

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE		
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14	8:00AM	UMMen, Gym
	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	3:00PM	UMW, Meeting House
	6:30PM	Disciples Bible Study, Seekers Class
	6:30PM	CrossFire
MONDAY, JANUARY 15	6:30PM	Interval Training
	6:30PM	Family Min. Mtg., Seekers SS Class
WEDNESDY, JANUARY 17	10:30AM	Bible Study
	6:30PM	Wed. Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20	9:00AM	Interval Training

Sunday, Jan. 7, 2017	
Sunday School	69
Worship	118
Offering	\$4,046.00
Received YTD	\$4,046.00
Needed YTD	\$6,749.27
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	-\$2,703.27
Cemetery Fund (11/30/2017)	\$2,256.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$40.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$89,188.89

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
Nursery Workers Today	Angie Davis & Sarah Boland
Nursery Workers Jan. 21	Scott Davis & Kelsey Hendrix
Children's Church Today	Kelle Waters & Amy Tobin
Children's Church Jan. 21	Amy Blackwell & Linnette Garrett
Head Usher Today	Rick Christopher
Head Usher Jan. 21	Eddie Bright

SCA Staff	
Kay Bright	Bailey Cox
Melissa Farmer	Lisa Welch
Laura Williams	Stephanie Wykel

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, January 21
Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20



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CHURCH STAFF:

Rev. Bryson Williams, Jr., Pastor

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

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.

2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 14, 2018

11:00AM

"When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathaniel asked him, 'Where did you get to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.'"

--John 1:47-48

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements Rev. Bryson Williams

***Call To Worship** "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" (v. 1,4) UMH #418

We are climbing Jacob's ladder; we are climbing Jacob's ladder, we are climbing Jacob's ladder; soldiers of the cross. If you love him, why not serve him? If you love him, why not serve him? If you love him, why not serve him? Soldiers of the cross.

***Opening Hymn** "Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451

We Praise God

***Responsive Reading** "Psalm 139: 1-12" UMH #855

***Passing of the Peace**

Offering

The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist

***Doxology** UMH#95

***The Offertory Prayer**

Children's Message

Amy Blackwell

(Sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children ages 4,5 & 1st grade go to children's church.)

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

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

Choir

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading

"John 1:43-51"

Pew Bible, p.87 (N.T.)

Sermon

"He Knows Who He Is Calling"

Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship

***Closing Hymn**

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

(v.1,3,4) UMH #128

***Benediction**

Rev. Bryson Williams

***Benediction Response**

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

(v.1) TFWS #2129

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus no turning back, no turning back.

***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.

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.

JANUARY 14, 2018

ON-GOING PRAYER-SHARON UMC FAMILY

Ben Brockman
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
Roie Johnson
Margaret DeYoung
Dorothy McHugh
Gregg Gowan
Pete O'Shields
Gerald & Ruth Snow
Dot DeYoung
Dot Pearson

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Judy Johnson, friend of Darlene DeYoung
Amanda Newton
Wirron Leonard, friend of Johnny Wade
Sharon Community Cupboard
Sharon Christian Academy

IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN

Dora Edwards
Betty Jean Brockman
Ruby Coggins
Vivian Eubanks
June Gossett
J. B. Waddell

OUR MILITARY

Erin Pennell
Jonathan Houck, Chuck and Debi Hembree's grandson
Jamie Matekaitis, Rob & Amy Lancaster's son-in-law

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

*Sharon's Community Cupboard –
Can fruit (all kinds), soup, peanut butter and jelly*

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Joann Waldrep Eddie Waldrep's mother
Mike West Joyce Lee's son
Shelby Hendrix Jackie Floyd and Allen Sheriff's sister
Steve Farmer Katy Lee's father
Dottie Currin Brian Harrison's sister
Mary & Bill Ruppe Suzie Horn's mother & step-father
Cash Richards Grandson of Andrea Payne and Great Grandson of Nancy Morgan
Kay Ford Ken DeYoung's sister
Barry Davis Deb Fowler's brother-in-law

MISSIONARIES IN ACTION

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

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.

"CALIFORNIA DREAMING": The 50+ invites you to join them for an evening of Laughter, Fun and Fellowship on Sunday, February 18th for the 3:00PM performance followed by supper at Cracker Barrel. This is a production put on by the Mill Town Players in Pelzer, SC. We will meet at the church at 1:15 and leave at 1:30PM. Church bus will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Gathering Space with more information.

JESUS IS THE GIFT: This year our church is collecting money for Epworth Children's Home. Our intention is this collection is A Gift For Jesus, which we will forward to Epworth. If you would like to make a gift, please mark your check or envelope with Epworth or Jesus Is The Gift. Our goal is \$15,000.00..

CROSSFIRE: The CrossFire Youth are returning to Revolution again this year in Columbia from January 26-28. There will be music, speakers and mission opportunities over the course of the weekend. If any parents or adults want to join as chaperones for the trip, please let Grey know. This trip is always a blast and we hope you will be able to join us!

EXERCISE CLASS : Interval Training on Saturdays at 9:00AM and Mondays at 6:30PM. \$5.00 per class.

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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!

THANK YOU: The entire Yon Family wants to thank you for your outpouring of love and support during my dad's illness and eventual passing. We appreciate the prayers, calls, texts, cards, E-mails, gifts of time and gifts of food. May God continue to bless and keep each and every one of you in this New Year. Sincerely, Matt, Katie, Christopher and Caroline Yon.

FLOWER CALENDAR: The flower calendar for 2018 is on the wall outside the church office. Please sign up for flowers in memory or in honor of your love ones.

CONFIRMATION: We are going to have a confirmation class this spring. Class will begin with a joint student/parent meeting on Sunday, February 4 at 10:00AM in the youth Sunday School Room. Any questions, see Pastor Bryson or Grey.

TRIP TO HOLY LAND: We have a trip to the Holy Land scheduled for April 2-12, 2018. The trip will be led by Pastor Bryson.