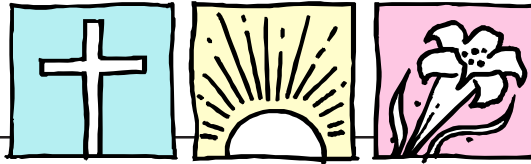


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Holy Week - Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 5

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Cromie preaching

“The King Knelt Down to Cry”

Luke 19:1-28-44

Good Friday, April 10

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Cromie preaching

Easter Morning, April 12

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

Rev. Koch with Dr. Smart

Maundy Thursday, April 9

12:30 Community

Communion Service

Rev. David Hill of Living Saviour

Lutheran Church preaching

Identical Services
at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Chancel Choir with
Brass Quartet

Dr. Cromie preaching

“Spring Does Not Come
In a Day!”

7:00 p.m. Communion Service,
with Chancel Choir

Rev. Nelson preaching



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Chapel renovation, at last

On Sunday March 1, our congregation approved a motion from the Session to renovate the Chapel and to form a Capital Campaign Committee to raise funds for the project. The estimated cost of this project will be \$336,000. The renovation, which will be the first phase of the Master Plan adopted by the Session in 2006, will include:

Installation of new electrical panels, wiring, hardware and additional lighting; repair of deteriorating walls, millwork and bead board; installation of new carpet; interior painting; removal of old organ, leveling the pulpit and choir loft area so that it will be a continuous space from front to back; replacing HVAC grills and reworking

heating and air-conditioning controls to ensure a better airflow; installation of an audio-visual system encompassing an enclosed/retractable screen for presentation, computer interface, projector, and sound amplification capability;

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Our Congregational Concerns

In Memoriam

**Dr. Sara P. Little
March 4, 2009**

We express our sympathy to her family and friends.

We express our sympathy

Sympathy is expressed to Kim Dillard in the death of her grandmother, Shirley Bourland, on March 11, 2009.

Thank you

We would like to thank everyone for their calls, cards, food, visits, and most of all, your prayers during our illnesses. We are truly blessed to have a caring church family.
Jean and Robert Cottom



Message from the Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee has just completed the Church Information Form (CIF) which has been approved by the Session and the Presbytery. We have been approved to start accepting resumés. If you have any questions about the process, please contact Joel McIntyre through the church office, 704-553-0869.

We remember in our prayers

Please remember in prayer George Payne, Sardis Oaks; Buck Hopkins, Legacy Heights; *those at home:* John Sullivan, Peggy Cleveland, Jim Foster, 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; *those serving in the military overseas:* Andrew Clark, nephew of Pat and Jim White.

Nursery coordinator needed

We are looking for a nursery coordinator to assign and manage the volunteer list to support our nursery and staff. If you are interested, please contact the church office, 704-553-0869.

Memorial Gifts to Sharon Presbyterian Church

John Alexander, by Eugene Averitte

What a joy it was to hear our Children's Choirs participate in worship recently. The Jubilate Choir is made up of 3rd-5th graders and Carol Choir is for 1st-2nd graders. They are directed by Linda Mayo and accompanied by Miriam Wilson. We look forward to hearing them on Palm Sunday.



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replace ceiling tiles; purchase a new digital organ; the exterior of the Chapel will have much of its masonry repaired, along with additional wood repairs or painting as needed; storage will be provided for new tables and chairs

A compromise plan for the seating arrangement calls for the reinstallation of 20 of the 8'2" smaller pews in a center-aisle configuration leaving open space in the back of the Chapel to accommodate 100 additional chairs or various table and chair arrangements. We need the funds; but we are ready to go.

Annual North Carolina Fall Mission Trip planned

Mark your calendar for our next Annual Mission Trip to Clyde, NC, leaving late Thursday afternoon, September 10, and returning Sunday, September 13. The work is organized by the "Step by Step Ministries" whose mission is to assist low income, elderly, and disabled people with home repairs. For more information, please contact the church office, 704-553-0869.

