

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

PURPLE

February 14, 2016

11:00AM

"He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God." --1 Kings 19:8

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Bill Lee, Organist
Reception of New Members UMH #38

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship "Spirit of the Living God"
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

We Praise God

*Opening Hymn "Wonderful Words of Life" UMH #600

*Moments of Fellowship and Passing of the Peace

First Reading "1 Kings 19:1-10" Pew Bible, p.311 (O.T.)

Offering

The Offertory Bill Lee, Organist

*Doxology UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

Recognition of Imagine No Malaria Gift

Children's Time Rev. Jeri Katherine Warden Sipes
(Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children ages 4, 5 & 1st grade go to children's church.)
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.

Call to Prayer "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" TFWS#2193
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace. (once)

The Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer Rev. Bryson Williams

Anthem "Down To The River To Pray" Choir

We Hear God's Word

New Testament Reading "Philippians 1:3-11" Pew Bible, p.186-187 (N.T.)

The Good News "Thank You" Rev. Jeri Katherine Warden Sipes

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

*Hymn of Dedication & Service "Standing on the Promises" UMH #374

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "This Is My Father's World" Congregation & Choir
This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

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 and in memory of Mora Snow by Dick, Martha & Family.

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

Ben Brockman David & Gertrude Smith
Betty Jean Brockman June Gossett
Neely Thompson Howard Jackson
Doris Fowler Brian Harrison
Ruby Coggins Dora Edwards
Margaret DeYoung Dorothy McHugh

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Betty Glover
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
J. B. Waddell
Family of Brenda Roper
Vivian Eubank (Manning Place)
Allan Fowler

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Foye Fowler, White Oak Estates, 400 Webber Rd., Spartanburg, 20307

Joe Fowler's mother

Pat Lee

Dot Pearson's sister-in-law

Sharon Lee

Dot Pearson's sister

Mike West

Joyce Lee's son

Lewis Sutton

Laura Williams' father

Lorraine Sroko, 223 Abners Trail Rd., Greer, SC 29651

Kathy Jordan's mother

Glenn Gardner

Donna Staton's brother

Sharon Ellis

Kaitlyn Pless' aunt

Lisa Davis, 15 Crescent St., Lyman, SC 29365

Deb Fowler's sister

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Bob Wade, relative of Johnny Wade

Gene Crane, Atlanta, GA., friend of Pat Burgess

The Greer Family, son and daughter of Wilma Greer

Betty McGaha, Friend of the Floyd family

Holly Wood, Eddie Waldrep's coworker's wife

Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap, our missionaries to Asia Minor

Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway, our missionaries to Thailand

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS: Memorial to the church in memory of Brenda Roper by Gary & Sherry Brockman and Gregg & Martha Gowan.

Memorial to the church in memory of Joan Galloway Solesbee, Joyce Lee's sister, 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!

CANNED GOODS AND NON-PERISHABLES: We thank you for your generosity in January. For the month of February, we are collecting dried beans and rice, canned meats, macaroni & cheese and Jiffy cornbread mix for God's Pantry and individual grits or oatmeal, canned pasta, easy mac for the Weekend Backpack Ministry. Please place items in the gray boxes located in the narthex and gathering space.

BACKPACK MINISTRY: Our Backpack Ministry is in need of money for the purchase of food. Please consider making a gift to this worthy ministry.

CHURCH OFFICE: The Church Office will be closed Monday for President's Day.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Today we receive into the membership of the church Scott, Toni, Hayden and Tanner Clement. The Clements come to us from First United Methodist Church in Wilson, N.C. Please welcome the Clements to Sharon.

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Sierra Leone. Sierra Leone is on the West Coast of Africa. The majority of the population (approximately 75%) is Muslim. Christian churches, although a minority, have played an important role in healing, peace, and rehabilitation. Christians make up 21% of the population. **The United Methodist Church constitutes the majority of Christians.** Malaria is one of the most serious public health problems in Sierra Leone, according to the World Health Org. It is the most common cause of illness and death in the country. Malaria-related illnesses contribute to 38 childhood mortality rates. Sierra Leone is one of the top 5 nations affected by Malaria.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: We will resume Wednesday night activities this week. Bible study continues with lesson 3 from Luke: Journey Through The Bible.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Confirmation continues every Sunday promptly at 10:00AM. Bring your Bibles. Please pray for our confirmation class.

GOD'S PANTRY: We will be packing food boxes on Monday, February 22. The bus will leave the Church at 9:00AM and should return around noon. The Pantry will distribute food every 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.

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: Sharon Christian Academy is currently enrolling for the fall. Sharonumchurch.com has more information or you may contact Laura at sharonchristianacademy@gmail.com. We have begun transforming our classrooms upstairs. Come check us out!! Please continue to pray for our program, staff and children!

IMAGINE NO MALARIA: Today we have a presentation for Imagine No Malaria. Joining us in worship is Rev. Jeri Katherine Warden Sipes, the SC Annual Conference Field Coordinator for Imagine No Malaria. Also joining us today to participate in worship is our Greenville District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. George Howle. Please welcome Dr. Howle and Rev. Warden Sipes. Sharon UMC raised \$12,614.00 for Imagine No Malaria.

THANK YOU: Dear Church Family, We want to thank each of you for your prayers, thoughts and support during Olivia's illness and death and for the meal prepared after the service. Olivia loved Sharon Church and the church family. Continue to pray for us during this difficult and sad time.
With love, The Family of Olivia Davis

THANK YOU: Dear Sharon Family, Thank you so much for the outpouring of love and support you have shown our family in this most difficult time. We appreciate every single call, card and prayer that you have given our family. Mama (Brenda) loved Sharon UMC and I know she is going to miss everyone as much as she will be missed.

With Love, Leslie, Sonya, Eric, Tim, Trey and Carter

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 21, 2016 Lectionary Texts

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, February 14	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	10:00AM	Confirmation Class
	11:00AM	Worship
	3:00PM	UMW, Meeting House
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY	
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17	4:00-6:00PM	God's Pantry
	6:30-7:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities for all ages
	7:30PM	Choir Practice

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Dot DeYoung & Gayle Fowler
NURSERY WORKERS Feb. 21: Kay Bright & Linette Garrett

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Christy Snow & Katy Lee
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HEAD USHER: Jeff Boland

Sunday, February 7, 2016

Sunday School:	83
Worship:	149
Offering :	\$9,200.00
Received YTD:	\$36,125.00
Needed YTD:	\$37,613.40
Difference:	-\$1,488.40
Needed Weekly:	\$6,268.90
Cemetery Fund (12/31/2015)	\$5,279.66
Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Received	\$620.50
Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Balance	\$73,975.76

CHURCH STAFF:

Rev. Bryson Williams, Jr., Pastor
Mary Jo Bradley, Secretary
Katie Stewart, Music Director
Clara Godfrey, Pianist
Bill Lee, Organist
Christy Snow, Children's Min. Director
Debra Fowler, Custodian
Kaitlyn Pless, Director of Student Ministries
Laura Williams, Preschool Director
Ministers: Sharon Congregation Member