

THE SHARON DISCIPLE

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Frank Dimmock coming for a visit

by Bev Johnson

Our missionary to Lesotho, Frank Dimmock, is coming to Sharon Church on August 30, 2009! Frank wants "to thank us in person" for our congregation's recent gift of \$3200 to his Extra

Commitment Opportunity account. Frank is the PCUSA's Africa Health Liaison and travels throughout the continent, consulting with health partners. Frank will speak with Sunday School

classes, updating us on our denomination's latest mission health efforts. Please mark your calendars for August 30 and plan on being here to visit with Frank.

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Eighth graders confirmed

by Robin Shealy

Sharon Presbyterian Church would like to welcome our newest church members, Ellen Green, Max Mason, Ava Bagyi, Kyle Dilsworth, Casey Butler, Matt Hutton, Grant Parker, Chandler Schramm, Emily Houpt, and Claire Setser, who made their profession of faith at the worship service on May 17, 2009. They completed a year-long study designed to give

them an overview of the Bible and help them better understand what it means to be a Christian and a Presbyterian. They also met with their mentors, participated in mission projects, and engaged in memory work. Thank you to Leigh Hawkins, Dr. Dee Osbourne-Smart, and all of the mentors who supported these young people in their confirmation process.



**Worship
Schedule
for the
Summer**

**Beginning
Sunday,
May 24, 2009**

**Worship
10:00 a.m.
Sunday School
9:00 a.m.**

In Memoriam

James Worth Foster
May 4, 2009

We express our sympathy to his family and friends.

Gifts to Sharon Presbyterian Church

Gifts in Memory

Warren Butler, by Charles and Eleanor Lockwood
Weldon Shrum, by 55 Alive Group, Jack Lemonds, Earl Ferguson
Buddy Lockwood, by Earl Ferguson
Patsy Ernest, by Jack Lemonds, Howard White, by Jack Lemonds
Ann Boyle, by Malda Kenyon, Dennis and Susan Grills, Circle 7, Merwyn and Beverly Johnson, Allen and Nancy Smith, Cliff and Catherine Deal, Margaret Armstrong, friends at the CMC Infusion Center, Kaye Dumond, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denton, Marguerite Muse, Clyde and Jeanette Goodman, Judy and Jay Thrash, Mary Davis, Nancy Davis, Pat Black, Catherine and James Sheely, Elliott and JoAnne Giffen, Roger and Sherrill Suiter, Ethel Crowell, Charles and Eleanor Lockwood, Thomas Slaughter, Mary Beaty, Mitzi and Phillip Arnett, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Robertson, George Payne, Carolyn Edwards, Fletcher and Elizabeth Stone, Nancy Tabor, FAITH Bridge Group, Philip and Janice Nichols, Alexander and Gloria Weinstein, Hal and Jenny Starnes, Bill and Reta LeFeber

Gifts in Honor

Rev. Mike Koch, by Deb and Jack Jenkins

Pray Without Ceasing

To actively encourage prayer within the life of the church, the Ministry of Congregational Nurturing is publishing a list of prayer concerns in each issue of the church newsletter. By being responsive to the power of the Holy Spirit in prayer, it is our hope that God's guidance, love, and healing power may be felt by the members of this congregation and beyond.



All prayer requests will be published for a period of one month. After that time, the request will need to be resubmitted for inclusion. Please respect the privacy of others by asking the person(s) involved for permission to publish their name(s). To submit a prayer request, please call or email Reta LeFeber (704-554-8297 or Rlefeber@bellsouth.net). Please give your name and phone number, the name of the person for whom you are asking prayer, and a brief description of the concern.

Those hospitalized: A. J. Blanchard, CMC Main
At home: George Ashley, Bill Johnson, David Barker, John Sullivan
Family and Friends: Alyce Parsons, Terry Dawson's mother; Hillary, Blake Marler's friend; Clay, Rose Boelke's brother; Lester Hoyle, Jerry Cline's friend; Mark Hutton's father; all of our homebound members and their families; Frank and Nancy Dimmock, our missionaries in Africa; those in our church and beyond who have lost jobs and are seeking new opportunities.



