

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 19, 2017

11:00AM

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous."
--Matthew 5:43-45

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements Rev. Bryson Williams

Call To Worship "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" UMH #349
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth
will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

*Opening Hymn "Freely, Freely" UMH #389

We Praise God

*Responsive Reading "Psalm 119:1-8" UMH #841

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #883

*Passing of the Peace

Offering

The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist

*Doxology UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time Kelle Waters
(Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children ages 4, 5 and 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"
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 and Lord's Prayer Rev. Bryson Williams

Anthem "The Gift Of Love" Choir

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading "Matthew 5:38-48" Pew Bible, p.5 (N.T.)

Sermon "It Ain't Easy" Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

*Closing Hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

*Benediction

*Benediction Response UMH #526

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege
to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what
needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

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.

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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

IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN

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

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 Robert Solesbee, Vera Brockman's brother, 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).

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Switzerland. Christians in Switzerland are split more or less evenly between the Catholic Church, which is the largest single church, and the Protestant Federation, which groups the Reformed churches of the cantons, and a few other churches. The Methodists are part of the United Methodist Church. Through immigration, Orthodox congregations have come into being, belonging for example to the Serbian Orthodox Church, the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and others. The Catholics, Protestants, Orthodox and the Old-Catholics come together in a Council of Christian Churches.

50+: NOTE: The 50+ is having to change their meeting for March. We were planning on going to the Reidville Presbyterian Church for a low country boil. The cook has another obligation! We will re-schedule the low country boil for April. For March we will have a covered dish meal in the gym.

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 22. We will be studying *Half Truths* by Adam Hamilton. This week we will study Chapter 5.

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.

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.

UPPER ROOMS: The Upper Rooms for March – April are in the rack in the Gathering Space and in the Narthex. Pick up your copy today!

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY: There will be an Ash Wednesday worship service on March 1 at 6:30PM. The service will be here in the Sharon sanctuary. Please plan on attending this important worship service.

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 26, 2017 Lectionary Texts
Exodus 23:12-18, Psalm 99, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	Crossfire
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22	6:30-7:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Sarah Boland & Suzie Horn
NURSERY WORKERS February 26: Angie Davis & Karen Waldrep

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Amy Blackwell & Linette Garrett
CHILDREN'S CHURCH February 26: Kelle Waters & Lisa Cureton

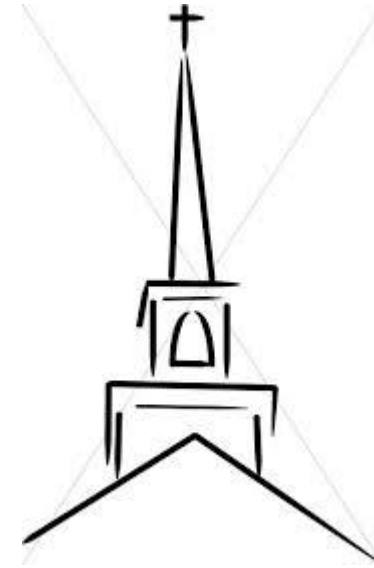
HEAD USHER: Gerald Snow
HEAD USHER February 26: Trudy Cox

Sunday, February 12, 2016:

Sunday School	81
Worship	179
Offering	\$5,116.00
Received YTD	\$49,790.00
Needed YTD	\$44,651.96
Needed Weekly	\$6,378.98
Difference	+\$5,138.04
Cemetery Fund (1/31/2017)	\$3,676.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$52.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$96,280.94

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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Katie Stewart, Music Director
Clara Godfrey, Pianist
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Kelle Waters, Children's Co-Director
Debra Fowler, Custodian
Grey Pennell, Director of Student Ministries
Laura Williams, Preschool Director