

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE		
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	Noon	Church Lunch, Brockman Bldg.
	6:30PM	Crossfire
	6:30PM	Disciple Bible Study, Seekers SS Class
	MONDAY, OCTOBER 9	
6:30PM		Nominating Committee Mtg., Seekers SS Class
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11	10:30AM	Morning Bible Study
	6:30PM	Wed. Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice

Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017	
Sunday School	62
Worship	127
Offering	\$7,958.00
Received YTD	\$258,986.08
Needed YTD	\$255,159.20
Needed Weekly	\$6,378.98
Difference	+\$3,826.88
Cemetery Fund (10/1/2017)	\$2,608.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$1,054.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$80,236.89

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
Nursery Workers Today	Angie Davis & Sarah Boland
Nursery Workers Oct 15	Ann Edwards & Scott Davis
Children's Church Today	Kelle Waters & April Brunson
Children's Church Oct 15	Amy Blackwell & Sarah Boland
Head Usher Today	Eddie Bright
Head Usher Oct 15	Rick Christopher

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

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, October 15
Exodus 32:1-14
Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14



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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.**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**October 8, 2017**

**11:00AM**

**"Then God spoke all these words."**

**--Exodus 20:1**

**We Gather To Worship God**

**Prelude**

**Bill Lee, Organist**

**Announcements**

**Rev. Bryson Williams**

**\*Call To Worship**

**"Trust and Obey"**

**(v. 1) UMH #467**

**When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on the way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**"In The Garden"**

**UMH #314**

**We Praise God**

**\*Responsive Reading**

**"Psalm 19:7-14"**

**UMH #751**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Offering**

**The Offertory**

**Bill Lee, Organist**

**\*Doxology**

**UMH#95**

**\*The Offertory Prayer**

**Presentation of Bibles**

**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**

**"Spirit Of Gentleness"**

**Choir**

**We Hear God's Word**

**Old Testament Reading**

**"Exodus 20:1-20"**

**Pew Bible, p.63 (O.T.)**

**Sermon**

**"What A Gift"**

**Rev. Bryson Williams**

**We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**"How Great Thou Art"**

**UMH #77**

**\*Benediction**

**Rev. Bryson Williams**

**\*Benediction Response**

**"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"**

**UMH #349**

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.**

**\*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 honor of Jim and Genevieve McMahan by Ray, Charyl and J.R. Schroeder.

**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 8, 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  
Angie Dalenta  
Carolyn Yeargin

**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  
Sharon's Community Cupboard  
Sharon Christian Academy

**IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN**

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

**FOOD COLLECTIONS:**

*Sharon's Community Cupboard –  
Canned fruit (all kinds)*

**OUR MILITARY**

Jonathan Houck  
Erin Pennell  
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
Irene Settle	Vera Brockman's sister
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.

**BIKE-A-THON:** This Saturday, October 14th at 10:00AM, the Children's Ministry will be participating in a Bike-A-Thon to raise money for our playground improvement fund. Each of the children have a pledge sheet to collect sponsors for their ride. You can pledge a per lap amount, or a flat rate pledge amount. Our kiddos are really excited about doing their part to raise this money. So, find one of our children and make your pledge today!

**Fall Church Covered Dish Luncheon:** Today following Worship, we will have a covered dish lunch. Everyone is invited!

**CHARGE CONFERENCE REPORTS:** Please turn in your Charge Conference reports by tomorrow. Thanks!

**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".

**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 are studying *When Did God Become A Christian* by David Kalas. This week we are studying Chapter 9 & 10. It is not too late to join this class. See Pastor Bryson if you need a book.

**SUNDAY NIGHT INTENSIVE BIBLE STUDY:** Disciple II continues tonight, October 1 at 6:30PM in the Seekers SS Classroom. Tonight we continue with Chapter 4.

**TRAIN RIDE: PEANUTS PUMPKIN PATCH EXPRESS:** This will be on Saturday, October, 21. There is more information in the gathering space. You may pay your balance in the church office or in the offering (mark for train ride).

**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.

**HURRICANE RELIEF:** Please pray for those whose lives have been impacted by the Hurricanes. Please also pray for Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators and the many volunteers who are working tirelessly to provide relief. You may make a donation to UMCOR's relief and recovery efforts at [umcor.org/](http://umcor.org/)