We welcome the newborn

Welcome to Mary Ellis Brown, daughter of David and Jennifer Brown, who was born on May 1, 2009.

We welcome the newly baptized

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered on April 26, 2009, to Brooke Elizabeth Frankman, daughter of Kelly and Todd Frankman; on May 17, 2009, to Margaret Luise Yelton, daughter of Charles and Sarah Kiser Yelton.

We express our sympathy

Sympathy is expressed to Randy Butler in the death of his father, Warren Eugene Butler, on April 16, 2009; to Mable Lockwood in the death of her nephew, Kevin Barfield, on May 9, 2009; to Katie Lee in the death of her niece, Kayleigh Ann Freeman, on May 11, 2009; to Dave Stuckey in the death of his father, Kenneth Carroll Stuckey, on May 14, 2009; to Freida Caldwell in the death of her sister, Brennie Wilson Alexander, on May 13, 2009.

Rev. Ron Nelson will be on Sabbatical from June 8 through August 16, 2009.

Spare an hour a week and make a difference in a child's life

At the Public Forum on School Volunteers on May 4, 2009, sponsored by the SPC Ministry of Community Witness, CMS staff presented the needs and opportunities for the 2009-2010 academic year. The main focus will be K-3 literacy with the goal of having all students achieve grade level in reading at the end of 3rd grade. Additionally, mentors are needed for Middle and High School students. If you can spare just an hour a week, you can make a difference in a child's life. To register as a volunteer, you can go to www.cmsvolunteers.com and

complete the registration form indicating the school where you wish to volunteer. More information can be obtained by contacting Olivine Roberts, Executive Director, South Learning Community, at olivine.roberts@cms.k12.nc.us or 980-343-1467.

Copies of our updated Sharon Presbyterian directory are available in the church office and the narthex. So that all homes can have a directory, please take only one per family.



Do you know your way around sound systems?

Volunteers are needed to become part of the worship team and help with the Sanctuary sound system for services and special occasions. Enhancements are being made on the sound system which will open up exciting possibilities for recording the services. If you are interested, please contact the church office, 704-553-0869.

Stewardship Report April 2009

MTD Gifts	\$ 61,030.57
MTD Needs	60,347.03
MTD Net	\$ 683.54
YTD Gifts	\$ 265,148.42
YTD Needs	230,018.46
YTD Net	\$ 35,129.96

Congratulations to our recent college graduates

Meghan McClure, daughter of Bill and Pam McClure, received her J.D. with High Honors from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Ginny Edwards, daughter of Ann and Chris Moffat, graduated Summa Cum Laude from University of North Carolina - Asheville.



VBS calling on our wonderful cookie bakers!

Vacation Bible School is seeking donations of chocolate chip and sugar cookies for the week of June 22-26. Volunteers to serve refreshments are also needed. Please contact the church office, 704-553-0869.

**May 24, 2009
Memorial Day Weekend
Begin Summer Schedule
One Service at
10:00 a.m.,
Sunday School at
9:00 a.m.**

**May 24
Dr. Richard M. Cromie
Preaching,**
"Please Say Something
About Heaven..."

**May 31, Pentecost Sunday
Dr. Cromie Preaching**
"Young Folks and Their Visions -
Old Men and Their Dreams...A
Sermon for Pentecost 2009"

**June 7, Graduation
Recognition Sunday,
Communion
Rev. Ron Nelson Preaching**

**June 14
Dr. Cromie Preaching**
"Not Every Battle Is an
Armageddon: So, Take It Easy
This Summer"



Pastor Nominating Committee update

Our committee continues to receive and review resumés. We have received over 80 and will soon begin making calls to learn more about candidates. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers as we continue our search for a new Sharon Presbyterian Church Pastor.

Health and wellness seminar to be offered

Leigh Hawkins will be hosting a Health and Wellness presentation titled, "Do the Best You Can: A Spiritual, Nutritional, and Physical Perspective," in the Charles Little Activity Building on May 28, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. Leigh will be joined by his father, Stimp Hawkins, a retired PCUSA pastor and Hospice chaplain, and his wife, a registered dietitian. Participants are requested to bring canned food for Loaves & Fishes in lieu of an admission fee. For more information, please contact Leigh at 704-458-1523 or cfsleigh@bellsouth.net.

