

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**May 27, 2018**

**11:00AM**

**"For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God"**  
—Romans 8:15-16

**We Gather To Worship God**

**Prelude** Clara Godfrey, Pianist

**Announcements** Rev. Bryson Williams

**\*Call To Worship** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH #334  
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. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

**\*Opening Hymn** "They'll Know We Are Christians" TFWS#2223

**We Praise God**

**\*Responsive Reading** "Psalm 29" UMH #761

**\*Affirmation of Faith** "Nicene Creed" UMH #880

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Reflections on Holy Land Trip** Randy Conwell

**Offering**

**The Offertory** Clara Godfrey, Pianist

**\*Doxology** UMH #95

**\*The Offertory Prayer**

**Children's Message** Scott Davis  
(Sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children return to their seat.) Jesus Loves Me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

**The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer** Rev. Bryson Williams

**Anthem** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Choir

**We Hear God's Word**

**New Testament Reading** "Romans 8:12-17" Pew Bible, p.147(N.T.)

**Sermon** "Led By The Spirit" Rev. Bryson Williams

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

**\*Closing Hymn** "Blessed Assurance" UMH #369

**\*Benediction** Rev. Bryson Williams

**\*Benediction Response** "To God Be the Glory" (v.1) UMH #98  
To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

**\*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 in the church for the Glory of God and in memory of Agnes Edwards by Dan & Ann Edwards .

**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.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE		
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 27</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Prayer Time</b>
	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>1:30PM</b>	<b>Leave for play in Pelzer</b>
	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>CrossFire</b>
<b>MONDAY, MAY 28</b>		<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY</b>
	<b>10-11AM</b>	<b>Stretch &amp; Walking in Gym</b>
	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Interval Training</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 29</b>	<b>7:30PM</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>THURSDAY, MAY 30</b>	<b>10-11AM</b>	<b>Stretch &amp; Walking in Gym</b>
	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Interval Training</b>
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 2</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Interval Training</b>

Sunday, MAY 13, 2018	
Sunday School	63
Worship	120
Offering	\$5,530.00
Received YTD	\$144,718.24
Needed YTD	\$134,985.40
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	+\$9,732.84
Cemetery Fund (4/30/18)	\$1,597.94
Capital Imp. Received	\$140.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$95,461..89

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
Nursery Workers Today	Kay Bright & Suzie Horn
Nursery Workers June 3	Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles
Children's Church Today	Amy Blackwell & Kelsey Hendrix
Children's Church June 3	Communion
Head Usher Today	Jeff Boland
Head Usher June 3	Eddie Bright

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, June 3
1 Samuel 3:1-20
Psalm 139:1-6,13-18
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6



## Sharon United Methodist Church

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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*

**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.**

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

Ben Brockman  
Frank & Ruby Vaughn  
Roie Johnson  
Margaret DeYoung  
Dorothy McHugh  
Gregg Gowan  
Gerald & Ruth Snow  
Doris Wade  
Matthew Pennell  
Kathy Jordan  
Dot Pearson

**IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN**

Dora Edwards  
Betty Jean Brockman  
June Gossett  
J. B. Waddell

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**ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS**

Matthew Tucker, friend of Clara Godfrey  
Jackie Keith, friend of Leslie Roper  
Richard Lanford, friend of Pat Burgess  
Deborah Howard, friend of Denise Belcher  
Dawn Bond, friend of Denise Belcher  
Myleigh McDowell, friend of Denise Belcher  
Eddie Cooper, Pastor at Apalache Baptist Church  
John Tomlanovich, friend of Rob & Amy Lancaster  
Malik Johnson  
Sharon Community Cupboard  
Sharon Christian Academy

**OUR MILITARY**

Erin Pennell  
Jonathan Houck, Chuck and Debi Hembree's grandson  
Jamie Matekaitis, Rob & Amy Lancaster's son-in-law

**FOOD COLLECTIONS:**

*Sharon's Community Cupboard –  
Dried beans (all kinds), canned soup, canned fruit, jelly and  
canned beans (pintos, blackeye peas, great northern, etc.)*

**ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES**

Mike West	Joyce Lee's son
Shelby Hendrix	Jackie Floyd and Allen Sheriff's sister
Steve Farmer	Katy Lee's father
Dottie Currin	Brian Harrison's sister
Mary & Bill Ruppe	Suzie Horn's mother & step-father
Sharon Lee	Dot Pearson's sister

**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 Angola. The Portuguese colonized Angola in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, the time was marked by wars, the slave trade and oppression of the African people. Angola achieved its independence from Portugal in 1975, after a long liberation war which caused immense suffering. A protracted civil war followed that led to hundreds of thousands of displaced people, millions of refugees, and an estimated 1.5 million deaths between 1975 and 2000. The country continues to face huge problems of rehabilitation and reconstruction, aggravated by the problem of landmines and the incidence of HIV/AIDS. The churches have been deeply involved in peace and reconciliation, cooperating across denominational barriers of Protestant, Evangelical and Catholic. The United Methodist is one of the largest Churches in Angola.

**STRETCH CLASS AND WALKING IN THE GYM:** On Monday and Thursday there is a stretch class in the gym at 10:00AM. You can also come and walk in the gym during this time. This is a low impact stretch class and some great fellowship!

**Dearly Departed™:** Today we will meet at the church and leave for the play at Pelzer at 1:30. We will have supper at Coach House Restaurant. Church bus will be provided.

**NOTE:** Church office will be closed Monday for Memorial Day!



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**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!.

**SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY:** 2018-2019 registration is currently underway. If you or someone you know would like to register a child, contact the preschool office at 864-879-1763 or see Laura for a form.

We have a few spots open for the remainder of this school year. Contact us if you are interested.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** S.C. Annual Conference is June 3-6 at the TD Convention Center. Volunteers are needed to make the experience welcoming and smooth for our Methodist guests from across the State. There a number of opportunities to serve: ushers, greeters, drivers and registration. Go to [UMCSC.org](http://UMCSC.org) to find out more and to register. Sound exciting? It is!

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Beginning May 21 the church office will be open Monday—Thursday from 8:00AM to Noon.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Mark you calendars now for VBS, June 10-14. Invite your neighbors and friends.