



THE VOICE

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COOL IT!

Our congregation has a great gift — our endowed Shandon United Methodist Foundation (managed by our Board of Trustees). The legacy of many generous friends, our Foundation encompasses several funds designated for specific ministry areas of the church. Because of the Foundation, what might have been "crises" for other congregations have been "opportunities" at Shandon.

In recent years, we have been able to use our Foundation Property account to fund a number of major, urgent facilities repairs, thereby saving money for future expenses as anticipated in our Facilities Assessment Plan.

Repairs over the last several years include:

- Repairing the main sewer line under the Bruner building
- A new roof on the Dunn-Smith building
- Automatic doors around the campus
- 7 new HVAC units across our campus
- A new roof on the DuBose building
- A new elevator in the Bruner building
- Repointing brick work and waterproofing the exterior of all four buildings
- Three new buses

We have been able to mostly limit our use of the Foundation Property account to its earnings, though in a few big years, we have needed to dip into the principal as well. These necessary expenses have brought the account balance down from a high of approximately \$2,191,000 in 2022 to its current balance of approximately \$1,250,000.

This fall, we have our biggest "opportunity" yet. Our sanctuary's air conditioning system, which is approximately 75 years old, needs to be replaced. The scope of this project includes such things as removing existing interior basement and exterior equipment, significant excavating to tear out and refill the existing above and below grade equipment pad/pit areas, replacing the current old technology based refrigerant cooling system -- which is being phased out with recent 2025 environmental regulation mandates -- with a modern chilled water system, upgrading HVAC controls, abating current in-place asbestos and installing new system duct work. **This necessary repair and replacement project is no small undertaking!**

The cost of this project will be approximately \$800,000. Funding the new AC system entirely out of the Foundation Property account will reduce that account to a level lower than the Trustees feel is prudent, knowing that there will be more expenses down the road. So, the Trustees are inviting us to "Cool It" to help defray the cost to the Foundation.

This "Cool It" initiative is an **extra-mile giving opportunity to invest in Shandon's long-term future.** Your gift will not only keep us cool in the short term but also keep Foundation Property funds available for long-term needs.

Gifts for the "Cool It" initiative may be made by check or online. Checks should be payable to Shandon UMC, with "Cool It" written on the memo line. To give online, visit shandonumc.org/give and select "Cool It" from the drop-down menu. For further information, please contact Nancy Probst, Business Administrator, in the church office at (803) 256-8383.

Thank you for your love for Shandon and for your generous support!



Rev. Smoke Kanipe
Senior Pastor
skanipe@shandonumc.org

In Memoriam

Here we remember, with love and gratitude, those who have gone before us.

Jennie Hill Owen

February 3, 1923 - August 10, 2025

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Florence, Wilson, and Billy Bartlett

Eric and Carolyn Holgate

In Memory of Jay Blair

Chris, Laura, and Mary Curtis Twitty

In Memory of Steve Brown

Donna and Major Pearman

In Memory of Ben Gaffney

JOY Class

In Memory of Michael Guffee Jr.

Ruthie and Lawrence Taylor

In Memory of Reverend Doyle Henderson

Eric and Carolyn Holgate

In Memory of Russell Herring

Eric and Carolyn Holgate

In Memory of Joseph Lemon

Jeff and Elizabeth Holstein
Murrell and Jody Smith

In Memory of Gordon Hearst Pressly

Anonymous

In Memory of Gene Ulmer

Pegilie Walter

In Honor of Britton Fritts

Anonymous

In Honor of Ed Ringley's 90th Birthday

Steve and Verd Cunningham

Flowers at the Altar

Sunday, September 7

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **John and Jane Brewer** by Bonnie Mullis and Holly Neuffer.

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **Rebecca DuBard Ford Thompson**, aunt of Becky Grantland, by John and Becky Grantland.

Sunday, September 14

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **John D. Beckler** (December 20, 1932 – September 13, 2010) by Pat Beckler and family.

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **Jerry Wayne Smith** by Meg Brooks and family.

Sunday, September 21

The flowers at the altar are given in honor of **Linda and Von Suber** by their grandchildren, Spire and Benjamin Wilson.

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **Frank and Martha Ogburn** by Bill and Kay Ogburn.

The flowers in the narthex are given in honor of **Debbie Blair and Jennie A. Eadon** in celebration of their birthdays by Margaret Blair Miller.

Sunday, September 28

The flowers at the altar are given in honor of the **wedding anniversary of Susan and Jim Brant**.

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **Gene and Trudy Howell** by Judy Johnson.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE DAY

Dr. John H. Dozier, President of Columbia College, will preach at the 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. traditional worship services in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, September 7.**

Columbia College was founded in 1854 by the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Today, it remains affiliated with the United Methodist Church and supported by the South Carolina Conference.