Attendance Statistics

May 3, 2009

9:00 a.m. Worship	99
11:00 a.m. Worship	189
Church School	174

May 10

9:00 a.m. Worship	127
11:00 a.m. Worship	239
Church School	198

May 17

9:00 a.m. Worship	114
11:00 a.m. Worship	271
Church School	215



Pat Belk and Mittie Black brought out their best hats for the tea party!

Presbyterian Women's Tea Party raised funds for orphanage and mission

The Sharon PW recently hosted a Tea Party for all ladies of Sharon and their guests. Ladies of all ages sported lovely hats and splurged on delightful dainties. The PW Birthday Offering, benefiting an orphanage in the Ukraine and a border mission in El Paso, was taken by lovely little señoritas in sombreros. The prize for the oldest "vintage" hat was won by Peggy Crowder who wore a hat which had belonged to her mother! And of course, our Tea Party wouldn't have been complete without the tiny

delicious ham biscuits provided by Eloise Rushforth. Many thanks to all who helped and all who attended.

Summer schedule set for PAT and Prayer Shawl Ministry

The PAT and Prayer Shawl Ministry group will be meeting on the first Wednesday of the month in June, July, and August fro 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 1 of the Charles Little Activity Building. If you knit or sew and are interested in participating, please contact the church office, 704-553-0869.

Donations of clothing for Peru still being accepted

Participants in the 2009 Adult Mission Trip to Huanta, Peru, are seeking donations of new or gently worn children's clothing to present to the members of the Presbytery of Huanta. Shoes are especially needed, and clothing for all seasons is appropriate. Last year, clothing to fill twelve suitcases was donated by members of Sharon Church. Luggage to transport the donations to Peru is needed also. A collection bin has been placed in the hallway near the elder mailboxes. For additional information or to schedule a pickup of donated items, please contact the church office, 704-553-0869 Thank you for your participation in Sharon Church's outreach to our brothers and sisters in the Presbytery of Huanta, Peru!



It's softball season again!

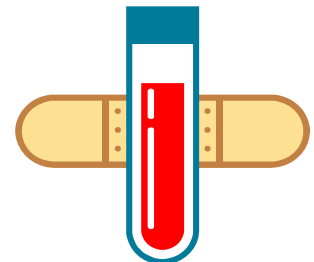
The Sharon men's softball team will begin play in early June through the Southeast Church League. Games are on Mondays and Fridays through June and July. If you are interested in playing, please contact the church office, 704-553-0869.

A graphic for June Birthdays and Anniversaries. The word "JUNE" is written in large, green, stylized letters. A red raspberry with green leaves is positioned over the letter "U". To the right of "JUNE", the words "Birthdays and Anniversaries" are written in a pink, cursive font. A yellow sun with rays is positioned above the letter "E". The entire graphic is enclosed in a pink dotted border.

JUNE Birthdays and Anniversaries

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Furniture Drive for Crisis Assistance moved to June 13
Sharon Presbyterian Church is holding a Furniture and Appliance Drive to support Crisis Assistance Ministry on Saturday, June 13, which is a change in date. Church volunteers will collect items at your home and deliver them to Crisis Assistance Ministry. There is high demand for free-standing electric appliances along with furniture for the kitchen, bedroom, or living room. To volunteer to help or to donate items, please contact the church office, 704-553-0869.



**BLOOD
DRIVE**

**Our next
American Red Cross
Blood Drive is
May 31, 2009,
from
8:30 a.m. to
1:00 p.m.
in the CLAB.
To donate or
volunteer, contact
the church office,
704-553-0869.**

Welcome

to our new members



Chris McGraw
Lindsay Haviland

Chris joined by Profession of Faith and Baptism and Lindsay joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. Chris and Lindsay both work at Wells Fargo Bank.

