

### **Brownie Troop Parent Information Meeting**

*Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:45 am, Parlor*

Please join us for “**What it means to be a Girl Scout**”. We will start with a light lunch in the gym, followed by a meeting in the Parlor to share all that is great about Girl Scouts! There will be a presentation about Girl Scouting followed by a Q & A session. Plan to bring your daughter with you to enjoy some exciting Girl Scout activities with a group of graduating seniors from Girl Scout Troop 1460; a troop that has been sponsored by Sharon Presbyterian Church for the past thirteen years. For more information contact Sherry Meacham at [sherryomeacham@gmail.com](mailto:sherryomeacham@gmail.com).

### **Sonatas and Rhapsodies**

*Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm, Sanctuary*

Come out and enjoy an afternoon of classical music right here in our sanctuary! Our own Dennis Anderson will perform a clarinet recital with Dr. Greg Thompson, and special guest artist Hubert “Tex” Arnold, composer and pianist. Works by Debussy, Brahms, Bernstein and more will be featured. **Admission is free!** We sincerely hope you’ll be able to attend and support this labor of love.

### **Weekday School Summer Camp: Active Fun!** – July 9<sup>th</sup> thru August 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:25 am – 12:50 pm

Sharon Presbyterian Weekday School is excited to host our annual summer camp. Join us every **Tuesday**, **Wednesday** and **Thursday** as we explore our world through *Active Fun*. We will have tons of summer activities, crafts and more! New this year – we have extended our pick up to 12:50 pm and students will eat lunch at school. Parents will pack lunches and we will not have mid-day snacks. For registration forms, visit our website at [www.sharonpcusa.org/preschool](http://www.sharonpcusa.org/preschool) or contact Jennifer Hulighan, Weekday School Director, at [spws@sharonpcusa.org](mailto:spws@sharonpcusa.org).

### **Summer League Softball** – June – August, Mondays & Fridays, 6:15 pm, Ball Field

Join us for a little exercise and friendly rivalry amongst the South Charlotte Softball league, about 30 teams from all denominations. The registration fee is \$50 and the minimum age is sixteen. **Hurry, the registration deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Anyone interested contact Keith Mason at [hk.mason@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:hk.mason@cms.k12.nc.us) or 704-458-7813.

### **Vacation Bible School** – August 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, Entire Campus

Join us for VBS as we go on an epic African adventure that engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids will explore God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. To sign up, visit <http://bit.ly/spcvbs2019>. For additional questions, contact Lauren Wheatley at 803-312-1073 or [lauren.c.wheatley@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.c.wheatley@gmail.com).



## **Sharon Presbyterian Church**

**May 5, 2019**

### **Third Sunday of Easter**

#### **MUSIC AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER**

Feel free to visit the coffee station as we prepare for worship.

#### **THE PEOPLE SING**

*Indescribable*

*How Great Is Our God*

#### **READING**

Psalm 30:8-12

#### **THE PEOPLE SING**

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

#### **GREETING**

#### **THE WORD**

Scripture

Acts 9:1-20

Sermon

Dr. Rob Blumer

*“The Gospel at Risk”*

#### **RESPONSE OF FAITH**

#### **COMMUNION**

#### **CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sign and Pass the Friendship Pad

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **BENEDICTION**

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#### **Today’s Worship Leaders:**

Dr. Rob Blumer, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Ron Nelson, *Associate Pastor*

Martin Pruitt, *Director of Youth*

Lynn Hager, *Keyboardist*

Ron Aldridge, *Music Director for Morning Song*

**Congratulations** to Billy and Hannah Morse in the birth of a daughter, Ellis Leigh Morse, who was born on April 14, 2019

**Deepest sympathy** is extended to Tricia Platts in the death of her father, Troy Martin, who died on April 23, 2019.

**Please remember in prayer:** *in the hospital:* Josie Tiller (St. Jude); *recently discharged from the hospital:* Emily Houpt, Mary Baker (White Oak of Rock Hill); *those at home:* Sylvia Burke, Carol Ann Allen, Ray Shrum, Tricia Davis (Sharon Towers Health Care), Darie Lapp, Starr Bennett, Roger Suiter (Sharon Towers Health Care), Chris Price, Cheryl Davis, Grier Stanford, Jimmy Blanchard (Elaine Eichler's brother), The Robson Family (Weekday School family), and our homebound members; Jeremy and Luta Garbat-Welch (PCUSA Missions in Malawi); Our Mission Partners in Peru; Chenoa Stock and José Luis Claure (PCUSA Missions in Peru). The prayer list is reset on the second Monday of each month. To submit or resubmit a prayer request, please contact Ron Nelson ([ron@sharonpcusa.org](mailto:ron@sharonpcusa.org)). By request, prayer concerns may remain private and will not appear in the published list.