MANNA REFRESHED

Wednesday Night Manna returns with a refreshed look this September. Join us at the table with friends and family as we enjoy new menus of healthy, tasty foods. New recipes, fresh ingredients, and volunteer hosts will be part of our new experience. For the month of September, the Genesis class is underwriting the expense of special foods and ingredients to keep our prices for meals the same as last year.



Plan to join us on Wednesdays, **beginning September 10**, in Player Hall. Meal service is open from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., but you are welcome to enjoy time at the table with friends after the buffet closes. A pre-order of meals is required and is available at shandonumc.org/manna. Menus are planned, but substitutions may occur based on the availability of food supplies. Meals are \$9.00 for an adult and \$4.00 for a child. Childcare is available in the gym from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

We need volunteers each Wednesday to assist with the hospitality for Manna.

- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. We need two table setters to set tables (This is a great service opportunity for children.)
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. We need two hospitality hosts to greet, prepare drinks, and assist guests.

If you are interested in a conversation about helping volunteer with Manna, please contact Lesli Wood at (803) 722-1043 or lwood@shandonumc.org.

STORIES AND SONGS

Faith comes alive when we share our stories with one another. On **Sunday, September 21**, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., join us for an evening of music and the moving faith journeys of Julie and Brian Allen, and Addie and James Thompson.

Childcare for infants through age 3 begins at 5:45 p.m. Children in 4-year preschool through 5th grade are invited to a special program from 5:45 to 7:00 p.m., filled with games, stories, and songs.

Come early for a light, family-friendly meal in Player Hall, served from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. No reservation is needed. Meal cost is \$9.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children.



LIFELINE CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

In 1999, Dr. Guffee charged his Associate Pastor, Rev. Cam Treece, with the task of creating a new worship service at Shandon UMC. Cam pulled a team together to research what other churches were doing with contemporary-style worship services and began building the foundation of the LifeLine Service. A year and a half later, in mid-September 2000, the first service was held in the gym. Mike Briggs formed and led a band, which Cam had instructed to “melt their faces off.” Fortunately, nobody's face was deformed, but hearts and minds were moved.



The service was not without its struggles. Many didn't necessarily see the value of having a “rock-n-roll” service. But Dr. Guffee and Rev. Treece believed that this service provided an opportunity to reach people that the traditional worship services at Shandon would not. Time proved them correct, as LifeLine continues to minister to 150-200 people each Sunday.

I, along with so many other pastors and parishioners throughout the years, am incredibly grateful for the vision, the efforts, and the persistence of those early folks who were willing to take a risk to broaden Shandon UMC's reach and impact for Christ.

We will recognize LifeLine's 25th Anniversary at 11:05 a.m. on Sunday, September 14. We hope you will join us to praise God and thank all those who have contributed to the life and effectiveness of this service and to kick off our next 25 years.

Sincerely,

Rev. James A. Grubb

ALLEN FUND HONORS FALL 2025 RECIPIENTS



The Allen Scholarship Fund was set up to honor Dr. Harvey A. and Judy M. Allen for their years of service in teaching at Shandon UMC. Supported by the congregation through memorials and honorariums, the fund awards grants to qualified students each semester. On Sunday, June 8, 2025, the Allen Fund Committee honored 13 Fall 2025 recipients: Emory Anne Bell, James Owen Cameron, Maddy Curran, Sara Daniels, Davis Dunlap, Michael Graf, Brant Hagler, Amelia Hanshaw, Quentin Hilley, Lilly Ingram, George Oliver, Callie Royson, and Joseph Sorrell. Congratulations to each of these students!





CHRISMON WORKSHOP

Join us around the table on **Sunday, September 7, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.** in Room 223 of the Bruner Building for our third quarterly Chrismon Workshop. While getting to know fellow church members, you'll learn the meaning and craft of Chrismon making. In this session, we'll create one new Chrismon and help you finish any Chrismon from earlier workshops. If you haven't attended before, we'll provide materials for you to complete two Chrismons from past sessions. All materials are provided, but space is limited. Sign up at shandonumc.org/events. For questions, contact Susan Curran at scurran@shandonumc.org or (803) 466-1344.



FALL HENDERSONVILLE TRIP

On **Thursday, September 18**, we are planning a trip to the Hendersonville area. We will enjoy some shopping, have lunch in historic downtown Hendersonville, and then visit a local orchard for apples, cider, and fall treats. We will depart from the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m. There is no cost for the trip, but you will need money for lunch and your purchases. We will be traveling in our newest church bus, and the total travel time each way is about 2 hours and 15 minutes. We will make comfort stops as needed. Please sign up by contacting Susan Curran at scurran@shandonumc.org or sign up on the clipboard across from the reception desk in the Bruner building. As always, friends are welcome, but space is limited.



