

**MOTHER'S DAY
ASCENSION SUNDAY**

May 8, 2016

11:00AM

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight."
--Acts 1:8-9

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements

*Call To Worship "Surely the Presence of the Lord" UMH #328
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

*Opening Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (v. 1,2,3) UMH #155

We Praise God

* Responsive Reading "Psalm 47:1-9" UMH #781

***Moments of Fellowship and Passing of the Peace**

First Reading "Luke 24:44-51" Pew Bible, p. 85 (N.T.)

Offering

The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist

*Doxology UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

(Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children return to their pews or go to the nursery. No Children's Church today.)

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" TFWS#2193
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 Methodist Men

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading "Acts 1:1-11" Pew Bible, p.110 (N.T.)

Sermon "What Are You Looking At?" Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

*Hymn of Dedication & Service "He Lives" UMH #310

***Benediction**

*Benediction Response "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Congregation & Choir
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

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 memory of Olivia Davis and in honor of Martha Wells by Scott, Angie, Lauren and Hayes Davis.

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
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

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

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Foye Fowler, White Oak Estates, 400 Webber Rd., Spartanburg, 20307

Pat Lee
Sharon Lee
Mike West
Lewis Sutton
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

Joe Fowler's mother
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
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

BACKPACK MINISTRY: Our Backpack Ministry is in need of money for the purchase of food. Please consider making a gift to this worthy ministry.

METHODIST MEN: Today's worship service is led by the United Methodist Men in honor of Mother's Day. Thank you God for our Mothers. All of the men of the church are welcome to participate in United Methodist Men.

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Ethiopia. The Ethiopian monarchy embraced Christianity at its very early stages, and it became the state religion in the 4th century. In the 7th century there was Muslim influence. Tensions and conflict have been recurrent between the Christian and Muslim communities. There is currently a large Ethiopian Orthodox Church, it was the state church under the monarchy but has lost this position. Catholic presence goes back to the 16th century, and Protestant missions arrived in the 20th century. The largest non-Orthodox church is the World of Life Church (Evangelical), followed by Lutheran and Presbyterian. There are also two large Pentecostal churches.

YOUTH NEWS: This Wednesday we will join the children and adults for an ice cream social at 6:30PM. Join us for Sunday School at 10:00AM. We look forward to having you join us.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: We will have Wednesday night activities this week. We are going to have an ice cream social on Wednesday night with Children, Youth and Adults. Bible study will begin again in the fall.

GOD'S PANTRY: We will be packing food boxes on Tuesday, May 17. 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.

EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING: Today we will receive our annual Mother's Day offering for Epworth. Epworth is a children's home in South Carolina. Epworth Children's Home is a ministry of South Carolina United Methodists. This home provides a safe place for children who do not have one.

H.O.P.E: We will have a H.O.P.E. meeting on Monday, May 8th at 6:00PM in the Brockman Building.

WEBSITE: Check out our website sharonumchurch.com.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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 15, 2016 Lectionary Texts

Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, MAY 8	8:00AM	UMM Family Breakfast
	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
MONDAY, MAY 9	4:00-6:00PM	God's Pantry
	6:00PM	H.O.P.E. Mtg., Brockman Center
WEDNESDAY, May 11	6:30-7:30PM	Ice Cream Social
	7:30PM	Choir Practice

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Kay Bright & Scott Davis
NURSERY WORKERS May 15: Myra Boland & Karen Waldrep

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Christy Snow & April Brunson
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HEAD USHER: Eddie Bright
HEAD USHER May 15: Gerald Snow

Sunday, May 1 and May 8 records will be in next week's bulletin.

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 Pless, Director of Student Ministries

Laura Williams, Preschool Director

Ministers: Sharon Congregation Member