

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE		
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3	8:00AM	UMMen
	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	Disciple Bible Study, Seekers Class
	6:30PM	CrossFire
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4	4:00-6:00PM	Sharon Community Cupboard
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29	10:30AM	Morning Bible Study
	6:30PM	Wed. Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10	11:00AM	Children's Christmas Play
	Noon	Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017	
Sunday School	62
Worship	113
Offering	\$6,905.00
Received YTD	\$306,206.14
Needed YTD	\$306,191.04
Needed Weekly	\$6,378.98
Difference	+\$15.10
Cemetery Fund (11/15/2017)	\$3,108.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$145.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$87,330.89

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
Nursery Workers Today	Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles
Nursery Workers Dec. 10	Angie Davis & Kelsey Hendrix
Children's Church Today	No Children's Church
Children's Church Dec. 10	Amy Blackwell & Kelle Waters
Head Usher Today	Rick Christopher
Head Usher Dec. 10	Eddie Bright

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

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, December 10
Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8



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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

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2017

11:00AM

"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory."

--Mark 13:26

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.1) UMH #211**

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***Opening Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH #196**

We Praise God

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

***Passing of the Peace**

Offering

The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist

***Doxology UMH#95**

***The Offertory Prayer**

Jesus is the Gift Announcement Baylee Wykel & Haylee Cureton

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

"You Are Mine"

Choir

We Hear God's Word

Scripture

"Mark 13:24-33"

Pew Bible, p.47 (N.T.)

Sermon

"The Hope Of The World"

Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship

***Closing Hymn**

"Soon and Very Soon"

UMH #706

***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**

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: The white poinsettias are placed in the church for the Glory of God and in memory of Brenda Roper's birthday on December 3. Love, Sonya, Tim, Trey and Leslie

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 3, 2017

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

IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN

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

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Kathy Young, wife of a friend of Leslie Roper
Heather Osegueda, friend of the SCA
Corey & Cindy Arnold, friends of Al & Beverly Cureton
Sara Oden, friend of Lauren Davis
Kevin Bruster, co-worker of Joey Wykel
Larry Yon, father of Matt Yon
Carol Welch, Friend of SCA
Family of Doris Snow
Judy Johnson, friend of Darlene DeYoung
Sharon Community Cupboard
Sharon Christian Academy

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

*Sharon's Community Cupboard –
Can fruit (all kinds), box stuffing, cranberry sauce,
can milk*

OUR MILITARY

Erin Pennell
Jonathan Houck, Chuck and Debi Hembree's grandson
Jamie Matekaitis, Rob & Amy Lancaster's son-in-law

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Joann Waldrep	Eddie Waldrep's mother
Mike West	Joyce Lee's son
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
Steve Farmer	Katy Lee's father
Melba Sue Brown	Leslie Roper's cousin
Charles Huskey	Trudy Johnson's brother-in-law
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 Myanmar. The name of the country was changed in 1989 from Union of Burma to Myanmar. The country became sovereign in 1948. Despite protests the military have kept tight control of the country. The population of Myanmar is made up of many different ethnic groups. Myanmar's economy is based on agriculture, gems, timber and oil. The majority of the population are poor peasants and workers. Catholic missionaries entered the area in the 16th century and Protestant missions began in the 19th century. Numerous churches are active and growing.

A TUNA CHRISTMAS'': Today, we will meet at the church at 1:15 and leave at 1:30PM for the play in Pelzer. Church bus will be provided.

CHRISTMAS PARADE: The annual Reidville Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 9th at 3:00PM. The Children's Ministry and Sharon Christian Academy will be participating. Please meet us at the old Century B ballfields by 2:30. We will be there by 2:00. Pick up will be at Tyger River Park after the parade is completed.

CHURCH LUNCH: Please join us on December 10th following the Children's Program for a Christmas luncheon. The church will provide chicken and ham, as well as drinks. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share, as we gather together for a wonderful time of fellowship during this Advent Season.

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.

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: All are welcome to attend our preschool program on Monday and/or Tuesday December 18 and 19 in our sanctuary at 11:30am. It will put a song in your heart and smile on your face!

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 STARTING: Beginning tomorrow we will offer an 8 week interval training for anyone 13 years and up. Classes will be Mondays at 6:30pm and Saturdays at 8:00am. Cost is \$80 for 8 weeks or \$6 per class. Come get fit with us!!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday Bible Study continues this week at 10:30 and 6:30. We begin *Creed: What Christians Believe And Why*. This week we are studying Chapter 5. Books are available in the Gathering Space.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: Make your plans now! This year Christmas Eve is on Sunday. We will have two worship opportunities. At 11:00AM we will have our Traditional Worship Service. At 5:00PM we will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

