

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 13, 2019

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 Victoria Fowler, Pianist

Announcements Rev. Bryson Williams

*Call To Worship "Spirit Song" (v.1) UMH #347
O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

*Opening Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (v.1,2,3&5) UMH #139

We Praise God

*Responsive Reading "Psalm 29:1-11" UMH #761

*Affirmation of Faith "Nicene Creed" UMH #880

*Passing of the Peace

Offering

The Offertory Victoria Fowler, Pianist

*Doxology UMH #95

*Prayer after offering Rev. Bryson Williams

Children's Message Kelle Waters
(Sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children return to their seats. 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 "Baptized in Water" Choir

We Hear Gods Word

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

Sermon "Baptism Of Our Lord" Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship

*Closing Hymn "It Is Well with My Soul" UMH #377

*Benediction Rev. Bryson Williams

*Benediction Response "Where He Leads Me" (refrain) UMH #338
Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow; I'll go with him, with him all the way.

*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.

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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE		
SUNDAY, JANUARY 13	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	3:00PM	UMW, Meeting House
	6:30PM	CrossFire
MONDAY, JANUARY 14	10:00AM	Stretching and Walking
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15	6:30PM	Interval Training
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16	7:30PM	Choir Practice
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17	10:00AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	6:30PM	Interval Training
SATURDAY, JANUARY 19	8:30AM	Interval Training

Sunday, JAN. 6, 2019	
Sunday School	70
Worship	136
Offering	\$9,623.00
Received YTD	\$9,623.00
Needed YTD	\$6,868.52
Needed Weekly	\$6,868.52
Difference	+\$2,754.28
Cemetery Fund (12/31/2018)	\$2,865.94
Capital Imp. Received	\$105.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$102,856.89

SCA Staff	
Kay Bright	Bailey Cox
Melissa Farmer	Katie Reckart
Lisa Welch	Stephanie Wykel

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, JANUARY 20
Isaiah 62:1-5 - Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - John 2:1-11

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
Nursery Workers Today	Pat Burgess & Suzie Horn
Nursery Workers January 20	Sarah Boland & Angie Davis
Children's Church Today	Amy Blackwell & Linette Garrett
Children's Church January 20	Kelle Waters & Sarah Sosebee
Head Usher Today	Eddie Bright
Head Usher January	Jeff Boland



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CHURCH STAFF:

Rev. Bryson Williams, Jr., Pastor

Mary Jo Bradley, Secretary

Katie Reckart, Music Director

Victoria Fowler, 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.

**ON-GOING PRAYER-
SHARON UMC FAMILY**

Ben Brockman
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
Roie Johnson
Margaret DeYoung
Dorothy McHugh
Gregg Gowan
Gerald & Ruth Snow
Phyllis Brockman
Joyce Lee
Beverly Cureton
Johnny Wade

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Jackie Keith, friend of Leslie Roper
Sandy Colter, friend of Janett Eason
Earl Neely, friend of Ron King
Mitch Mabee, friend of Clara Godfrey
Kelli Cardoso, friend of Jackie & Ginger Floyd
Doris Lewis, Linette Garrett's co-worker's mom
David Huffman, friend of Jerry & Angela Dalenta
Kay Hammett, Larry Bradley's sister
Sharon Community Cupboard
Sharon Christian Academy

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
Mary & Bill Ruppe	Suzie Horn's mother & step-father
Sharon Lee	Dot Pearson's sister
Wick DeYoung	Ken DeYoung's brother
David Rowland	Debi Hembree's brother
Winnie Huffmaster	Laura Floyd's mother
Bryan Sutton	Laura Williams' uncle

MISSIONARIES IN ACTION

Asia Minor - Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap
Thailand - Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway

MEMORIALS

Memorials for Al Boland: John Behnke Jr. and Red Rock Developments, LLC
In honor of: Myra Boland and Charles Smith by Red Rock Developments, LLC

OUR MILITARY

Erin Pennell
Jonathan Houck
Jamie Matekaitis

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

Sharon's Community Cupboard
Ramen noodles (packs)
Saltine crackers
Individual packs of Oatmeal and Grits

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.

BACKGROUND CHECKS: As part of our Safe Sanctuary Policy, it is time to run background checks. We will run these checks on everyone who works with children, youth and vulnerable adults. If you currently work or would like to work in any of these areas, you will be contacted soon to fill out the proper forms. The goal is to make our church as safe as possible for everyone.

JESUS IS THE GIFT: We are still collecting for Jesus Is The Gift. This is a great opportunity to put Jesus on your Christmas list. Everything collected will go to Epworth Children's Home. For more information about Epworth, go to epworthchildrenshome.org.

NEW FLOWER LIST: The new flower sign-up list is on the wall right outside the church office door.

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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!

INTERVAL TRAINING: Our Interval training classes are available on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30pm and Saturday mornings at 8:30am. The cost is \$5 per class. All Saturday classes are FREE for the month of January. Ability levels are beginners through expert. Remember to bring a yoga mat and water!

