

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE		
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12	8:00AM	UMMen, Gym
	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	CrossFire
	6:30PM	Disciple Bible Study, Seekers SS Class
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15	10:30AM	Morning Bible Study
	6:30PM	Wed. Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18	9:00AM	Pack Thanksgiving Boxes, Gym

Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017	
Sunday School	71
Worship	126
Offering	\$5,853.00
Received YTD	\$286,954.14
Needed YTD	\$287,054.10
Needed Weekly	\$6,378.98
Difference	-\$99.96
Cemetery Fund (10/1/2017)	\$2,608.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$119.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$86,023.89

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
Nursery Workers Today	Gayle Fowler & Suzie Horn
Nursery Workers Nov. 19	Linette Garrett & Amy Tobin
Children's Church Today	Communion
Children's Church Nov. 19	Amy Blackwell & Harold Lee
Head Usher Today	Rick Christopher
Head Usher Nov. 19	Eddie Bright

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

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, November 19
Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30



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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.

TWENTYTHIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 12, 2017

11:00AM

"Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

--Joshua 24:15

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements Rev. Bryson Williams

Recognition of Veterans "America the Beautiful" (v.1) UMH 696

***Opening Hymn** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH #127

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

Scott Davis

(Sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children ages 4,5 & 1st grade go to children's church.) Jesus Loves Me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him be-long; 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

Randy Conwell

We Hear God's Word

Scripture

"Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-15"

Pew Bible, p.205 (O.T.)

Sermon

"Chose This Day"

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**

"Near to the Heart of God"

UMH #472

***Benediction**

Rev. Bryson Williams

***Benediction Response**

"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"

TFWS #2129

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.

***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 and in memory of Kenneth & Bernice Bennett by Jane Redwine and Gayle Scoggins.

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
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
Roie Johnson
Margaret DeYoung
Dorothy McHugh
Gregg Gowan
Pete O'Shields
Gerald & Ruth Snow
Dot DeYoung
Vonda Hendrix

IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN

Dora Edwards
Betty Jean Brockman
Ruby Coggins
Vivian Eubanks
June Gossett
Gertrude Smith
Betty Glover
J. B. Waddell

November 12, 2017

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Kathy Young, wife of a friend of Leslie Roper
Heather Osegueda, friend of the SCA
Corey & Cindy Arnold, friends of Al & Beverly Cureton
Sara Oden, friend of Lauren Davis
Kevin Bruster, co-worker of Joey Wykel
Andy Wright, neighbor of Eddie & Karen Waldrep
Carol Welch, Friend of SCA
Judy Johnson, friend of Darlene DeYoung
Sharon's Community Cupboard
Sharon Christian Academy

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

Sharon's Community Cupboard—
Can fruit (all kinds), box stuffing, cranberry sauce,
can milk

OUR MILITARY

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

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Joann Waldrep Eddie Waldrep's mother
Mike West Joyce Lee's son
Christi Edwards Dan & Ann Edwards' daughter-in-law
Jane Gates Dowis Doris Wade's cousin
Arliss Richardson Pat Burgess' sister
Shelby Hendrix Jackie Floyd and Allen Sheriff's sister
Doug Edwards Dan Edwards' cousin
Steve Farmer Katy Lee's father
Melba Sue Brown Leslie Roper's cousin
Charles Huskey Trudy Johnson's brother-in-law
Dottie Currin Brian Harrison's sister
Mary & Bill Ruppe Suzie Horn's mother & step-father
Cash Richards Grandson of Andrea Payne and Great Grandson of Nancy Morgan
Rick Johnson Darlene DeYoung's uncle
Charles & Diane Babb Parents of Chip Babb

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 Australia. Aboriginal people settled in Australia years before the first white exploration began in the early 17th century. In 1788 Britain established a penal colony there. In 1901, Australia became independent of Britain. In the 20th century many Europeans and Asians migrated to Australia. Today the country has a prosperous capitalist economy. The two largest Christian bodies are the Catholic Church, transported from central Europe and the Philippines, and the Anglican Church, with its roots in England. The Uniting Church in Australia, made up of former Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians, is one of the pioneering church unions in the ecumenical movement worldwide.

T'S TOO HOT FOR OUR TOTS...OUR LITTLE LADIES AND FELLAS NEED UMBRELLAS! To improve the functionality and aesthetics of the playground for our younger children, we are planning to install 2 umbrellas similar to the ones on the larger playground. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please mark your gift "Umbrella Fund".

SHARON COMMUNITY CUPBOARD PACKING BOXES FOR THANKSGIVING: On Saturday, November 18 at 9:00AM, we are going to pack food boxes for our annual Thanksgiving turkey meal distribution. Join us in the Ben Brockman Building for the fun!

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE: A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Wesley Chapel UMC on Sunday, November 19 at 6:30PM. Please plan on attending this service. Wesley Chapel is located at 732 Batesville Rd., Greer, SC 29652.

TRIP TO HOLY LAND: We have a trip to the Holy Land scheduled for April 2-12, 2018. The trip will be led by Pastor Bryson.

DECORATE FOR ADVENT: The Worship Committee will decorate the church for Advent on Monday, November 27 at 6:00PM.

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!

A TUNA CHRISTMAS: The 50+ invites you to join them for an evening of Laughter, Fun and Fellowship on Sunday, December 3 for the 3:00PM performance followed by supper at Harbor Bay in Simpsonville. This is a production put on by the Mill Town Players in Pelzer, SC. We will meet at the church at 1:15 and leave at 1:30PM. Church bus will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Gathering Space with more information.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday Bible Study continues this week at 10:30 and 6:30. We begin *Creed: What Christians Believe And Why*. This week we are studying Chapter 3. Books are available in the Gathering Space.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: Make your plans now! This year Christmas Eve is on Sunday. We will have two worship opportunities. At 11:00AM we will have our Traditional Worship Service. At 5:00PM we will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

