

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

PURPLE

February 21, 2016

11:00AM

"The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights."

-- Genesis 7:12

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

"God Will Take Care of You"

(v.1,2,&4)UMH #130

*Responsive Reading

"Psalm 27:1-6"

UMH #758

*Apostles' Creed

UMH #881

*Moments of Fellowship and Passing of the Peace

New Testament Reading

"Philippians 3:17-4:1"

Pew Bible, p.187 (N.T.)

Offering

The Offertory

Bill Lee, Organist

*Doxology

UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

Christy Snow

(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"

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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

"You Are Mine"

Choir

We Hear God's Word

Old Testament Reading

"Genesis 7:11-16"

Pew Bible, p.6 (O.T.)

Sermon

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

*Hymn of Dedication & Service

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH #140

*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.

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
Pat Lee
Sharon Lee
Mike West
Lewis Sutton
Lorraine Sroko, 223 Abners Trail Rd., Greer, SC 29651
Glenn Gardner
Sharon Ellis
Lisa Davis, 15 Crescent St., Lyman, SC 29365
Joann Waldrep

Joe Fowler's mother
Dot Pearson's sister-in-law
Dot Pearson's sister
Joyce Lee's son
Laura Williams' father
Kathy Jordan's mother
Donna Staton's brother
Kaitlyn Pless' aunt
Deb Fowler's sister
Eddie Waldrep's mother

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 William Donald Kennedy, Jimmy & June Gossett, Earl & Trudy Johnson, Scott & Angie Davis, Jackie & Ginger Floyd, Al & Myra Boland, Pat & Phyllis Brockman, Ken & Darlene DeYoung, Johnny & Doris Wade, Allan, Gayle & Karl Fowler, Margaret DeYoung, Dot McHugh, Larry & Pam Parham, Pete & Nancy O'Shields, Jannett Eason, Rick & Denise Belcher and Bud & Dot DeYoung.
A memorial to the church in memory of Joan Solesbee, Joyce Lee's sister, by Jannett Eason.

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Today we receive into the membership of the church Alan & Lidia Conwell. The Conwells come to us from other Christian denominations. Please welcome the Conwells as members of Sharon UMC.

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Malta. Malta has been host to many different civilizations, including the Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Normans, Italians, French and British. In 1964 that Malta achieved independence. In 1974 the constitution was revised and the government reorganized as a parliamentary republic. Virtually all citizens of Malta are baptized into the Roman Catholic Church, which is the state church and dominates the social and cultural life of the island. The Roman Catholic Church also owns over one-sixth of all property on the island, and publishes its daily newspaper.

YOUTH NEWS: We had a great trip to Revolution! Please continue to join us for dinner on Wednesday at 6:30PM in BBB and Sunday School at 10:00AM. We look forward to having you join us.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: We continue Wednesday night activities this week. Bible study is lesson 5 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!

BRIDAL SHOWER: On April 30th, 2016 Kaitlyn and Dylan will be saying "I Do". Let's start the bride off right by showering her with our love as she gets ready to start this next journey with Dylan. We will have a Drop-In Bridal Shower for Kaitlyn on Saturday, March 12th from 2:00 – 4:00PM. Kaitlyn is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target. Please join us if you can. Contact Christy Kurtz if you have any questions.

THANK YOU: Dear Church Family, I would like to thank you for the cards, calls and most of all your prayers. Please continue to remember me in your prayers.

Margaret DeYoung

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 28, 2016 Lectionary Texts

Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, February 21	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	10:00AM	Confirmation Class
	11:00AM	Worship
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22	9:00AM	Pack boxes at God's Pantry, Corporate
	4:00-6:00PM	God's Pantry
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23	7:00PM	Finance Committee Mtg.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24	6:30-7:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities for all ages
	7:30PM	Choir Practice

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Kay Bright & Linette Garrett
NURSERY WORKERS Feb. 28: Myra Boland & Scott Davis

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Christy Snow & Christine Sareault
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Feb. 28: Christy Snow & Lauren Davis

HEAD USHER: Gene Snow

Sunday, February 14, 2016

Sunday School:	65
Worship:	157
Offering :	\$5,308.00
Received YTD:	\$41,433.00
Needed YTD:	\$37,613.40
Difference:	-\$3,819.60
Needed Weekly:	\$6,268.90
Cemetery Fund (1/29/2016)	\$5,350.66
Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Received	\$855.00
Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Balance	\$74,830.76

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