

EASTER SUNDAY

WHITE

March 27, 2016

11:00AM

"We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses." --Acts 10:39-41

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcement Leader: Jesus Christ is Risen
Congregation: **He is risen indeed,**
Leader: Our Lord Jesus the Messiah is Risen.
Congregation: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia.** (louder)

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH #302

We Praise God

*Affirmation of Faith "1 Corinthians & Colossians" UMH #888

*Gospel Reading "Mark 16:1-8" Pew Bible, p. 51 (N.T.)

*Moments of Fellowship and Passing of the Peace

Offering

The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist

*Doxology UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time Christy Snow
(Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children return to their pews or go to the nursery.
No Children's Church today.)
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.

Call to Prayer "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" TFWS#2193
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace. (once)

The Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer Rev. Bryson Williams

Anthem "Crown Him (Majesty)" Choir

We Hear God's Word

New Testament Reading "Acts 10:34-43" Pew Bible, p. 121 (N.T.)

Sermon "We Are Witnesses" Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

*Hymn of Dedication & Service "He Lives" UMH #310

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "O How I Love Jesus" Congregation & Choir
O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

Postlude

*The Congregation standing. If it is uncomfortable for you to stand, please remain seated and continue your participation.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The lilies are placed at the altar for the glory of God and in honor and memory of our Loved Ones.

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

March 27, 2016

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| Ben Brockman | David & Gertrude Smith | Betty Glover |
| Betty Jean Brockman | June Gossett | Frank & Ruby Vaughn |
| Neely Thompson | Howard Jackson | J. B. Waddell |
| Doris Fowler | Brian Harrison | Earl Johnson |
| Ruby Coggins | Dora Edwards | Vivian Eubank (Manning Place) |
| Margaret DeYoung | Dorothy McHugh | Gerald Snow |

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

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| Foye Fowler, White Oak Estates, 400 Webber Rd., Spartanburg, 20307 | Joe Fowler's mother |
| 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 |
| Lorraine Sroko, 223 Abners Trail Rd., Greer, SC 29651 | Kathy Jordan's mother |
| Glenn Gardner | Donna Staton's brother |
| Sharon Ellis | Kaitlyn Pless' aunt |
| Lisa Davis, 15 Crescent St., Lyman, SC 29365 | Deb Fowler's sister |
| Joann Waldrep | Eddie Waldrep's mother |

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Bob Wade, relative of Johnny Wade
Gary Conley, friend of Pat Burgess
Rev. Gerald Burnett, friend of Martha Ann Bennett
Betty McGaha, Friend of the Floyd family
Holly Wood, Eddie Waldrep's coworker's wife
Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap, our missionaries to Asia Minor
Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway, our missionaries to Thailand

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

CANNED GOODS AND NON-PERISHABLES: We thank you for your generosity in February. For the month of March, we are collecting dried beans and rice, canned meats, macaroni & cheese and Jiffy cornbread mix for God's Pantry and individual cereal boxes and cereal bars for the Weekend Backpack Ministry. Please place items in the gray boxes located in the narthex and gathering space.

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Cambodia. During the colonial period Cambodia was ruled by the French. Cambodia obtained its independence in 1953, though was heavily affected by the war in neighboring Vietnam and by a communist insurgency movement known as the Khmer Rouge. Due to this, 75 percent of all teaching staff and 96 percent of university students were killed. It is estimated that at least 3 million people died during the four years of the regime. The Khmer Rouge attempted to eradicate all religion: some 90 percent of Buddhist monks and nuns perished and an unknown number of Christians were killed. A coalition government was formed after national elections in 1998, which brought renewed political stability. Several Independent churches were established during the twentieth century.

YOUTH NEWS: Please continue to join us for dinner on Wednesday at 6:30PM in BBB and Sunday School at 10:00AM. We look forward to having you join us.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: We continue Wednesday night activities this week. Bible study is lesson 9 from Luke: Journey Through The Bible.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Confirmation continues every Sunday promptly at 10:00AM. Bring your Bibles. Please pray for our confirmation class. Confirmation retreat at Lake Junaluska is coming up, April 8-10!

GOD'S PANTRY: We will be packing food boxes on Monday, April 4. The bus will leave the Church at 9:00AM and should return around noon. The Pantry will distribute food every Monday from 4:00-6:00PM. 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: Don't miss your opportunity to enroll for Fall 2016. We are accepting registration for children ages 2,3 & 4 on or before September 1. Contact Laura at sharonchristianacademy@gmail.com or come by the Church for a tour!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Mark your calendars! VBS is set for June 12-16. It is going to be great. Let Christy Snow know if you have any questions.

