

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

December 30, 2018

11:00AM

"He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's House?'"

—Luke 2:49

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Bill Lee, Organist

Announcements Katie Reckart

***Call To Worship** "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" (v.1) UMH #229

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.

***Opening Hymn** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH #240

We Praise God

***Responsive Reading** "Psalm 148: 1-8" UMH #861

***Affirmation of Faith** "Apostles' Creed" UMH #881

***Passing of the Peace**

Offering

The Offertory Bill Lee, Organist

***Doxology** UMH #95

***Prayer after offering** Katie Reckart

Children's Message Amy Blackwell
(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 Katie Reckart

We Hear Gods Word

Gospel Reading "Luke 2:41-52" Pew Bible, p.55(N.T.)

Message "Why Were You Searching For Me?" Katie Reckart

Favorite Hymns

We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship

***Closing Hymn** "Joy to the World" UMH #246

***Benediction** Katie Reckart

***Benediction Response** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain " (refrain) UMH #251
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

***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.

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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE		
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	CrossFire
MONDAY, DECEMBER 31		OFFICE OPEN 9:00AM—10:00AM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1		HAPPY NEW YEAR
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2		OFFICE OPEN AND SCA STARTS BACK
THURSDAY, JANUARY 3	10:00AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	6:30PM	Interval Training
SATURDAY, JANUARY 5	9:00AM	Interval Training

Sunday, DEC. 23, 2018	
Sunday School	70
Worship	150
Offering	\$14,156.00
Received YTD	\$397,915.74
Needed YTD	\$344,212.77
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	+\$53,702.97
Cemetery Fund (11/30/2018)	\$2,819.94
Capital Imp. Received	\$177.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$102,551.89

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, JANUARY 6
Isaiah 60:1-6 - Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12 - Matthew 2:1-12

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
Nursery Workers Today	Dot DeYoung & Jannett Eason
Nursery Workers January 6	Ann Edwards & Scott Davis
Children's Church Today	Kelle Waters & Linette Garrett
Children's Church January 6	Communion
Head Usher Today	Jeff Boland
Head Usher January 6	Rick Christopher

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

MISSIONARIES IN ACTION

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

MEMORIALS

Memorials for Al Boland: Patti & David Foy, Edward & Cheryl Brown

Memorials for Eric Wade Patti & David Foy, Myra Boland

Memorial for Carlyle & Loree Brockman: James & Susan Brockman

OUR MILITARY

Erin Pennell
Jonathan Houck
Jamie Matekaitis

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

Sharon's Community Cupboard

Ramen noodles (packs)
Spaghetti noodles
Individual packs of Oatmeal and Grits
1 lb. bag of dried beans (any kind)

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Japan. Japan. Japan was settled thousands of years ago by people who migrated from China and Korea. The original religion of Japan is Shinto, which has intermingled with Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism. The Christian churches form a small minority. The Protestant churches, through the national Christian council, have been active in promoting reconciliation between Japan and the Asian countries it had occupied.

UPPER ROOMS: The Upper Rooms for Jan.-Feb. are in the rack in the Gathering Space and on the table in the Narthex. Please pick up your copy today. The church provides these for each family so get yours today!

JESUS IS THE GIFT: We are still collecting for Jesus Is The Gift. This is a great opportunity to put Jesus on your Christmas list. Everything collected will go to Epworth Children's Home. For more information about Epworth, go to epworthchildrenshome.org.

THANK YOU: To my church family, I want to thank you all for the calls, visits, food, flowers, gifts and most of all your prayers. Keep praying for me and Pat as I continue to get better at home.
I love you all, Phyllis Brockman

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

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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!

2018 CONTRIBUTIONS: Church contributions need to be received into the church office by December 31 in order to be counted for 2018. Thank you for your generosity.

CHURCH OFFICE: The church office will be open tomorrow from 9:00-10:00AM. Regular hours will begin Wednesday, January 2.

