

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

11:00AM

"They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'"

— Mark 7:37

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** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" **UMH #454**

We Praise God

***Responsive Reading** "Psalm 124" **UMH #846**

***Passing of the Peace**

Installation of Musician: Victoria "Tori" Fowler **Insert**

Offering

The Offertory Victoria Fowler, Pianist

***Doxology** **UMH #95**

Children's Message Joe Fowler
(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 "How Can I Keep From Singing?" **Choir**

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading "Mark 7:24-37" **Pew Bible, p.39(N.T.)**

Sermon "Astounded Beyond Measure" **Rev. Bryson Williams**

We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship

***Closing Hymn** "He Touched Me" **UMH #367**

***Benediction** **Rev. Bryson Williams**

***Benediction Response** "As We Go"

As we go, may your Spirit go before us. As we go, may we follow where you lead. May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard, and be a light unto the world as we go.

***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 Lemuel Johnson by Dan & Ann Edwards.

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 9	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	CrossFire
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10	10-11AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	6:30PM	Interval Training
	6:30PM	50+, Green Tomato Buffet
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12	6:30PM	Wednesday Activities Begin
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13	10-11AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	6:30PM	Interval Training
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15	9:00AM	Interval Training
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16	11:00AM	Promotion Sunday

Sunday, SEPT. 2, 2018

Sunday School	68
Worship	117
Offering	\$5,683.00
Received YTD	\$241,933.74
Needed YTD	\$236,224.45
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	+\$5,709.29
Cemetery Fund (7/31/18)	\$2,735.94
Capital Imp. Received	\$45.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$99,426.89

SCA Staff

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

SERVANT MINISTRIES

Nursery Workers Today	Pat Burgess & Carolyn Genobles
Nursery Workers September 16	Dot DeYoung & Jannett Eason
Children's Church Today	Amy Blackwell & Amy Tobin
Children's Church September 16	Kelle Waters & Sarah Boland
Head Usher To-day	Jeff Boland
Head Usher September 16	Eddie Bright

LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sunday, September 16
Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38



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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

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
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
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
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

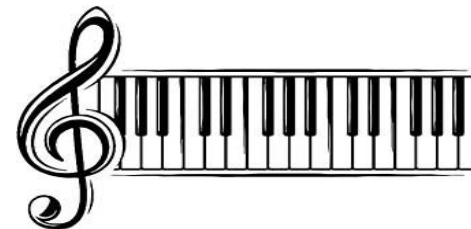
Asia Minor - Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap
Thailand - Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Ghana. Ghana, in West Africa, was formerly known as the Gold Coast because of the gold mining that began some 500 years ago. The Gold Coast became a British colony in 1873. The economy is based on cocoa, mining, timber and some industry. The majority of the population live from subsistence farming. The strong and large Anglican, Protestant and Catholic churches of Ghana grew out of 19th century mission work. Ghana's churches are experiencing some growth.

REMINDER: 50+ will meet Monday, September 10, at 6:30PM. We are going to Green Tomato Buffet on Woodruff Road. If you would like to ride the bus, meet here at the church at 6:00PM.

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.

PIANIST: Today we officially install Tori Fowler as our church pianist. This is very exciting news for our church. Please welcome Tori as you have an opportunity.



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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!.

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 (today) so tickets can be ordered. Sign-up sheet is on the table in the gathering space.

PROMOTION SUNDAY: On Sunday, September 16th, we will have Promotion Sunday for our Sunday School kids who are moving up to the next class. We will also have our 1st grade bible presentations. If you have or know of a 1st grader, please let Kelle or Amy know this week.