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Sharing God's Grace with All

Shady Grove, Methodists since the 1700's

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"THE CHAIN"

Many people, like my family, vacation this time of year around water. Beaches are popular destinations. Complete strangers arrive at the beach and pick out "their spot". They place their beach bag, maybe a beach blanket or chair and more. Life is good but not for the Ursrey Family on Saturday, July 8 at Panama City Beach, Florida.

Mom and dad left their children swimming in the ocean but when mom turned around, she saw her children struggling and screaming for help. Like any parent, they swam to them, along with the grandmother and cousins until everyone was in distress in 15 feet of water. When almost all hope was lost by the mom, complete strangers responded.

Eighty (80) people, some could not swim, formed a human chain. It stretched over 100 yards. A strong swimmer was the last link and assisted each family member. One by one, the family members moved along the human chain to the safe shore. The picture above is the human chain.

As Christians, we are a human chain, anchored firmly in the love of Christ. We are linked together through the Holy Spirit. We are stronger together than as individuals. We can do so much more together than as individuals. Like the human chain in the ocean, we are called to take risks by extending ourselves into the world to reach out and pluck up others who are in distress, who do not know the love of Jesus and who are struggling through life. Like the human chain, these people may be complete strangers who do not look or talk like us.

This story of the human chain is beautiful but none more beautiful than the love of Christ in a true community of faith. Come Sunday and link up with the love of Christ.

With the Love of Christ,

Rev. Bob Vincent

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 23, 2017

The Prelude: "Lead On, O King Eternal"	Gregg Sewell
The Chiming of the Hour: "Praise To God"	Matt Powers
Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship: "Praise God"	Thomas Ken
*The Hymn: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"	UMH 694
*Prayer of Confession and Pardon	
(All) Dear God,	
For the times I believe I am better than others — forgive me.	
For the times I put my ways on a pedestal to the neglect of others — forgive me.	
For the times I feel no discomfort in judging others before I even know them — forgive me.	
For the ease with which I label people "them" and "other" — forgive me	
<i>(silent prayers of personal confession)</i>	
(Pastor) God hears. God cares. God forgives.	
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.	
(Congregation) In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.	
(All) Glory to God! Amen!	
Anthem: "Song of Peace"	Jay Althouse
Minister: O Lord open thou our lips	
People: And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.	
Minister: Praise ye the Lord.	
People: The Lord's name be praised.	
The Epistle Lesson	Romans 8:12-25
*Psalter: Psalm 139:1-12 (Choral Response)	UMH 854
*The Affirmation of Faith (Apostles Creed)	UMH 881
*The Gloria Patri	UMH 70
Children's Moments	Reverend Robert Vincent
Prayer Concerns and Praise Reports	Reverend Robert Vincent
Choral Prayer of Meditation: "Out of the Depths"	Choir
Pastoral Prayer	Reverend Robert Vincent
The Lord's Prayer	Reverend Robert Vincent
*The Hymn: "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"	UMH 418
The Gospel Lesson	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Sermon	Reverend Robert Vincent
Prayer of Discipleship	Reverend Robert Vincent
The Offering	
Offertory: "The King of Love"	Harry Rowe Shelley
*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	Doxology, UMH 95
*Closing Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"	UMH 384
*The Benediction by the Minister with congregational response	
*The Response: "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"	UMH 664
Postlude	

*congregation standing please

LAY LEADERS

Reader: Lesley Lampert

Greeter: Elaine Bouknight

Ushers: Boogie Bouknight

Counters: Margaret Free & Tina Dinkins

Acolyte: Alyssa Jordan

Cross Bearer: Bailey Vincent

WELCOME

To those who worship with us we ask one question: Has God touched your life? Those of us who worship and minister at Shady Grove pray that your worshipping with us has brought you closer to the Christ whom we have learned to love and serve; and that the Holy Spirit may fill your life with the love, joy and peace of Jesus Christ. ***Please let us know of your presence by completing a visitor's card and placing the card in the offering plate.***