BACKPACK MINISTRY: Our Backpack Ministry is in need of money for the purchase of food. Please consider making a gift to this worthy ministry.

BLOOD DRIVE: We are having a blood drive on April 17. You can sign up in the Gathering Space or in the Narthex. Please sign up to give the gift of life.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: On Saturday, May 7 we are having Spring Fling BBQ, Car and Bike Show, Corn Hole, Cake Walk, Bingo, Kick Ball day of fun. Please plan on attending this Church-wide Event.

WEBSITE: Check out our website sharonumchurch.com.

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, April 3, 2016 Lectionary Texts

Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 150 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

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| SUNDAY, MARCH 27 | 8:00AM | Sunrise Service |
| | 9:00AM | Breakfast |
| | 10:00AM | Sunday School |
| | 10:00AM | Confirmation Class |
| | 11:00AM | Worship |
| MONDAY, MARCH 28 | 4:00-6:00PM | God's Pantry |
| | 7:00PM | PPRC Meeting, Seekers SS Class |
| WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 | 6:30-7:30PM | Wednesday Night Activities |
| | 7:30PM | Choir Practice |

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Kay Bright & Gayle Fowler
NURSERY WORKERS April 3: Pat Burgess & Carolina Genobles

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Christy Snow & Scott Davis
CHILDREN'S CHURCH April 3: Communion

HEAD USHER: Gene Snow
HEAD USHER April 3: Eddie Bright

Sunday, March 20, 2016

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| Sunday School: | 75 |
| Worship: | 152 |
| Offering : | \$7,363.00 |
| Received YTD: | \$74,936.00 |
| Needed YTD: | \$75,226.80 |
| Difference: | -\$290.80 |
| Needed Weekly: | \$6,268.90 |
| Cemetery Fund (2/29/2016) | \$5,371.66 |
| Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Received | \$245.00 |
| Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Balance | \$76,616.76 |

CHURCH STAFF:

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

Easter Lilies

IN HONOR OF

Angie Davis
 Martha Wells
 Chris Kurtz
 Camille Katharine Anne Lee
 All & Myra Boland
 Bryson & Laura Williams
 Christy M. Kurtz
 Papa & Sissy (Joe & Deb Fowler)
 Papa & Mimmie (Jim & Rita Hill)
 Kay Bright
 April Brunson
 Bill Cureton Family
 Our Loved Ones
 Our Grandchildren: Chase, Lauren,
 Caroline & Lindsey

BY

Scott, Lauren and Hayes
 Scott, Angie, Lauren & Hayes
 Christy Kurtz
 Harold & Katy Lee
 Jack Boland
 Anonymous
 Chris Kurtz
 Stone Hill
 Stone Hill
 Ryleigh Brunson
 Ryleigh Brunson
 Al & Beverly Cureton
 Loved Ones

Gregg & Martha Gowan

IN MEMORY OF

Collier & Mora Snow
 Wayne Burgess
 Dona Harrison
 Dona Harrison
 Ladson & Dorothy Harrison
 Lemuel & Vangie Johnson
 Lucie deBortoli
 Mora Snow
 Olivia Davis
 Dolly S. Dailey

BY

Dick & Martha Swift and Family
 Pat & Children
 Pat & Children
 Brian & Lynsey
 Brian & Lynsey
 The Johnson Family
 David & Madeleine Snow and Family
 David & Madeleine Snow and Family
 Scott, Angie, Lauren & Hayes
 Brad Dailey, Dollie Brady & Marc
 Alley, Scott, Dianne, Steven & Josh Covington
 Conwell & Johnson Family
 Margaret DeYoung & Family
 Margaret DeYoung & Family
 Gregg & Martha Gowan
 Ray & Charyl Schroder
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 Bryson & Laura Williams
 Bryson & Laura Williams
 Jannett Eason
 Angela & Jerry Dalenta
 Loved Ones
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Dolores Jaso
 Earl DeYoung
 Our loved ones
 Our Loved Ones
 Grace Schroeder
 Mr.&Mrs. Albert Blattert
 Louise Sutton
 Jewel Williams
 Harold Eason
 Geraldine Lloyd
 Cathy D. Krass
 Heather Garrett
 Murray & Sarah Snow
 Major & Purnie Lou DeYoung