

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PURPLE

March 6, 2016

11:00AM

"Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.'" -- Jonah 3:4

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude

Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

We Praise God

*Opening Hymn

"Fill My Cup, Lord"(sing twice)

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*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

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"

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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

"Love Lifted Me"

Choir

We Hear God's Word

Old Testament Reading

"Jonah 3:1-10"

Pew Bible, p.811 (O.T.)

Sermon

"Forty Days More"

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 Come With Joy"

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*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Congregation & Choir

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of the glory and 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 at the altar for the glory of God and in memory of Kathleen Pearson by Christine and Dave Sareault.

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
Doris Fowler Brian Harrison
Ruby Coggins Dora Edwards
Margaret DeYoung Dorothy McHugh

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Betty Glover
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
J. B. Waddell
Allan Fowler
Vivian Eubank (Manning Place)
Gerald Snow

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Foye Fowler, White Oak Estates, 400 Webber Rd., Spartanburg, 20307
Pat Lee
Sharon Lee
Mike West
Lewis Sutton
Lorraine Sroko, 223 Abners Trail Rd., Greer, SC 29651
Glenn Gardner
Sharon Ellis
Lisa Davis, 15 Crescent St., Lyman, SC 29365
Joann Waldrep

Joe Fowler's mother
Dot Pearson's sister-in-law
Dot Pearson's sister
Joyce Lee's son
Laura Williams' father
Kathy Jordan's mother
Donna Staton's brother
Kaitlyn Pless' aunt
Deb Fowler's sister
Eddie Waldrep's mother

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Bob Wade, relative of Johnny Wade
Gene Crane, Atlanta, GA., friend of Pat Burgess
Beverly Mason, friend of Pat Burgess
Gary Conley, friend of Pat Burgess
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

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS: A gift to the church in memory of Brenda Roper by Jeff & Sarah Boland and Mrs. Rebecca Smith Philpot.

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.

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

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Austria. Austria was once the center of the Austro-Hungarian empire. After World War I it became a federal republic, which was annexed by Nazi Germany in 1938. In the period following World War II, Austria developed gradually into a prosperous country with a healthy economy and a relatively secure social system. It joined the European Union in 1995. Because of its neutrality and its geographical position, Austria has often been a bridge-builder between East and West, politically and culturally. The churches participate also in this mediating role. The main religious group in Austria is the Roman Catholic Church. The Protestant churches (Lutheran, Reformed, Methodist and Baptist) are a minority of about 6 percent of the population.

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 7 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.

GOD'S PANTRY: We will be packing food boxes on Monday, March 7. 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: Sharon Christian Academy is currently enrolling for the fall. Sharonumchurch.com has more information or you may contact Laura at sharonchristianacademy@gmail.com. We have begun transforming our classrooms upstairs. Come check us out!! Please continue to pray for our program, staff and children!

UMM: The UMM will be meeting at 9:00AM on Saturday, March 12 at the church for their March meeting. This will be a work day at the church. All are invited to come and help.

S.T.E.P: Shelter To Empower People is opening in Greer. STEP provides temporary housing for homeless families seeking to change their situation. The vision of STEP is to equip people to return to the workforce and a home of their own. STEP is part of Daily Bread Ministries and the Greer Soup Kitchen. Anyone interested in assisting with training participants in life skills, please let Pastor Bryson know.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA: The Children's Ministry will hold their annual Easter Eggstravaganza on March 19th from 10:00-12:00. Everyone is welcome! If you would like to donate candy for eggs or prizes, please see Christy Snow.

BRIDAL SHOWER: On April 30th, 2016 Kaitlyn and Dylan will be saying "I Do". Let's start the bride off right by showering her with our love as she gets ready to start this next journey with Dylan. We will have a Drop-In Bridal Shower for Kaitlyn on Saturday, March 12th from 2:00 – 4:00PM. Kaitlyn is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target. Please join us if you can. Contact Christy Kurtz if you have any questions.

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, March 13, 2016 Lectionary Texts

Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 6	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	10:00AM	Confirmation Class
	11:00AM	Worship
MONDAY, MARCH 7	9:00AM	Pack boxes at God's Pantry, Corporate
	4:00-6:00PM	God's Pantry
	7:00PM	Family Ministries Meeting, Seekers Class
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9	6:30-7:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities for all ages
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
SATURDAY, MARCH 12	9:00AM	UMMEN Work Day
SUNDAY, MARCH 13	3:00PM	UMW Meeting, Meeting House

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles
NURSERY WORKERS March 13: Angie Davis & Linette Garrett

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Communion
CHILDREN'S CHURCH March 13: Christy Snow & Harold Lee

HEAD USHER: Gerald Snow

Sunday, February 28, 2016

Sunday School:	77
Worship:	137
Offering :	\$6,339.00
Received YTD:	\$54,286.00
Needed YTD:	\$56,420.10
Difference:	-\$2,134.10
Needed Weekly:	\$6,268.90
Cemetery Fund (1/29/2016)	\$5,350.66
Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Received	\$784.50
Capital Imp. Bldg. Fund Balance	\$75,740.26

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