"I am not alone in this"

*From the Spring 2009
Urban Ministry Center News*

"For moments each night, if I am fortunate, I sleep not as homeless in the street, but with warmth and friendship, thanks to Room In the Inn. Somewhere during the evenings of friendly faces, piping hot showers, videos and jokes, laughs, and sharing a smoke break, I was transformed from homeless to someone with a misfortune. I no longer view the world from ground level, where each may look down on me. I view the world from ground zero, where each may view my launch.

I thank you, all who volunteer for this program. You have given me fortitude; I am sure that I am not alone in this."

*Written by a Room In the Inn Guest,
no name given*

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.



Alzheimer's Care Group presenting workshop

The Presbytery of Charlotte's Alzheimer's Care Group presents a Workshop for Families, Caregivers, and Congregations, Thursday, June 4, 2009, from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. at Davidson College Presbyterian Church in Davidson, NC. Come hear presentations, explore what vendors have to offer, and join in worship with others who care. For more information, contact Debbie Wilkinson, 704-535-9999, ext. 213.

Join us for Fountain Fellowships!

Looks like warm weather is here to stay...please join us around the fountain after worship for some lemonade and cookies and a little fellowship!

Meetings for Men of Church resume in the fall

The Men of the Church will meet again in the Fall starting on September 13, 2009, and continuing until May of 2010. We will have another series of interesting speakers, beginning with Mr. Tom Burgess. He will talk about his experience in WWII in the Battle of the Bulge, and his 39-year career with Boy Scouts of America. For more information, contact the church office, 704-553-0869.

Did you know...

...that in 2008 our Stewardship Ministry sent \$21,000 to over 14 causes such as the Urban Ministry Center and Samaritan Counseling?
...that in 2008 our World Services Ministry gave \$28,000 to over 18 organizations?
...that our Session just allocated an additional \$10,000 for Crisis Assistance, and another \$10,000 to a contingency fund for needy families?

We need your continued support.



catching up with SPY

Sharon Presbyterian Youth



Middle School ends year with Lock-In Party

The Middle School SPY wrapped up its year with ice skating, pizza, a movie, and lock-in at the church on May 15. Nineteen youth enjoyed the fun and fellowship. Special thanks are extended to all who helped with the event and throughout the year. We will begin meeting again in the fall and invite all middle schoolers to join the fun.



As one of their service projects the Confirmation Class and mentors spent a chilly Saturday in March helping with landscaping around the church campus.

Thank you for help with SPY Silent Auction/BBQ

The Senior High Youth would like to send a heart-felt thanks to everyone who helped make this year's silent auction and BBQ a huge success. If it weren't for the generous donations and enthusiastic purchases of our church family, we'd still have a long way to go to raise funds for this year's mission trip. Instead, we're \$4,000 closer toward our goal! And we can't forget those who worked long hours behind the scenes: the Stanford family, makers of delicious BBQ; and Tim and Sarah Brown, event planners extraordinaire. Thank you all for your support!

Graduates to be honored

Our high school seniors will be honored with a breakfast on Sunday, June 7, at 9:00 a.m. in the Charles Little Activity Building, and during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. All graduates are asked to email jane@sharonpcusa.org as soon as possible with information about your high school and your future plans.



Please remember in prayer our Senior High Youth as they prepare for their mission trip to Bridgeton, New Jersey, in July. Seventeen youth and five adult leaders will be participating.



Sunday, May 31, 2009,
after worship
**Church Family Picnic
in the Grove**
Cookout for all,
reservations not needed
Entertainment by Jim Terrell
and the Rea Road
Blue Grass Band
Dress casually for worship
Drop off your blanket and lawn
chairs before worship
Rain date is June 7



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Rev. Ron Nelson, *Associate Pastor*

Dee Osbourne-Smart, *Seminary Intern*

David Mayo, *Director of Music*

Linda Mayo, *Assoc. Dir. for Children's Music*

Sandy Breaux, *Organist*

Jane Crutchfield, *Admin. Assist.*

Scottie Trapp, *Fin. Secretary*

Bill VanDeBogart, *Church Sexton*

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