

THE SHARON DISCIPLE

Sharon Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina

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Lent brings special worship services



For the past twenty-five years, an ecumenical group of churches from the Park Road / Sharon Road Association of Churches has been gathering together for worship during Lent. The worship services are held in the sanctuary of Sharon Presbyterian Church from 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. each Thursday.

Pastors from the various churches take turns leading the brief worship service. A light lunch is served in the fellowship building at 12:00 noon and again at 1:00 p.m. No reservations are necessary.

The worship series will begin on February 26 and will conclude with a Maundy Thursday Communion Service on April 9. The participating churches are: Living Saviour Lutheran Church, Pilgrim Congregational Church, Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church, St. Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, SouthPark Christian Church, Sharon United Methodist Church, and Sharon Presbyterian Church.

Anyone who lives or works in the South Park area and beyond is welcome to come for lunch and worship each week. Contact the office at Sharon Presbyterian Church, 704-553-0869, for more information.

Ash Wednesday is February 25.

We will observe the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service on February 25 at 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Adult Sharon On Wednesday classes will not meet that night so that participants can attend the service, but SOW dinner will still be served. A nursery will be available.



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Change in worship schedule for Sunday, March 1, 2009

On March 1, 2009, we will have a single service at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School will gather at 9:00 a.m.

A Congregational Meeting has been called by the Church Session for 11:00 that morning for the following purposes:

1. To fill the vacancies on the Church Session occasioned by resignation.
2. To elect the Church Wide Nominations Committee who will serve through 2009 in Nomination of new Elders.
3. To approve the formation of a capital campaign committee to raise the funds for the Chapel project, to determine a milestone amount to begin the project, and to consider borrowing options.



Worship Schedule

Our Congregational Concerns

We express our sympathy

Sympathy is expressed to Leslie DuBois in the death of her stepmother, Elizabeth Hogue, on January 17, 2009; to John Davis in the death of his sister, Jacqueline Hancock, on February 2, 2009; to John Sattizahn in the death of his father, Frank Sattizahn, on February 6, 2009; to Bev Johnson in the death of her aunt, Gertrude Smith, on February 8, 2009.



We welcome the newly baptized

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered on January 18, 2009, to Estelle Blythe Stephens, daughter of Dannah and James Stephens.

Gifts to Sharon Presbyterian Church

Gifts in Memory

Miriam Harris, by William and Isabelle Stanford

Celeste Morrison, by Circle 6

Harvey Nettingham, by Charles and Eleanor Lockwood, FAITH Group, Elgerine Elliott

Pat Ernest, by Scotty and Mary McElhaney, J.C. and Rita Patrick, Dotty Black

John Alexander, by Doug and Carol Ann Allen

Fred Sliker, by Candace Armstrong

Gifts in Honor

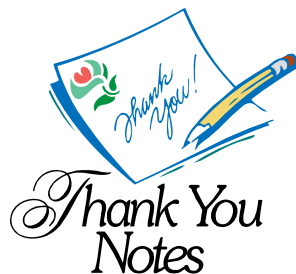
Mable Lockwood, by Charles and Eleanor Lockwood, Gene and Jo Ann Manning

Anne Boyle, by Circle 7

Sallie Alexander by Doug and Carol Ann Allen

We remember in our prayers

Please remember in prayer: *those in the hospital:* Jean Cottom, Eloise Rushforth, CMC-Pineville; George Payne, Sardis Oaks; Buck Hopkins, Legacy Heights; *those discharged:* Anne Blackburn, Margaret Little; *those at home:* John Sullivan, Earl Ferguson, Ann Boyle, Andrew Murray (grandson of Charles and Beth Murray), Helen Sullivan, Jean Stewart, Chip Morgan; our missionaries to Africa, Frank and Nancy Dimmock (fdimmock@TLMail.Co.LS); the people of the Presbytery of Huanta, Peru; those who have lost their jobs.



