

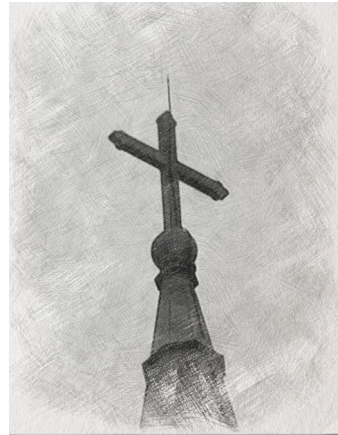
THE WEEK AT A GLANCE		
<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 21</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Prayer Time</b>
	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Disciples Bible Study, Seekers Class</b>
	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>CrossFire</b>
<b>MONDAY, JANUARY 22</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Interval Training</b>
<b>WEDNESDY, JANUARY 24</b>	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Wed. Night Activities</b>
	<b>7:30PM</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 27</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Interval Training</b>

Sunday, Jan. 14, 2017	
Sunday School	69
Worship	114
Offering	\$7,571.00
Received YTD	\$11,617.00
Needed YTD	\$13,498.54
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	-\$1,881.54
Cemetery Fund (12/31/2017)	\$2,327.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$1,061.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$90,678.89

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
Nursery Workers Today	Scott Davis & Kelsey Hendrix
Nursery Workers Jan. 28	Dot DeYoung & Jannett Eason
Children's Church Today	Amy Blackwell & Linnette Garrett
Children's Church Jan. 28	Kelle Waters & Katy Lee
Head Usher Today	Eddie Bright
Head Usher Jan. 28	Jeff Boland

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

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, January 28
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.**

**3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**January 21, 2018**

**11:00AM**

**"And the people of Ninevah believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth."**

**--Jonah 3:5**

**We Gather To Worship God**

**Prelude**

**Clara Godfrey, Pianist**

**Announcements**

**Rev. Bryson Williams**

**\*Call To Worship**

**"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"**

**(v. 1) UMH #352**

**It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**"Rock of Ages"**

**(v.1-3) UMH #361**

**We Praise God**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**"United Church of Canada"**

**UMH #883**

**\*Responsive Reading**

**"Psalm 62"**

**UMH #787**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Offering**

**The Offertory**

**Clara Godfrey, Pianist**

**\*Doxology**

**UMH#95**

**\*The Offertory Prayer**

**Children's Message**

**Joe Fowler**

**(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**

**Choir**

**We Hear God's Word**

**Old Testament Reading**

**"Jonah 3:1-5, 10"**

**Pew Bible, p.811 (O.T.)**

**Sermon**

**"The Greatest Evangelist Of All Time"**

**Rev. Bryson Williams**

**We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**"Trust and Obey"**

**(v.1,2,4) UMH #467**

**\*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.**

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**ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers are placed in the church for the Glory of God.**

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**JANUARY 21, 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**

Family of 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**

Family of 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 Turkey. Turkey consists of a small territory in SE Europe with the larger part of the country in the Middle East. The Turks, who were Muslims, arrived in the area in the 11th century and gradually conquered the Byzantine Empire. Turkey is a secular state, with Islam as the majority religion. The Christians, mainly Orthodox, who were several million at the beginning of the 20th century, are today only a small minority. The Ecumenical Patriarchate, the primary spiritual leader of the Eastern Orthodox churches, has its see in Istanbul. The Armenians and the Syrian Orthodox, who used to live in the east and southeast of Turkey, are now mostly concentrated in Istanbul, or have emigrated. Although religious freedom is guaranteed by the constitution, the churches experience restrictions.

**"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 we collected for Epworth Children's Home with a goal of \$15,000.00. We are pleased to report to date \$26,641.75 has been given. Our intention is to purchase everything on Epworth's Campus Wish List. On February 18 we are going to present these gifts to Epworth in a special worship service. If you would still like to contribute, you may do so. Place your offering in the collection plate and mark Epworth.

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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!

**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.

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

**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 week-end. 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!