

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 6, 2018

11:00AM

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love."

— John 15:9

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude

Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements

Rev. Bryson Williams

*Opening Hymn

"Come, Christians Join to Sing"

UMH #158

We Praise God

*Affirmation of Faith

"The Apostles' Creed"

UMH #881

*Passing of the Peace

Confession and Pardon

UMH #12

Offering

The Offertory

Clara Godfrey, Pianist

*Doxology

UMH #95

*The Offertory Prayer

Children's Message

Preacher Bryson

(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

Sharon Pitts

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading

"John 15:9-17"

Pew Bible, p.103(N.T.)

Sermon

"Abide In Jesus Love"

Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH #13

Together At The Table—

The Receiving of the Elements of Holy Communion.....Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table. The ushers will direct you forward.

Prayer after Communion

*Closing Hymn

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

UMH #557

*Benediction

Rev. Bryson Williams

*Benediction Response

"O How I Love Jesus"

(refrain) UMH #170

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

*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 in the church for the Glory of God.

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		
SUNDAY, MAY 6	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship, Communion
	5:00PM	Children's Ministry Meeting
	6:30PM	Disciples Bible Study
	6:30PM	CrossFire
MONDAY, MAY 7	10-11AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	11:30AM	SCA Program
	4-6PM	Sharon's Community Cupboard
	6:30PM	Interval Training
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9	6:30-7:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
THURSDAY, MAY 10	10-11AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	6:30PM	Interval Training
SATURDAY, MAY 12	9:00AM	Interval Training
	10AM-3PM	Car Show

Sunday, April 29, 2018	
Sunday School	61
Worship	120
Offering	\$9,781.00
Received YTD	\$122,456.24
Needed YTD	\$114,737.59
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	+\$7,718.65
Cemetery Fund (3/31/18)	\$2,001.94
Capital Imp. Received	\$1,112.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$95,144..89

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
Nursery Workers Today	Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles
Nursery Workers 13	Angie Davis & Karen Landers
Children's Church Today	Communion
Children's Church May 13	Amy Blackwell & Linette Garrett
Head Usher Today	Jeff Boland
Head Usher May 13	Eddie Bright

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, May 6
Acts 10:44-48
Psalms 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

SCA Staff	
Kay Bright	Bailey Cox
Melissa Farmer	Lisa Welch
Laura Williams	Stephanie Wykel



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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

MAY 6, 2018

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

IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN

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

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 –
Spaghetti Noodles, individual packs of grits and oatmeal and
individual packs (not cups) of Ramen noodles.*

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

MEMORIALS

Richard "Dick" Swift by Pat Burgess, Wirron Leonard and the Employees of H&R Block in Hendersonville.

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for India. India: Give thanks for: A rich history and culture that spans several millennia; The devotion and faith of those who work with the poor, refugees, orphans, the dying, and the hungry; The apostle St Thomas who founded a church in India; Those who cross boundaries of clan and religion in order to make peace; Educational institutions and hospitals founded by Christian missionaries, which continue to serve all people irrespective of their religion, caste or creed.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING: Today at 5:00PM the Children's Ministry team will have a short meeting to discuss VBS and our current children's programs. Children's Ministry Team, VBS volunteers and anyone simply interested in our programs are invited to attend. Hope to see everyone there.

SCA PROGRAM: SCA will present our End of the Year Program on Monday, May 7 at 11:30AM in our Sanctuary. All are welcome to come and see a little bit of what we have been up to this year!

UMMEN BREAKFAST: On Mother's Day, May 13th at 8:00AM, the UMMen will host a breakfast for our wives and families. Please plan to attend!

STRETCH CLASS AND WALKING IN THE GYM: On Tuesday 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!

GRADUATION SUNDAY: Graduation Sunday is coming up on May 20. We would like to recognize those in our extended church family on their accomplishments. If you have a family member that is graduating high school or college and would like some congratulations, please let Grey Pennell know!

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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.

CAR SHOW: Volunteers are needed for the "Car Show" on May 12. If you would like to volunteer to help, please sign up on the sheet in The Gathering Space or call Suzie Horn at 864-680-1302.

DEADLINE FOR MOTHER'S DAY BULLETIN: The deadline for the Mother's Day bulletin will be next Sunday, May 6.

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

THANK YOU! Dear Sharon Family, I can't begin to express how much it meant to me seeing all of you, especially the hugs and prayers at this difficult time. I greatly appreciated the visits from Rev. Bryson. He brought kindness and comfort to our home. Lunch with your wonderful ladies was delicious. It was incredibly generous and appreciated. A kindness long remembered.
Martha Swift