

## THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	Prayer Time
	<b>10:00AM</b>	Sunday School
	<b>11:00AM</b>	Worship
	<b>6:30PM</b>	Disciples Bible Study, Seekers Class
	<b>1:30PM</b>	Leave for play in Pelzer
	<b>6:30PM</b>	CrossFire
<b>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19</b>	<b>4-6PM</b>	Sharon's Community Cupboard
	<b>6:30PM</b>	Interval Training
<b>WEDNESDY, FEBRUARY 21</b>	<b>6:30-7:30PM</b>	Wednesday Night Activities
	<b>7:30PM</b>	Choir Practice
<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	Interval Training

### Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018

Sunday School	61
Worship	113
Offering	\$8,782.00
Received YTD	\$43,595.74
Needed YTD	\$40,495.62
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	+\$3,100.12
Cemetery Fund (1/31/2018)	\$2,348.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$40.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$91,302.89

### SERVANT MINISTRIES

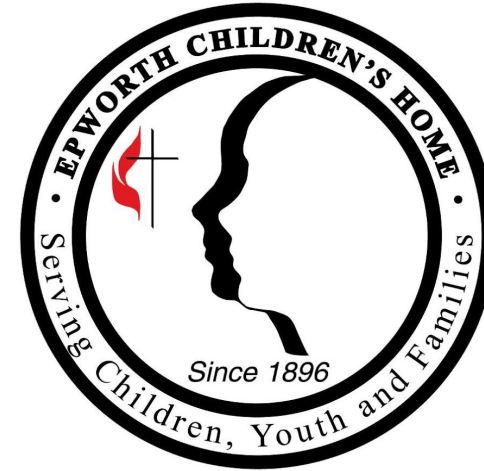
Nursery Workers Today	Karen Waldrep & Suzie Horn
Nursery Workers Feb. 25	Linette Garrett & Karen Landers
Children's Church Today	Kelle Waters & April Brunson
Children's Church Feb. 25	Amy Blackwell & Kelsey Hendrix
Head Usher Today	Jeff Boland
Head Usher Feb. 25	Rick Christopher

### SCA Staff

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

### LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sunday, February 25
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalms 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38



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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.**

**1st SUNDAY IN LENT**

**February 18, 2018**

**11:00AM**

**"Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'" —Mark 1:14-15**

**We Gather To Worship God**

**Prelude** **Bill Lee, Organist**

**Announcements** **Rev. Bryson Williams**

**\*Call To Worship** **"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"** **UMH #334**  
**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.**

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

**We Praise God**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Offering**

**The Offertory** **Bill Lee, Organist**

**\*Doxology** **UMH#95**

**\*The Offertory Prayer**

**Children's Message** **Amy Blackwell**

**(Sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children return to their seats.) 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.**

**Epworth Presentation and Dedication**

**Word about Epworth Children's Home** **Rev. John Holler**

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

**Anthem** **"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"** **Choir**

**We Hear God's Word**

**Scripture Reading**

**Sermon** **Rev Dr. George Howle**

**We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship**

**\*Closing Hymn** **"Blessed Assurance"** **UMH #369**

**\*Benediction** **Rev Dr. George Howle**

**\*Postlude**

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

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**ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers are placed in the church 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  
Frank & Ruby Vaughn  
Roie Johnson  
Margaret DeYoung  
Dorothy McHugh  
Gregg Gowan  
Gerald & Ruth Snow  
Dot Pearson

**FEBRUARY 18, 2018**

**ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS**

Amanda Newton  
Wirron Leonard, friend of Johnny Wade  
Jill Taylor, friend of Leslie Roper  
Richard Lanford, friend of Pat Burgess  
Sharon Community Cupboard  
Sharon Christian Academy

**IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN**

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

**OUR MILITARY**

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

**FOOD COLLECTIONS:**

*Sharon's Community Cupboard –  
Spaghetti Noodles, individual packs of grits and oatmeal and  
individual packs (not cups) of Ramen noodles.*

**ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES**

Mike West	Joyce Lee's son
Shelby Hendrix	Jackie Floyd and Allen Sheriff's sister
Steve Farmer	Katy Lee's father
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
Kay Ford	Ken DeYoung's sister
Barry Davis	Deb Fowler's brother-in-law

**MISSIONARIES IN ACTION**

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

**MEMORIALS**

JoAnn Waldrep by Martha Ann Bennett, Scott & Angie Davis, Jannett Eason  
Pete O'Shields by 50+, David & Madeleine Snow, Jannett Eason  
Larry Yon by Scott & Angie Davis, Jannett Eason

**MISSION PRAYER FOCUS:** This week we pray for France. France was Christianized in the 5th century. The Catholic Church in France has been one of the main centers of western Christianity, and is the majority church. France was the birthplace of the Calvinist Reformation, but Protestantism has remained a minority. The Protestant Federation of France embraces a wide variety of denominations, including Evangelical and Pentecostal groups. A survey in 2006 is showing a slight increase in the number of Protestants in France, mainly due to the growth of the Evangelical churches, especially those of African origin.

**JESUS IS THE GIFT:** This year we collected for Epworth Children's Home with a goal of \$15,000.00. We are pleased to report to date \$26,688.27 has been given.

**LENT:** Today is the first Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of 40 days, not counting Sundays, leading up to the celebration of Easter. Lent is a time for fasting and preparing ourselves for Christ's passion, death and resurrection. Pastor Bryson encourages us to read Mark 11-16 this week to prepare ourselves.



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**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!

**CONFIRMATION:** We are having a confirmation class this spring. Class is at 10:00AM in the youth Sunday School Room. Any questions, see Pastor Bryson or Grey.

**SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY:** 2018-2019 registration is currently underway. If you or someone you know would like to register a child, contact the preschool office at 864-879-1763 or see Laura for a form.

We have a few spots open for the remainder of this school year. Contact us if you are interested.

**THANK YOU:** We would like to thank every one of our caring church family members for the flowers, cards, visits, phone calls, messages, prayers and most of all the love you shared with our family this past week in the passing of my father. We are so blessed with such a wonderful family here at Sharon UMC. Forever thankful, Randy and Debbie Conwell

**"CALIFORNIA DREAMING":** We will meet at the church at 1:15 and leave at 1:30PM. Church bus will be provided.