

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 18, 2016

11:00AM

"Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."
--Luke 15:10

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements Rev. Bryson Williams

Installation of Director of Student Ministries

*Call To Worship "God Is So Good" TFWS #2056
God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, God's so good to me. (sing twice)

*Opening Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (v.1-5) UMH #57

We Praise God

*Passing of the Peace

Presentation of Bibles

Offering

The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist

*Doxology UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

(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.

Kelle Waters

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bryson Williams

Anthem

"Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace"

Choir

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

"Luke 15:1-10"

Pew Bible, p.73 (N.T.)

Sermon

"Ever Get Lost"

Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

*Hymn of Dedication & Service

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

UMH #400

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

TFWS #2151

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me
singing glory hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

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 Lemuel Johnson by Dan & Ann Edwards.

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

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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
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
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.

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Romania. Romania came into being as a kingdom in 1878. It acquired Transylvania from the Austro-Hungarian empire after World War I, was briefly on the side of Nazi Germany in World War II, and became part of the Soviet bloc in 1948. The Romanians suffered under the communist dictatorship of Ceausescu until they brought it to an end in a popular uprising in 1989. Since then, the country has been in a process of democratization and transformation of its economy. The Romanian territory was Christianized in the first century and has always been a majority Orthodox country. It belongs to the east through its Byzantine and Turkish heritage, and to the west through its linguistic culture, which is Latin. Romania has a large Roma population (Gypsy).

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, September 21st at 6:30PM. We are studying *Invitation To Genesis* by Peter Enns. This week we are in Chapter 2. 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, September 21, 2016 at 6:30PM for wonderful Wednesday night activities.

During worship today we are presenting Bibles to our 1st grade students. We don't want to miss anyone. If you have a 1st grader, please let Amy or Kelle know. This is a great celebration for our church.

We will have a parent's meeting of all the parents of our children, infants through 6th grade 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 about our children's ministry. 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.

THANK YOU: Thank you so much for the meal you served for our family. We really appreciated the visit. Your thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated as well. Sincerely, The Yoo Family

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 25, 2016 Lectionary Texts

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19	5:00PM	Children's Ministry Mtg., Gym
	Noon	Disciples' Lunch
	4-6PM	The Pantry
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21	6:30PM	Wednesday Night Bible Study
	7:30PM	Choir Practice

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Dot DeYoung & Jannett Eason
NURSERY WORKERS September 25: Kay Bright & Gayle Fowler

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Kelle Waters & April Brunson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH September 25: Amy Blackwell & Scott Davis

HEAD USHER: Gene Snow
HEAD USHER September 25: Eddie Bright

Sunday, September 11, 2016:

Sunday School	76	<u>CHURCH STAFF:</u>
Worship	155	<i>Rev. Bryson Williams, Jr., Pastor</i>
Offering	5,917.00	<i>Mary Jo Bradley, Secretary</i>
Received YTD	236,721.90	<i>Katie Stewart, Music Director</i>
Needed YTD	231,949.30	<i>Clara Godfrey, Pianist</i>
Difference	+4,772.60	<i>Bill Lee, Organist</i>
Needed Weekly	6,268.90	<i>Amy Blackwell, Children's Co-Director</i>
Cemetery Fund (8/31/2016)	3,046.96	<i>Kelle Waters, Children's Co-Director</i>
Capital Imp. Fund Received	100.00	<i>Debra Fowler, Custodian</i>
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	87,072.26	<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