

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 4, 2016

11:00AM

"For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'" --Luke 14:28-30

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements Rev. Bryson Williams

*Call To Worship "Spirit of the Living God" UMH #393
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*Opening Hymn "Wonderful Words of Life " UMH #600

We Praise God

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

*Passing of the Peace

Confession and Pardon UMH #12

Offering

The Offertory Clara Godfrey, Pianist

*Doxology UMH#95

The Offertory Prayer

"Rise and Shine" Children's Choir

Children's Time Preacher Bryson
(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

"Come Share The Lord"

Choir

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

"Luke 14: 25-33"

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

Sermon

"What Does It Cost?"

Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

Together At The Table—

The Receiving of the Elements of Holy Communion.....Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table. The ushers will direct you forward.

Prayer After Communion (unison)

Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted us as Your children, made us members of the Body of Christ: we thank You that in this time of Holy Communion You renew Your promises within us, empower us by Your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Dedication & Service

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

TFWS #2129

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

UMH #382

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

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 honor of Dot DeYoung's birthday by Bud DeYoung & Family.

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 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
Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap, our missionaries to Asia Minor
Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway, our missionaries to Thailand
God's 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).

ASBURY HILLS: Unfortunately we are going to have to cancel our Asbury Hills trip on September 24. We regret if this is an inconvenience for anyone.

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 Togo. The region of today's Togo was settled by various groups, among them the Ewé who came from the east, and the Mina from the west. Togoland became a German colony in 1884. Catholic missions began in Togo at the end of the 16th century, and today more than half of the Togolese Christians belong to the Catholic Church. Several church leaders, Catholic and Protestant, have witnessed to democracy and justice in the tense internal political situation, with the support of international ecumenical partners.

50+: The 50+ will meet Tuesday, September 7 at 6:30PM for a covered dish meal.

UMM: United Methodist Men please make plans to attend our meeting on September 11, 2016 at 8:00AM. Our speaker will be Kevin Sprinker. We look forward to seeing each of you after the summer break.

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 will resume on September 14. Children, Youth and Adult Bible Study at 6:30 and Choir Practice at 7:30. See you there!

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. The adults will be studying: *Invitation To Genesis* by Peter Enns. Books are available in the Gathering Space. Please pick up one book per household if you plan on attending the class.

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.

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: We had a fantastic first week of preschool! Everyone has settled in and we have lots of smiling faces! We ask that you continue to lift up each teacher, student and parent IN PRAYER. We are still collecting BABY WIPES AND EMPTY PLASTIC COFFEE CANS. WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF OLD MAGAZINES. There is a collection bin beside the Pantry bin under the cross. Thanks so much!!!

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY STAFF:

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

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 11, 2016 Lectionary Texts

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4	9:30AM	Prayer Group
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
	4:00-6:00PM	God's Pantry
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6	6:30PM	50+, Covered Dish
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7	7:30PM	Choir Practice
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11	8:00AM	UMEN

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY:	Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles
NURSERY WORKERS September 11:	Angie Davis & Linette Garrett
CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY:	Communion
CHILDREN'S CHURCH September 11:	Amy Blackwell & Harold Lee

HEAD USHER:	Trudy Cox
HEAD USHER September 11:	Jeff Boland

Sunday, August, 28, 2016:

Sunday School	78
Worship	145
Offering	7,852.00
Received YTD	224,814.90
Needed YTD	219,411.50
Difference	+5,403.40
Needed Weekly	6,268.90
Cemetery Fund (7/31/2016)	3,889.08
Capital Imp. Fund Received	735.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	86,597.26

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
Director of Student Ministries
Laura Williams, Preschool Director

EPWORTH OFFERING: On September 11 we will collect our annual Epworth Work Day Offering. We will have special envelopes available next week. Epworth provides residential care for children of South Carolina and is a ministry of the United Methodist Church. For more info: epworthchildshome.org.