Thank you so much for the many prayers, get well cards and loving words during my recent surgery. I'm now feeling very well and so blessed. Being remembered by so many of you cheered and comforted me.

With love, Alan Berkey

Newsletter schedule is changing

Beginning with this issue of the Sharon Disciple, publication is being reduced to one issue a month. The deadline will be the third Sunday of each month. Articles to be included should be left in the church office or emailed to jane@sharonpcusa.org.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, contact jane@sharonpcusa.org.



Welcome to the newborn

We welcome Landon Davis Riley, son of Lisa and Sean Riley, who was born on January 15, 2009.

Welcome to Bryson Jeffrey Esposito, son of Steve and Kristen Esposito, who was born on February 7, 2009.

Heartfelt thanks to our friends at Sharon Church for the gracious support during my recent illness. I hope I can do the same for you when needed.

Love, Elgerine Elliott

I would like to thank everyone who helped my mother, Betty Schachner, during these past few months. The prayer group who kept her in their prayers, the friends who sent her cards, and the food that was sent to feed my family were all appreciated. While this was a difficult time, it was made easier thanks to your support.

Sincerely, Lisa Turner

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Dr. Evelyn Davis to speak at the Presbyterian Men's breakfast

The Sharon Presbyterian Men will have their monthly breakfast meeting on Sunday, March 8, 2009, 8:00 a.m., in Room 6. Dr. Evelyn Davis will speak to the group about her travels and work with Wycliff Bible Translators. Ladies are invited to this meeting also to hear Dr. Davis. For reservations, contact the church office, 704-553-0869.



Summer adult mission trip planned for Peru

There will be an organizational meeting at 6:00 p.m., Sunday, March 15, 2009, in the Parlor of the Charles Little Activity Building for those interested in the 2009 Adult Mission Trip to Huanta, Peru. Stories and photos from previous trips may be viewed at <http://spctravels.blogspot.com>

Worship
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages at 10:00 a.m.

February 22
Dr. Richard M. Cromie
preaching
"My, How Soon Vee
Get Too Oldt!"
Job 7:6-21

Ash Wednesday, February 25
6:45 p.m., Imposition of Ashes

**Please note change in
schedule for Sunday, March 1**
Rev. Michael J. Koch
preaching
ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.,
WITH COMMUNION
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Congregational Meeting
at 11:00 a.m.



Worship Schedule

March 8
Dr. Richard M. Cromie preaching
Three Miracles of
Jesus For Our Time
I: "When Jesus Walked on Water..."
Matthew 14:13-27

March 15
Dr. Richard M. Cromie preaching
Three Miracles of
Jesus For Our Time
II: "The Feeding of Five
Thousand..."
John 6:1-14

March 22
Dr. Richard M. Cromie preaching
Three Miracles of
Jesus For Our Time
III: "When Lazarus
Came Forth..."
John 11



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Ever helped with the homeless meals?

Help is needed for preparing and serving the evening meal each month at the homeless shelters:

- serving team leaders at both shelters
- cooks at the men's shelter
- food preparers at the men's shelter

No experience is necessary, and the rewards are tremendous. You will receive specific instructions and be trained by those already doing these jobs. If you are interested in helping with any of these duties, please contact the church office for further details of what is involved. Thank you.



Congratulations to the Boys' Basketball Team!



The Sharon Presbyterian Church Boys U-10 Basketball Team at the Harris Y went undefeated 8-0 for the season!

Invitation for new members and visitors to Sharon Presbyterian

New members within the last 12 months and visitors interested in membership are invited to a program on "Learning about membership at Sharon." The classes will be held on Wednesdays, March 4 and 11, during the Sharon On Wednesday program. You are invited to enjoy a complimentary meal at 5:30-6:30 p.m. and then stay for the program from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Charles Little Activity Building. The two classes will cover Presbyterian beliefs and government, Sharon Church history, and what it means to be a church member. Babysitting is available. Contact the church office to make a reservation.



