

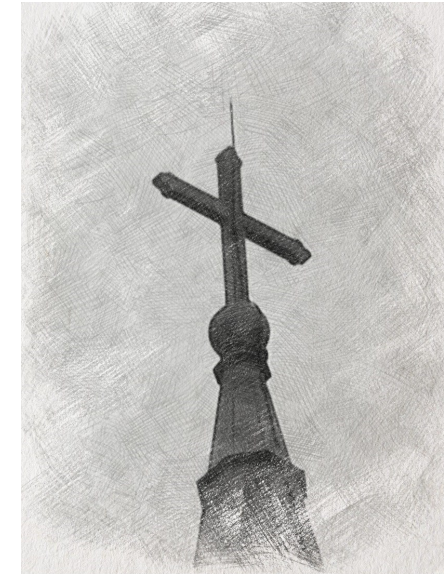
**OUR MISSION STATEMENT – Sharon United Methodist Church glorifies God as a friendly, caring, Christ-centered fellowship with strong family and spiritual values working to grow our church, our community, and our world one disciple at a time.**

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE		
SUNDAY, MAY 14	8:00AM	UMM Mother's Day Breakfast
	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
MONDAY, MAY 15	4-6PM	Sharon's Community Cupboard
TUESDAY, MAY 16	11:30AM	Pre-school End -of-year Program
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17	6:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
SATURDAY, MAY 20	10:00AM	Car and Bike Show

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
NURSERY WORKERS TODAY	Gayle Fowler & Karen Landers
NURSERY WORKERS May 21	Sarah Boland & Angie Davis
CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY	Amy Blackwell & Harold Lee
CHILDREN'S CHURCH May 21	Kelle Waters & Linette Garrett
HEAD USHER TODAY	Eddie Bright
HEAD USHER May 21	Rick Christohper

Sunday, May 7, 2017	
Sunday School	65
Worship	125
Offering	\$7,614.00
Received YTD	\$126,587.00
Needed YTD	\$121,200.62
Needed Weekly	\$6,378.98
Difference	+\$5,386.38
Cemetery Fund (4/30/2017)	\$3,389.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$65.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$100,892.94

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, May 21
Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21



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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*

**MOTHER'S DAY  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 14, 2017

11:00AM

"For he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name."

--Luke 1:48-49

**We Gather To Worship God**

Prelude

Bill Lee, Organist

Announcements

Rev. Bryson Williams

Mother's Day Recognition

Call To Worship

"This Is the Day"

UMH #657

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

\*Opening Hymn

"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

UMH #601

**We Praise God**

\*Responsive Reading

"Psalm 139:7-18"

UMH #855

\*Passing of the Peace

Old Testament Reading

"Isaiah 66:10-13"

Pew Bible, p.655 (O.T.)

Offering

The Offertory

Bill Lee, Organist

\*Doxology

UMH#95

\*The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

(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

"Lord, Listen to your Children Praying"

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 and Lord's Prayer

Anthem

"Morning Has Broken"

Men's Choir

**We Hear God's Word**

Gospel Reading

"Luke 1:39-50"

Pew Bible, p.53 (N.T.)

Sermon

"Happy Mother's Day"

Rev. Bryson Williams

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

\*Closing Hymn

"When We All Get to Heaven"

UMH #701

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

UMH #557

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Postlude

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

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**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers are placed at the altar for the Glory of God and in honor of Larry & Pam Parham's 41st wedding anniversary by Dot McHugh & Families.

**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.

May 14, 2017

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

Ben Brockman  
Frank & Ruby Vaughn  
Roie Johnson  
Sharon Cole  
Margaret DeYoung  
Dorothy McHugh  
Gregg Gowan  
Pete O'Shields

**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  
Heather Osegueda, friend of the SCA  
Darrell Johnson, Bud & Gayle's nephew  
Andy Wright, neighbor of Eddie & Karen  
Sharon's Community Cupboard  
Sharon Christian Academy

**FOOD COLLECTIONS:**

*Sharon's Community Cupboard – Peanut Butter, Jelly, can pinto or great northern beans, pasta sauce, and can soup.*

**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
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
Barry Davis	Deb Fowler's brother-in-law

**MISSIONARIES IN ACTION**

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

**MEMORIALS**

A gift to the church in memory of Earl Johnson & David Smith by Janet Dawson.

**MISSION PRAYER FOCUS:** This week we pray for Kenya. The Kenyan people recovered their independence, in 1963. The 1990s were characterized by political oppression, violence and misuse of state resources. The economy mainly based on agriculture and the export of tea and coffee, was adversely affected by mismanagement, and severely hit by drought in 1999 and 2000. Most Kenyans live below \$1 per day. Kenya has played a key role in the peace settlements in Somalia and in the southern Sudan, in 2005. It has borne the brunt of the impact of refugees and prevalence of arms from the two countries. The Christian churches in Kenya are strong including Anglican, Methodist, Catholic and Orthodox.

**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:**

This Wednesday we continue our Bible Study. We will be studying Chapter 4 this week. Everyone is welcome. Books are available in the Gathering Space.

**50+:** If you signed up for the Smoke On The Mountain play, the cost of the tickets is \$8.40 each. Give your money to Rob or Amy Lancaster or place it in an envelope and mark it 50+ Trip and put it in the offering plate and bring to the church office.

**SALKEHATCHIE:** Salkehatchie will be in Clover, July 15-22. Anyone (adult and /or youth) 14 and older are invited. Bring a friend if you would like. Information is on the table in the Gathering Space. See or contact Kaitlyn Alexander at 8864-378-8561 for more information.

**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.

**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!

**SPRING FLING CAR & BIKE SHOW:**

will be on Saturday, May 20, 2017. Car and bike show registration will be from 10:00-12:00. Entry fee is \$20.00, spectators are free! Trophies and door prizes will be awarded at 1:30PM. Cake walk will begin at 12 noon and continue until all cakes are won. There will be a bounce house. \$5.00 BBQ plates will be available 11:30AM until gone.

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION:** Please let us know about our High School and College graduates. Contact the church office or Grey Pennell and let us know their full name, school, degree and future plans. Graduate recognition will be Sunday, June 4th.

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** Annual Conference is being held in Greenville this year. Anyone interested in volunteering can go to the UMC Greenville District website: [greenvilleumcsc.org](http://greenvilleumcsc.org) to sign up or for information.

**MOTHER'S DAY EPWORTH OFFERING:**

Today we will have our annual Mother's Day offering for Epworth Children's Home. Find more information about Epworth at [epworthchildrenshome.org](http://epworthchildrenshome.org).