

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 12, 2017

11:00AM

"Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."
-Deuteronomy 30: 19b-20

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist
Announcements Rev. Bryson Williams
Reception of New Members UMH #38
Call To Worship SMC Troubadours
*Opening Hymn "To God Be The Glory" UMH #98

We Praise God

*Passing of the Peace

Offering

The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist

*Doxology UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time Amy Blackwell

(Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children return to their seats).
Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight, Jesus loves the little children of the world.

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bryson Williams

We Hear God's Word

Scripture "Deuteronomy 30:15-20" Pew Bible, p.178 (O.T.)

Sermon "Loving The Lord Your God" Rev. Bryson Williams

Special Music by the SMC Troubadours

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

*Closing Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH #400

*Benediction

*Benediction Response SMC Troubadours

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 at the altar for the glory of God by Pat & Phyllis Brockman in honor of their 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.

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ON-GOING PRAYER-SHARON UMC FAMILY

Ben Brockman	Margaret DeYoung
Frank & Ruby Vaughn	Dorothy McHugh
Roie Johnson	David Snow
Sharon Cole	Eric Roper

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Joann Waldrep	Eddie Waldrep's mother
Mike West	Joyce Lee's son
Bill Ruppe	Suzie Horn's step-father
Eric Childress	Megan Childress's husband
Jonathan Houck, deployed to Iraq, grandson of Chuck & Debi Hembree	
Christi Edwards	Dan & Ann Edwards' daughter-in-law
Jeff Harlan	Neil Harlan's father
Jane Gates Dowis	Doris Wade's cousin

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Bill Burgess, friend of Dot Pearson
Doris Khoe, friend of Ruth Snow
Billy Tucker, friend of Leslie Roper
Larry Yon, father of Matt Yon
Everett Bridwell, friend of Sharon Cole
Asa Duckworth, friend of Sharon Cole
Sharon's Community Cupboard, our food pantry

MISSIONARIES IN ACTION

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

MEMORIALS: A memorial was given in memory of Tony Tipton, Joyce Lee's nephew, by Gerald & Ruth Snow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

Sharon's Community Cupboard – Dried beans, crackers and spaghetti noodles
Backpack Ministry – Can Tuna or chicken, applesauce, fruit cups and Drinks (Hugs).

IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN

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

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Portugal. Portugal emerged as a unified kingdom in the 12th century. Portugal became a major maritime power in the 15th century, opening new seaways to the east and the west, and built a vast colonial empire. For a long time, the Catholic Church enjoyed the privilege of concordat between the Vatican and the Portuguese state. The tiny Presbyterian, Methodist, and Anglican churches grew out of 19th century missionary work, and form together the Council of Christian Churches.

SPECIAL MUSIC: It is a great pleasure to have The Troubadours from Spartanburg Methodist College worshipping with us today. The Troubadours are led by Dr. Lanny Lanford, who is the Director of Music Programs and Professor of Music at SMC. Please welcome Dr. Lanford and the Troubadours.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Today we welcome into the membership of the church Rob & Amy Lancaster, who come to us by letter of transfer from Trinity UMC in Greenville.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: Wednesday night activities for Children and Adult Bible Study at 6:30 and Choir Practice at 7:30. See you there.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study this Wednesday, February 15. We will be studying *Half Truths* by Adam Hamilton. This week we will study Chapter 4.

YOUTH NEWS: Crossfire is in in full bloom right now and meets every Sunday at 6:30 in the youth room above the gym. All are invited and feel free to bring a friend. WINTERJAM is coming up on February 17, the concert is \$10 and we will ride in together Friday evening. See Grey for more info!!!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: The children's ministry is planning a visit to some of our wonderful members who can't currently make it to church today, February 12 after worship service. Lunch will be provided before our visit. Hope you can all make it, we would love to have a bus full! Any questions, please see Kelle or Amy.

Sharon's Community Cupboard: The Sharon Community Cupboard will continue to distribute food the first and third Monday from 4:00-6:00PM. If you would like to help with distribution come to the Brockman Center at 3:30 to assist. Come join in the fun.

SIGN-UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2017: The 2017 flower calendar is located outside the church office today. Please select your special date(s) for the coming year. The cost for the altar flowers is around \$65.00 depending on flower selection.

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.

We also need help with putting out signs advertising registration. If you would be interested see Laura. We are looking for guest Chapel speakers! For more information see Laura.

TRIP TO HOLY LAND: We have to cancel our 2017 trip to the Holy Land. The trip will be rescheduled for the spring of 2018.

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.

Sunday, February 12, 2017 Lectionary Texts

Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12	8:00AM	UMMen
	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship, Spartanburg Methodist College Troubadours
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8	6:30PM	Crossfire
	6:30-7:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Myra Boland & Karen Landers
NURSERY WORKERS February 19: Sarah Boland & Suzie Horn

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: No Children's Church
CHILDREN'S CHURCH February 19: Amy Blackwell & Linette Garrett

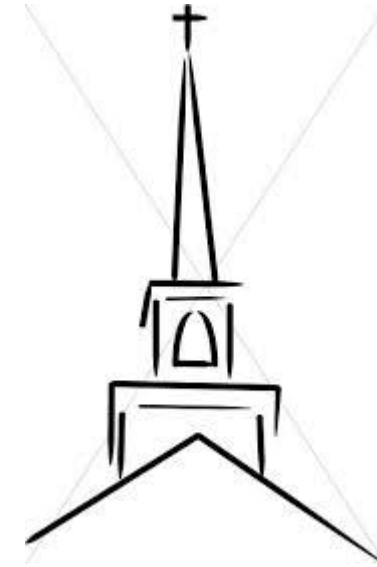
HEAD USHER: Eddie Bright
HEAD USHER February 19: Gerald Snow

Sunday, February 5, 2016:

Sunday School	78
Worship	145
Offering	\$11,429.00
Received YTD	\$44,674.00
Needed YTD	\$38,272.98
Needed Weekly	\$6,378.98
Difference	+\$6,401.02
Cemetery Fund (12/31/2016)	\$3,676.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$1,084.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$96,228.94

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (SCA) STAFF:

Lisa Welch, Bailey Cox and Laura Williams – 2K
Melissa Farmer and Stephanie Wykel – 3K and 4K
Kay Bright – Music



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CHURCH STAFF:

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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