

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

11:00AM

"Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

— Mark 7:14-15

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** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" (v.1&4)UMH #402

We Praise God

***Apostles' Creed** UMH #881

***Passing of the Peace**

Confession and Pardon UMH #12

Offering

The Offertory Victoria Fowler, Pianist

***Doxology** UMH #95

Children's Message Preacher Bryson
(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 "In Remembrance Of Me" **Choir**

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading "Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23" **Pew Bible, p.39(N.T.)**

Sermon "Wash Before Supper" **Rev. Bryson Williams**

We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship

The Great Thanksgiving UMH #13

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

***Closing Hymn** "Take My Life, and Let It Be" UMH #399

***Benediction** Rev. Bryson Williams

***Benediction Response** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH#334

Refrain: Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

***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.

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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	CrossFire
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	9:00AM	Interval Training
	10-11AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	4-6PM	Sharon Community Cupboard
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4		1st Day of SCA
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5	6:30PM	Choir Practice
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6	10-11AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	6:30PM	Interval Training
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8	9:00AM	Interval Training
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9	8:00AM	United Methodist Men, BBldg.

Sunday, AUGUST 26, 2018

Sunday School	84
Worship	188
Offering	\$6,381.50
Received YTD	\$236,250.74
Needed YTD	\$229,475.18
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	+\$6,775.56
Cemetery Fund (7/31/18)	\$2,735.94
Capital Imp. Received	\$65.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$99,381.89

SERVANT MINISTRIES

Nursery Workers Today	Linette Garrett & Karen Waldrep
Nursery Workers September 9	Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles
Children's Church Today	Communion
Children's Church September 9	Amy Blackwell & Amy Tobin
Head Usher To-day	Rick Christopher
Head Usher September 9	Jeff Boland

LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sunday, September 9
Proverbs 22:1-2, 9-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-10, 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

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

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

IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN

Dora Edwards
June Gossett
J. B. Waddell

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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
John 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
Malik Johnson
Tyler Aktins
Dot Sprayberry, wife of Rev. Rance Sprayberry
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, Jiffy mix, ramen noodles (packs) 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
Lisa Ballenger Joe Fowler’s sister
Ashley Cox Joe Fowler’s niece
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

MEMORIALS

Memorials for Betty Jean Brockman by Allan, Gayle & Karl Fowler, Rufus & Carolyn Genobles, Pat & Phyllis Brockman, Al & Myra Boland, Johnny & Doris Wade, Martha Ann Bennett and Carroll & Pat Genobles.

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Toga. 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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed on Monday, September 3 for Labor Day.

REMINDER: 50+ will not meet Tuesday, September 4. We changed our date this month to Monday, September 10 at 6:30PM. We are going to Green Tomato Buffet on Woodruff Road.

FOOTHILLS PLAYHOUSE: Foothills Playhouse in Easley presents: "Godspell". Join Sharon UMC 50+ group for an evening of Laughter, Fun and Fellowship on Sunday, October 7th for the 3pm performance followed by supper at the Silver Bay Restaurant located on 123 Easley Hwy, which has a large selection of dishes other than seafood. We will meet at the church at 1:15pm, then leave at 1:30pm. Church bus will be used as needed. **NOTE:** Due to limited seating at this Playhouse, we ask that those interested sign-up by Sunday, September 9th so tickets can be ordered. Sign-up sheet is on the table in the gathering space.

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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: We are so excited for our students to return on Tuesday. Please be in prayer for our staff, the children and parents as we begin our 3rd school year. We have very limited spaces left but if you know someone looking for a preschool, please send them our way. Thank you for all your prayers and support!!

METHODIST MEN: On Sunday, September 9th, the Methodist Men will meet at 8:00AM in the Ben Brockman Center. Join in for breakfast and a special speaker. All men of the church are invited.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: Children’s activities and Bible Study will resume on September 12 at 6:30PM. Choir practice will continue at 7:30PM beginning on the 12th. It is going to be a lot of fun. Please consider the Bible Study led by Pastor Bryson.