

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 27	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	Crossfire
MONDAY, AUGUST 28	9:00AM	First day of SCA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30	7:30PM	Choir Practice

SERVANT MINISTRIES

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY	Kay Bright & Suzie Horn
NURSERY WORKERS SEPTEMBER 3	Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles
CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY	Amy Blackwell & April Brunson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH SETEMBER 3	Communion
HEAD USHER TODAY	Eddie Bright
HEAD USHER SEPTEMBER 3	Rick Christopher

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Sunday School	75
Worship	142
Offering	\$5,430.00
Received YTD	\$219,209.33
Needed YTD	\$216,885.32
Needed Weekly	\$6,378.98
Difference	+\$2,324.01
Cemetery Fund (6/30/2017)	\$2,166.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$122.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$90,201.22

LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sunday, September 3
Exodus 3:1-15
Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

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

TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 27 2017

11:00AM

"And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'"

-Matthew 14:25-27

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements Grey Pennell

***Call To Worship "Spirit of the Living God" UMH #393**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

***Opening Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (v. 1,2 & 4) UMH #89**

We Praise God

***Responsive Reading "Psalm 124" UMH #846**

***Apostles' Creed UMH #881**

***Passing of the Peace**

Offering

The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist

***Doxology UMH#95**

***The Offertory Prayer**

Children's Message Kelle Waters

(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 Grey Pennell

Anthem "You Are Mine" Choir

We Hear God's Word

New Testament Reading "Matthew 14:22-36" Pew Bible, p.15 (N.T.)

Message "Oceans" Victoria Arnold

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

***Closing Hymn "To God Be the Glory" UMH #98**

***Benediction Grey Pennell**

***Benediction Response "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (v. 1) UMH #557
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

***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 honor of Gary and Sherry Brockman for their 48th 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.

August 27, 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

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
Irene Settle	Vera Brockman'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 The Gambia. The Gambia was first settled by the Mandinga, the Fulani, and the Wolof along the Gambia River. The Gambia River region was claimed as a British protectorate in 1894. The Gambia gained its independence in 1965. Cultivation of peanuts in the sandy soil and fishing in the river are primary economic activities. Agriculture and the use of wood for fuel have resulted in the destruction of over 90 percent of original forests, which has had a significant impact on wildlife and human populations. Most of the population of the Gambia is Muslim. The Gambia Christian Council was formed in 1963 as an ecumenical association of Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Methodist churches. There is dialogue with the majority Muslim population.

SPEAKER FOR TODAY! Bringing the message today is Victoria Arnold. Victoria is a Junior at Daniel HS where she plays on the tennis team. She loves to do mission work and getting to know the people she helps. Victoria is the granddaughter of Al and Beverly Cureton. Victoria is considering a call to ministry. Please pray for her as she shares the message today.

CROSSFIRE BACK TO SCHOOL : Back to school pool party at the Water's home this evening. 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.

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".

UPPER ROOMS: The Upper Rooms for September—October are in the rack in the gathering space and on the table in the Narthex. Please pick up your copy today!

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.

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.