

# Meet Us



## AT SHANDON



### SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:45 a.m.: Traditional  
Rev. Smoke Kanipe

**SERIES:**  
*All I Need to Know  
I Learned in Quarantine*

**APRIL 26:** *Suffering Builds  
Character... Sometimes*  
Psalm 22:1-19, Romans 5:1-5

11:05 a.m.: LifeLine  
Rev. James Grubb

**APRIL 26:** *Welcome Back*  
Based on John 21

### WORSHIP ONLINE

■ 8:45 a.m.: Live-stream  
■ 11:05 a.m.: LifeLine online  
Services will remain online  
to watch anytime.

**View both services at:**  
[www.youtube.com/user/SUMCLifeLine](http://www.youtube.com/user/SUMCLifeLine)

## MUSICAL TREATS

ON APRIL 19, 26, AND MAY 3 WE ARE FOCUSING ON SOME OF THE  
LIFE LESSONS WE'VE BEEN LEARNING DURING THE PANDEMIC ...

*Worship with us online.*

- the importance of slowing down,
- the role of suffering in our lives,
- the irreplaceable value of our connection to other people.

This Sunday we will have special musical treats in both our online worship services:

■ In our sanctuary service Tamara Silva and Eddie Huss will bring us the Shandon premier of a brand new, "hot off the press" hymn. Father Michael Joncas is a Catholic priest and prolific composer of liturgical music. Best known as the composer of "On Eagle's Wings," Father Joncas woke up in the middle of the night on March 25 haunted by the coronavirus crisis. What came out of his struggle was a prayer for the pandemic that paraphrases Psalm 23. It is called "Shelter Me":

*Shepherd and sheep, my God and I; to fresh green fields led my steps in days gone by.*

*You gave me rest by quiet springs and filled my soul with peace your loving presence brings.*

*(Refrain) O shelter me, O shelter me; the way ahead is dark and difficult to see.*

*O shelter me, O shelter me; all will be well if only you will shelter me.*

*Yet now I tread a different way; death dogs my path with stealthy steps from day to day. I cannot find your peaceful place, but dwell in dreary darkness, longing to see your face. (Refrain)*

*I will look back in days to come and realize your faithfulness has led me home. Within your house I'll find my peace, trusting that in your mercy you have sheltered me. (Refrain)*

■ In our LifeLine service Mike Briggs, who has been a huge part of LifeLine for many years, will sing on one of the worship songs. Mike has been out lately with health issues, and it will be a joy to have him back with us!

Stay safe and stay connected in these difficult days!  
Grace and peace, Smoke

## SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

As a feature of our Life Lessons During Quarantine sermon series, we'd like to hear what you've been learning or re-learning.

Send your thoughts to our communications director, Melanie Owen, at [mowen@shandon-umc.org](mailto:mowen@shandon-umc.org).

## BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!

**Friends, beware of rogue emails that look like they are from me asking you for money. –**

It's all too simple for crooks to create an email account and attach someone else's name to it. Pastors are good targets because we're in the business of helping people, and I'm not the only pastor in town to whom this has happened this week.

Please be assured that the chances of my asking you directly for money are virtually nil. But if I ever needed to approach you about something like that, I would call you personally – not send an email. Also, if you see a suspicious email, look carefully at the address. If it's not my church email address, you know it's not from me.

If you received a rogue email from "revsmokekanipe@gmail.com" this week, do not reply, and block the sender.

Pastor Smoke

## WHEN WILL WE BE BACK TOGETHER?

**At this point there is no way to predict a timetable for returning to worship and church activities.**

We will be following the guidance of our leaders. This week Bishop Holston has asked that all our congregations continue to suspend in-person worship through May 20, with further instructions to come. Also, Dr. Linda Bell, State Epidemiologist, has stated that there should be no large gatherings until there has been a very significant drop in new COVID-19 cases for a period of two weeks.

So, as much as we long to be back together, we find ourselves in a time of exile – a time of waiting and hoping and praying. We will continue to update you as we move forward in this unprecedented situation.

## THANK YOU

**Dear Shandon Family,**

**During this difficult time of separation, on behalf of all the LifeLine musicians, video and audio team, children's sermon presenters and myself, I'd like to say a sincere "Thank You!" for your support and wonderful comments.**

Your encouragement and kind words have meant the world to us all. We are so grateful that we've been able to continue to worship together via online services. But, it is so powerful how you have shared with us how these simple services have impacted you and your families.

We look so forward to being together in person. Until then, we will continue to worship and praise the God who will carry us through this time.

Be Bless and Bless Others, Pastor James

**Thank you...** for your wonderful and heartwarming comments about our 8:45 a.m. live-stream traditional service as well. We have loved the pictures you've sent in with your families worshipping together and greatly appreciate you sharing them with us. We are a blessed church. We could not do our online services without the support from the musicians and singers, our video and audio team, children's sermon presenters, and speakers.



## CHILDREN'S FACEBOOK EVENTS

**Join us on Facebook Sunday morning for a Bible story and music time.** Content will be available to view anytime beginning on Sunday. You can view the Children's Facebook page without having a Facebook account too.

**Visit:** <http://www.facebook.com/sumcfriends> and be sure to "Like" and "Follow" our page!

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **April 26:** Bible Story Time
- **April 29 at 5:00 p.m.:** Introduce your pet/stuffed animal
- **May 3:** Bible Story Time
- **May 6 at 5:00 p.m.:** Bingo Live!

