

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 5, 2017

11:00AM

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil."

--Matthew 4:1

### We Gather To Worship God

Prelude

Bill Lee, Organist

Announcements

Rev. Bryson Williams

Call To Worship

"Seek Ye First"

#405

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu, alleluia!

\*Opening Hymn

"Take Time to Be Holy"

UMH #395

### We Praise God

\*Affirmation of Faith

"Apostles' Creed"

UMH #881

\*Passing of the Peace

Confessions and Pardon

UMH #12

Offering

The Offertory

Bill Lee, Organist

\*Doxology

UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

Preacher Bryson

(Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children return to their seats).

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.

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bryson Williams

Anthem

"Give Thanks"

Choir

### We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading

"Matthew 4:1-11"

Pew Bible, p. 3 (N.T.)

Sermon

"Lead Us Not Into"

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

\*Closing Hymn

"It Is Well with My Soul"

UMH #377

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

"Amazing Grace"

(v. 3) UMH #378

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

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 honor of Dan & Ann Edwards by Jannett Eason and the volunteers of Sharon's Community Cupboard.

**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  
Bill Ruppe                              Suzie Horn's 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

**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 – Dried beans, crackers and spaghetti noodles  
Backpack Ministry – Can Tuna or chicken, applesauce, fruit cups and Drinks (Hugs).

**THANK YOU:** Thank you for the visits, calls, cards and especially your prayers. Please continue to pray for me during my recovery. I will be back to church as soon as I am able.

Love, Martha Ann Bennett

**MISSION PRAYER FOCUS:** This week we pray for the Netherlands. The Netherlands emerged as an independent nation in the 16th century. The country became a constitutional monarchy in 1848. The country has developed a strong economy, based on agriculture, trade and industry. It is one of the six founding members of the European Union. The "low lands" were Christianized in the 8th century by missionaries from Ireland. The 16th century republic embraced the Calvinist Reformation. Church affiliation and church attendance have declined sharply since the 1960s.

**FAMILY MINISTRIES MEETING:** The Family Ministries will meet at 6:30PM, March 6 in the Seekers SS Class.

**50+:** The 50+ will meet on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30PM for a covered dish meal. We would love to see some new faces at 50+.

**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 8.

**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.

We are exploring the possibilities of a summer camp style program for children 3 thru completed kindergarten. If you would like more information, contact Laura or pick up a form from the Information Desk near the church office.

**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 lots of fun with an egg hunt, crafts, games and snacks. Hope everyone will plan to be here!

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 12, 2017 Lectionary Texts**  
Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 5</b>	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
<b>MONDAY, MARCH 6</b>	6:30PM	Crossfire
	4-6PM	Sharon's Community Cupboard
	6:30PM	Family Ministries Meeting, Seekers Class
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 7</b>	6:30PM	50+, Covered Dish
<b>WEDNESDAY MARCH 8</b>	6:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice

**NURSERY WORKERS TODAY:** Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles  
**NURSERY WORKERS March 12:** Kay Bright & Dot DeYoung

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY:** Communion  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH March 12:** Sarah Boland & Kelle Waters

**HEAD USHER:** Rick Christopher  
**HEAD USHER March 12:** Jeff Boland

**Sunday, February 26, 2017:**

Sunday School	80
Worship	129
Offering	\$4,921.00
Received YTD	\$60,215.00
Needed YTD	\$57,410.82
Needed Weekly	\$6,378.98
Difference	+\$2,804.18
Cemetery Fund (1/31/2017)	\$3,676.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$747.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$97,509.94

**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*