

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

11:00AM

"He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.'"

—Mark 8:29

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Victoria Fowler, 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** "Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451

We Praise God

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

***Passing of the Peace**

Offering

The Offertory "Your Love Defends Me" 'Lia Tobin, Soloist
'Noa Tobin, Musician

***Doxology** UMH #95

Presentation of Bibles to First Graders

Children's Message Amy Blackwell
(Sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children ages 4,5 and 1st grade to go 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 "Days of Elijah" Choir

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading "Mark 8:27-38" Pew Bible, p.41(N.T.)

Sermon "Who Is Jesus To You" Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship

***Closing Hymn** "Where He Leads Me" UMH #338

***Benediction** Rev. Bryson Williams

***Benediction Response** "Awesome God" TFWS #2040

Our God is an awesome God; he reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love. Our God is an awesome God.

***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 memory of Wayne Burgess and Dona Burgess Harrison by Pat & Family.

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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE		
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	CrossFire
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17	10-11AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	4-6PM	Sharon's Community Cupboard
	6:30PM	Interval Training
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19	6:30PM	Wednesday Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20	10-11AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	6:30PM	Interval Training
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22	9:00AM	Interval Training

Sunday, SEPT. 9, 2018	
Sunday School	57
Worship	114
Offering	\$6,033.00
Received YTD	\$247,966.74
Needed YTD	\$242,973.72
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	+\$4,993.02
Cemetery Fund (8/31/18)	\$2,031.94
Capital Imp. Received	\$1,012.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$100,438.89

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
Nursery Workers Today	Dot DeYoung & Jannett Eason
Nursery Workers September 16	Angie Davis & Suzie Horn
Children's Church Today	Kelle Waters & Sarah Boland
Children's Church September 22	Amy Blackwell & Harold Lee
Head Usher Today	Eddie Bright
Head Usher September 23	Rick Christopher

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, September 23
Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9L30-37

SCA Staff	
Kay Bright	Bailey Cox
Melissa Farmer	Lisa Welch
Katie Reckart	Stephanie Wykel



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CHURCH STAFF:

Rev. Bryson Williams, Jr., Pastor

Mary Jo Bradley, Secretary

Katie Reckart, Music Director

Victoria Fowler, 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.

ON-GOING PRAYER-SHARON UMC FAMILY

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

Ben Brockman
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
Roie Johnson
Margaret DeYoung
Dorothy McHugh
Gregg Gowan
Gerald & Ruth Snow
Al Boland
Phyllis Brockman
Leslie Roper
Joyce Lee

IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN

Dora Edwards
June Gossett
J. B. Waddell

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Matthew Tucker, friend of Clara Godfrey
Jackie Keith, friend of Leslie Roper
Deborah Howard, friend of Denise Belcher
Dawn Bond, friend of Denise Belcher
Myleigh McDowell, friend of Denise Belcher
Eddie Cooper, Pastor at Apalache Baptist Church
Marion Tomlanovich, friend of Rob & Amy Lancaster
Sandy Colter, friend of Janett Eason
Earl Neely, Sheila King’s dad, friend of Deb Fowler
Sybil Taylor, friend of Pat Burgess
Dot Sprayberry, wife of Rev. Rance Sprayberry
Mitch Mcbee, friend of Clara Godfrey
Sharon Community Cupboard
Sharon Christian Academy

OUR MILITARY

Erin Pennell
Jonathan Houck, Chuck and Debi Hembree’s grandson
Jamie Matekaitis, Rob & Amy Lancaster’s son-in-law

FOOD COLLECTIONS: Sharon’s Community Cupboard

Jelly, saltine crackers, ramen noodles (packs), canned spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles.

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Mike West	Joyce Lee’s son
Shelby Hendrix	Jackie Floyd and Allen Sheriff’s sister
Steve Farmer	Katy Lee’s father
Mary & Bill Ruppe	Suzie Horn’s mother & step-father
Sharon Lee	Dot Pearson’s sister
Leighton Ann Vinson	Callie Floyd Vinson’s daughter
Beryl Johnson	Martha Johnson’s son & Dixie Johnson’s 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 Paraguay. Paraguay is a landlocked country in the central part of South America. In 1811 Paraguay claimed independence from Spain. From independence until recently the country has known little but mismanagement, exploitation and corruption by a long series of military dictators, who killed thousands of political opponents. In 1992 Paraguay instituted a new constitution, although widespread government corruption continued. In 2000 the Liberal Party came to power, instituting reforms designed to stabilize the country, and beginning the process of bringing to trial those accused of human rights violations and corruption. Roman Catholicism came to Paraguay with the Spanish. The Mennonites are the largest Protestant group in Paraguay.

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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 NIGHT ACTIVITIES: Children’s activities and Bible Study will continue this Wednesday at 6:30PM. Choir practice is at 7:30PM. Please consider the Bible Study led by Pastor Bryson.

FIRST GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION: Today we present Bibles to our first graders. Receiving Bibles are: Josiah JianXun Tobin, Sophie Christine Blackwell, Farrah Elizabeth Krass and Raegen Nicole Garrett. This is an important moment in their lives and a great day for our church. Please pray for Josiah, Sophie, Farrah and Raegen as they continue to grow in their faith.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study begins this week. Class begins at 10:30AM. Everyone is invited to this class.

Sharon Christian Academy: Thank you to all who took signs to advertise in your yards. It was a big help! We will take them back when you are ready to remove them. Please place them in the same spot where you picked them up or drop by and visit during the week.



I love to read
the Scriptures