

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 26, 2018

11:00AM

**"Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"
— 1 Kings 3:9**

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude **Bill Lee, Organist**

Announcements **Rev. Bryson Williams**

***Call To Worship** **"This Little Light of Mine"** **(v.1) UMH #585**

***Opening Hymn** **"Wonderful Words of Life"** **UMH #600**

We Praise God

***Passing of the Peace**

Offering

The Offertory **Bill Lee, Organist**

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

Teacher 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 **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 **"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"** **Choir**

We Hear God's Word

Old Testament Reading **"1 Kings 3:3-14"** **Pew Bible, p.292(O.T.)**

Bryson Williams **Sermon** **"Able To Discern"** **Rev.**

We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship

***Closing Hymn** **"Blessed Assurance"** **UMH #369**

***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**

please remain ***The Congregation standing. If it is uncomfortable for you to stand,**
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's birthday by Dot Pearson & Family.

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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	CrossFire
MONDAY, AUGUST 27	10-11AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	6:30PM	Interval Training
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29	6:30PM	Choir Practice
THURSDAY, AUGUST 30	10-11AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	6:30PM	Interval Training
FRIDAY, AUGUST 31		SCA Meet the Teachers
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1	9:00AM	Interval Training

Sunday, AUGUST 19, 2018

Sunday School	72
Worship	127
Offering	\$7,670.00
Received YTD	\$229,869.24
Needed YTD	\$222,725.91
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	+\$7,143.33
Cemetery Fund (7/31/18)	\$2,735.94
Capital Imp. Received	\$40.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$99,316.89

SCA Staff

Kay Bright	Bailey Cox
Melissa Farmer	Lisa Welch
Katie Reckart	Stephanie Wykel

SERVANT MINISTRIES

Nursery Workers Today	Kay Bright & Ann Edwards
Nursery Workers September 2	Linette Garrett & Karen Waldrep
Children's Church Today	Amy Blackwell & April Brunson
Children's Church September 2	Communion
Head Usher Today	Eddie Bright
Head Usher September 2	Rick Christopher

LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sunday, September 2
Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2,6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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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
Family of 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

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 Guinea. The people living in the territory of Guinea when it was colonized by the French in 1891 were the Mandinga, who were Muslim. Islam has remained the majority religion. The Christian churches are a small minority in Guinea. The largest Protestant group, the Protestant Evangelical Church of Guinea, together with the small Anglican community - part of the Province of West Africa - and the Catholic Church, has formed a Christian Council.

FOOTHILLS PLAYHOUSE: Foothills Playhouse in Easley presents: “Godspell”. Join Sharon UMC 50+ group for an evening of Laughter, Fun and Fellowship on Sunday, October 7th for the 3pm performance followed by supper at the Silver Bay Restaurant located on 123 Easley Hwy, which has a large selection of dishes other than seafood. We will meet at the church at 1:15pm, then leave at 1:30pm. Church bus will be used as needed. **NOTE:** Due to limited seating at this Playhouse, we ask that those interested sign-up by Sunday, September 9th so tickets can be ordered. Sign-up sheet is on the table in the gathering space.

BACK TO SCHOOL: Today, 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 also recognize 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: As our teachers return tomorrow for work week, we ask for your prayers for this school year. We are so excited for our students to return on Tuesday, September 4. We have very limited spaces left but if you know someone looking for a preschool, please send them our way. Thank you for all your prayers and support!!

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.