**Wednesday Bible Study** – *Now through May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 am, Gathering Room 202*  
The Women's Bible Study will begin a new study on "The Miracles of Jesus" by Jessica LaGrone. Questions, please contact Carol Howie at [chowie723@gmail.com](mailto:chowie723@gmail.com) or 704-578-3350.

**Do you have any feedback you would like to share with our church's Facilities Subcommittee?** Have you noticed a light out, a leaking faucet, or a limb hanging in a tree? If you know of an issue, please help us to be aware so that we can make plans to address the matter. Simply send an email to [spcfacilities@sharonpcusa.org](mailto:spcfacilities@sharonpcusa.org), and we will follow up. Thanks for helping us to be good stewards of the buildings and land with which God has blessed us!

**Children and Youth Music Program**  
*Sundays, Chapel Room 302*  
**Please note that rehearsals will not be held Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Grace Notes 11:45 am until 12:15 pm  
Full Measure 4:30 to 5:30 pm  
Please contact Kristine "Kiki" Neale if you have questions or need more information  
[lesneales@yahoo.com](mailto:lesneales@yahoo.com).

## **Children and youth Sunday School Class Schedule**

Unit 5: May 5 - May 12

Kindergarten through seventh grade will meet in classrooms upstairs in the Chapel. High School youth meets in Gym Room 1.

## **Confirmation Sunday**

*Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am, Sanctuary*

At this special worship service, we will honor the hard work that our Confirmation class of 2019 has done and celebrate with them as they join the Church. This year our class has been lead faithfully by *Susan Milkey, Brittany Mercado & Amanda Knepp*. Join us on Confirmation Sunday as we recognize **Max Doak, Jay Knepp, Carter Pesta, Lowell Barefoot, Grace Busby, and Alyssa Micheau**.

## **Just Jesus: From Social Justice to Social Change**

*Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, Myers Park Baptist, 6:30 pm;*

*Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, Myers Park Presbyterian, 6:30 pm*

Join us for a public lecture exploring the importance of converting a passion for social justice into a movement for social change, featuring Rev. Dr. Traci Blackmon and Rev. Jim Wallis. The program is sponsored by Union Presbyterian Seminary's Center for Social Justice and Reconciliation. Dr. Blackmon will give the first lecture **May 5<sup>th</sup> at Myers Park Baptist Church**, located at 1900 Queens Road, Charlotte, NC, across the street from Queens University. The lecture will take place in the **sanctuary, starting at 6:30 pm**. Following the lecture, a reception will be held at the church. Rev. Wallis will give the second lecture on **May 6<sup>th</sup> at Myers Park Presbyterian Church**, at 2501 Oxford Place, Charlotte. This lecture will take place in the **sanctuary, starting at 6:30 pm**. Following the lecture, a reception will be held in the church's Welcome Center. For more information, contact Dr. Rodney Sadler at [rsadler@upsem.edu](mailto:rsadler@upsem.edu).

## **Red Cross Bloodmobile**

*Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am -1:00 pm, Gym*

We would like to encourage everyone who can give blood to join us! We will be signing up donors before and after services in the narthex on April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>, or you can call Letty or Dave Latta at 704-321-3420.

## **Weekday School Spring Fundraiser**

*Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 pm, Playground*

Please join us for a fun night as we enjoy the new playground and visit with SPWS families. We will have a bounce house and a food truck. Bring a blanket if you plan to picnic!

## Mother's Day Flower Arrangement

On Mother's Day, May 12, the flower arrangement will be in honor/memory of mothers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place your money/check with the form in the offering plate by Sunday, May 5. Make your check payable to Sharon Presbyterian Church and designate for Mother's Day Arrangement. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on Mother's Day, May 12. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangement will be given to the Sharon Presbyterian Church Weekday School.



### Mother's Day Flower Arrangement

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My name & phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## *The 2019 Confirmation Class*

