

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

WHITE

February 7, 2016

11:00AM

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." --Matthew 6:21

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Opening Prayer

Gospel Reading "Luke 9:28-36" Pew Bible, p. 65 (N.T.)

***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 "Take Time to be Holy" UMH #395**

***Apostles' Creed UMH #881**

***Moments of Fellowship and Passing of the Peace**

Confession and Pardon UMH #12

Offering

The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist

***Doxology UMH#95**

The Offertory Prayer

Dedication of Books – Million Book Effort

Children's Time Rev. Bryson Williams
(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.

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 "In Remembrance Of Me" Choir

Gospel Reading "We Hear God's Word" Pew Bible, p. 6 (N.T.)
"Matthew 6:19-21"

The Good News "Treasure In Heaven" Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

Together At The Table—
The Receiving of the Elements of Holy Communion.....Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table. The ushers will direct you forward.

Prayer After Communion (unison)
Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted us as Your children, made us members of the Body of Christ: we thank You that in this time of Holy Communion You renew Your promises within us, empower us by Your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn of Dedication & Service "Near to the Heart of God" UMH #472**

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Congregation & Choir**
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of the glory and grace.

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 Glover
Betty Jean Brockman	June Gossett	Frank & Ruby Vaughn
Neely Thompson	Howard Jackson	J. B. Waddell
Doris Fowler	Brian Harrison	Brenda Roper
Ruby Coggins	Dora Edwards	Vivian Eubank (Manning Place)
Margaret DeYoung	Dorothy McHugh	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
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: A memorial was given in memory of Olivia Davis by Greenville Health System and The Fifty-Plus.

A memorial was given in memory of Joan Solesbee, Joyce Lee's sister, by Allan, Gayle & Karl Fowler.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY: We will join together for a Community Ash Wednesday worship service on February 10 at 7:00PM. The service will be at Allen View UMC. Please plan on attending this service to begin our Lent journey to Easter.

UMMEN VALENTINE DINNER: Please Make plans to attend the UMM Valentine's Dinner on February 13, 2016 at 6:00pm. This is a great opportunity to buy extra tickets for new neighbors or your friends, to let them meet your church family. Gene Burgess, the Author of *21 Ts to a Triumphant Life* will be speaking at the Valentine's Dinner. Gene Burgess will be speaking on *Marriages Two Hurdles*.

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Iceland. Iceland, an island in the North Atlantic just below the Arctic Circle, is the westernmost country of Europe. The population is descended from Scandinavian Vikings and Celtic immigrants, and is quite homogeneous with very insular institutions and traditions. Iceland's economy and prosperity is based on the fishing industry. Iceland became Christian by a decision of its assembly in the year 1000. It adopted the Lutheran Reformation. The Evangelical Lutheran Church is the national church, and is an integral part of the history and culture of the Icelandic people.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: No Wednesday night activities. Please join us at Allen View UMC for Ash Wednesday Worship Service.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Confirmation begins today promptly at 10:00AM. Bring your Bibles. Confirmation is for students in 6th grade and up who have not completed the class previously.

GOD'S PANTRY: We will be packing food boxes on Monday, February 8. 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.

SOUPER BOWL: Today, immediately after Church, we will celebrate with a Souper meal. We will take up an offering for God's Pantry #4. Look forward to seeing you there for food and fellowship.

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: Our new preschool, ages 2-4 years, will begin classes in September of 2016. If you are interested in a teaching or teaching assistant position, please send your resume to Laura Williams at sharonchristianacademy@gmail.com. If you are interested in your child or grandchild attending, we will begin enrolling soon. Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of this exciting ministry at Sharon UMC!!! Please continue to pray for our preschool!

WE ARE NOW REGISTERING STUDENTS FOR CLASSES TO BEGIN IN THE FALL.

IMAGINE NO MALARIA: Next Sunday, February 14, we will have a special worship service at 11:00AM. We will present our gift to the conference. Please plan on attending this service.

MILLION BOOK EFFORT: Today we dedicate the books we purchased for Reidville Elementary School. We have three books for every student at REMS. This is part of our Million Book Effort. We are going to deliver the books on Tuesday, February 9.

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 14, 2016 Lectionary Texts

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, February 7	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	10:00AM	Confirmation Class
	11:00AM	Worship, Communion
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8	9:00AM	Pack boxes at God's Pantry, Corporate
	4:00-6:00PM	God's Pantry
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10	7:00PM	Ash Wednesday Service, Allen View UMC
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13	6:00PM	UMM Valentine Dinner, Gym
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14	3:00PM	UMW, Meeting House

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles
NURSERY WORKERS Feb. 14: Dot DeYoung & Gayle Fowler

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Communion
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Feb. 14: Christy Snow & Katy Lee

HEAD USHER: Gerald Snow

Sunday, January 31, 2016

Sunday School:	77
Worship:	122
Offering :	\$9,766.00
Received YTD:	\$26,925.00
Needed YTD:	\$31,344.50
Difference:	-\$4,419.50
Needed Weekly:	\$6,268.90
Cemetery Fund (12/31/2015)	\$5,279.66
Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Received	\$815.00
Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Balance	\$73,355.26

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
Ministers: Sharon Congregation Member