

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 1, 2017

11:00AM

"In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'"

--Matthew 2:1-2

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude

Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements

Rev. Bryson Williams

*Call To Worship

"There's a Song in the Air"

UMH #249

There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky! There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry! And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing, for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

*Opening Hymn

"We Three Kings"

UMH #254

We Praise God

*Affirmation of Faith

"Apostles' Creed"

UMH #881

*Passing of the Peace

Confession and Pardon

UMH #12

Offering

The Offertory

Lindsey Woodie

*Doxology

UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

Pastor Bryson

(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.

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bryson Williams

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading

"Matthew 2:1-12"

Pew Bible, p.1 (N.T.)

Sermon

"Another Epiphany"

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

"Closing Hymn

"What Child Is This"

UMH #219

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

(v.1) UMH #251

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born.

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 Gertrude Smith
Betty Jean Brockman June Gossett
Roie Johnson Vivian Eubanks
Sharon Cole Earl Johnson
Ruby Coggins Dora Edwards
Margaret DeYoung Dorothy McHugh

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Betty Glover
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
J. B. Waddell
Mark Cox
David Snow

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Mike West
Glenn Gardner
Sharon Ellis
Gettis Solesbee
Christi Edwards
Doug Smith
Bill Ruppe

Joyce Lee's son
Donna Staton's brother
Kaitlyn Pless' aunt
Vera Brockman's brother
Dan & Ann Edwards' daughter-in-law
Myra Boland's cousin
Suzie Horn's step-father

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Cheryl Brown, friend of Jerry & Angie Dalenta
Robbie Strange, friend of Christy Kurtz
Cornelia Hawkins, friend of Leslie Roper
Harold Moore, friend of Leslie Roper
Richard Allen, friend of Leslie Roper
Bill Burgess, friend of Dot Pearson
Doris Khoe, friend of Ruth Snow
Jonathan Houck, deployed to Iraq, grandson of Chuck & Debi Hembree
Cooper Cheshire, son of Brad & Christy Cheshire, friend of Amy Blackwell
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 has been given in memory of Bill Brockman by: Shirley Lynch and Family, Gayle Mitchell, Pat & Phyllis Brockman, Gary & Sherry Brockman, Rick & Denise Belcher, Rufus & Carolyn Genobles, Vera Brockman, Bud & Dot DeYoung, Allan, Gayle & Karl Fowler, and Pat Burgess.

A memorial has been given in memory of Lewis Sutton by Pat Burgess and Larry & Mary Jo Bradley.

A memorial has been given in memory of David Smith by Johnny & Doris Wade.

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!

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Egypt. Egypt was the cradle of one of the world's great civilizations. An empire grew up around 3200 BC in the Nile valley, and a series of dynasties ruled Egypt for the next three millennia. Egypt was Christianized as of the first century and Alexandria was one of the main centers of the early church. Islam is currently the majority religion, but the Coptic Christians still form a sizeable minority. The Copts are the descendants of the ancient Egyptians. Besides the Coptic Orthodox Church, there is also the smaller Greek Orthodox Church of Alexandria. Anglican, Catholic and Protestant-Evangelical and Pentecostal churches have come into being in the 19th and 20th century among the Copts. Christians in Egypt are under extreme pressure pray for them.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: Wednesday night activities for Children and Adult Bible Study at 6:30 and Choir Practice at 7:30. We will resume on January 18. See you there.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study resumes this Wednesday, January 18.

YOUTH NEWS: Crossfire is heating up just in time for Christmas! We WILL meet at 630 in the gym on Sunday, December 18th. We will have NO youth on Christmas day or New Years day so enjoy the time with your families. If you haven't already joined the Sharon UMC Youth Group on Facebook, please join to stay up to date. See everyone again on January 8th!

TRIP TO HOLY LAND: We are planning a trip to the Holy Land. See Pastor Bryson if you would like a brochure. The dates are set for April 18-28, 2017. Please mark your calendars. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Bryson who will be leading this trip.

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.

Sharon Christian Academy: The staff at SCA would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, support and gifts this year. We have had a wonderful time and are very grateful. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you in 2017!!!

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: We collected \$1,935.00 for Jesus Is The Gift on Christmas Eve. Our total so far for Jesus Is The Gift is \$12,772.00. We will receive donations until January 15.

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

Sharon's Community Cupboard –Can fruit, 1Lb. bags of Rice, 1 Lb. bags of dried beans, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Ketchup.

Backpack Ministry – Can Tuna or chicken, applesauce, fruit cups and Drinks (Hugs).

