

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

11:00AM

"He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.'"

—Mark 9:35

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** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

We Praise God

***Responsive Reading** "Psalm 1" UMH #738

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

***Passing of the Peace**

Offering

The Offertory Victoria Fowler, Pianist

***Doxology** UMH #95

Children's Message Kelle Waters
(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 "Blest Are They" Choir

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading "Mark 9:30-37" Pew Bible, p.42(N.T.)

Sermon "Who Wants To Be First?" Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship

***Closing Hymn** "Blessed Assurance" UMH #369

***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.

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.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	Noon	PPRC Meeting
	6:30PM	CrossFire
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24	10-11AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25	6:30PM	Interval Training
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26	10:30AM	Morning Bible Study
	6:30PM	Wednesday Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27	10-11AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	6:30PM	Interval Training
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29	9:00AM	Interval Training

Sunday, SEPT. 16, 2018

Sunday School	57
Worship	101
Offering	\$7,283.00
Received YTD	\$255,249.74
Needed YTD	\$249,722.99
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	+\$5,526.75
Cemetery Fund (8/31/18)	\$2,031.94
Capital Imp. Received	\$150.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$100,588.89

SERVANT MINISTRIES

Nursery Workers Today	Angie Davis & Suzie Horn
Nursery Workers September 30	Blanca Duncan & Amy Tobin
Children's Church Today	Amy Blackwell & Harold Lee
Children's Church September 30	Kelle Waters & Linette Garrett
Head Usher Today	Rick Christopher
Head Usher September 30	Jeff Boland

LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sunday, September 30
Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

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.

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ON-GOING PRAYER-SHARON UMC FAMILY

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

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Matthew Tucker, friend of Clara Godfrey
Jackie Keith, friend of Leslie Roper
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

IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN

Dora Edwards
June Gossett
J. B. Waddell

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
Shelby Hendrix
Steve Farmer
Mary & Bill Ruppe
Sharon Lee
Beryl Johnson

Joyce Lee’s son
Jackie Floyd and Allen Sheriff’s sister
Katy Lee’s father
Suzie Horn’s mother & step-father
Dot Pearson’s sister
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 Peru. Peru was home to various indigenous cultures and later to the Inca empire. The Spanish conquered it in 1532 and exploited the gold and silver mines. The Catholic Church established an archbishopric in Lima as early as 1546. The country is rich in mineral resources and produces oil, but its leaders have not succeeded in building a sound and equitable economy. Protestant missions began in Peru in the 19th century. Evangelical, Pentecostal, and Holiness churches have grown rapidly in the 20th century.

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.

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

CROSSFIRE: All of the youth of the church and community are invited to meet together on Sunday evenings for a meal, fellowship and fun every Sunday. Check out the Facebook page, Sharon UMC Youth Group.

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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!

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.

