

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

October 2, 2016

11:00AM

"The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."  
--Luke 17:5-6

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist  
Announcements Rev. Bryson Williams  
\*Opening Hymn "I Come with Joy" (v. 1-4) UMH #617  
We Praise God  
\*Affirmation of Faith "Apostles' Creed" UMH #881  
\*Passing of the Peace UMH #12  
Confession and Pardon  
Offering  
The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist  
\*Doxology UMH#95  
The Offertory Prayer  
Children's Time Pastor Bryson  
(Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children return to their seats).  
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 "A Place At The Table" Choir  
We Hear God's Word  
Scripture Reading "Luke 17:5-10" Pew Bible, p.75 (N.T.)  
Sermon "Lord Increase Our Faith" Rev. Bryson Williams  
\*Hymn of Preparation "Let Us Break Bread Together" UMH #618

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

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 (unison)  
Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted us as Your children, made us members of the Body of Christ: we thank You that in this time of Holy Communion You renew Your promises within us, empower us by Your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
\*Hymn of Dedication & Service "Fill My Cup, Lord" UMH #641  
\*Benediction  
\*Benediction Response "Jesus Loves Me" UMH #191  
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.  
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 Harold Eason's birthday by Jannett Eason.  
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  
Neely Thompson Howard Jackson  
Dollie Brady Brian Harrison  
Ruby Coggins Dora Edwards  
Margaret DeYoung Dorothy McHugh  
Vivian Eubanks Roie Johnson  
Earl Johnson

October 3, 2016

Betty Glover  
Frank & Ruby Vaughn  
J. B. Waddell  
John Waddell  
Sharon Cole(Magnolia Place)  
Gerald & Ruth Snow  
Joe Fowler

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

Pat Lee  
Sharon Lee  
Mike West  
Lewis Sutton  
Glenn Gardner  
Sharon Ellis  
Gettis Solesbee  
Christi Edwards

Dot Pearson's sister-in-law  
Dot Pearson's sister  
Joyce Lee's son  
Laura Williams' father  
Donna Staton's brother  
Kaitlyn Pless' aunt  
Vera Brockman's brother  
Dan & Ann Edwards' daughter-in-law

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

Sandra Gowan, friend of Darlene DeYoung  
Cheryl Brown, friend of Jerry & Angie Dalenta  
Buddy & Angelee Berry, friends of Nancy O'Shields and Pat Burgess  
Robbie Strange, friend of Christy Kurtz  
Cornelia Hawkins, friend of Leslie Roper  
Harold Moore, friend of Leslie Roper  
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  
Our Food Pantry

**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:**

The Pantry – Canned meat (chicken, tuna, salmon etc.), mac-n-cheese, can fruit, spaghetti sauce and noodles.  
Backpack Ministry – Can Tuna or chicken, applesauce, fruit cups and Drinks (Hugs).

**THE PANTRY:** The Sharon Pantry will continue to distribute food the first and third Monday from 4:00-6:00PM. If you would like to help with distribution come to the Brockman Center at 3:30 to assist. Come join in the fun.

**MISSION PRAYER FOCUS:** This week we pray for Armenia. Armenia was for many centuries an independent nation and kingdom that in some periods of its history extended far beyond its present geographical location in the South Caucasus. It adopted Christianity as the official religion in 301, and thus became the first Christian nation of the world. From 1920 onwards, Armenia was a republic in the Soviet Union. It regained its independence in 1991. The country is in the process of rebuilding its economy. The Armenian Apostolic Church is by and large the majority church.

**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 continues this Wednesday, October 5 at 6:30PM. We are studying *Invitation To Genesis* by Peter Enns. This week we are in Chapter 4. It is not too late to join the study. Let Pastor Bryson know if you need a book.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS:** Please join us Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 6:30PM for wonderful Wednesday night activities. We are making plans for our Christmas play and for singing in worship service. Join in the fun!

**YOUTH NEWS:** Youth activities are back in full! Sunday School begins at 10AM in the youth room upstairs and Wednesday night activities are in the gym at 6:30PM. Dinner is provided, so come and invite your friends! Parents and church members that want to be involved with the youth, please contact Grey!

**UMM:** The United Methodist Men's meeting will be Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM. Please make plans to attend.

**PINK OUT:** October 16 we are going to have a pink out. Get your pink out-fit ready as we remember breast-cancer awareness.

**SAVE THE DATE:** On October 23 we are going to have a church-wide BBQ picnic following our 11:00AM worship service. It is going to be great fun.

**SHARON UMC INFORMATION SHEET:** We are in the process of updating the church membership and would like everyone to fill out a new information sheet. If you have filled out one before, we still need for you to fill out a new one. The sheets are on the table in the gathering space. After you have filled it out, please return to the church office. You can drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Church address is P.O. Box 418, Reidville, SC 29375. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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.

**WEBSITE:** Check out our website [sharonumchurch.com](http://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, October 9, 2016 Lectionary Texts**

**Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19**

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3</b>	<b>9:00-12:30</b>	<b>Blood Drive</b>
	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>
	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>50+, Covered dish</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Night Bible Study</b>
	<b>7:30PM</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>UMMen</b>
	<b>3:00PM</b>	<b>UMW</b>

**NURSERY WORKERS TODAY:** Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles  
**NURSERY WORKERS October 9:** Myra Boland & Karen Waldrep

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY:** Communion  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH October 9:** Amy Blackwell

**HEAD USHER:** Gerald Snow  
**HEAD USHER October 9:** Trudy Cox

**Sunday, September 25, 2016:**

<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>84</b>	<b><i>Rev. Bryson Williams, Jr., Pastor</i></b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>135</b>	<b><i>Mary Jo Bradley, Secretary</i></b>
<b>Offering</b>	<b>6,629.00</b>	<b><i>Katie Stewart, Music Director</i></b>
<b>Received YTD</b>	<b>249,036.90</b>	<b><i>Clara Godfrey, Pianist</i></b>
<b>Needed YTD</b>	<b>244,487.10</b>	<b><i>Bill Lee, Organist</i></b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+4,549.80</b>	<b><i>Amy Blackwell, Children's Co-Director</i></b>
<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>6,268.90</b>	<b><i>Kelle Waters, Children's Co-Director</i></b>
<b>Cemetery Fund (8/31/2016)</b>	<b>3,046.96</b>	<b><i>Debra Fowler, Custodian</i></b>
<b>Capital Imp. Fund Received</b>	<b>765.00</b>	<b><i>Grey Pennell, Director of Student Ministries</i></b>
<b>Capital Imp. Fund Balance</b>	<b>88,087.26</b>	<b><i>Laura Williams, Preschool Director</i></b>

**SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY STAFF:**

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