

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 26, 2017

11:00AM

"And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white."
--Matthew 17:2

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements Rev. Bryson Williams

Call To Worship "Shine Jesus Shine" TFWS #2173
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory, blaze, Spirit, blaze set our hearts on fire; flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy, send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light. (sing twice)

*Opening Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (v. 1,2,5) UMH #139

We Praise God

*Responsive Reading "Psalm 99:1-9" UMH #819

*Affirmation of Faith "Apostles' Creed" UMH #881

*Passing of the Peace

Offering

The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist

*Doxology UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time Amy Blackwell
(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 "Just A Little Talk With Jesus" Choir

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading "Matthew 17:1-9" Pew Bible, p.17,18 (N.T.)

Sermon "Dazzling White" Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

Reception of New Members UMH #38

*Closing Hymn "How Great Thou Art" UMH #77

*Benediction

*Benediction Response UMH #176
Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King. Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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 and in memory of Deborah 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.

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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
Billy Tucker, friend of Leslie Roper
Larry Yon, father of Matt Yon
The Waters Family
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

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).

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Today we receive into the membership of the Church: Linette Garrett, Marilyn Dean, Ralph & Jan Hollis. Each comes to the membership from other denominations. Please welcome Linette, Marilyn, Ralph & Jan into the membership of Sharon.

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Belgium. Belgium has been a constitutional monarchy since 1830. It has a largely federalized government system in order to accommodate the language areas (Dutch-speaking Flanders, French-speaking Wallonia, Brussels where both languages are used, and a small German-speaking area). Belgium has a modern industrialized and commercial economy. The Catholic Church is the majority church in Belgium. Historically, the Reformation had a strong impact in the area, but the independence struggle of the Netherlands and the Counter-Reformation led to the re-establishment of the Catholic Church.

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. 50+ will meet March, 7 at 6:30PM for a covered dish meal.

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: There will be no Bible Study this Wednesday, March 1.

YOUTH NEWS: Crossfire is 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 is scheduled for April 2-12, 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.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA: Mark your calendar for our annual Easter Eggstravaganza, April 8, from 10:00-12:00. We will have lots of fun with an egg hunt, crafts, games and snacks. Hope everyone will plan to be here!

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, March 5, 2017 Lectionary Texts

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Psalm 23, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

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| SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 | 9:30AM | Prayer Group |
| | 10:00AM | Sunday School |
| | 11:00AM | Worship |
| WEDNESDAY MARCH 1 | 6:30PM | Crossfire |
| | 6:30PM | Ash Wednesday Service |

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Angie Davis & Karen Waldrep
NURSERY WORKERS March 5: Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Kelle Waters & Lisa Cureton
CHILDREN'S CHURCH March 5: Communion

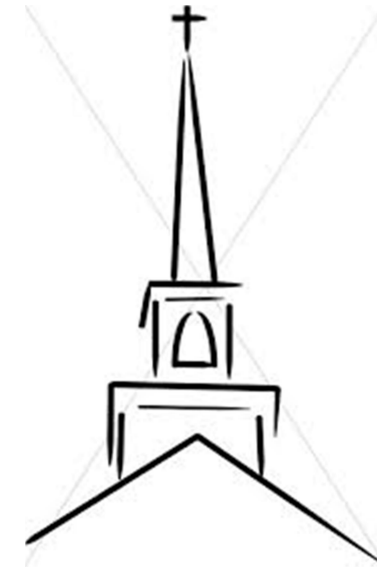
HEAD USHER: Trudy Cox
HEAD USHER March 5: Rick Christopher

Sunday, February 19, 2017:

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| Sunday School | 88 |
| Worship | 129 |
| Offering | \$5,504.00 |
| Received YTD | \$55,294.00 |
| Needed YTD | \$51,031.84 |
| Needed Weekly | \$6,378.98 |
| Difference | +\$4,262.16 |
| Cemetery Fund (1/31/2017) | \$3,676.96 |
| Capital Imp. Received | \$482.00 |
| Capital Imp. Fund Balance | \$96,762.94 |

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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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***