

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE		
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
MONDAY, JANUARY 1	4:00-6:00PM	Sharon's Community Cupboard
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2		NO 50+
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3		No Wed. Night Activities
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6	8:00AM	Interval Training

Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017	
Sunday School	46
Worship	170
Offering	\$6,451.59
Received YTD	\$335,971.73
Needed YTD	\$331,706.96
Needed Weekly	\$6,378.98
Difference	+\$4,264.77
Cemetery Fund (11/30/2017)	\$2,256.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$325.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$89,056.89

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
Nursery Workers Today	Ann Edwards & Linette Garrett
Nursery Workers Jan. 7	Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles
Children's Church Today	Kelle Waters & Kelsey Hendrix
Children's Church Jan. 7	Communion
Head Usher Today	Eddie Bright
Head Usher Jan. 7	Jeff Boland

SCA Staff	
Kay Bright	Bailey Cox
Melissa Farmer	Lisa Welch
Laura Williams	Stephanie Wykel

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



Sharon United Methodist Church

1421 Reidville Sharon Rd.

Greer, SC 29651

Phone: 864-879-7926

Church Website: sharonumchurch.com

E-Mail: sharonumcgreer@gmail.com

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

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 31, 2017

11:00AM

"When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord."

--Luke 2:22-40

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude **Bill Lee, Organist**

Announcements **Rev. Bryson Williams**

***Call To Worship** **"The First Noel"** **(v.1) UMH #245**

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

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

We Praise God

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

***Passing of the Peace**

Offering

The Offertory **Bill Lee, Organist**

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

***The Offertory Prayer**

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 **Choir**

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading **"Luke 2:22-40"** **Pew Bible, p.55 (N.T.)**

Sermon **"All Were Amazed"** **Rev. Bryson Williams**

We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship

***Closing Hymn** **"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"** **UMH #251**

***Benediction** **Rev. Bryson Williams**

***Benediction Response** **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"** **(v.1) UMH #234**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

***Postlude**

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

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.

ON-GOING PRAYER-SHARON UMC FAMILY

DECEMBER 31, 2017

Ben Brockman
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
Roie Johnson
Margaret DeYoung
Dorothy McHugh
Gregg Gowan
Pete O'Shields
Gerald & Ruth Snow
Dot DeYoung

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Heather Osegueda, friend of the SCA
Carol Welch, Friend of SCA
Judy Johnson, friend of Darlene DeYoung
Amanda Newton
Wirron Leonard, friend of Johnny Wade
Sharon Community Cupboard
Sharon Christian Academy

IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN

Dora Edwards
Betty Jean Brockman
Ruby Coggins
Vivian Eubanks
June Gossett
J. B. Waddell

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 –
Can fruit (all kinds), soup, peanut butter and jelly*

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Joann Waldrep	Eddie Waldrep's mother
Mike West	Joyce Lee's son
Shelby Hendrix	Jackie Floyd and Allen Sheriff's sister
Steve Farmer	Katy Lee's father
Dottie Currin	Brian Harrison's sister
Mary & Bill Ruppe	Suzie Horn's mother & step-father
Cash Richards	Grandson of Andrea Payne and Great Grandson of Nancy Morgan
Charles & Diane Babb	Parents of Chip Babb
Kay Ford	Ken DeYoung'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 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.

JESUS IS THE GIFT: This year our church is collecting money for Epworth Children's Home. Our intention is this collection is A Gift For Jesus, which we will forward to Epworth. If you would like to make a gift, please mark your check or envelope with Epworth or Jesus Is The Gift. Our goal is \$15,000.00..

CROSSFIRE: The CrossFire Youth are returning to Revolution again this year in Columbia from January 26-28. There will be music, speakers and mission opportunities over the course of the week-end. If any parents or adults want to join as chaperones for the trip, please let Grey know. This trip is always a blast and we hope you will be able to join us!

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.

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.

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!

EXERCISE CLASS : We will be taking a break for the holidays. We will return to our Interval Training on January 6. Saturdays at 8:00AM and Mondays at 6:30PM. \$5.00 per class.

