



Good News of Sharon

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A Praying Church, Loving People to Christ

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SUNDAYS
8:45 AM Contemporary Worship
(Also You Tube @ 12noon)
11:00 AM Traditional Worship

On Earth as it is in Heaven

Greetings Friends,
I want to tell you about a new message series that I will be sharing, starting Sunday, June 13th. The scriptures that this series is based on all come from the Gospel of Mark, widely believed to be the oldest of the four gospels in the New Testament. This 6-part series will look at accounts of how Jesus brought the presence of the Kingdom of Heaven into the context of people's everyday lives here on earth. We will hear Jesus teaching his disciples about the Kingdom and then demonstrating the in-breaking of the Kingdom through miracles of healing, controlling the weather, and calling people back to vital and purposeful life. I hope that you, like the original witnesses to Jesus' ministry, will be left in awe, amazement, and empowerment as you experience the good news of the Kingdom and realize that we have all been called by Jesus to participate in it. I pray that you will join us on Sunday mornings here at Sharon Church as we make this journey through the Gospel together. Consider inviting a friend, neighbor, or family member to join you for this series. They'll be glad you did because everybody needs a little good news.

Your Partner in the Adventure, *Pastor Jim*

Mark's Gospel



Date	Scripture	Message Title
June 13	Mark 4:26-34	Planting for a Harvest
June 20	Mark 4:35-41	Peace! Be Still!
June 27	Mark 5:21-43	Life Giving Power!
July 4	Mark 6:1-13	Taken by Surprise
July 11	Mark 6:14-29	Present with the Lord
July 18	Mark 6:53-56	Healer

GOSPEL OF MARK

MEET THE



STAFF



A little about me and my family is that I was born and raised in Jacksonville, FL, with moves later to Miami, Lakeland, FL, and Waycross, GA. I was a music major at Mars Hill University, with concentrations in piano and voice. I've worked as a public school music teacher and have taught private piano and organ lessons, as well as serving as a church music director, a substitute organist, and a children's

music director, throughout the years in North and South Carolina. I moved to Shallotte in 2002 with my husband, Truett, and arrived at Sharon UMC in 2013 to lead our adult choir. Quilting, painting, reading, traveling, and photography are among my spare time interests.

"With a Song in My Heart" as an inspiration I have followed my musical dreams of sharing my love of music with others. This song was written by Rodgers/Hart in 1929 and sung by Jane Froman. Each week I feel Psalm 40:3 has been with me as I strive to add to our worship time together. I am grateful for our choir and ask that if you too have a song in your heart, to accept this as your invitation to share your voice with the choir. Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm we gather together in the choir room to practice for the traditional service on Sunday mornings. Your musical gifts are welcome. Stop by next week, your seat is ready.

-Joanne B West

*"He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear the LORD
and put their trust in him." -Psalm 40:3*



METHODIST MINISTRY IN ACTION

John Wesley knew that there was a way to build a lasting church capable of setting Christ-like examples for God's children and that way was to empower them to carry on his teachings when he was not among them. This movement was patterned after what the Apostle Paul did in his establishment of the churches in Corinth and through regions of the old world. With that empowerment came responsibility to continue the work of Christians in his absence. Who is responsible today for the continuation of Wesley's work? We as United Methodists are.

One way to insure Methodism continues is to leave a legacy for those who follow us. In the Methodist Hymnal, an excerpt from the Baptismal and membership ceremony encourages us to participate in the church ministries with our presence, prayers, service and gifts glorifying God through Jesus Christ. One way of serving through gifts is to consider the financial future of our Sharon Church family as part of your family. Reverend Lynn B. Benson, currently the Director of Legacy Giving for the United Methodist Foundation (UMF), will be at both services on June 6th to present a sermon on "Three Spirits of Legacy". Reverend Benson is a truly gifted speaker and her current position with UMF allows her to combine her passions for faithful stewardship with Christian Education.

Our Annual Conference representatives, having had an opportunity to listen to Reverend Lynn at the 2013 and 2014 Annual conferences, spurred us to invest in 2015 with UMF. The 65,000 dollars that was just sitting around as a buffer in case it was needed to pay the sanctuary mortgage. It has now grown to 88,617 dollars as of 4/30/21 and it all remains available to us if needed with no penalty of withdrawal as if it were right here in the Holden Beach area.

Please plan to be in the Sanctuary on June 6th to welcome Reverend Lynn to Sharon and learn of other ways to insure Sharon continues to be "A praying Church Loving People to Christ".



Are you looking for a way to serve and give back to your church?

