

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPANY
BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

WHITE

January 10, 2016

11:00AM

"John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'" --Luke 3:16

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Opening Prayer

New Testament Reading "Acts 8:14-17" Pew Bible, p.,118 (N.T.)

*Call to Worship "Spirit of the Living God"
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.

We Praise God

*Opening Hymn "Praise to the Lord" UMH #139

*Responsive Reading "Psalm 29:1-4" UMH #761

*Apostles' Creed UMH #881

*Moments of Fellowship and Passing of the Peace

Offering

The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist

*Doxology UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time Christy Snow
(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 & Lord's Prayer Rev. Bryson Williams

Anthem "Baptized By Water" Choir

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading "Luke 3:15-17, 21-22" Pew Bible, p.56 (N.T.)

The Good News "Water and Spirit" Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

*Hymn of Dedication & Service "Spirit Song" UMH #347

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Congregation & Choir
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of the glory and grace.

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 David & Gertrude Smith
Betty Jean Brockman June Gossett
Neely Thompson Howard Jackson
Doris Fowler Brian Harrison
Ruby Coggins Dora Edwards
Margaret DeYoung Dorothy McHugh

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Betty Glover
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
J. B. Waddell
Gregg Gowan
Vivian Eubanks
Brenda Roper

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Foye Fowler, White Oak Estates, 400 Webber Rd., Spartanburg, 20307

Pat Lee
Sharon Lee
Mike West
Lewis Sutton
Lorraine Sroko, 223 Abners Trail Rd., Greer, SC 29651
Glenn Gardner
Sharon Ellis
Preston Johnson

Lisa Davis, 15 Crescent St., Lyman, SC 29365

James Hendrix, 102 Bearden Drive, Duncan, SC 29334

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Bob Wade, relative of Johnny Wade
Kim Turner, Bible Baptist Church Pastor's Wife
Gene Crane, Atlanta, GA., friend of Pat Burgess
The Greer Family, son and daughter of Wilma Greer
Family of Emma Canada, friend of Sharon Cole
Holly Wood, Eddie Waldrep's coworker's wife
Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap, our missionaries to Asia Minor
Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway, our missionaries to Thailand
GIFTS AND MEMORIALS: A memorial was given in memory of Olivia Davis by Rufus & Carolyn Genobles, Ken & Darlene DeYoung, Larry & Mary Jo Bradley, Rick & Denise Belcher, Jeff & Sarah Boland, Vera Brockman, Martha Ann Bennett, Jimmy & June Gossett, Pete & Nancy O'Shields, Jeff Horton, Brenda Davis Keeling, Dean Hall, Johnny & Trudy Rayfield, Evelyn Winkler, Mitchell & Martha Wells, and Ron & Katherine Oneil.

A gift to the church in memory of Daniel Grubbs by Martha Ann Bennett.

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!

CANNED GOODS AND NON-PERISHABLES: We thank you for your generosity in December. For the month of January, we are collecting dried beans and rice, canned meats, macaroni & cheese and Jiffy cornbread mix for God's Pantry and individual grits, individual cereal boxes and individual packets of oatmeal for the Weekend Backpack Ministry. Please place items in the gray boxes located in the narthex and gathering space.

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Iran. Iran, the old Persia, was settled over 3000 years ago by the Aryan peoples, from which the country's name is derived. From the 16th century onwards, Iran was ruled by a shah, or king. In 1978, the monarchy was overthrown. An Islamic theocratic republic was established, in which the political authority is vested in religious scholars. Shi'a Islam has been the official religion of Iran since the 16th century, and Shiites form 89 percent of the population; 9 percent are Sunni. Christians form less than 1 percent of the population, the church has a long history in Iran. A small community still exists in Iran. In recent years the conditions Christians have become more and more difficult.

YOUTH NEWS: The Sharon UMC Youth will travel to Columbia again this year to the Revolution Conference on January 29, 30 and 31. We will spend the night Friday and Saturday and be home Sunday afternoon. We had a great time last year and look forward to this year as well. Please let me know if your youth plans to attend by January 15. We also need 1 or 2 adult chaperones as well. If you have any questions, please let me know. Kaitlyn Pless

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: We will resume Wednesday night activities on January 20.

UMW: The UMW will meet this afternoon at 3:00PM in the meeting house.

JESUS IS THE GIFT: This year we are asking each church family to give 25% of what they would spend on Christmas to Imagine No Malaria. We can still celebrate Christmas with ¾ of what we would normally spend. We do this to acknowledge that Jesus is the true gift at Christmas. These donations will be received until January 31, 2016.

GOD'S PANTRY: We will be packing food boxes on Monday, January 11. The bus will leave the Church at 9:00AM and should return around noon. The Pantry will distribute food every 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.

SOUPER BOWL: On February 7, immediately after Church, we will celebrate with a Souper meal. Please bring your favorite soup, chili, chowder, stew and cornbread. Crackers, Desserts and Beverages will be provided. We will take up an offering for God's Pantry #4. Look forward to seeing you there for food and fellowship.

SIGN-UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2016: The 2016 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.

WEBSITE: Our church website, sharonumchurch.com has been re-launched. If you would like to put something on the site, send the information in an email to sharonumcwebsite@gmail.com. Go check out the site!

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: Sharon Christian Academy, our new preschool, will begin classes in September of 2016. If you are interested in the director position, teaching or teaching assistant, please send your resume to Pastor Bryson at bwilliams@umcsc.org. We would like to get the staff in place soon, so don't miss your opportunity to be a part of this exciting ministry at Sharon UMC!!! Please pray for our preschool!

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 17, 2016 Lectionary Texts

Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10	8:00AM	UMMen, Gym
	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	3:00PM	UMW, Meeting House
MONDAY, JANUARY 11	9:00AM	Pack boxes at God's Pantry, Corporate
	4:00-6:00PM	God's Pantry
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13		No Wednesday night Bible Study
	7:30PM	Choir Practice

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Carolyn Genobles & Pat Burgess
NURSERY WORKERS Jan. 17: Jannett Eason & Dot DeYoung

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Christy Snow & Chris Kurtz
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HEAD USHER: Jeff Boland

Sunday, January 3, 2016

Sunday School:	70
Worship:	130
Offering :	\$5,420.00
Received YTD:	\$5,420.00
Needed YTD:	\$6,268.90
Difference:	-\$848.90
Needed Weekly:	\$6,268.90
Cemetery Fund (9/30/15)	\$3,606.66
Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Received	\$775.00
Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Balance	\$71,378.26

CHURCH STAFF:

Rev. Bryson Williams, Jr., Pastor
Mary Jo Bradley, Secretary
Katie Stewart, Music Director
Clara Godfrey, Pianist
Bill Lee, Organist
Christy Snow, Children's Min. Director
Debra Fowler, Custodian
Kaitlyn Pless, Director of Student Ministries

Ministers: Sharon Congregation Member