Applications being accepted for Adult Mission Trip to Peru

The 2009 Adult Mission Trip is scheduled to take place Friday, August 7 - Saturday, August 15. Once again, participants from Sharon Presbyterian will go to Huanta, Peru, which was the site of last year's trip. The total per-person cost of the trip is \$1,500, which includes all transportation, accommodations, and meals. Applications are available in Randy Ross's elder mailbox in the hallway outside the Choir Room. A deposit of \$500 is due with the application and the deadline to register is March 29, 2009. For more information, please contact the church office, 704-553-0869. Photos and narratives from previous trips may be viewed at <http://spctravels.blogspot.com>.

Pepper Grinders Spring Edition

April 25, 2009, 6:00 p.m.
 Beverly Woods Shelter
 Menu to come
 A-M bring a side dish
 N-Z bring a dessert
 RSVP to Amanda Knepp,
 704-841-9330;
amanda.knepp@cbsradio.com



Egg hunt and luncheon planned for Palm Sunday

Put it on your calendar – Palm Sunday Celebration, April 5, 2009, with an egg hunt and a covered dish luncheon! Following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for all the children through seventh grade to enjoy. Afterwards, everyone is invited to the Covered Dish Luncheon in the Charles Little Activity Building. Please bring enough to feed your family plus 2 more people. Donations of wrapped candy, pencils, stickers, and small goodie bags are needed for the egg hunt; please place them in the church office.

Attendance Statistics

February 22, 2009	
9:00 a.m. Worship	162
11:00 a.m. Worship	311
Church School	264
February 28	
March 1	
10:00 a.m.	
Combined Worship	255
Church School	184
March 8	
9:00 a.m. Worship	113
11:00 a.m. Worship	251
Church School	218
March 15	
9:00 a.m. Worship	140
11:00 a.m. Worship	292
Church School	206

Wanted: a few good shepherds!

The Ministry of Community Witness is seeking volunteers to serve as sponsors for our flock of new members to ensure that they feel welcomed and cared for as they begin their spiritual journey with us here at Sharon. There are many ways to participate as sponsors, from a friendly chat to let them know how pleased we are to have them here as members, to inviting them to events here at the church. If you are interested in becoming a new member sponsor, please contact the church office, 704-553-0869.



Church Women United to worship at Sharon Church

Our Sharon Presbyterian Women will be 'hostessing' the Annual *May Friendship Service* for Church Women United on May 1, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. We will meet in the Charles Little Activity Building for worship service and a catered lunch. Please mark your calendar for this opportunity.

With over 100 churches in this county, it is good that we can extend our support for this annual event. More information will be available later through the Circles, newsletter, bulletin, etc. For more information, please contact the church office, 704-553-0869.

We have some super-stars!

Two of our young people are performing in a production of "Oklahoma" presented by South Mecklenburg High School. Abby Harrill is in the play, and Jason Setser is in the orchestra. Performances will be at the school Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 26-28, at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, March 29, at 3:00 p.m.



Vacation Bible School June 22-26

Come join our “wacky wilderness adventure” at the 2009 Vacation Bible School SonRock Kids Camp! Through exciting games, music, skits, crafts, snacks, and outdoor play, your child will explore the Christian values of celebrating

God’s love, being strong in the faith, and joining in with others in God’s camp.

Sharon Presbyterian’s Vacation Bible School Program will begin with the kickoff at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 22, and will run daily from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon through Friday, June 26. Closing ceremonies will include a family Pizza Dinner and Musical Presentation by the children on Friday evening.

All children ages 3 (by October 15, 2008) through completed fifth grade are invited to participate. Registration forms will be available in the church office beginning April 5. If your child is

ready to come to camp, please complete a registration form and place it in the labeled collection box in the church office or mail it to the church.