We have several areas of ministry where you could help. Call the church office to learn more. There are a few areas of need right now.

- On Sunday mornings you could help in several areas, everything from working the registration table to helping run the worship slides.
- The Rose of Sharon needs volunteers to keep the ministry going. If you can help with things like sorting clothes or run the register for a few hours once a week, that would help a lot!
- Our church office is a busy place. We could use your help doing things like answering the phone and prepping for events like Vacation Bible School.
- During VBS we have planned four fun days for the children of

-(We want you continued) our church and community. We have lead teachers lined up but we need lots of support helpers to make it a success!
- The Trustees have a running list of needs. There are many ways to help out and keep our buildings and campus looking great!

Belinda's Witticism

One Sunday the preacher shared with the congregation that the following Sunday he was going to preach about the sin of lying. He shared that he wanted everyone to read Mark 17 so they would be prepared.



The following Sunday he asked for a show of hands of all who were prepared for the sermon because they had read the scriptures. Every hand went up. The preacher smiled and said,

"Mark only has 16 chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying .

Memorial Walkway Brick Program

Many have asked about Sharon's memorial brick program in recent weeks. The program is currently being updated. At this time, we are reviewing the history, current records, and establishing an overall procedure for the program.

The memorial brick program was initiated in 2007 for two purposes: First, as a way for families and friends to honor the lives of members of Sharon. Secondly, as a way for everyone to assist in the mortgage debt reduction of the church. Sharon's memorial walkway stretches from the sanctuary to the education building. Placing the Bricks was started shortly after the building completion. Ms. Genita Cohen of the original fundraising committee started and

maintained the program through 2015.

In 2018 the most recent order was placed for memorial bricks. We will be placing a new order after our review of records and establishment of new proce-



dures. Anyone that has an outstanding request or wanting to place a new request, we ask you to contact the church office. Martin Hommer is currently reorganizing the records and procedure and will also be confirming inputs for the next orders. .

-Martin Hommer 330-727-5531

Legacy Youth

Car Wash!



We invite all Youth (6th-12th grade) to our Wednesday evening and Sunday School meet-ups. We offer various opportunities to worship, serve, and learn about Jesus. Youth Meals and volunteers needed. Contact Melanie Gray or the Church office. The youth have been very busy the past few months with fundraisers, helping out around the church, learning about God and having fun. We completed our bible series "Finding Faith" in May and are starting a new series. Jesus Changes Everything". We invite all youth 6-12th graders to join us on Wednesday for a meal at 6PM and meeting at 7PM. Come join the fun!

Future Fundraisers :

- ◆ You asked for it and you're going to get it! BINGO 6/18 6-8PM
- ◆ Mugs for Father's Day 6/20

A note from Melanie Gray:

It really does take a village to raise a child and also to raise up our church. We need volunteers in our Youth Ministry to assist the Director on Wednesdays from 6-8 PM. We also need sound and media volunteers to assist during music practice and during services. The goal is to have a rotation of volunteers . To have that, we need your help! If you are interested in volunteering in either our youth, media or sound ministry, please contact Melanie Gray at 910-524-9715.



Nursery News

Thanks to the Church family for supporting the Nursery Bake Sale. There have been some major improvements made, because of the money earned. We've cleaned, we've painted, the floors have been laid, now we're ready for the fun to begin! Please help us stock our newly renovated nursery with *new* unwrapped items!

- Wet ones or baby wipes
- Diaper sacks
- Clorox or Lysol wipes
- Tissues



- Hand sanitizer
- Hand soap
- First aid kit
- Black Sharpie Markers
- Crayola markers
- Crayola crayons (8 count boxes)
- Paint brushes
- Crayola finger paints
- Glue sticks
- Elmer's white glue
- White cardstock
- Laminating pages



Stewardship Speaks;

2 Corinthians 9:6-12 NRSV 6

"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 9 As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness [a] endures forever."

10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. [b] 11 You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; 12 for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. "



Vacation Bible School Registration is now open. Please contact the church office to register. VBS will take place June 7 through June 10. Join us by volunteering and bring the kids to learn about Jesus.



- Construction paper
- Tape and dispenser
- White blank canvases (4x6 and 5x7)
- Juice boxes
- Gallon zip lock bags
- Play kitchen items such as small pots, pans, and utensils
- Play kitchen food
- Pipe cleaners
- Cotton balls
- White paper plates
- Hobby Lobby, Wal-Mart or Target Gift Cards



Sharon United Methodist Women meet the third Thursday of every month. Thanks to Mary Weaver who provided the May program. For Mary's program, she shared ideas with us from The Wesley 21 Day Challenge which is about going beyond words to develop the spiritual habits, practices, and actions that can lead toward a thriving Christian life. Thanks also to Kim Todd, who presented the devotions, and Suvon Simmons, the refreshments.

