Brockman
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
Roie Johnson
Margaret DeYoung
Dorothy McHugh
Gregg Gowan
Pete O'Shields
Bill Lee
Gerald & Ruth Snow
Angie Dalenta
Kelsey Hendrix
Carolyn Yeargin

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Kathy Young, wife of a friend of Leslie Roper
Heather Osegueda, friend of the SCA
Darrell Johnson, Bud & Gayle's nephew
Larry DeShields
Wynell Greer, Shirley Fowler's mother
Jackie Fowler, friend of Dot Pearson
Janice Gibson, friend of Dot Pearson
Andy Wright, neighbor of Eddie & Karen Waldrep
Sharon's Community Cupboard
Sharon Christian Academy

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

Sharon's Community Cupboard –
Canned fruit (all kinds)
Canned spaghetti sauce (prefer in cans)

OUR MILITARY

Jonathan Houck
Erin Pennell

IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN

Dora Edwards
Betty Jean Brockman
Ruby Coggins
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
Christi Edwards	Dan & Ann Edwards' daughter-in-law
Jane Gates Dowis	Doris Wade's cousin
Arliss Richardson	Pat Burgess' sister
Shelby Hendrix	Jackie Floyd and Allen Sheriff's sister
Doug Edwards	Dan Edwards' cousin
Jason Kracht	Kaitlyn Alexander's stepdad
Steve Farmer	Katy Lee's father
Melba Sue Brown	Leslie Roper's cousin

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 Sierra Leone. Sierra Leone is on the West Coast of Africa. The majority of the population (approximately 75%) is Muslim. Christian churches, although a minority, have played an important role in healing, peace, and rehabilitation. Christians make up 21% of the population. **The United Methodist Church constitutes the majority of Christians.** Malaria is one of the most serious public health problems in Sierra Leone, according to the World Health Org.

BINGO/ICE CREAM SOCIAL: We are having a Bingo/Ice Cream Solcial in the Ben Brockman Building on Saturday, August, 26 at 6:30PM. Bring your favorite homemade ice cream to share and enjoy some old fashion bingo. Prizes for all ages!

CROSSFIRE BACK TO SCHOOL : Back to school pool party at the Water's home on Sunday, August 27th. Dinner, fellowship and fun provided. If you are starting the 7th-12th grade, please come join us from 6-8PM! For info. check with Grey, Anthony or Kelle.

TRAIN RIDE: PEANUTS PUMPKIN PATCH EXPRESS: This will be on Saturday, October, 21. We are taking sign ups for this event. More information next to the sign up sheet in the gathering space.

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.

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: 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.

IT'S TOO HOT FOR OUT TOTS...OUR LITTLE LADIES AND FELLAS NEED UMBRELLAS! To improve the functionality and aesthetics of the playground for our younger children, we are planning to install 2 umbrellas similar to the ones on the larger playground. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please mark your gift "Umbrella Fund".

BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCH: Everyone is invited to stay after worship for a pizza lunch as we celebrate promotion Sunday.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS: Following church today, we will have a number of fun activities for the children. Hope to see everyone then