Please note: Registration is required for live events.

## WE NEED YOU!

Are you missing out on being able to share God's word with our children? We have the perfect opportunity for you! If you're interested in participating as a storyteller, please email Heather at [hcorley@shandon-umc.org](mailto:hcorley@shandon-umc.org) or Susan at [scurran@shandon-umc.org](mailto:scurran@shandon-umc.org). We will take care of the details.

## YOUTH

**7th-12th graders, join us online...**

- **Mondays:** Social Media Weekly Devotion (Facebook & Instagram)
- **Wednesdays:** Co-ed Small Group Study 6:00-6:45 p.m.
- **Thursdays:** "Office Hours" Zoom Hangout 3:00-3:30 p.m.
- **Sundays:** "Sunday Night Live" 6:00-6:45 p.m.

For information, contact Jamie McCutcheon at [jmccutcheon@shandon-umc.org](mailto:jmccutcheon@shandon-umc.org)

## UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS

**Copies of the Upper Room devotional are available in the portico outside of the Bruner Building (on the parking lot side). First come, first serve.**

We are inviting persons to prayerfully consider making a payment of up to \$2 for each Upper Room devotional book that they receive.

- Checks (made payable to SUMC and marked "Christian Education" in the memo line) may be mailed to the church.
- You can also text SUMC AND AMOUNT (with a space and no dollar sign, ie: Sumc 25) to 73256 and follow prompts. Select "Devotionals – Upper Room" from the drop down list. Please do not leave cash or checks unattended.

## GIVE ONLINE

The work of the church goes on, even if we can't worship together on Sundays. We need your faithful stewardship in this time. Shandon has the following giving tools available for you:

Our online giving services through our secure Realm/ACS database may be especially useful to you at this time:

### Give Online:

<https://onrealm.org/shandonumc/-/give/now>

### Text-to-Give:

Text 73256 and simply enter Sumc and a dollar amount, e.g., Sumc 25. Follow the prompts.

## GIFTS – OPERATING BUDGET

### Month of March

Revenues: \$167,607  
Expenses: \$172,509  
Net (Loss): \$(4,902)

### Year-to-Date 2020

Revenues: \$580,795  
Expenses: \$592,456  
Net (Loss): \$(11,661)

## OUTREACH

■ **Outreach would like to thank you for the Lenten offerings that have been received.** You have been most generous during this challenging time and many communal organizations have benefitted. While some of the monies from the Lenten offering continue to come in, it appears we will be able to give approximately \$3000 to each of the four offerings – maybe a little more. They include: Homeless No More/Family Shelter, Epworth Children's Home, Family Promise and El Salvador. Again, thank you for your bold generosity during an unprecedented global pandemic.

■ **During this time, some of you have called and emailed to ask what you can do.** Homeless No More/Family Shelter and Epworth Children's Home are Shandon's signature ministries as appointed by church council.

■ For now, our Epworth welcome basket collections are on hold until at least May as both Shandon and Epworth remain closed currently to the public. If you have collected items, please continue to keep them at your home. Also if you're able to purchase items for the baskets through internet orders, we will plan to deliver them when things return to a more normal status.

### Plastic Laundry Basket filled with the following:

Twin Sheet Set, Twin Comforter, Pillow, Blanket, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Chapstick, Umbrella

■ With so many experiencing job losses during the pandemic, and many needing assistance for the first time, Homeless No More/Family Shelter is indeed at the front lines and seeing needed increases. The agencies that have contacted us personally for assistance are: Homeless No More and Family Promise. While they are not accepting volunteers – they are needing consistent monetary donations given the uptick of housing insecurity.

■ Agencies that are accepting volunteers that have contacted us are Harvest Hope Food Bank and Transitions. While food donations are accepted to Harvest Hope, because of government grants they can actually purchase food direct at a much lower price than can be purchased by the average consumer. As such, monetary donations to their organization go farther in the provision of food.

■ We have also had individual needs arise from people needing assistance with food, electricity, car payments, etc. At Shandon, we made the decision to refer those to Cooperative Ministries so they can provide a more comprehensive approach to assistance which may include Social Workers or Financial Planners, etc. The Outreach Committee gives a sizeable portion of our budget to them.

■ The Outreach Committee has heard from our Haiti clinic staff and ministers in Jeremie, and they are dispersed on the ground and are providing care in the most needful of circumstances. Dr. Hal Crosswell updates us and will be ready to be there with a team when this is all over. El Salvador will look to do likewise.

I want to encourage you as helpers in our community not to be discouraged. Every little bit helps and we can follow Wesley's wisdom in doing "all the good we can" even while that is limited now in some ways. Hopefully, this provides some added clarity in the ways and means to direct assistance and the Shandon never ending spirit of volunteerism. Should you have questions, you may contact me at: [sbullion@shandon-umc.org](mailto:sbullion@shandon-umc.org).

With Highest Regard, Rev. Shannon.

## GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

**Shandon folks are providing creative outreach and evangelism during this time.**

Stewart Hughes has offered to bake bread free of charge for local charitable organizations. Recently he delivered 42 loaves to Cooperative Ministries. He is currently taking other orders for artisan breads and will deliver, so if you know of any charitable organization or individual in need, please contact Rev. Shannon Bullion at [sbullion@shandon-umc.org](mailto:sbullion@shandon-umc.org) or Stewart directly at 803-404-1093.