

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE		
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	Disciples Bible Study, Seekers Class
	6:30PM	CrossFire
MONDAY, JANUARY 8	6:30PM	Interval Training
WEDNESDY, JANUARY 10	10:30AM	Bible Study
	6:30PM	Wed. Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13	8:00AM	Interval Training
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14	8:00AM	UMMen
	3:00PM	UMW, Meeting House

Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017

Sunday School	70
Worship	108
Offering	\$6,760.00
Received YTD	\$342,731.73
Needed YTD	\$338,085.94
Needed Weekly	\$6,378.98
Difference	+\$4,645.79
Cemetery Fund (11/30/2017)	\$2,256.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$92.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$89,148.89

SERVANT MINISTRIES

Nursery Workers Today	Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles
Nursery Workers Jan. 14	Angie Davis & Sarah Boland
Children's Church Today	Communion
Children's Church Jan. 14	Kelle Waters & Amy Tobin
Head Usher Today	Jeff Boland
Head Usher Jan. 14	Rick Christopher

SCA Staff

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

LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sunday, January 14
1 Samuel 3:1-10
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51



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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.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

JANUARY 7, 2018

11:00AM

"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you."

--Isaiah 60:1

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements Rev. Bryson Williams

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

*Call To Worship "We Three Kings" (v. 1) UMH #254
We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star. O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to they perfect light.

*Opening Hymn "What Child Is This" (v. 1,3) UMH #219

We Praise God

*Apostles' Creed UMH #881

*Passing of the Peace

Confession and Pardon UMH #12

Offering

The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist

*Doxology UMH#95

*The Offertory Prayer

Children's Message Preacher Bryson

(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

"Isaiah 60:1-6"

Pew Bible, p.649 (O.T.)

Sermon

"Arise, God Is Speaking"

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

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

(v.1,4) UMH #103

*Benediction

Rev. Bryson Williams

*Benediction Response

"Rise and Shine"

Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory!
Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory!
Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory!
Children of the Lord.

*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.

ON-GOING PRAYER-SHARON UMC FAMILY

JANUARY 7, 2018

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

Heather Osegueda, friend of the SCA
Family of Carol Welch, Friend of SCA
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
Charles & Diane Babb	Parents of Chip Babb
Kay Ford	Ken DeYoung's sister

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 Jordan. Jordan is a Muslim nation, but it embraces the region traversed by Jesus in his earthly journeys, where Jacob wrestled with the angel, the mountain from which Moses saw the Promised Land, and the country of Ruth. The majority of Christians are Greek Orthodox, but there are sizeable Armenian, Latin, Greek Catholic and Anglican communities and some small but thriving Protestant groups. Christians enjoy freedom of worship and have contributed greatly to education and social service. The Dunlap's one of the missionary families we support lives and witnesses in Jordan.

"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 TBA. 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!

FLOWER CALENDAR: The flower calendar for 2018 is on the wall outside the church office.

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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!

EXERCISE CLASS : We will be taking a break for the holidays. We will return to our Interval Training on January 6. Saturdays at 8:00AM and Mondays at 6:30PM. \$5.00 per class.

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.