James A. Jones (Jim)



Jeff and Sarah Brewer

Attendance Statistics

January 18, 2009

9:00 a.m. Worship	143
11:00 a.m. Worship	281
Church School	201

January 25

9:00 a.m. Worship	123
11:00 a.m. Worship	243
Church School	190

February 1

9:00 a.m. Worship	161
11:00 a.m. Worship	267
Church School	168

February 8

9:00 a.m. Worship	257
11:00 a.m. Worship	248
Church School	218

February 15

9:00 a.m. Worship	126
11:00 a.m. Worship	255
Church School	187



Brian and Carmen Coats



Peggy Cleveland

Mark your calendars and invite your out-of-town relatives

The Presbyterian Women May Day Tea Party will be on April 26 this year and ladies of Sharon of all ages and their guests are invited to come.



Scouting for Food brought great results!

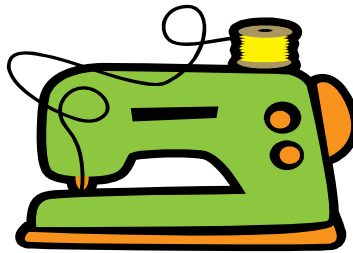
Boy Scout Troop 34, sponsored by Sharon Presbyterian Church, is pleased to report the results of the past weekend's Loaves and Fishes campaign and annual Scouting for Food efforts. Sharon Presbyterian provided 120 bags of food, and on Saturday, February 7, Troop 34 collected an additional 100 bags of canned food from local neighborhoods. Each pound of donated food is roughly equal to one meal, translating to over 2,860 meals for the Charlotte area working poor and folks in need. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause!

Conference offering insight to food and faith

The Second Biannual *Come to the Table Conference*, sponsored by Mission and Justice Committee of the Charlotte Presbytery, will be held at Myers Park Baptist Church Friday, February 27, 9:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Speaker is Michael Schut, author of *Food and Faith: Justice, Joy and Daily Bread*, with workshops on topics including poverty simulations, community gardening, cooking with local food, youth education, land preservation, and more. Registration is \$10; for more information contact Claire Hermann, claire@rafiusa.org, 919-542-1396, ext. 207.

Job hunters group offered

An area Job Hunters Support Group meets each Tuesday from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church on Carmel Road and anyone from the community is invited to attend. Each week offers a guest speaker, opportunity for networking, and advice on resumes and interviews. For more information, call Jeff Searcy, 704-341-2255.



Can you sew?

Sharon Towers is looking for some very kind, patient and loving persons to help residents by being a volunteer 'mender' on Monday mornings. This is a happy and vital service for residents whose fading eyesight makes mending or sewing on a button or stitching a hem an impossibility. Sewing machines and supplies are all available at the Towers. If interested, please contact Susie O'Neal, 704-553-3812, or Lindsay Tice, 704-553-3718.

'Thank you,' from the Urban Ministry Center

Thank you for your faithful and compassionate service to our neighbors who are homeless. This has been a year of extra challenges as our numbers of people needing shelter and other services has grown faster than anything we have seen before. As some of you have seen, many are dealing with complex problems that test our patience and compassion. We commend you for your dedication and perseverance. With every new challenge God continues to bless. Please share with all of your volunteers our thanks, and know how honored we are to be your partner in ministry.



Children's Sunday School is looking for some angels!

We are in need of new or used items including computer with Windows, LCD monitor, color printer, vacuum with hose, craft supplies, gift cards to teacher supply store, simple musical instruments (triangle, tambourine, etc.), handyman help with shelving. If you can help, please call the church office, 704-553-0869.

FAITH group extends invitation

FAITH invites you to lunch and a brief mid-week worship service every Thursday. Lunch is served in CLAB Room 6 at 12:00 noon (donation of \$1.50) and worship, led by one of our ministers, is at 12:30 p.m. in the parlor. During Lent, the lunch will be available before and after the Community Lenten Services.



