

**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 9</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>WEDNESDAY, JULY 12</b>	<b>7:30PM</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>

**SERVANT MINISTRIES**

<b>NURSERY WORKERS TODAY</b>	<b>Karen Landers &amp; Scott Davis</b>
<b>NURSERY WORKERS JULY 16</b>	<b>Angie Davis &amp; Karen Waldrep</b>
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY</b>	<b>Kelly Waters &amp; Linette Garrett</b>
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH JULY 16</b>	<b>Amy Blackwell &amp; Sarah Boland</b>
<b>HEAD USHER TODAY</b>	<b>Jeff Boland</b>
<b>HEAD USHER JULY 16</b>	<b>Eddie Bright</b>

**Sunday, July 2, 2017**

<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>Offering</b>	<b>\$5,909.00</b>
<b>Received YTD</b>	<b>\$179,913.33</b>
<b>Needed YTD</b>	<b>\$172,232.46</b>
<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$6,378.98</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+\$7,680.87</b>
<b>Cemetery Fund (5/13/2017)</b>	<b>\$2610.96</b>
<b>Capital Imp. Received</b>	<b>\$325.00</b>
<b>Capital Imp. Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$88,713.94</b>

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

<b>Sunday, July 16</b>
<b>Genesis 25:19-34</b>
<b>Psalm 25</b>
<b>Romans 8:1-11</b>
<b>Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</b>

**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***

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

July 9, 2017

11:00AM

"Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her."

- Genesis 24:67

**We Gather To Worship God**

Prelude

Bill Lee, Organist

Announcements

\*Call To Worship

"Father Abraham"

Sing Twice

Father Abraham had many sons. Had many sons had Father Abraham. I am one of them. And so are you. So let's just praise the Lord.

\*Opening Hymn

"Awesome God"

(sing twice) TFWS #2040

**We Praise God**

\*Responsive Reading

"Psalm 72:1-8"

UMH #795

\*Affirmation of Faith

"The Apostles' Creed"

UMH #881

\*Passing of the Peace

Offering

The Offertory

Bill Lee, Organist

\*Doxology

UMH#95

\*The Offertory Prayer

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.

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bryson Williams

Anthem

Choir

**We Hear God's Word**

Old Testament Reading

"Genesis 24"

Pew Bible, p.18 (O.T.)

Sermon

"And The Story Continues"

Rev. Bryson Williams

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

\*Closing Hymn

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

UMH #128

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

"To God Be the Glory"

UMH #98

To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

\*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 honor of Jannett Eason's birthday!

**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 9, 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

**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 Nepal. Nepal first united as a kingdom in the eighteenth century. Nepal is the world's only Hindu kingdom. Christians are a tiny minority, mostly made up of Evangelical, charismatic, and Independent churches that were established after 1951. There are no WCC member churches based in this country. Let's pray for the Christians in Nepal who work to spread the WORD in trying circumstances.

**SALKEHATCHIE:** If anyone would like to donate water or Gatorade to be taken to Salkehatchie please drop them off at the church by July 13th. We appreciate your prayers as we prepare for a week of services. Thank you all for your continued

**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 pre-school office for a registration form or more information.

**Matthew 1**

1 An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.  
2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3 and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, 4 and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, 5 and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, 6 and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, 7 and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, 8 and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, 9 and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, 10 and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, 11 and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. 12 And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, 13 and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, 14 and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, 15 and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, 16 and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.