

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.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	Crossfire
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	4:00-6:00PM	Sharon Community Cupboard
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5	6:30PM	50+, Covered Dish
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6	7:30PM	Choir Practice

SERVANT MINISTRIES

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY	Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles
NURSERY WORKERS SEPT. 10	Linette Garrett & Karen Waldrep
CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY	Communion
CHILDREN'S CHURCH SEPT. 10	Amy Blackwell & Harold Lee
HEAD USHER TODAY	Eddie Bright
HEAD USHER SEPTEMBER 10	Rick Christopher

Sunday, August 27, 2017

Sunday School	69
Worship	107
Offering	\$5,027.75
Received YTD	\$224,237.08
Needed YTD	\$223,264.30
Needed Weekly	\$6,378.98
Difference	+\$972.78
Cemetery Fund (7/31/2017)	\$1,487.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$140.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$90,341.22

LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sunday, September 10
Exodus 12:1-14
Psalms 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

SCA Staff

Kay Bright	Bailey Cox
Melissa Farmer	Lisa Welch
Laura Williams	Stephanie Wykel



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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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 3, 2017

11:00AM

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; Love on another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor."

-Romans 12:9-10

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements Rev. Bryson Williams

***Call To Worship "Bind Us Together" TFWS #2226**

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love. There is only one God, there is only one King; There is only one body, that is why we sing.

***Opening Hymn "Freely, Freely" UMH #389**

We Praise God

***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**

Children's Message

Preacher Bryson

(Sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children ages 4,5 & 1st grade go to 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 "The Lord's Prayer" Katie Stewart

We Hear God's Word

New Testament Reading "Romans 12:9-21" Pew Bible, p. 151(N.T.)

Sermon "I Get To Do All Of That?" Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The World

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

***Benediction Rev. Bryson Williams**

***Benediction Response "Because He Lives" (refrain) UMH #364**

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

***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.

September 3, 2017

ON-GOING PRAYER-SHARON UMC FAMILY

Ben Brockman
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
Roie Johnson
Margaret DeYoung
Dorothy McHugh
Gregg Gowan
Pete O'Shields
Bill Lee
Gerald & Ruth Snow
Angie Dalenta
Kelsey Hendrix
Carolyn Yeargin

IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN

Dora Edwards
Betty Jean Brockman
Ruby Coggins
Vivian Eubanks
June Gossett
Gertrude Smith
Betty Glover
J. B. Waddell

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Kathy Young, wife of a friend of Leslie Roper
Heather Osegueda, friend of the SCA
Darrell Johnson, Bud & Gayle's nephew
Larry DeShields
Wynell Greer, Shirley Fowler's mother
Jackie Fowler, friend of Dot Pearson
Janice Gibson, friend of Dot Pearson
Family of Carlie Holley
Family of Sandra Rodgers
Andy Wright, neighbor of Eddie & Karen Waldrep
Sharon's Community Cupboard
Sharon Christian Academy

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

*Sharon's Community Cupboard –
Canned fruit (all kinds)*

OUR MILITARY

Jonathan Houck
Erin Pennell

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Joann Waldrep Eddie Waldrep's mother
Mike West Joyce Lee's son
Christi Edwards Dan & Ann Edwards' daughter-in-law
Jane Gates Dowis Doris Wade's cousin
Arliss Richardson Pat Burgess' sister
Shelby Hendrix Jackie Floyd and Allen Sheriff's sister
Doug Edwards Dan Edwards' cousin
Steve Farmer Katy Lee's father
Melba Sue Brown Leslie Roper's cousin
Irene Settle Vera Brockman's sister
Charles Huskey Trudy Johnson's brother-in-law

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 Benin. The Benin of today was the site of Dahomey, a prominent West African kingdom that rose in the 15th century on what was known as the Slave Coast, one of the primary supply centres of slaves to the European traders. Multi-party democracy was introduced in 1991. The economy of Benin is still largely based on subsistence agriculture. The Catholic Church is the majority church. There is a Methodist presence in Benin.

LABOR DAY! The church office will be closed Monday, September 4, for Labor Day.

50+: 50+ will meet Tuesday, September 5 at 6:30PM. We will have a covered dish meal and some good fellowship. We hope to see you there!

TRAIN RIDE: PEANUTS PUMPKIN PATCH EXPRESS: This will be on Saturday, October, 21. The cost is Adults: \$40.00 and Children ages 2-12: \$20.00. We are taking sign ups for this event. There is more information next to the sign up sheet in the gathering space.

Sharon Christian Academy: We are off to a great start!! Very few tears and LOTS of smiling faces. Please continue to pray for our children and staff this school year! We do still have a few spots available. Contact Laura to register.

IT'S TOO HOT FOR OUR TOTS...OUR LITTLE LADIES AND FELLAS NEED UMBRELLAS! To improve the functionality and aesthetics of the playground for our younger children, we are planning to install 2 umbrellas similar to the ones on the larger playground. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please mark your gift "Umbrella Fund".

TRIP TO HOLY LAND: We have a trip to the Holy Land scheduled for April 2-12, 2018. The trip will be led by Pastor Bryson.

UPPER ROOMS: The Upper Rooms for September–October are in the rack in the gathering space and on the table in the Narthex.

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!

Fall Bible Study Options: We will have three opportunities for Bible Study this Fall. On Wednesday mornings at 10:30 and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 we will have an ongoing Bible Study. These sessions will last approximately one hour. The first study will be *When Did God Become a Christian?* by David Kalas. Books will be available in the Gathering Space next Sunday September 10 for those taking the class. Wednesday classes will begin on September 13.

September 13 10:30-11:30 Seekers SS Classroom Bible Study *When Did God Become a Christian?*

September 13 6:30-7:30 Sanctuary Bible Study *When Did God Become a Christian?*

Wednesday activities continue through the spring.

Intensive Bible Study: The other option will be Disciple II Into the Word Into the World. Disciple II is a 32 week intensive class for those who have completed Disciple I previously. This class will be on Sunday night at 6:30 beginning on September 20. See Pastor Bryson if you are interested in the class.

September 20 6:30-8:30 Disciple II Into the Word Into the World Class continues for 32 weeks.

Houston Area Flooding: Please pray for those whose lives have been impacted by Harvey. Please also pray for Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators and the many volunteers who are working tirelessly to provide relief. You may make a donation to UMCOR's relief and recovery efforts: U.S. Disaster Response, Advance #901670 at umcor.org/donate. All of your donation will go to the relief efforts.