We want to thank Teresa Anderson, Judy Hogsd, Terry McAlister, and Jean D'Addario for representing Sharon UMW on "clean-up" day washing the outside windows of the Fellowship Hall and Education Building!

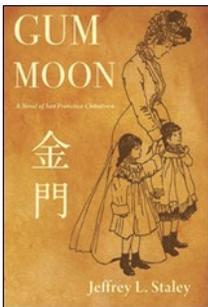
Reaching Souls with Soles: A "Hands Up" Ministry Shoes!!!! Who doesn't have shoes in your closet you don't wear? UMW and Partners In Ministry have joined together to collect gently used women's, men's and children's shoes



as a fundraiser to help PIM to build a new facility. These shoes will provide individuals in 26 developing nations with a way to support themselves and their families. Dates for collection will be announced soon. Find those shoes, clean them up and get ready to

Conference Goal:

- 25 bags of shoes for each local UMW
- 25 pairs of shoes per bag
- 1000 bags of shoes will raise approximately \$10,000



Give. We have the following book in our UMW Reading Program collection. I highly recommend it as a "must read". It's very intense, extremely informative, and a book that's hard to put down! We see another side of our (UMW) roots in this story. (Jean D'Addario)

GUM MOON:
A NOVEL OF SAN FRANCISCO CHINATOWN
JEFFREY L. STALEY SELF-PUBLISHED (2018)

In 1898, three-year-old Chinese-American girl Mei Chun Lai is sold to a cruel brothel keeper, where a sympathetic prostitute befriends her. Two years later, at the height of a plague quarantine, a young Methodist woman rescues Chun and places her in a home for abused and trafficked girls. The home is destroyed in the 1906 earthquake and fire. Chun (aka "Maud") and a group of seven other Chinese children embark on a cross-country singing tour to raise funds to rebuild. When their home matron suffers a breakdown, 13-year-old Maud must lead the band of children home.

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks>

Come and Explore!

Faith Talks

A UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PODCAST

Based on a true story.

Faith Talks are monthly conversations with United Methodist Women hosted by Jennifer R Farmer, Spotlight PR. Each conversation explores themes and resources that empower us to put faith, hope and love into action.

Membership and Confirmation Classes

Pastor Jim will be offering classes this summer for youth that are interested in being confirmed as members of Sharon United Methodist Church and for adults that are interested in becoming members of Sharon through Profession of Faith or Transfer. The Confirmation Class will be 8 sessions and the Adult Membership Class will be 2-4 sessions depending on the type of membership you are interested in. Please contact the church office, or Pastor Jim, by June 20th to let him know of your interest. We will schedule classes after we know what will work best for the individuals participating. Classes will likely begin after Independence Day.



Kaleidoscope

Tuesday mornings
9:30am – 11:00am

To register, contact:
Lynn Hebert-Smith
hebertsmith@smartstartbrunswick.org
910-754-3166 ext. 1010



Celebrate! June 6

It's time to celebrate. Sharon United Methodist Church is coming back stronger than ever. After a long year of missing the small to the large events that help shape our lives, we are ready to enter the education building and resume our Sunday School program. This benchmark is critical. Sunday School allows Christians to gather, learn, and rejoice in the spirit of our Savior. Sunday School provides us all with knowledge of God's wonderful kingdom. Through our dedication, faithful service, and attendance we can equip ourselves with the tools needed in this world. Learning about our Christian faith is a gift. We are fortunate to have this opportunity. Faith is powerful. When you combine faith and knowledge, you are gifted with the ability to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Everyone has a place at Sharon. Everyone is welcome. Please come on June 6 and join one of our Sunday School classes. There are classes for all ages and interests.
-Brian and Renee Noll



A Great Workday!



Thank "Ya'll"!

