

**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**

<b>SUNDAY, JULY 23</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>Crossfire</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 26</b>	<b>7:30PM</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>

**SERVANT MINISTRIES**

<b>NURSERY WORKERS TODAY</b>	<b>Dot DeYoung &amp; Jannett Eason</b>
<b>NURSERY WORKERS JULY 30</b>	<b>Myra Boland &amp; Amy Tobin</b>
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY</b>	<b>Kelle Waters &amp; April Brunson</b>
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH JULY 30</b>	<b>Amy Blackwell &amp; Harold Lee</b>
<b>HEAD USHER TODAY</b>	<b>Rick Christopher</b>
<b>HEAD USHER JULY 30</b>	<b>Jeff Boland</b>

**Sunday, July 16, 2017**

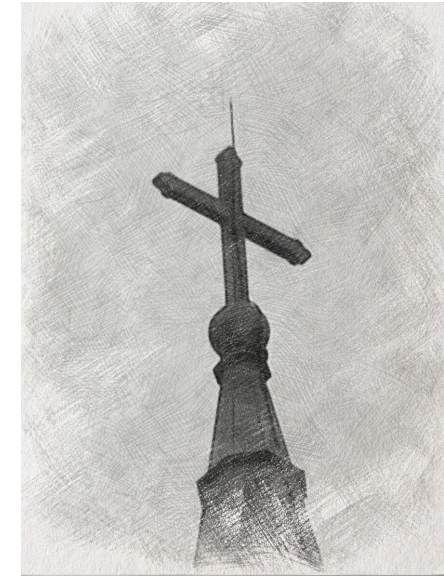
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>Offering</b>	<b>\$5,442.00</b>
<b>Received YTD</b>	<b>\$189,216.33</b>
<b>Needed YTD</b>	<b>\$184,990.42</b>
<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$6,378.98</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+\$4,225.91</b>
<b>Cemetery Fund (6/30/2017)</b>	<b>\$2,166.96</b>
<b>Capital Imp. Received</b>	<b>\$42.00</b>
<b>Capital Imp. Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$88,901.22</b>

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

<b>Sunday, July 30</b>
<b>Genesis 29:15-28</b>
<b>Psalm 105:1-11, 45b</b>
<b>Romans 8:26-39</b>
<b>Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52</b>

**CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

<b>Monday –Thursday</b>	<b>8am–12noon</b>
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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***

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

July 23, 2017

11:00AM

"Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place and I did not know it!'"

- Genesis 28:16

**We Gather To Worship God**

Prelude

Bill Lee, Organist

Announcements

\*Call To Worship

"Surely the Presence"

UMH #328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

\*Opening Hymn

"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

(v. 1,2,4 &5) UMH #418

**We Praise God**

\*Passing of the Peace

Offering

The Offertory

Bill Lee, Organist

\*Doxology

UMH#95

\*The Offertory Prayer

Anthem

Lia Tobin

Children's Message

Amy Blackwell

(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.

Salkehatchie Reflection

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bryson Williams

**We Hear God's Word**

Old Testament Reading

"Genesis 28:10-19"

Pew Bible, p.24 (O.T.)

Sermon

"Surely The Lord"

Rev. Bryson Williams

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

\*Closing Hymn

"My Hope Is Built"

UMH #368

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

"This Is the Day"

UMH #657

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

\*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 memory of Vangie Johnson by Dan, Ann 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 23, 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 Burundi. The original inhabitants of the area of today's Burundi are the Batwa, Baganwa, Bahutu and Batutsi. Burundi existed as an independent kingdom from the 16th century until 1903, when it was colonized by the Germans. After World War I it became a protectorate under Belgium. Burundi recovered its independence from Belgium in 1962 as a kingdom under Tutsi rule. The first democratically elected president was assassinated six months after he took office in 1993. A civil war followed, in which over 300,000 people were killed, mostly Batutsis, and many more were forced to flee to neighboring countries. Burundi is a small, densely populated agricultural country. Up to 90 percent of the population depends on subsistence farming. The Catholic Church is the majority church. The United Methodists in Burundi belong to the United Methodist.

**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.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** The Financial Statements for January—June are on the table in the Gathering Space. Please pick up yours today! If there are any corrections, please contact Mary Jo Bradley at the church office.

**VBS VOLUNTEERS:** Calling all of our "Super" VBS volunteers one more time: The Children's Ministry would like to honor you with a Volunteer Appreciation Lunch on August 6th after our morning worship. All of you Super Heroes are what made VBS a huge success! Hope we see you all there!!!

**PAINT A CANVAS:** Please make plans on July 30 to come and paint a canvas for our children's area downstairs. Drop in between 5:00-6:30.

**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.