OUR PASTORAL MINISTRY

Homebound: Nettie Derrick, Ruth Lever, Richard and Dot Lever

Other: Amy Price (brain cancer-Susan Vincent's friend), **Amy Dyer, Bidney Watts** (heart and kidney problems), **Landon Derrick** (child with brain tumor), **Lisa Jarvis, Jack Ripley** (brother-in-law of Joe Dailey), **Jake** (Walt and Anne Richardson's grandson), **Bob Brown** (hip), **Lorraine Boltin** (Ashley Boltin's grandmother-hospice), **Jofreida Hooker** (shoulder), **Tommy Runge** (cancer-Sue Dyches' father-in-law), **Russell Wise's mom** (lung cancer and treatments), **Martha Kinney** (asthma attack), **Johnny Morgan** (recovering at home), **Marie Bollinger** (carotid artery surgery), **Family of Seth Thomas** (Peru Missionary died-Hixson family), **Pam Price's sister** (surgery), **Family of David Townsend** (death of wife), **Randy Bradley** (back problems), **Rion Hubbard and Family, Ann Miller, Family of Paul Cheezem, John Harubin** (experimental treatment), **Family and friends of Gail Schwartz** (due to her passing-friend of Lesley Lampert), **Norma Evans** (pneumonia-friend of Louise Taylor)

July 16 RECORD

General Budget Given*	\$1,057.00	Total Budget for 2017	\$183,564.00
Total Given to Date	\$84,813.05	% of Year	55.8%
Under YTD	\$17,559.18	% of Budget Given	50.8%
Building Maintenance Dividend	\$0.00	Apportionments Paid to Date	\$11,361.00
Other Funds Given	\$35.00 (flowers)		
*Weekly Giving Needed	\$3,530.08	Apportionments Budgeted for 2017	\$22,722.00

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Worship Service: 56

Sunday School: 14



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Miriam Monts - July 23

Charlie Kaminer - July 26

Jennifer Shearouse - July 29

Vacation Bible School (Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade)

Jul 31 - Aug 4 (Monday - Friday), 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.



Please register on the church website:

<http://sgumch.org/VBSRegistration/VBSRegistration.html>

[For more information, call Diana Gantt \(803\) 414-6549.](http://sgumch.org/VBSRegistration/VBSRegistration.html)

Vacation Bible School setup is scheduled for July 30th at 3:00 pm. Come join us for a

Heroes event!

Sharing God's Love School Needs Drive Please help our children get ready for the upcoming school year. We need backpacks, gently used children's clothing, and shoes. We are also collecting black and white composition notebooks, loose leaf notebook paper, 8 or 10 count washable markers, 2 pocket solid colored folders, 12 count colored pencils, 3x5 & 4x6 ruled index cards, glue sticks, yellow highlighters, #2 pencils, large pink erasers, red pens, protractors, and 1" & 2" three ring binders. Donations may be dropped off at Sharing God's Love at (Monday -Saturday from 9am-12 pm). Many thanks and God Bless! Shari Selke, Director, 147 Friarsgate Blvd., Irmo, SC 29063, p. 803.732.3188, sharinggodsllove.net

Thank You! Thank you for all those filling in for me while on vacation. A special thanks to Bridgette Gruber for leading our 10:30 traditional worship service. Pastor Bob

Church Calendar Our Administrative Assistant is responsible for updating the church calendar. If you have an event you would like to have added to the church calendar or if you need to change/update an entry that is already on the calendar, please contact the church office at (803) 781-4832 or email sgumch@bellsouth.net.

Sharing God's Love has a very special event they would like to share with you. To experience the Solar Eclipse on Monday, August 21, Woodmen Life has graciously opened Woodmen Life Park, 2000 Johnson Marina Road, Chapin for us to view this awesome event. It will be a casual picnic with food provided. They are accepting donations of non-perishable food items and money. The event will be from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. **Please let them know if you plan to attend.** Don't forget to take your "eclipse-solar glasses" and lawn chairs. Sharing God's Love, 147 Friarsgate Blvd., Irmo, SC 29063, 803.732.3188.

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	8:30 AM	The Way Service - Family Life Center
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
TUESDAY	7:30 PM	The Way Band Practice - Family Life Center
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting - Fellowship Hall
WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM	Intercessory Prayer Group - Church Office
	7:15 PM	Choir Practice - Sanctuary



JULY 31 - August 4

DINNER 5:30 PM, VBS 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

SIGNUP FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NOW!

2 Ways to Signup: Online (www.sgumch.org) or Bulletin Insert

Child's Name(s): _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____