

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

January 22, 2017

11:00AM

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bryson Williams

"From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom has come near.'"

--Matthew 4:17

Anthem

Choir

We Hear God's Word

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude

Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Thoughts on Epworth

Angie Davis

Announcements

Rev. Bryson Williams

Gospel Reading

"Mathew 4:16-23"

Pew Bible, p.3 (N.T.)

\*Call To Worship

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

(v.1)TFWS #2151

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, singing glory hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

Sermon

"The Kingdom Of Heaven"

Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

\*Opening Hymn

"Morning Has Broken "

UMH #145

\*Closing Hymn

"I'll Fly Away"

TFWS #2282

We Praise God

\*Responsive Reading

"Psalm 146:1-10"

UMH#858

Dedication of Jesus Is The Gift

\*Benediction

\*Passing of the Peace

Postlude

Offering

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

The Offertory

Clara Godfrey, Pianist

\*Doxology

UMH#95

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers are placed at the altar for the glory of God.

The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

Amy Blackwell

(Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children ages 4, 5 and 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

**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

**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**

Cheryl Brown, friend of Jerry & Angie Dalenta  
Robbie Strange, friend of Christy Kurtz  
Billy Tucker, friend of Leslie Roper  
Bill Burgess, friend of Dot Pearson  
Doris Khoe, friend of Ruth Snow  
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

**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).

**EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME:** For more than 120 years, Epworth has provided quality care grounded in faith and responsibility for children in our community. Children come to Epworth through private and government placement. Each placement is the result of a fractured family system where children have experienced abuse, neglect or significant loss. Epworth continues to be a ministry of the United Methodist Church.

**MISSION PRAYER FOCUS:** This week we pray for Cyprus. Cyprus is an independent republic since 1960. There have been and are currently strong tensions between Greek and Turkish Cypriots. The Church of Cyprus is the majority church. There is an Armenian Apostolic Church which is part of the Holy See of Cilicia. The Anglican community belongs to the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Latin and Maronite Catholic churches, and several small Protestant and Pentecostal churches are also present in Cyprus.

**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, January 25. We will be studying *Half Truths* by Adam Hamilton. This week we will study Chapter 1: Everything Happens For A Reason.

**YOUTH NEWS:** Youth activities are back! Crossfire meets Sunday night at 6:30 in the gym, and dinner is provided! Revolution conference in Columbia will be January 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> and we still have open spots. If your student would like to join or you would like to come along as a chaperone, find Grey for more details. We are expecting an amazing weekend!

**THANK YOU NOTES:**

Dear Church Family, Thank you for any kindness shown during the illness and death of Earl Johnson. The food, visits, cards and especially your prayers were greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray for me and the family.  
Trudy Johnson and family.

**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.

**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 for current families and church members will begin on Monday, January 30. Registration opens to the public on Wednesday, Feb 1. Please see Laura for a registration form or more information.

**JESUS IS THE GIFT:** The final collection total for Jesus Is The Gift is \$13,669.00. This is twice what we collected two years ago and 10% more than last year. Thank you for your generosity.

**GOLF CARTS:** Epworth Children's Home has a Christmas wish list. On the list this year was a golf cart. With our collection from Jesus Is The Gift, we are able to purchase TWO carts for Epworth Children's Home. We are also sending \$850.00 for gas and upkeep on the carts.

**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.

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, January 29, 2017 Lectionary Texts**  
Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 22</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>
	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Crossfire</b>
	<b>6:30-7:30PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>
	<b>7:30PM</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>

**NURSERY WORKERS TODAY:** Dot DeYoung & Jannett Eason  
**NURSERY WORKERS January 29:** Gayle Fowler & Amy Tobin

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY:** Kelle Waters & Sarah Boland  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH January 29:** Amy Blackwell & Katy Lee

**HEAD USHER:** Trudy Cox  
**HEAD USHER January 29:** Rick Christopher

**Sunday, January 15, 2016:**

Sunday School	84
Worship	151
Offering	\$13,176.00
Received YTD	\$18,075.00
Needed YTD	\$19,136.94
Needed Weekly	\$6,378.98
Difference	-\$1,061.94
Cemetery Fund (12/31/2016)	\$3,680.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$315.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$93,668.26

**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*