

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 6, 2019

11:00AM

"Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'" —Matthew 2:1-2

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Victoria Fowler, Organist

Announcements Rev. Bryson Williams

*Call To Worship "There's a Song in the Air" UMH #249
There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky! There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry! And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing, for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

*Opening Hymn "We Three Kings" UMH #254

We Praise God

*Affirmation of Faith "Apostles' Creed" UMH #881

*Passing of the Peace

Confession and Pardon UMH #12

Offering

The Offertory Victoria Fowler, Organist

*Doxology UMH #95

*Prayer after offering Rev. Bryson Williams

Children's Message Preacher Bryson
(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

We Hear Gods Word

Gospel Reading "Matthew 2:1-12" Pew Bible, p.1(N.T.)

Sermon "What Do We Owe The Messiah?" Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship

The Great Thanksgiving UMH #13

Together At The Table—

The Receiving of the Elements of Holy Communion.....Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table. The ushers will direct you forward.

Prayer after Communion

*Closing Hymn "Angels from the Realms of Glory" UMH #220

*Benediction Rev. Bryson Williams

*Benediction Response "Go, Tell It on the Mountain " (refrain) UMH #251
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

*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 6	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	CrossFire
MONDAY, JANUARY 7	10:00AM	Stretching and Walking
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8	6:30PM	Interval Training
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9	7:30PM	Choir Practice
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10	10:00AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	6:30PM	Interval Training
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12	8:30AM	Interval Training

Sunday, DEC. 30, 2018	
Sunday School	46
Worship	120
Offering	\$4,953.00
Received YTD	\$402,868.74
Needed YTD	\$350,962.04
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	+\$51,906.70
Cemetery Fund (12/31/2018)	\$2,865.94
Capital Imp. Received	\$200.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$102,751.89

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

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, JANUARY 13
Isaiah 43:1-7 - Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7 - Mark 1:4-11

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
Nursery Workers Today	Ann Edwards & Scott Davis
Nursery Workers January 13	Pat Burgess & Suzie Horn
Children's Church Today	Communion
Children's Church January 13	Amy Blackwell & Linette Garrett
Head Usher Today	Rick Christopher
Head Usher January 13	Eddie Bright



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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

SHUT IN

Dora Edwards
June Gossett
J. B. Waddell

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

MISSIONARIES IN ACTION

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

MEMORIALS

Memorials for Al Boland: James & Susan Hawkins and Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd
Memorials for Eric Wade Jackie & Ginger Floys

OUR MILITARY

Erin Pennell
Jonathan Houck
Jamie Matekaitis

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

Sharon's Community Cupboard
Ramen noodles (packs)
Spaghetti noodles
Individual packs of Oatmeal and Grits
1 lb. bag of dried beans (any kind)

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Egypt. Egypt was the cradle of one of the world's great civilizations. An empire grew up around 3200 BC in the Nile valley, and a series of dynasties ruled Egypt for the next three millennia. Egypt was Christianized as of the first century and Alexandria was one of the main centers of the early church. Islam is currently the majority religion, but the Coptic Christians still form a sizeable minority. The Copts are the descendants of the ancient Egyptians. Besides the Coptic Orthodox Church, there is also the smaller Greek Orthodox Church of Alexandria. Anglican, Catholic and Protestant -Evangelical and Pentecostal churches have come into being in the 19th and 20th century among the Copts. Christians in Egypt are under extreme pressure pray for them.

UPPER ROOMS: The Upper Rooms for Jan.-Feb. are in the rack in the Gathering Space and on the table in the Narthex. Please pick up your copy today. The church provides these for each family so get yours today!

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!



*A Season
for
Sharing*