

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 25, 2016

11:00AM

"For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.'"
--Luke 32:15

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements Rev. Bryson Williams

*Call To Worship "We Gather Together" UMH #131
We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

*Opening Hymn "God Will Take Care of You" UMH #130

We Praise God

*Responsive Reading "Psalm 91:1-10" UMH #810

*Affirmation of Faith "Apostles' Creed" UMH #881

*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.

Call to Prayer "Lord, Listen to your Children Praying"
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace. (once)

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer Rev. Bryson Williams

Anthem "I've Got Peace Like A River" Choir

We Hear God's Word

Old Testament Reading "Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15" Pew Bible, p.692 (O.T.)

Sermon "Never Give Up" Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

*Hymn of Dedication & Service "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH #133

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS #2129
I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus no turning back, no turning back.

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

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

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

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

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 – 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.

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

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

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Hungary. After the WWII Hungary became part of the communist bloc. Many Hungarians fled to the west. With the collapse of the Soviet Union, democratic elections became possible in 1990. Politically and economically, the country has sought integration with Europe. It joined the European Union in 2004. Christianity came to Hungary in the 10-11th century. The Catholic Church is the majority church. In the communist period, the Protestant churches developed a theology of diakonia, as a way of being church in a socialist society. Orthodoxy has been present in Hungary for centuries, but has remained small. The Ecumenical Council includes the main Protestant and Orthodox churches.

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 28th at 6:30PM. We are studying *Invitation To Genesis* by Peter Enns. This week we are in Chapter 3. 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 28, 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 9th 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 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, October 2, 2016 Lectionary Texts

Lamentations 1:1-6 Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28	6:30PM	Wednesday Night Bible Study
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3	9:00AM-12:30PM	Blood Drive

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY: Kay Bright & Gayle Fowler
NURSERY WORKERS October 2: Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Amy Blackwell & Scott Davis
CHILDREN'S CHURCH October 2: Communion

HEAD USHER: Eddie Bright
HEAD USHER October 2: Gerald Snow

Sunday, September 18, 2016:

Sunday School	101
Worship	152
Offering	5,686.00
Received YTD	242,407.90
Needed YTD	238,218.20
Difference	+4,189.70
Needed Weekly	6,268.90
Cemetery Fund (8/31/2016)	3,046.96
Capital Imp. Fund Received	250.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	87,322.26
Epworth Offering	2,272.00

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

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY STAFF:

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