

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

May 22, 2016

11:00AM

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."
--Acts 2:42

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements

*Call To Worship "Jesus, Name above all Names" TFWS #2071
Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord. Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.

*Opening Hymn "I Come With Joy" (v. 1-4) UMH #617

We Praise God

* Responsive Reading "Psalm 8:1-9" UMH #743-744

*Affirmation from Romans UMH #887

*Moments of Fellowship and Passing of the Peace

Offering

The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist

*Doxology UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

(Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children ages 4,5 and 1st grade go in Children's Church or to the nursery).

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 Rev. Bryson Williams

Anthem "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" Choir

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading "Acts 2:36-42" Pew Bible, p.112 (N.T.)

Sermon "Converts" Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

*Hymn of Dedication & Service "Blessed Assurance" UMH #369

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" Congregation & Choir
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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 Jack Boland for his birthday by Jeff & Sarah Boland.

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

May 22, 2016

Ben Brockman
Betty Jean Brockman
Neely Thompson
Doris Fowler
Ruby Coggins
Margaret DeYoung
Vivian Eubanks

David & Gertrude Smith
June Gossett
Howard Jackson
Brian Harrison
Dora Edwards
Dorothy McHugh
Roie Johnson

Betty Glover
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
J. B. Waddell
Earl Johnson
Sharon Cole
Dollie Brady
Gerald Snow

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Foye Fowler, White Oak Estates, 400 Webber Rd., Spartanburg, 20307 Joe Fowler's mother

Pat Lee
Sharon Lee
Mike West
Lewis Sutton
Family of Lorraine Sroko, 223 Abners Trail Rd., Greer, SC 29651
Glenn Gardner
Sharon Ellis
Lisa Davis, 15 Crescent St., Lyman, SC 29365
Gettis Solesbee
Jason Davenport

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
Vera Brockman's brother
Clara Godfrey's son-in-law

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Betty McGaha, Friend of the Floyd family
Holly Wood, Eddie Waldrep's coworker's wife
Sandra Gowan, friend of Darlene DeYoung
Cheryl Brown, friend of Jerry & Angie Dalenta
Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap, our missionaries to Asia Minor
Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway, our missionaries to Thailand
Rev. Ray Allison, friend of Vonda Hendrix

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:

God's Pantry – Canned Vegetables
Weekend Backpack Ministry – INDIVIDUAL packets of grits and/or oatmeal, canned pasta
Greer Community Ministry – Plastic jars or cans of Spaghetti Sauce and noodles

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Malawi. The region of today's Malawi has been inhabited since prehistoric times. In 1891 the British established the Central Africa Protectorate. Pressure for independence developed in the 1940s. Malawi recovered full independence in 1964. For three decades it was ruled by its first President, Dr Banda, as a one-party state. Since 1994 the country has a multi-party democracy. Economically, Malawi depends on subsistence agriculture and the export of tobacco, tea, and sugar. Malawi is struggling with a high HIV/AIDS infection rate. Christian missions came to Malawi in the 19th century. The Catholic Church is the largest church, followed by the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian. Other large Christian groups are the Pentecostals, the Seventh-day Adventists, the Anglicans, and the African independent churches.

YOUTH NEWS: Join us for Sunday School at 10:00AM. We look forward to having you join us.

GOD'S PANTRY: We will be packing food boxes on Monday, May 23. 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: Don't miss your opportunity to enroll for Fall 2016. We are accepting registration for children ages 2,3 &4 on or before September 1. Contact Laura at sharonchristianacademy@gmail.com or come by the Church for a tour!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Mark your calendars! VBS is set for June 12-16. It is going to be great. Let Christy Snow know if you have any questions.

GRADUATION SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016: On Sunday, June 5, 2016 we plan to honor all High School and College Graduates ranging from December 2015 – May 2016. If you or your loved one has graduated or plans to graduate, please turn in their full name, where they are graduating from and future plans to the church office or Kaitlyn Alexander by Sunday, May 22, 2016. We look forward to having you and your families join us as we celebrate this special time in your graduate's life. If you have any questions, please call 864-378-5961.

SHARON UMC INFORMATION SHEET: We are in the process of updating the church membership and would like everyone to fill out a new information sheet. If you have filled out one before, we still need for you to fill out a new one. After you have filled them out, please return to the church office. You can drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Church address is P.O. Box 418, Reidville, SC 29375. Thank you for your cooperation.

WEBSITE: Check out our website sharonumchurch.com.

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, May 29, 2016 Lectionary Texts

1 Kings 18:20-39 Psalm 96 Galatians 1:1-12 Luke 7:1-10

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, MAY 22	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	Noon	Lunch & Movie, Children
MONDAY, MAY 23	4:00-6:00PM	God's Pantry
WEDNESDAY, May 25	7:30PM	Choir Practice

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Gayle Fowler & Dot DeYoung
NURSERY WORKERS May 29: Linette Garrett & Angie Davis

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Christy Snow & Harold Lee
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HEAD USHER: Trudy Cox
HEAD USHER May 29: Jeff Boland

Sunday, May 15, 2016:

Sunday School	62
Worship	104
Offering	10,661.00
Received YTD	133,954.30
Needed YTD	125,378.00
Difference	+8,576.30
Needed Weekly	6,268.90
Cemetery Fund (4/30/2016)	4,588.66
Capital Imp. Fund Received	470.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	80,341.26

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 Alexander, Director of Student Ministries
Laura Williams, Preschool Director
Ministers: Sharon Congregation Members