

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE		
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	3:00PM	Charge Conference, Covenant UMC
	6:30PM	Crossfire
	6:30PM	Disciple Bible Study, Seekers SS Class
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25	10:30AM	Morning Bible Study
	6:30PM	Wed. Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28	5:00-7:00PM	Trunk-R-Treat

Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017	
Sunday School	71
Worship	126
Offering	\$4,797.00
Received YTD	\$269,826.54
Needed YTD	\$267,917.16
Needed Weekly	\$6,378.98
Difference	+\$1,909.38
Cemetery Fund (10/1/2017)	\$2,608.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$2,721.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$83,011.89

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
Nursery Workers Today	Dot DeYoung & Jannett Eason
Nursery Workers Oct 29	Kelsey Hendrix & Karen Waldrep
Children's Church Today	Kelle Waters & Katy Lee
Children's Church Oct 29	No Children's Church
Head Usher Today	Rick Christopher
Head Usher Oct. 29	Eddie Bright

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

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, October 29
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalms 90
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46



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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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 22, 2017

11:00AM

"But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?'"

--Matthew 22:18

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude

Bill Lee, Organist

Announcements

Rev. Bryson Williams

*Call To Worship

"His Name Is Wonderful"

UMH #174

His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He is the mighty King, Master of everything; his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, almighty God is he; bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

*Opening Hymn

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

UMH #399

We Praise God

*Affirmation of Faith

"The Apostles' Creed"

UMH #881

*Passing of the Peace

Offering

The Offertory

Bill Lee, Organist

*Doxology

UMH#95

*The Offertory Prayer

Children's Message

Amy Blackwell

(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 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

"You Are My All In All"

Choir

We Hear God's Word

Old Testament Reading

"Matthew 22:15-22"

Pew Bible, p.23(O.T.)

Sermon

"The Test"

Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship

*Closing Hymn

"O How I Love Jesus"

UMH #170

*Benediction

Rev. Bryson Williams

*Benediction Response

"Awesome God"

TFWS #2040

Our God is an awesome God; he reigns from heaven above with wisdom, pow'r, and love. Our God is an awesome 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 in the church for the Glory of God and in memory of Lemuel & Vangie Johnson by Nancy Morgan.

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.

October 22, 2017

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
Carolyn Yeargin
Dot DeYoung
Vonda Hendrix

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Kathy Young, wife of a friend of Leslie Roper
Heather Osegueda, friend of the SCA
Darrell Johnson, Bud & Gayle's nephew
Wynell Greer, Shirley Fowler's mother
Jackie Fowler, friend of Dot Pearson
Janice Gibson, friend of Dot Pearson
Andy Wright, neighbor of Eddie & Karen Waldrep
Carol Welch, Friend of SCA
Sharon's Community Cupboard
Sharon Christian Academy

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

Sharon's Community Cupboard –
Canned fruit (all kinds) Canned spaghetti sauce
(prefer in cans)

OUR MILITARY

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

IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN

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

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

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 Nicaragua. Nicaragua became sovereign in 1854 and added the east coast, where the Miskitos live, to its territory in 1894. In 1972, Managua was totally destroyed by an earthquake that took 50,000 lives. Nicaragua's economy, based on subsistence farming and the export of bananas, coffee and other cash crops, virtually collapsed during the war. The Catholic Church is the majority church. The largest non-Catholic church is the Assemblies of God (Pentecostal). Pentecostals churches represent close to 10 percent of all Christians. Sectors of the Christian churches and Christian groups have been supportive of the struggle for social justice.

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE: Today at 3:00PM, we will have Charge Conference. This year Charge Conference will be held at Covenant UMC, 1310 Old Spartanburg Rd. Greer. Everyone in the church is invited.

YOUTH SUNDAY: Sunday October 29 is our annual Youth Sunday! Sharon's CrossFire group will lead a very special worship service, so come and join us for an incredible morning!

IT'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".

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL: Anyone age 5 to 19 who have an interest in playing church league basketball, please see Pastor Bryson.

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.

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!

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 the introduction and Chapter 1. Books are available in the Gathering Space.

SUNDAY NIGHT INTENSIVE BIBLE STUDY: Disciple II continues tonight, at 6:30PM in the Seekers SS Classroom. Tonight we continue with Chapter 6.

TRUNK R TREAT: Trunk or Treat is this Saturday, October 28th from 5-7. We hope to see our front parking lot full of cars!!! If you plan to bring a trunk, or a tailgate, please be here by 4:45 so that we can secure the area before our little trunk or treaters start arriving. Thank you for all of your support!



Trunk
or Treat