

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 4	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	Disciples Bible Study, Seekers Class
	6:30PM	CrossFire
MONDAY, MARCH 5	4-6PM	Sharon's Community Cupboard
	6:30PM	Interval Training
TUESDAY, MARCH 6	6:30PM	50+, Covered Dish
WEDNESDY, MARCH 7	10:30-11:30	Bible Study
	6:30-7:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
SATURDAY, MARCH 10	9:00AM	Interval Training
SUNDAY, MARCH 11	8:00AM	UMMen
	3:00PM	UMW

Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018

Sunday School	78
Worship	136
Offering	\$7,113.50
Received YTD	\$57,925.24
Needed YTD	\$53,994.16
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	+\$3,931.08
Cemetery Fund (2/27/2018)	\$2,473.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$42.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$91,439.89

SCA Staff

Kay Bright	Bailey Cox
Melissa Farmer	Lisa Welch
Laura Williams	Stephanie Wykel

SERVANT MINISTRIES

Nursery Workers Today	Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles
Nursery Workers March 11	Kay Bright & Amy Tobin
Children's Church Today	Communion
Children's Church March 11	Kelle Waters & Sarah Boland
Head Usher To-day	Eddie Bright
Head Usher March 11	Jeff Boland

LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sunday, March 11
Numbers 21:4-9
Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21



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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

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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 4, 2018

11:00AM

"Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also pured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!'" — John 2:15-16

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements Rev. Bryson Williams

***Call To Worship "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH #334
There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.**

***Opening Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (v. 1 & 3) UMH #297**

We Praise God

***Affirmation of Faith "Apostles' Creed" UMH #881**

***Passing of the Peace
Confession and Pardon UMH #12**

Offering

The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist

***Doxology UMH #95**

***The Offertory Prayer**

**Children's Message Preacher Bryson
(Sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children return to their seats.) 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 "Give Thanks" Choir

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading "John 2:13-22" Pew Bible, p.87 (N.T.)

Sermon "Zeal For God's House" Rev Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship

The Great Thanksgiving UMH #13

Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" (v. 1,2) UMN #618

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

***Closing Hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This" (v. 1,2,4) UMH #292**

***Benediction Rev Bryson Williams**

***Benediction Response "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS #2129
I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus no turning back, no turning back.**

***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 Doris Snow's birthday by Calvin & Sharron Snow.

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
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
Roie Johnson
Margaret DeYoung
Dorothy McHugh
Gregg Gowan
Gerald & Ruth Snow
Dot Pearson

IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN

Dora Edwards
Betty Jean Brockman
Family of Vivian Eubanks
June Gossett
J. B. Waddell

MARCH 4, 2018

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Amanda Newton
Wirron Leonard, friend of Johnny Wade
Jill Taylor, friend of Leslie Roper
Richard Lanford, friend of Pat Burgess
Betty Boyter, friend of Martha Ann Bennett
Deborah Howard, friend of Denise Belcher
Dawn Bond, friend of Denise Belcher
Myleigh McDowell, friend of Denise Belcher
Eddie Cooper, Pastor at Apalache Baptist Church
Sharon Community Cupboard
Sharon Christian Academy

OUR MILITARY

Erin Pennell
Jonathan Houck, Chuck and Debi Hembree's grandson

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

*Sharon's Community Cupboard –
Spaghetti Noodles, individual packs of grits and oatmeal and
individual packs (not cups) of Ramen noodles.*

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Mike West	Joyce Lee's son
Shelby Hendrix	Jackie Floyd and Allen Sheriff's sister
Steve Farmer	Katy Lee's father
Dottie Currin	Brian Harrison's sister
Mary & Bill Ruppe	Suzie Horn's mother & step-father
Kay Ford	Ken DeYoung's sister
Barry Davis	Deb Fowler's brother-in-law
Rodney Pearson	Pat Burgess's nephew

MISSIONARIES IN ACTION

Asia Minor - Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap
Thailand - Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway

MEMORIALS

Pete O'Shields by Margaret DeYoung
Walter Herman Taylor, Debbie Conwell's father by Bud & Dot DeYoung
Ruby Coggins by Jannett Eason, 50+, Johnny & Doris Wade, Ken & Janet Dawson, Barbara Moss and Sadie & Beverly McLeod
In memory of Mr.&Mrs. Paul Genobles, James Genobles, Frances Genobles, and Margie Coggins by Sadie Genobles McLeod.

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Belgium. Belgium has been a constitutional monarchy since 1830. It has a largely federalized government system in order to accommodate the language areas (Dutch-speaking Flanders, French-speaking Wallonia, Brussels where both languages are used, and a small German-speaking area). Belgium has a modern industrialized and commercial economy. The Catholic Church is the majority church in Belgium. Historically, the Reformation had a strong impact in the area, but the independence struggle of the Netherlands and the Counter-Reformation led to the re-establishment of the Catholic Church.

CHURCH WORKDAY: Church workday is March 10th at 8:00AM. Young or old, are invited. We will be spreading mulch in the playgrounds and in the beds around the church. Bring your gloves, pitch forks and your wheel barrows. Let's make the grounds beautiful for Easter!

LENT: Today is the third Sunday of Lent. Lent is a season of 40 days, not counting Sundays, leading up to the celebration of Easter. Lent is a time for fasting and preparing ourselves for Christ's passion, death and resurrection. Pastor Bryson encourages us to read Mark 11-16 this week to prepare ourselves.



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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: 2018-2019 registration is currently underway. If you or someone you know would like to register a child, contact the preschool office at 864-879-1763 or see Laura for a form.

We have a few spots open for the remainder of this school year. Contact us if you are interested.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA: Mark your calendars for our annual Easter Eggstravaganza on March 24 from 10:00 - 12:00 in the gym. We will have lots of fun, games and crafts!!! (And of course an awesome egg hunt with tons of prizes!!!) Also, if anyone would like to donate any prizes or candy, that would be greatly appreciated. Just find Kelle or Amy or leave it in the gathering space and they will get it. Looking forward to a great day!

THANK YOU: Dear Church Friends, Many thanks for all the kindness shown to our mother while she was in the nursing home. She loved Sharon church very much and always wanted to hear any information regarding it. Words cannot express our appreciation for the cards, prayers and food. Everyone did so much to make our burden a little easier. God Bless, Dianne Davidson & Sharon Melton