

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.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, JULY 16	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	Crossfire
MONDAY, JULY 17	4:00-6:00PM	Sharon Community Cupboard

SERVANT MINISTRIES

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY	Angie Davis & Karen Waldrep
NURSERY WORKERS JULY 23	Dot DeYoung & Jannett Eason
CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY	Amy Blackwell & Sarah Boland
CHILDREN'S CHURCH JULY 23	Kelle Waters & April Brunson
HEAD USHER TODAY	Eddie Bright
HEAD USHER JULY 23	Rick Christopher

Sunday, July 9, 2017

Sunday School	65
Worship	124
Offering	\$3,861.00
Received YTD	\$183,774.33
Needed YTD	\$178,611.44
Needed Weekly	\$6,378.98
Difference	+\$5,162.89
Cemetery Fund (6/30/2017)	\$2,166.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$145.28
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$88,859.22

LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sunday, July 23
Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday –Thursday	8am–12noon
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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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 16, 2017

11:00AM

"And the LORD said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.'"

- Genesis 25:23

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude **Bill Lee, Organist**

Announcements

***Call To Worship** **"Seek Ye First"** **(v.1) UMH #405**

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

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

We Praise God

***Responsive Reading** **"Psalm 76"** **UMH #797**

***Affirmation from 1 Timothy** **UMH #889**

***Passing of the Peace**

Offering

The Offertory **Bill Lee, Organist**

***Doxology** **UMH#95**

***The Offertory Prayer**

Special Prayer

Karson Hendrix

Children's Message

Kelle Waters

(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 **"Let There Be Peace On Earth"** **Choir**

We Hear God's Word

Old Testament Reading **"Genesis 25:19-34"** **Pew Bible, p.20 (O.T.)**

Sermon **"God's Plan"** **Rev. Bryson Williams**

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

***Closing Hymn** **"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"** **UMH #127**

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** **"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"** **UMH #57**

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

***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 and in precious memory of Earl "Papa" DeYoung by Margaret DeYoung and Family.

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.

July 16, 2017

ON-GOING PRAYER-SHARON UMC FAMILY

Ben Brockman
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
Roie Johnson
Sharon Cole
Margaret DeYoung
Dorothy McHugh
Gregg Gowan
Pete O'Shields
Joyce Lee

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Kathy Young, wife of a friend of Leslie Roper
Heather Osegueda, friend of the SCA
Darrell Johnson, Bud & Gayle's nephew
Larry DeShields
Sharon's Community Cupboard
Sharon Christian Academy

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

Sharon's Community Cupboard – Jelly, can beans, (chili, black eyed peas, mixed, great northern and navy beans), saltine crackers and can fruit (all kinds).

OUR MILITARY

Jonathan Houck
Erin Pennell

IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN

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

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Joann Waldrep	Eddie Waldrep's mother
Mike West	Joyce Lee's son
Mary & Bill Ruppe	Suzie Horn's mother & step-father
Christi Edwards	Dan & Ann Edwards' daughter-in-law
Jane Gates Dowis	Doris Wade's cousin
Arliss Richardson	Pat Burgess' sister
Barry Davis	Deb Fowler's brother-in-law
Shelby Hendrix	Jackie Floyd and Allen Sheriff's sister
Doug Edwards	Dan Edwards' cousin
John Kettles	Lidia Conwell's son's father-in-law
Jason Kracht	Kaitlyn Alexander's stepdad
Steve Farmer	Katy Lee's father
Melba Sue Brown	Leslie Roper's cousin

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 Somalia. Somalia: Give thanks for those who continue to serve others in the midst of great difficulty, Christian aid agencies, who do not give up on Somalia, even when they are exposed to frequent danger, Christians who persevere in spite of being a tiny minority. May we pray for: peace in Somalia and that clan and military leaders would repent of the devastation they have caused to the land and its peoples, hundreds of thousands of Somali refugees all over the world. Those suffering from malnutrition and facing starvation and those who have no clean water to drink, and who suffer with otherwise preventable diseases and infections.

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!

Sharon Christian Academy: Registration for 2017-2018 school year is currently underway!! If you would like to register your child or know someone who does, please see Laura or come by the preschool office for a registration form or more information.

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.

The Birth and Youth of Esau and Jacob

¹⁹ These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹ Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²² The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³ And the LORD said to her,

²⁴ When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵ The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶ Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷ When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸ Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Esau Sells His Birthright

²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰ Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." ³² Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³ Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Genesis 25:19-34 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)