

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 31, 2016

11:00AM

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

--Colossians 3:1-11

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude

Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements

*Call To Worship

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

TFWS #2129

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

*Opening Hymn

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

(v. 1-3) UMH #548

We Praise God

*Apostles Creed

UMH #881

*Moments of Fellowship and Passing of the Peace

Confession and Pardon

UMH #12

Offering

The Offertory

Clara Godfrey, Pianist

*Doxology

UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

Rev. Bryson Williams

(Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children return to their seats or go to the nursery).
Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight, Jesus loves the little children of the world.

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bryson Williams

Anthem

"Precious Blood"

Kay Bright

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

"Colossians 3:1-11"

Pew Bible, p.190 (N.T.)

Sermon

"Things That Are Above"

Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

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 (unison)

Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted us as Your children, made us members of the Body of Christ: we thank You that in this time of Holy Communion You renew Your promises within us, empower us by Your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Dedication & Service

"I'll Fly Away"

TFWS #2282

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Seek Ye First"

Congregation & Choir

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu, alleluia.

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 at the altar 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

Ben Brockman David & Gertrude Smith
Betty Jean Brockman June Gossett
Neely Thompson Howard Jackson
Dollie Brady Brian Harrison
Ruby Coggins Dora Edwards
Margaret DeYoung Dorothy McHugh
Vivian Eubanks Roie Johnson

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Betty Glover
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
J. B. Waddell
Linette Garrett
Sharon Cole
Gerald & Ruth Snow

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Pat Lee Dot Pearson's sister-in-law
Sharon Lee Dot Pearson's sister
Mike West Joyce Lee's son
Lewis Sutton Laura Williams' father
Glenn Gardner Donna Staton's brother
Sharon Ellis Kaitlyn Pless' aunt
John Waddell Deb Fowler's cousin
Gettis Solesbee Vera Brockman's brother
Jason Davenport Clara Godfrey's son-in-law
Christi Edwards Dan & Ann Edwards' daughter-in-law

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Sandra Gowan, friend of Darlene DeYoung
Cheryl Brown, friend of Jerry & Angie Dalenta
Buddy & Angelee Berry, friends of Nancy O'Shields and Pat Burgess
Jerry Whitehead, friend of Johnny Wade
Sara Bright, friend of Ann Edwards
Robbie Strange, friend of Christy Kurtz
Yvonne Lane, Clara Godfrey's neighbor
Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap, our missionaries to Asia Minor
Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway, our missionaries to Thailand
God's Pantry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY CHILDCARE: The nursery is available for newborn to three years old, and is located on the main floor in the gathering space. Children's church is open to 4 year olds through first grade. It begins after the children's message and is located downstairs. If you need help with locating either area, please see one of our ushers in the narthex. We are so glad that your family came to worship with us today!

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

God's Pantry – Canned meat (chicken, tuna, salmon etc.), peanut butter, mac-n-cheese.

FLOWERS: If anyone is interested in placing flowers in the church during worship, there are several opportunities remaining this year. The sign-up list is located on the wall by the door to the church office if anyone is interested.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES: We will collect school supplies for needy children in District 5. Please bring loose leaf paper, glue sticks and pencils. We will distribute these donations on August 1. There is a complete list at spart5.net and our website.

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Suriname. The territory of Suriname was inhabited by Arawak and Carib Amerindians when it was first colonized by the British, in the 17th century. In 1667, the Dutch took over from the British, in exchange for New Amsterdam (now New York). Suriname became independent in 1975. A third of the population emigrated to the Netherlands. The 1980s were marked by military coups, violence, and the insurgency of the Maroons, descendants of slaves living in the interior. The elections of 2000 brought into power a more stable government. Suriname's economy depends on bauxite, of which the country has large deposits, and gold mining. Protestant churches were established in Suriname in the 18th century, and the Catholic Church followed in the 19th century.

50+: 50+ will meet on Tuesday, August 2, at 6:30PM. We will be going to the Silver Bay restaurant in Simpsonville. We will meet at the church at 5:45. We will be taking the church bus.

FAMILY NIGHT: We will have a Family Night Saturday on August 13th, 6:00PM until. There will be bingo and homemade ice cream. Break out those ice cream churns and whip up your favorite homemade ice cream to share as we play bingo. There will be lots of prizes for all ages!

BACK TO SCHOOL: On August 14 we will celebrate back to school. We will recognize our School Teachers. We will have a backpack blessing for all of our students, young and old. Please plan on being here that Sunday.

SPRC: The Staff Parish Relations Committee will have a brief meeting following the worship service in the Seekers Sunday School class following the 11:00 Worship Service.

SAVE THE DATES: Sharon UMC is hitting the hills, Asbury Hills that is, on Saturday, September 24th. See the insert in the bulletin for more details. Sharon UMC is having a church picnic after church on Sunday, October 23rd. More information to come.

TRIP TO HOLY LAND: We are planning a trip to the Holy Land. See Pastor Bryson if you would like a brochure. The dates are set for April 18-28, 2017. Please mark your calendars. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Bryson who will be leading this trip.

GOD'S PANTRY: The Sharon Pantry will continue to distribute food every two weeks from 4:00-6:00PM on Mondays, August 8 and August 22. If you would like to help with distribution come to the Brockman Center at 3:30 to assist. Come join in the fun.

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: We will be making lots of crafts in the fall and we need your help!! We will be collecting TOILET PAPER TUBES, PAPER TOWEL TUBES, and EMPTY ICING CONTAINERS WITH THE LIDS. We will also be in need of Clorox wipes, Lysol spray and baby wipes. There is a collection bin beside the God's Pantry bin under the cross. Thanks so much!!!

SHARON UMC INFORMATION SHEET: We are in the process of updating the church membership and would like everyone to fill out a new information sheet. If you have filled out one before, we still need for you to fill out a new one. The sheets are on the table in the gathering space and the Narthex. Please take a moment to fill out the sheet so the church records can be updated. After you have filled it out, please return to the church office. You can drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Church address is P.O. Box 418, Reidville, SC 29375. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Sunday, August 7, 2016 Lectionary Texts

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, JULY 31	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2	6:30PM	Youth to the Greenville Drive Game
		50+, Silver Bay Restaurant in Simpsonville, meet at church at 5:45PM

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Myra Boland & Karen Waldrep
NURSERY WORKERS August 7: Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Communion
CHILDREN'S CHURCH August 7: Amy Blackwell & Kelle Waters

HEAD USHER: Trudy Cox
HEAD USHER August 7: Jeff Boland

Sunday, July 24, 2016:

Sunday School	75
Worship	126
Offering	6,693.00
Received YTD	194,743.90
Needed YTD	188,067.00
Difference	+6,676.90
Needed Weekly	6,268.90
Cemetery Fund (5/31/2016)	4,584.66
Capital Imp. Fund Received	490.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	84,587.26

CHURCH STAFF:

Rev. Bryson Williams, Jr., Pastor
Mary Jo Bradley, Secretary
Katie Stewart, Music Director
Clara Godfrey, Pianist
Bill Lee, Organist
TBD, Children's Director
Debra Fowler, Custodian
Kaitlyn Alexander, Director of Student Ministries
Laura Williams, Preschool Director
Ministers: Sharon Congregation Members