

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 21	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	Crossfire
WEDNESDAY, MAY 24		Last Day of Pre-School
	6:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
NURSERY WORKERS TODAY	Sarah Boland & Angie Davis
NURSERY WORKERS May 28	Kay Bright & Suzie Horn
CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY	Kelle Waters & Linette Garrett
CHILDREN'S CHURCH May 28	Amy Blackwell & Sarah Boland
HEAD USHER TODAY	Rick Chrisotpher
HEAD USHER May 28	Jeff Boland

Sunday, May 14, 2017	
Sunday School	66
Worship	176
Offering	\$7,109.00
Received YTD	\$133,696.00
Needed YTD	\$127,579.60
Needed Weekly	\$6,378.98
Difference	+\$6,116.40
Cemetery Fund (5/17/2017)	\$3,414.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$962.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$101,854.94

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, May 28
Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11



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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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2017

11:00AM

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever."

--John 14:15-16

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude

Bill Lee, Organist

Announcements

Rev. Bryson Williams

*Call To Worship

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

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.

*Opening Hymn

"Seek Ye First"

UMH #405

We Praise God

*Responsive Reading

"Psalm 66:8-20"

UMH #790

*Affirmation of Faith

"The Apostles' Creed"

UMH #881

*Passing of the Peace

Offering

The Offertory

Jacob Sareault

*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 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.

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bryson Williams

Anthem

"In Christ Alone"

Choir

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading

"John 14:15-21"

Pew Bible, p.102 (N.T.)

Sermon

"Another Advocate"

Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

*Closing Hymn

"Standing on the Promises"

UMH #374

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Spirit Song"

UMH #347

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

*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's birthday by Dad & Mom.

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 21, 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

Kathy Young, wife of a friend of Leslie Roper
Family of 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

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.

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 5 and 6 this week. Everyone is welcome. Books are available in the Gathering Space.

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.

SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN TRIP! The ones going to the play today, be at the church at 1:00PM. We will leave at 1:30PM or earlier if needed.

MOTHER'S DAY BULLETIN: Thank you to all who donated to the Mother's Day Bulletin. The total as of May 14 is \$2,080.00 for the Million Book Effort.

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 pre-school 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!

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 to sign up or for information.

EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME OFFERING: If anyone would like to make an offering for Epworth, please make check out to Sharon UMC and note Epworth on the memo line.