

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2016

11:00AM

"Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." --Matthew 24:42

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements Rev. Bryson Williams

*Call To Worship "Awesome God" TFWS #2040
Our God is an awesome God; he reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love. Our God is an awesome God.

*Opening Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH #196

We Praise God

*Responsive Reading "Psalm 122" UMH #845

*Affirmation of Faith "Nicene Creed" UMH #880

*Passing of the Peace

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Offering

The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist

*Doxology UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time Kelle Waters
(Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children ages 4, 5, & 1st grade go to children's 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

"Thy Will"

Kaitlyn Alexander

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading

"Matthew 24:36-44"

Pew Bible, p.26 (N.T.)

Sermon

"Jesus Is Coming"

Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

"Closing Hymn

"Soon and Very Soon"

UMH #706

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Marching to Zion"

(v. 1) UMH #733

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne. We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

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 Mora Snow's birthday on December 5 by Richard & Martha Swift.

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 David & Gertrude Smith
Betty Jean Brockman June Gossett
Roie Johnson Vivian Eubanks
Sharon Cole Earl Johnson
Ruby Coggins Dora Edwards
Margaret DeYoung Dorothy McHugh

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Betty Glover
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
J. B. Waddell
Mark Cox
David Snow
Gerald & Ruth Snow

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Mike West
Lewis Sutton
Glenn Gardner
Sharon Ellis
Gettis Solesbee
Christi Edwards
Doug Smith
Bill Ruppe

Joyce Lee's son
Laura Williams' father
Donna Staton's brother
Kaitlyn Pless' aunt
Vera Brockman's brother
Dan & Ann Edwards' daughter-in-law
Myra Boland's cousin
Suzie Horn's step-father

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Cheryl Brown, friend of Jerry & Angie Dalenta
Robbie Strange, friend of Christy Kurtz
Cornelia Hawkins, friend of Leslie Roper
Harold Moore, friend of Leslie Roper
Richard Allen, friend of Leslie Roper
Bill Burgess, friend of Dot Pearson
Doris Khoe, friend of Ruth Snow
Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap, our missionaries to Asia Minor
Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway, our missionaries to Thailand
Sharon's Community Cupboard, Our Food Pantry

MEMORIALS: A memorial was given in memory of Mary Lou Galloway by Pete & Nancy O'Shields and Gerald & Ruth Snow.

A memorial was given in memory of Earl, Oneal & Robert DeYoung by Margaret DeYoung.

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:

Sharon's Community Cupboard –Can fruit, 1Lb. bags of Rice, 1 Lb. bags of dried beans, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Ketchup.
Backpack Ministry – Can Tuna or chicken, applesauce, fruit cups and Drinks (Hugs).

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray Burkina Faso. Burkina Faso is situated in the Sahel, south of the Sahara desert. The Mossi Empire governed this land until the close of the 19th century, when it became a French protectorate. The country gained its independence in 1960, and received its African name in the 1980s. Over 90 percent of the population is engaged in agriculture, mostly subsistence farming and nomadic herding. Today over half of all Christians are Catholics. The Protestant denominations belong to the Evangelical and Pentecostal traditions

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!! The staff at SCA are continually overwhelmed by the outpouring of love for the preschool. So many of you are so generous with your time and resources and we are so grateful. Sharon Christian Academy is a very special place to be, not only for the children but for the staff. Thank you for your love, support and continued prayers.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: Wednesday night activities for Children, Youth and Adult Bible Study at 6:30 and Choir Practice at 7:30. See you there!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study resumes this Wednesday, November 30th with our new study *Down To Earth* by Mike Slaughter. We will begin with the introduction and Chapter 1. The study will be in the Seekers Sunday School Class.

YOUTH NEWS: Youth activities have a new name and a new night! Crossfire will meet SUNDAY night from 6:30–7:30PM in the Youth Room instead of Wednesday night. We hope the new change allows everyone to come and invite friends! Dinner will be provided. Get in touch with Grey with any questions.

TRIP TO HOLY LAND: We are planning a trip to the Holy Land. See Pastor Bryson if you would like a brochure. The dates are set for April 18-28, 2017. Please mark your calendars. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Bryson who will be leading this trip.

50+: On Tuesday, December 6, 50+ will be going to the home of Rob & Amy Lancaster for fun, fellowship and food. Don't forget to bring a wrapped ornament for exchange and finger foods. Meet at the church at 5:45PM. The bus will be available for transportation.

COVERED DISH: On December 11, following the 11:00AM Worship Service featuring our Annual Children's Christmas Play, we will have a covered dish meal. The church will provide chicken and ham. We will also have a special visitor.

CHRISTMAS EVE: On December 24th we will have two candlelight worship services at 5:00 and 9:00PM.

CHRISTMAS DAY: December 25th is on a Sunday this year and **YES** we will have church at 11:00AM. We go to church on Sunday (RIGHT?). Come as you are: kids in p.j., apron's on, children bring one of your gifts. It will be a great day of worship.

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, December 4, 2016 Lectionary Texts

Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30	6:30PM	Crossfire
	6:30PM	Wednesday night activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Dot DeYoung & Gayle Fowler
NURSERY WORKERS December 4: Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles

CHILDREN’S CHURCH TODAY: Kelle Waters & Harold Lee
CHILDREN’S CHURCH December 4: Communion

HEAD USHER: Gene Snow
HEAD USHER December 4: Eddie Bright

Sunday, November 20, 2016:

Sunday School	85	<i>Rev. Bryson Williams, Jr., Pastor</i>
Worship	136	<i>Mary Jo Bradley, Secretary</i>
Offering	\$6,287.00	<i>Katie Stewart, Music Director</i>
Received YTD	\$300,867.90	<i>Clara Godfrey, Pianist</i>
Needed YTD	\$294,638.30	<i>Bill Lee, Organist</i>
Difference	+\$6,229.60	<i>Amy Blackwell, Children’s Co-Director</i>
Needed Weekly	\$6,268.90	<i>Kelle Waters, Children’s Co-Director</i>
Cemetery Fund (10/31/2016)	\$3,013.96	<i>Debra Fowler, Custodian</i>
Capital Imp. Fund Received	\$145.00	<i>Grey Pennell, Director of Student Ministries</i>
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$91,121.26	<i>Laura Williams, Preschool Director</i>

CHURCH STAFF:

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (SCA) STAFF:

Lisa Welch, Bailey Cox and Laura Williams – 2K
 Melissa Farmer and Stephanie Wykel – 3K and 4K
 Kay Bright – Music