News Bits:

- ◆ The Kings Kids are taking a break for the summer. We look forward to starting up again at the end of August with many more volunteer opportunities and kids. Thank you.!
- ◆ The Rose of Sharon thrift Store will maintain special hours this weekend for the Memorial Day Weekend. Saturday the Rose will open early at 8AM and close at Noon. The Rose will be closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (6/1). The Rose welcomes volunteers and donations. Please try to avoid making donations on Saturday. Thanks!
- ◆ If you are planning to work with children and youth please join us for a Safe Sanctuary Training between services Sunday May 30th 10:05-10:35 am. If you are not available at that time please contact the church office to make other arrangements for your training and back ground check information to be completed.
- ◆ Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to meet all year. New members are welcome, please join them Thursdays at 1pm in the fellowship hall.
- ◆ The Food Pantry Ladies want to Thank you for continued support with food and monetary donations. Watch for an expanded service opportunity in partnership with Missions Team to provide blessing boxes for our community. More details in next months newsletter.

North Carolina Conference to Experience a Change in Episcopal Leadership

Recently, it was announced that Bishop Hope Morgan Ward will be retiring in September after serving as our bishop for eight and a half years. We thank God for her many years of service to the United Methodist Church and to the North Carolina Annual Conference. Bishop Leonard Fairley has been selected to be our episcopal leader starting in September. He will remain the bishop of the Kentucky Conference as he adds the North Carolina Conference to his episcopal responsibilities.



Bishop Fairley had served the North Carolina Conference since 1984 and his last appointment in North Carolina was serving as the District Superintendent of the Capital District. The Capital District is the largest district in the North Carolina Annual Conference. Bishop Fairley graduated from Pfeiffer College and Duke University's School of Divinity. He served at St. Peters in Hamlet, NC and Soapstone in Raleigh before becoming the Rockingham District Superintendent. After serving as a District Superintendent for seven years he returned to the local church in 2012 as Lead Pastor at Saint Francis in Cary, NC. We welcome Bishop Fairley as our new bishop and pray that the Lord will bless his leadership.



Sharon UMC Governance Task Force

At its February 25th meeting, the Administrative Council voted to approve the creation of a special Task Force under Pastor Jim's leadership to investigate the possibility of creating a new governance structure at SMC that would be "simple, missional, and accountable" as we move forward in mission and ministry. There is a sense that

SUMC might benefit by combining the work of the Trustees, Finance Committee, Staff Parish Relations Committee and Missions Committee into a single Leadership Board to make more time available for laypersons to engage in hands-on mission and ministry instead of attending committee meetings. The Task Force is comprised of Pastor Jim and six lay people from Sharon who all have backgrounds in organization and management. They are using the book, Mission Possible: A Simple Structure For Missional Effectiveness by authors Kay Kotan and Blake Bradford as their guide in the process. Once the Task Force has completed their work, it will report back to the Administrative Council with their findings and any possible proposals for a new governance structure. If you would like to be part of the Task Force, please contact Pastor Jim. They are meeting two Thursday afternoons a month from 3:30 until 5:00. Pray for the Lord's wisdom to be provided during this process



West Brunswick High School Graduates

Alexis Jordyn St. George: Graduating with honors from West Brunswick High School. She plans to attend BCC in the fall to receive an Associate in Arts. She is interested in both Cosmetology and Nursing. Alexis is the youngest graduating student in her class, and has already taken the equivalent of a full semester of college credit courses, as well as earned her CNA while attending high school.

Devon Trey Martin: Graduating with honors from West Brunswick High School. He plans to attend Lineman School this summer through Cape Fear Community College. Devon participated in the College and Career Promise program, becoming one of a select few students to ever complete an Associate degree during their 4 year high school career. Devon graduated from **Brunswick Community College** Magna Cum Laude with an Associate in Arts on May 8, PRIOR to his high school graduation.

Jamie Bolinger: Graduating from West Brunswick High School. She also graduated from **Brunswick Community College** with an Associate in Arts. She is planning on studying Vet Tech at Cape Fear Community College and continue to work at Brunswick Animal Hospital.

Kristina "Kage" Higgins: Graduating from West Brunswick High School. She plans on attending BCC while continuing to work in the Family Business.

Meredith Stone: Graduating from West Brunswick High School and also graduating with Associate in Science at **Brunswick Community College** and continuing her education at BCC in preparation for nursing school.

Campbell University

Zachary Flaccavento
Masters of Physician Assistant Practices From Campbell University
Receiving White Coat July 16th

Extended Church Family Graduates:

Caroline Wills
Alexander High School, Taylorsville NC
(Beverly Lenk's Granddaughter)

Christina Hommer
BS Psychology Washington College, MD
Daniel Hommer
BS Engineering Purdue University
Trevor Robbins

Kent Lake Highschool, Covington, WA
(Grandchildren of Martin & Marilyn Hommer)

Caison Clemmons
BS Engineering, North Carolina State University
Granddaughter of Ann Caison



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