Richard Lowell Barefoot, III; son of Stella and Rich Barefoot

Grace Kathlyn Busby, daughter of Rachel and Taylor Busby

Maxwell Greer Doak, son of Marcy and Travis Doak

James Dennis Knepp, son of Amanda and Jim Knepp,

Alyssa Tate Micheau, daughter of Kathy and Michael Micheau

Carter David Pesta, son of Joni Pesta

## *Confirmand Faith Statements*

### **Lowell Barefoot**

I believe that God is our Lord and Savior and He created all so we owe Him our life. I believe that God has endless love for each and every single human. God created all so He doesn't have to provide us with salvation yet He loves us so much that he still does. He listens to all of us and cares for us. God uses the bad things in our life to greater our faith and relationship with Him. I believe that Jesus was sent to the earth by God to die on the cross for our sins. Jesus is the physical representation of God the Father. When Jesus first came to earth He came as the lamb, and when He comes back He will be the lion and everyone will know that Christ is real and has risen. When Jesus was on the earth the Jews wanted Him as their physical king to destroy Rome, but He was here to be their spiritual king and guide them through their walk with Christ. I know that the Holy Spirit works in miraculous ways and is always with us through the bad and good things in life to guide us in our spiritual walk with the Lord. I believe that the church is a sanctuary where people come together and bring friendship, kindness, and love for each other. Above all that I believe that the church is a place for worship. I know that the Presbyterian core values are worship together and friendship. To me the Presbyterian Church is a community brought together by God. My faith is very important to me. I think that it signifies who I am and how I act. I believe my duty as a Christian is to have a Christ-like character to lead others to Christ. Christians should love one another despite their differences and their story because in the end God made us all.

### **Grace Busby**

God is the Heavenly Father who watches over everyone. He loves me and everyone else in the world no matter what. God also forgave us of our sin. I know him from the Bible, songs, and his miracles, and he knows me. I believe Jesus is the mighty son of God and is the Messiah of God's people. I believe he was crucified on the cross and rose from the dead 3 days later. He loved all people big and small and is very caring and kind. He believed in the act of doing good things instead of just thinking them. To me, my faith means following God's word, believing in him, and trusting him. As a Christian, I should be doing God's work, spreading his ideas, and in general being a positive member of my community. I will bring his word with me and share it wherever I go, as it will remind me of how I should live my life.

### **Max Doak**

I believe in God who created all things in this world, and God is Lord of all. I believe God sent His son Jesus to earth as a human to teach us about God. Jesus was crucified and died for our sins, and he was raised from the dead. I believe we are to follow in Jesus' footsteps by spreading the word of God, loving, and helping others. I believe the Bible is where we learn about God and how God wants us to live our lives today. The church is a place where we go and worship God with other people. For me, faith is knowing that God is always there for me. I know God watches over me and forgives me for my sins. God provides for me every day, and I am able to grow closer to God through the daily events of my life. I believe God gives everything a purpose in life, and my purpose is to love others and help spread the word of God.

### **Jay Knepp**

I believe that God created everything and rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day. God created us in his image, loves us more than we deserve and listens to my prayers.  
I believe that Jesus is the Messiah...the son of God who died on the cross for our sins and I know he will come again. His name has power.  
I believe in the Holy Trinity and know that the Holy Spirit is a part of it along with God the Father and God the Son...where all parts are equally important.  
I believe a church is not just a building...but the feeling and the community inside that building. And when we get to take communion, the bread and wine are symbols of Jesus' blood and flesh. And even though we are already forgiven when we sin, we should apologize so that God knows we know that we have done wrong.  
God *knows* us, he *loves* us and wants us to love him back and my *duty* as a Christian is to show respect for God and Jesus in whatever I do.

### **Alyssa Micheau**

I believe that God is my guide through the rough times and leads me to do the right thing. Church and the bible tells me about God and how to follow God. I believe he has a plan for everyone including me. God's plan for me is to be the best person I can possibly be and to help spread his name and lead others to do good.

I believe in the father, the son, and the Holy Ghost. I believe that God is the father, Jesus is the son, and the Holy Ghost is the spirit of Christianity that is always around us and that leads us to the right thing. I believe that the father, the son, and the Holy Ghost are three different things, but they all come from the same source which is God. I believe that Jesus came to save us from our sins. Before Jesus came, the world was full of sin. Jesus was sent by God in order to save us from our sins. Jesus died on the cross for us to cleanse the world of our sins.

My duty as a Christian is to live in God's name and to spread the light of Christianity as much as possible. I feel that being a part of a church will open me up to more opportunities and allow me to grow and improve in my faith. I believe that the Presbyterian Church fits me and my faith because it is more engaging to me and my style of learning. I believe that someone who doesn't go to church can still be a Christian but I also believe that having a good church community is a good source of many opportunities. At Sharon Presbyterian, I am offered with so many amazing opportunities that help me grow as a Christian.

Throughout my confirmation journey I have learned so much about how important it is to have a good relationship with God. I believe this is a perfect opportunity for me to further my relationship with God and become a passionate member of our church.

### **Carter Pesta**

I believe Jesus was God's son and I feel that God loves us with all of our faults. And that He gave us his son to help us believe. When I was younger, I used to pray to God for answers. God doesn't give us answers. He gives us strength and the ability to try and find them on our own. We are not always successful or understand what he is trying to say to us. We just need to have faith in Him. And as a Christian I believe my duty is to help other people believe as well.