

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 16, 2018**

**11:00AM**

**"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**—Isaiah 9:6**

**We Gather To Worship God**

**Prelude**

**Bill Lee, Organist**

**Announcements**

**Rev. Bryson Williams**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**\*Call To Worship**

**"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v.2) UMH #211**

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**"What Child Is This" UMH #219**

**We Praise God**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**"Apostles' Creed" UMH #881**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Offering**

**The Offertory**

**Bill Lee, Organist**

**\*Doxology**

**UMH #95**

**\*Prayer after offering**

**Rev. Bryson Williams**

**The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

**Rev. Bryson Williams**

**Children's Message**

**Joe Fowler**

**(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**

**We Hear Gods Word**

**Old Testament Reading**

**"Isaiah 9:6-7"**

**Pew Bible, p.600(O.T.)**

**Sermon**

**"His Authority Shall Grow"**

**Rev. Bryson Williams**

**Music**

**Noel, Noel**

**Angel Song**

**Silent Night**

**Hallelujah Chorus**

**\*Postlude**

**\*The Congregation standing. If it is uncomfortable for you to stand, please remain seated and continue your participation.**

**ALTAR FLOWERS: The poinsettias are placed in the church for the Glory of God.**

**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.**

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE		
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16	8:30AM	UMM Family Breakfast
	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Choir Christmas Cantata
	6:30PM	CrossFire
	6:00PM	Children's Christmas Program
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17	10-11AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	4-6PM	Sharon's Community Cupboard
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18	6:30PM	Interval Training
	6:30PM	PPRC Meeting, Seekers SS Class
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19	6:30-7:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20	10:00AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	6:30PM	Interval Training
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22	9:00AM	Interval Training

Sunday, DEC. 9, 2018	
Sunday School	No Church
Worship	No Church
Offering	No Church
Received YTD	\$324,319.74
Needed YTD	\$330,714.23
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	-\$6,394.49
Cemetery Fund (11/30/2018)	\$2,419.94
Capital Imp. Received	No Church
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$102,164.89

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, December 23
Micah 5:2-5a - Luke 1:47-55
Hebrews 10:5-10 - Luke 1:39-45

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
Nursery Workers Today	Karen Waldrep & Linette Garrett
Nursery Workers December 23	Pat Burgess & Angie Davis
Children's Church Today	Kelle Waters & Sarah Boland
Children's Church December 23	Amy Blackwell & Katy Lee
Head Usher Today	Rick Christopher
Head Usher December 23	Eddie Bright

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



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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  
Phyllis Brockman

Joyce Lee  
Beverly Cureton  
Johnny Wade  
**SHUT IN**  
Dora Edwards  
June Gossett  
J. B. Waddell

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

Jackie Keith, friend of Leslie Roper  
Sandy Colter, friend of Janett Eason  
Earl Neely, friend of Ron King  
Mitch Mabee, friend of Clara Godfrey  
Kelli Cardoso, friend of Jackie & Ginger Floyd  
Doris Lewis, Linette Garrett's co-worker's mom  
Kay Hammett, Larry Bradley's sister  
Sharon Community Cupboard  
Sharon Christian Academy

**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
Wick DeYoung	Ken DeYoung's brother
David Rowland	Debi Hembree's brother

Family of Greg Pittillo, husband of Martha Johnson Pittillo and brother-in-law of Ann Edwards, Karen Landers and Nancy Morgan

**MISSIONARIES IN ACTION**

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

**MEMORIALS**

**Memorials for Al Boland:**

Kathy Wyss, Jimmy & Betty Mills, James & Cynthia Stewart, Don & Sandra Dillard, Pat & Phyllis Brockman, Steve & Shannon Hill, Bud & Dot DeYoung, Ken & Darlene DeYoung, Ella Rose Lee, Dot McHugh,

**Memorials for Eric Wade:**

Kathy Wyss, Martha Swift, Elle Rose Lee, Ken & Darlene DeYoung, Dot McHugh, David & Jo Richey,

**Memorials for Sara Leonard:**

Ken & Darlene DeYoung, Dot McHugh

**Memorials for Brad Dailey:**

Dot McHugh

**Memorial for Vivian Eubanks:**

Dot McHugh

**Memorial for Vivian Edge:**

Ella Rose Lee

**Memorial for Betty Jean Brockman:**

Dot McHugh

**OUR MILITARY**

Erin Pennell  
Jonathan Houck  
Jamie Matekaitis

**FOOD COLLECTIONS:**

***Sharon's Community Cupboard***

Ramen noodles (packs)  
spaghetti noodles  
Yams  
cranberry sauce  
canned milk

**MISSION PRAYER FOCUS:** This week we pray for Cambodia. Cambodia obtained its independence in 1953, though was heavily affected by the war in neighboring Vietnam and by a communist insurgency movement known as the Khmer Rouge in 1975. Due to this, 75 percent of all teaching staff and 96 percent of university students were killed. The Khmer Rouge attempted to eradicate all religion: some 90 percent of Buddhist monks and nuns perished and an unknown number of Christians were killed. The Khmer Rouge declined rapidly in the mid-1990s and a coalition government was formed after national elections in 1998, which brought renewed political stability. Christianity came to Cambodia in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Several Independent churches were established during the twentieth century.

**NEW MEMBERS:** On Sunday, December 2, we received Ronnie & Sheila King into the membership of the Church. Ronnie and Sheila come to us by transfer of membership from Liberty UMC in Landrum. Please welcome the Kings into the church family.

**THANK YOU:** My family and I appreciate so much your kindness during Al's illness and passing. We found comfort in knowing that our sorrow was shared through your prayers, memorials, visits, calls, cards, and food. We are truly blessed to belong to this supportive Sharon church family. Myra

Our Sharon Church Family has reached out to us in so many ways at the sudden death of our son, Eric. The food, visits, phone calls and the numerous cards with such wonderful words of comfort helped to know how much our friends care. Your visits at the gravesite were so thoughtful. We feel the power of your prayers and ask that you continue to lift us up to our Lord.

Our love, Johnny, Doris, Lisa & Family

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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!

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP:** Our Christmas Eve Worship Service will be on December 24 at 5:00PM. This will be a casual, come as you are service. Members, family, friends and everyone in the community is invited.

**NEW FLOWER LIST:** The new flower sign-up list is on the wall right outside the church office door.

**CHRISTMAS PLAY:** Tonight at 6:00PM in the sanctuary, the children will share the Christmas story with us. Refreshments to follow in the Ben Brockman Center. A special visitor is expected!

