

### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26, 2017

11:00AM

"He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.'"

--John 9:25

#### We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Bill Lee, Organist

Announcements Rev. Bryson Williams

First Reading "John 9:1-12" Pew Bible, p.96 (N.T.)

\*Call To Worship "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" #349  
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face and things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

\*Opening Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH #454

#### We Praise God

\*Responsive Reading "Psalm 23" UMH #754

\*Passing of the Peace

Second Gospel Reading "John 9:13-25" Pew Bible, p.96 (N.T.)

Offering

The Offertory Bill Lee, Organist

\*Doxology UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

Special Music "Jesus Loves Me"/"The Butterfly Song" Sharon's Children

Children's Time

Amy Blackwell

(Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children ages 4, 5 and 1<sup>st</sup> grade go to children church).  
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 "Fill My Cup, Lord" UMH #641  
Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up Lord. Come and quench this thirsting of my soul. Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

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

Anthem "" Choir

#### We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading "John 9:26-38" Pew Bible, p.97 (N.T.)

Sermon "Making Mud Is Easy" Rev. Bryson Williams

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

\*Closing Hymn "Amazing Grace" UMH #378

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "He Leadeth Me" (refrain) UMH #128  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me; his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

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.

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.

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**ON-GOING PRAYER-SHARON UMC FAMILY**

Ben Brockman                      Margaret DeYoung  
Frank & Ruby Vaughn              Dorothy McHugh  
Roie Johnson  
Sharon Cole

**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  
Eric Childress                          Megan Childress's husband  
Jonathan Houck, deployed to Iraq, grandson of Chuck & Debi Hembree  
Christi Edwards                          Dan & Ann Edwards' daughter-in-law  
Jeff Harlan                              Neil Harlan's father  
Jane Gates Dowis                          Doris Wade's cousin  
Arliss Richardson                          Pat Burgess' sister

**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 – SHARON UMC FRIENDS**

Bill Burgess, friend of Dot Pearson  
Billy Tucker, friend of Leslie Roper  
Larry Yon, father of Matt Yon  
The Waters Family  
Everett Bridwell, friend of Sharon Cole  
Asa Duckworth, friend of Sharon Cole  
Sharon's Community Cupboard, our food pantry

**MISSIONARIES IN ACTION**

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!

**FOOD COLLECTIONS:**

Sharon's Community Cupboard – Ramen Noodles and individual packets of grits and oatmeal.  
Backpack Ministry – Can Tuna or chicken, applesauce, fruit cups and Drinks (Hugs).

**MISSION PRAYER FOCUS:** This week we pray for Lithuania. The Roman Catholic Church has always been strong in Lithuania and continues to be the largest Christian presence in the country. Under Soviet influence the churches experienced severe repression, but the Roman Catholic Church was influential in the struggle for Lithuanian independence.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES:** Wednesday night activities for Children and Adult Bible Study at 6:30 and Choir Practice at 7:30. See you there.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** There will be Bible Study this Wednesday, March 29. We are studying *Give Up Something Bad For Lent* by James Moore. This week we are in Chapter 4.

**YOUTH NEWS:** Crossfire is in full bloom right now and meets every Sunday at 6:30 in the youth room above the gym. All are invited and feel free to bring a friend.

**Sharon's Community Cupboard:** The Sharon Community Cupboard will continue to distribute food the first and third 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.

**UPPER ROOMS:** The Upper Rooms for March – April are in the rack in the Gathering Space and in the Narthex. Pick up your copy today!

**SIGN-UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2017:** The 2017 flower calendar is located outside the church office today. Please select your special date(s) for the coming year. The cost for the altar flowers is around \$65.00 depending on flower selection.

**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 to cancel our 2017 trip to the Holy Land. The trip is scheduled for April 2-12, 2018.

**EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA:** Mark your calendar for our annual Easter Eggstravaganza, April 8, from 10:00-12:00. We will have huge egg hunts, crafts, games, snacks and lots of fun. If anyone would like to donate candy or prize items, please see Amy or Kelle, or leave in the box marked Easter in the gathering space. Everyone is invited!!!

**50+ APRIL GATHERING:** Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, April 4 at Reidville Presbyterian Church at 6:30pm. We will enjoy a Low Country Boil. Price for the meal will be determined. Please bring desserts. If you have not signed up to attend, please let the church office know by Wednesday, March 29.

**CHURCH WORK DAY:** On April 1 at 8:00AM we will have a day to work on the church grounds. Come join in the fun as we work to keep our church campus beautiful.

**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, MARCH 26</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Prayer Group</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 MARCH 29</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>
	<b>7:30PM</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
<b>NURSERY WORKERS TODAY</b>	<b>Amy Tobin &amp; Myra Boland</b>
<b>NURSERY WORKERS April 2</b>	<b>Pat Burgess &amp; Carolyn Genobles</b>
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY</b>	<b>Kelle Waters &amp; Linette Garrett</b>
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH April 2</b>	<b>Kelle Waters &amp; Amy Tobin</b>
<b>HEAD USHER TODAY</b>	<b>Trudy Cox</b>
<b>HEAD USHER April 2</b>	<b>Rick Christopher</b>

LECTIONARY TEXTS
<b>Sunday, April 2, 2017</b>
<b>Ezekiel 37:1-14</b>
<b>Psalm 130</b>
<b>Romans 8:6-11</b>
<b>John 11:1-45</b>

Sunday, March 19, 2017	
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>Offering</b>	<b>\$5,940.00</b>
<b>Received YTD</b>	<b>\$79,648.00</b>
<b>Needed YTD</b>	<b>\$76,547.76</b>
<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$6,378.98</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+\$3,100.24</b>
<b>Cemetery Fund (2/28/2017)</b>	<b>\$3,797.96</b>
<b>Capital Imp. Received</b>	<b>\$132.00</b>
<b>Capital Imp. Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$98,681.94</b>

**SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (SCA) STAFF:**  
 Lisa Welch, Bailey Cox and Laura Williams – 2K  
 Melissa Farmer and Stephanie Wykel – 3K and 4K  
 Kay Bright – Music



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*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*