

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 11, 2016

11:00AM

"The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God."
--Psalm 14:2

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements Rev. Bryson Williams

*Call To Worship "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

*Opening Hymn "America " (v.1 & 4) UMH #697

We Praise God

*Responsive Reading "Psalm 14" UMH #746

*Affirmation from Timothy UMH #889

*Passing of the Peace

Offering

The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist

*Doxology UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time Amy Blackwell
(Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children ages 4, 5 and 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 "America The Beautiful" Choir

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading "Psalm 14" Pew Bible, p.468-469 (O.T.)

Sermon "Seek After God" Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

*Hymn of Dedication & Service "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" (v. 1,3,5) #717

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Bless Assurance" UMH #369
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation,
Purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

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.

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

September 11, 2016

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

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

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Pat Lee Dot Pearson's sister-in-law
Sharon Lee Dot Pearson's sister
Mike West Joyce Lee's son
Lewis Sutton Laura Williams' father
Glenn Gardner Donna Staton's brother
Sharon Ellis Kaitlyn Pless' aunt
Gettis Solesbee Vera Brockman's brother
Christi Edwards 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
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 – Ravioli, Gallon Zip Lock bags 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.

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.

EPWORTH OFFERING: Today we will collect our annual Epworth Work Day Offering. Epworth provides residential care for children of South Carolina and is a ministry of the United Methodist Church. For more info: epworthchildshome.org.

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Slovenia. The Slovene lands were part of the Holy Roman Empire and Austria until 1918, when they joined the Serbs and Croats in forming a new multinational state, renamed Yugoslavia in 1929. Unlike most of the other former Yugoslav republics, Slovenia avoided ethnic bloodshed. The country continues to grow economically. There are small Orthodox communities, and a few thousand Protestants (mostly Lutherans), who have been in Slovenia since the time of the reformation.

UMW: The United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00PM. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend!

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 begins this Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30PM. We are studying *Invitation To Genesis* by Peter Enns. Please read Chapter 1 before Wednesday. Books are available in the Gathering Space.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS: Please join us Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 6:30PM for a pizza party to kick off our wonderful Wednesday night activities.

On Sunday, September 18, 2016 we plan to present Bibles to all of our 1st grade students. We don't want to miss anyone, so if you have a 1st grader, please let Amy Blackwell, Kelle Waters or the church office know by September 11. We look forward to having you join us as we celebrate our awesome students.

We will have a parent's meeting on Sunday afternoon, September 18, 2016 in the gym at 5:00PM. This will be a great opportunity for you to share any ideas, thoughts or concerns. We look forward to seeing you there.

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: *THANK YOU SOOOO MUCH.* We are all so grateful for all the love shown to us! We are overwhelmed by your support. We are still collecting EMPTY PLASTIC COFFEE CANS AND OLD MAGAZINES. There is a collection bin beside the Pantry bin under the cross. Thanks so much!!!

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.

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, September 18, 2016 Lectionary Texts
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalm 4 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11	8:00AM	UMMen, Gym
	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12	6:30PM	Family Ministries Mtg., Seekers SS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14	6:30PM	Wednesday Night Bible Study
	7:30PM	Choir Practice

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Angie Davis & Linette Garrett
NURSERY WORKERS September 18: Dot DeYoung & Jannett Eason

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Amy Blackwell & Harold Lee
CHILDREN'S CHURCH September 18: Kelle Waters & April Brunson

HEAD USHER: Jeff Boland
HEAD USHER September 18: Gene Snow

Sunday, September 4, 2016:

Sunday School		<i>CHURCH STAFF:</i>
Worship	103	<i>Rev. Bryson Williams, Jr., Pastor</i>
Offering	5,990.00	<i>Mary Jo Bradley, Secretary</i>
Received YTD	230,804.90	<i>Katie Stewart, Music Director</i>
Needed YTD	225,680.40	<i>Clara Godfrey, Pianist</i>
Difference	+5,124.50	<i>Bill Lee, Organist</i>
Needed Weekly	6,268.90	<i>Amy Blackwell, Children's Co-Director</i>
Cemetery Fund (7/31/2016)	3,889.08	<i>Kelle Waters, Children's Co-Director</i>
Capital Imp. Fund Received	375.00	<i>Debra Fowler, Custodian</i>
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	86,972.26	<i>Grey Pennell, Director of Student Ministries</i>
		<i>Laura Williams, Preschool Director</i>

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY STAFF:

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