The registration fee for the week is \$15 per child with a maximum of \$30 per family. We will need a completed form with medical and emergency contact information for each child who plans to participate, including the children of VBS teachers and children/grandchildren of SPC members. Additional forms are available in the Church Office. Class sizes will be limited, so be sure to turn in your form to the Church Office before the deadline of May 3.



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Welcome New Members!



Jennifer and Dave Brown

Dave is transferring from 1st Presbyterian Church of Cazenovia, NY, and Jennifer is transferring from Jamestown United Methodist Church, Jamestown, NC.



Taylor and Andrew Dries

Andrew and Taylor are joining by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Presbyterian Men to hear from Rep. Myrick's office

The Sharon Presbyterian Men are changing their meeting schedule for April due to Easter. They will meet for breakfast on Sunday, April 19, at 8:00 a.m. in Room 6 of the Charles Little Activity Building. The speaker will be Hal Weatherman, assistant to Rep. Sue Myrick. For reservations, please contact the church office, 704-553-0869.

May Day Tea Party offers fun for ladies of all ages

The ladies will hold their annual May Day Tea Party on Sunday afternoon, April 26. Ladies of all ages are invited to come and bring a friend – wear a hat!

We've heard from the Dimmocks

On bulletin boards around the church are copies of Nancy's entire letter of March 13 with prayer slips for you to take to pray specifically for one Dimmock parent or child. They need our prayers and support of their ministry. Thank you for your response.

World Service Ministry

Dear Friends,
We have been asked by several of you for specific prayer requests. How grateful we are to you for your willingness to hold us up by specific prayer! We have LOTS of prayer needs.

Frank's responsibilities now include consultation with our partners throughout Africa, especially as regards their response to the needs of children. In the past two months he has traveled to Sudan – where they are working hard to revive general health services; to Ethiopia – where the church is establishing preschools among underserved groups; and to Uganda – where a continent-wide meeting of Christian Health

Associations was held; to Zambia and Malawi – to encourage the churches in their efforts to provide community or congregation-based care to the many orphans in their communities. Specific prayer requests for Frank are for: 1) safety as he travels, 2) stamina, energy, and a consistently positive perspective, 3) endless patience to listen and wisdom to bring to bear on overwhelming problems, and 4) the ability to 'let it go' and be refreshed when he is home.

Nancy also needs your prayers! She hopes to establish an adoption agency for Lesotho, and a colleague has a dream of starting a baby home for infant



orphans, together with a babysitting service for working mothers. Together, they are hoping to get registered as a branch of Ministry of Hope and to find a piece of property to develop here in the capital city. So please pray for favor with government officials and for just the right piece of property to become available in God's perfect time.

We appreciate your prayers SO very much.

With love,
Frank and Nancy Dimmock

Volunteer Spotlight: Sharon Presbyterian Church Cooks Up Some Extras

Reprinted with permission from the winter edition of the Emergency Winter Shelter newsletter, Open Door



Peggy Crowder and George Chapman help the men check in

Like many congregations, Sharon Presbyterian Church has been providing financial gifts and volunteer support to EWS for years. Members of Sharon Presbyterian cook and serve evening meals for our homeless guests. Like all of our volunteer groups, they arrive at 5:30, bringing many of the supplies we need every day. The volunteers also spend time talking with the men.

For many years, this group picked up the meals at the Charlotte Rescue Mission before coming to EWS. Three years ago they decided to go a step further by cooking the meals they serve. This would be a daunting task to the average person but George Chapman and Susan Cline have it down to a science. They say that it is all about teamwork.

The tasks are divided among several people with one person shopping, one cooking the main course and one baking the dessert. On behalf of the church, Reta Lefebber spends about \$420 when she shops for the EWS meal. This includes canned beef stew and cake mix for dinner along with coffee and a sweet roll for breakfast. George spends about two hours cooking the stew on the day the volunteers are scheduled to work. Susan spends about an hour and half making three very large sheet cakes the day before.

