

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	Disciples Bible Study, Seekers Class
	6:30PM	CrossFire
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26	6:30PM	Interval Training
WEDNESDY, FEBRUARY 28	6:30-7:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
SATURDAY, MARCH 3	9:00AM	Interval Training

Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018

Sunday School	74
Worship	131
Offering	\$7,216.00
Received YTD	\$50,811.74
Needed YTD	\$47,244.89
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	+\$3,566.85
Cemetery Fund (1/31/2018)	\$2,348.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$95.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$91,397.89

SERVANT MINISTRIES

Nursery Workers Today	Linette Garrett & Karen Landers
Nursery Workers March 4	Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles
Children's Church Today	Amy Blackwell & Kelsey Hendrix
Children's Church March 4	Communion
Head Usher Today	Rick Christopher
Head Usher March 4	Eddie Bright

SCA Staff

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

LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sunday, March 4
Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22



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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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 2018

11:00AM

**"He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'"
—Mark 8:34**

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude **Bill Lee, Organist**

Announcements **Rev. Bryson Williams**

Reception Of New Members **UMH #38**

***Call To Worship** **"Spirit of the Living God"** **UMH #393**
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.

***Opening Hymn** **"Lift High the Cross"** **UMH #159 (v.1-3)**

We Praise God

*** Responsive Reading** **"Psalm 22:1-11"** **UMH #752**

***Passing of the Peace**

Offering

The Offertory **Bill Lee, Organist**

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

***The Offertory Prayer**

Children's Message **Scott Davis**
(Sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children ages 4,5, & 1st grade go to children's church.)
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.

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

Anthem **"Days Of Elijah"** **Choir**

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading **"Mark 8:31-38"** **Pew Bible, p.41 (N.T.)**

Sermon **"Take Up What?"** **Rev Bryson Williams**

We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship

***Closing Hymn** **"Where He Leads Me"** **UMH #338**

***Benediction** **Rev Bryson Williams**

***Benediction Response** **"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"** **TFWS #2129**
I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus no turning back, no turning back.

***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 in the church for the Glory of God and in memory of Deborah Davis Hubbard by Scott, Angie, Lauren and Hayes Davis.

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

IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN

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

FEBRUARY 25, 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
Betty Boyter, friend of Martha Ann Bennett
Deborah Howard, friend of Denise Belcher
Dawn Bond, friend of Denise Belcher
Myleigh McDowell, friend of Denise Belcher
Eddie Cooper, Pastor at Apalache Baptist Church
Sharon Community Cupboard
Sharon Christian Academy

OUR MILITARY

Erin Pennell
Jonathan Houck, Chuck and Debi Hembree's grandson

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
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 Margaret DeYoung
Pete O'Shields by Leslie Roper
Walter Herman Taylor, Debbie Conwell's father by Allan, Gayle & Karl Fowler & pat Burgess
Ruby Coggins by Rick & Denise Belcher, Robert & Teresa Wiegert, Pat Burgess,
Eddie Waldrep, Bud & Dot DeYoung, Trudy Johnson, Vera Brockman, Martha
Ann Bennett, Carroll & Pat Genobles, Pat & Phyllis Brockman, Al & Myra
Boland, Leslie Roper, Margaret DeYoung, Allan, Gayle & Karl Fowler, Ken &
Darlene DeYoung

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for The Netherlands. The Netherlands emerged as an independent nation in the 16th century. The country became a constitutional monarchy in 1848. The country has developed a strong economy, based on agriculture, trade and industry. It is one of the six founding members of the European Union. The "low lands" were Christianized in the 8th century by missionaries from Ireland. The 16th century republic embraced the Calvinist Reformation. Church affiliation and church attendance have declined sharply since the 1960s.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Today we receive the Edwards family into the membership of the church. Please join in welcoming Kevin, Christi, Kaleb & Olivia. They come to us by transfer of membership from the Baptist Church

LENT: Today is the second Sunday of 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.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA: Mark your calendars for our annual Easter Eggstravaganza on March 24 from 10:00 - 12:00 in the gym. We will have lots of fun, games and crafts!!! (And of course an awesome egg hunt with tons of prizes!!!) Also, if anyone would like to donate any prizes or candy, that would be greatly appreciated. Just find Kelle or Amy or leave it in the gathering space and they will get it. Looking forward to a great day!