Barbara Ritchie copies the Sunday tapes to be mailed to the shut-ins each week as a part of the Congregational Nurturing Ministry

Letters to help fight hunger around the world

The Covenant Westminster Class is hosting Bread for the World on Thursday, March 5, 2009, in the Charles Little Activity Building: refreshments and fellowship: 6:00 – 6:30 p.m., Offering of Letters workshop: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Bread for the World is a Christian voice urging our nation’s decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. By changing policies, programs, and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, Bread for the World provides help and opportunity far beyond the local

community. This evening is a follow-up to a recent class study on world hunger. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, please contact the church office or visit the website for Bread for the World, <http://www.bread.org>.



'Hello' to Sharon Presbyterian from the Dimmocks in Africa

Dear Friends at Sharon Presbyterian,

We just wanted to let you know how much we appreciate your love, interest and prayers expressed to us throughout this past year in cards, birthday remembrances and emails. They mean so much!

Nathan continues to enjoy Montreat, making steady progress toward his Bible and Mission degree.



Moses is a senior at UNC-Pembroke and will finish up his advanced art classes by December 2009.

He will be our first to graduate from college!

Jesse is back from a semester in Switzerland and looking forward to continuing at Davidson, studying political science and public health policy. After one semester of college, Katie

decided that she needs a break from school. She is working as an assistant PE teacher at the International primary school where her four younger siblings attend and we are all enjoying this extra time together with her.

Andrew, Lifa, Isaac, and Jackson are back in school and Frank began his travels on January 9. His first trip was a malaria intervention assessment in southern Sudan. This was followed by a meeting in Uganda of all of the Christian health associations on the continent, and a follow-up visit to Ethiopia helping the church there establish an early childhood education program.

Nancy keeps busy juggling everyone else’s schedules and helping out at church and at a local orphan care center as needed. Thank you so much for your continuing prayers and support. They keep us faithful and motivated. With love and prayers for a blessed 2009, Frank, Nancy, Nathan, Moses, Jesse, Katie, Andrew, Alifa, Isaac, and Jackson Dimmock

Honoring the new babies

For 30 years Sharon Church has given a cross-stitched birth announcement to newborn babies of church members. Many people have contributed to the making of this special gift – Marty Moore, Margaret Thomas, Kaye DuMond, Eloise and Tom Rushforth, Debbie Kirkpatrick, Sandra Tillman, Roddey Brown, John Thompson, and Pam Beers. Special thanks to these folks for their gift of love to families blessed with a new baby.

The Mission of Sharon Presbyterian Church is to celebrate God’s love and His gift of salvation through Jesus Christ and to proclaim these truths to each other and the world through the worship of God, the teaching and nurture of our congregation, and the outreach of our church to the community and to the world.

Middle School SPY loves Camp Bethelwoods! *by Lisa Mason*

Valentine's Weekend was full of love for 15 of our Middle Schoolers and their advisors who went on a retreat to Camp Bethelwoods. The program for the weekend centered around how God gives us the love and support of our church family and where they, as young people, fit in. At

Bethelwoods, they were able to interact and experience this love firsthand through canoeing, team building, a hayride, and numerous self-directed games of red rover and karaoke. Even the rain on Saturday couldn't dampen their spirits. It was a great weekend! The Christian

Education Ministry would like to thank John Tutwiler for planning this incredible weekend! It was a time that will last in the hearts and minds of our youth and those who try to stay youthful forever.

Hopefully the fun will continue for these kids this summer at Bethelwoods. Kat Ward, Program Director at Bethelwoods, will be coming to speak to both the middle schoolers and senior highs during SPY on Sunday night, February 22, about summer camp opportunities at Bethelwoods. In addition, she will be visiting our younger children during the Rotation Sunday School on March 1. The Christian Education Ministry hopes to grow in our partnership with Bethelwoods and continue opportunities for our young people to grow in the faith.



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