The Sharon Presbyterian volunteers also provide paper products, tea, socks, razors, coats, shoes and other items. Every year just before their first scheduled serving date in October, during a “moment for mission”, George or Susan promotes EWS by asking the congregation to volunteer or provide for some of the men’s needs. Subsequently, they include monthly reminders as to giving needs for the EWS in the Church bulletin. George has found that volunteers are very willing to come to EWS. Susan explains that the staff at EWS is “great” and that the homeless

Bill Broyhill and Ann Jolly prepare to serve cake for the dinner



Kaye DuMond and Bill Moorefield get bread ready for the meal

men are very grateful to the volunteers. Susan also explains that the men are quick to help bring in the supplies and food that the volunteers bring and says they are very polite.

Susan finds the experience serving the men very humbling. She says, “I feel humbled when I ask the men how they are and they say, ‘I am blessed.’” What Susan doesn’t know is what a blessing she, George and all the members of Sharon Presbyterian are to the men served by EWS. We are better able to use our financial resources directly serving our guests because Sharon Presbyterian is reducing our food expense.

On Tuesday, March 10, 2009, seven volunteers from Sharon Church served 168 men at the EWS. Thank you to all who help with this ministry.

New ideas for the SPY Silent Auction on April 19, 2009

by Sarah & Tim Brown, Silent Auction Coordinators

The SPY Silent Auction and BBQ is scheduled for Sunday, April 19, in the Charles Little Activity Building. It is fast approaching and the youth need your help! Not only are they requesting your assistance in bidding on items available at the auction, but this year they are asking for your creative donations as well. In addition to the standard items we've had in the past, we ask that each Ministry, each adult Sunday School class, and any individuals or groups within the church who wish put a themed basket together to donate to the auction. Some ideas for these baskets could include:

- **Movie night** (DVD's, microwave popcorn, candy, gift cards to Blockbuster all packaged together in a popcorn bowl)



- **Game night** (cards, board games, etc.)
- **Wine Lover's** (wine, wine glasses, bottle opener, stoppers, wine glass charms, etc.)
- **Coffee Lover's** (coffee, mugs, local coffee shop gift cards, etc.)
- **Arts & Crafts** (construction paper, crayons, stickers, glue, markers, etc. packaged together in a closable storage container)
- **Gardener's Paradise** (gardening gloves – his and hers, tools, seeds, flower pots, kneeling pad, etc. packaged in a carrying case/bucket)
- **A Day at the Spa** (bath gels, lotions, bath salts, soaps, loofahs, etc., appropriate type gift cards)
- **Little Italy** (pasta, pasta sauces, fresh herbs, Italian wines, bread, cheese, etc. packaged in a large pasta bowl)

These are just suggestions – the possibilities are endless!

Please put your collective thinking caps on and get creative!



Just let us know what you plan on doing so we don't have duplicates. With your help this could be the best auction to date.

We will still be looking for handcrafted items (knitted things, pottery, etc.), weekend houses, gift certificates, services (babysitting, yard, etc.), gently-used music/movies/books for the media area, and toys/games for a children's corner.

For more information, please contact the church office at 704-553-0968 or office@sharonpcusa.org. Thank you so very much for your continued love and support of the Youth of Sharon Presbyterian Church.

Easter Lilies



It is time to order Easter Lilies to be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter, April 12, 2009, in honor and memory of loved ones. This year, the Ministries of Congregational Nurturing and Worship and Music are joining together to deliver lilies to our shut-in members, also. In order to do this, the price of the lilies for our Sanctuary has been increased to \$15 each with the extra amount going to purchase the lilies to be taken to the shut-ins. Deadline for ordering is Palm Sunday, April 5. Please place check and order form in offering plate or the church office, make checks payable to Sharon Presbyterian Church, and note it is for Easter lilies.

I would like to order _____ (number) lilies for the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009.

My name & phone: _____

In Memory of: _____ Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____ Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____ Given by: _____

In Honor of: _____ Given by: _____

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