CONNECTIONS - SAVE THE DATES

- Tuesday, November 18 – Southern Christmas Show, Park Expo Center, Charlotte
- Wednesday, December 3 – Greening Our Faith Wreath Making Class, 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, December 4 – Greening Our Faith Wreath Making Class, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 12 – Connections Christmas Party, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

SHANDON SERVES

Shandon Serves...the community, the congregation, and its children. Thanks to God's faithfulness and your commitment to Shandon, our church provides the opportunity for individuals and families to grow with Shandon throughout their lives.

We are thrilled to launch our 2025 stewardship campaign - focused on the many ways in which Shandon Serves - with brand new merchandise available now for pre-order. Options include a Shandon Serves t-shirt, a Shandon logo t-shirt, and a Shandon logo polo. Pre-order your merchandise from September 1 until September 15 at shandonumc.org/serves.



FALL WOMEN'S EVENT

Join us on **Wednesday, October 1, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** (Childcare will be provided) or **Thursday, October 2, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** in Wesley Hall as Rev. Maggie Cantey teaches us the art of felting. During our time together, materials will be provided for you to create several fall items such as pumpkins, mushrooms, acorns, etc. Felting is fun and easy, and we look forward to seeing your handiwork. Register at shandonumc.org/events.

For questions, contact Susan Curran at scurran@shandonumc.org or (803) 466-1344.



PATH TO MEMBERSHIP - TAKE THE TREK

TREK, Shandon's new member path, is a three-session course to connect you with others new to Shandon, familiarize you with Shandon's campus, discuss topics related to the Christian faith and United Methodist Church, and help you discover opportunities to serve and be served.

September 2025 Course Schedule

Sunday, September 14, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 21, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 24, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

For more information about TREK, please contact Rev. James Grubb at jgrubb@shandonumc.org. Childcare is available at registration. Sign up at shandonumc.org/trek.

SHARE YOUR SHANDON STORY

Share Your Shandon Story: The Stewardship Committee is conducting a one-question anonymous survey to better help us serve you. We would appreciate your participation! Please let us know "How have you been most impacted by Shandon?" by filling out this online survey: shandonumc.org/stories.

MORE JUSTICE GATHERING

You are needed to support MORE Justice in Columbia! **Please join us for a kickoff meeting on Tuesday, September 23, at 6:00 p.m. in Player Hall.**

What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

Shandon is involved in many ministries that "love mercy." Our partnership with MORE Justice gives us the opportunity to comply with God's directive to "do justice." We join 27 congregations in the Columbia area to address serious community-wide problems.



Shandon members involved with MORE Justice have decided to concentrate our efforts on affordable housing. Thousands of families in our community pay more than they can afford in rent and utilities, resulting in evictions, unsafe living conditions, and poor health and academic outcomes.

MORE Justice has made progress in the affordable housing campaign, and our own Sue Kanipe has played an integral role in this process by serving on the Affordable Housing Committee. Richland County has allocated \$4 million to address this concern, and the County Council has created a new committee to explore homeownership and rental affordability programs. **Much more progress is needed.** One great need is the creation of an affordable housing trust.

We need you! Politicians respond to **numbers of individuals** who collectively voice their concerns. Please talk to Biff Sowell, Claire Manning, Sue Kanipe, or Rev. Smoke Kanipe if you have questions; and please join us for this important meeting.

CAPTURING SHANDON IN ACTION

At Shandon United Methodist Church, we celebrate the life of our congregation by sharing photos and videos of worship, fellowship, and service. When you see a photographer with a camera, please continue naturally. We're highlighting authentic life at Shandon. If you prefer your photo not be used in church materials, please contact tanding@shandonumc.org.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CIRCLE MEETINGS

United Women in Faith Circles are small groups of women who meet regularly for fellowship, spiritual growth, and mission-focused service. Each Circle has its own meeting time and style, but all are committed to supporting women, children, and youth through faith and action. All women are invited to join a Circle and get involved.

Circle Meetings will resume in September. If you have questions or would like to get involved, please see the schedule and contact information below:

- Augusta Beckman Circle**
 Meets: Monday after the 1st Tuesday of the month, **September 8** at 3:00 p.m. in Player Hall
 Contact: Diane Bruner, (803) 609-0891 or Jan Sowell, (803) 463-2461
- Mary Campbell Circle**
 Meets: 2nd Tuesday of the month, **September 9**, at 6:00 p.m. in Player Hall
 Contact: Angie Moore, (803) 261-4464
- Naomi & Ruth Circle**
 Meets: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Committed Disciples Classroom (Knox 201)
 The **September 10** meeting will be to plan the yearly service projects.
 Contact: Sara Roberts Ruzensky, (803) 280-0558
- Susanna Wesley Circle**
 Meets: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in various locations.
 The **September 9** meeting will be held at the home of Jennifer Davis.
 Contact: Tiffany Anderson, (803) 479-8838
- Spiritual Growth and Social Action (Sue Kanipe)**
 Inviting all members of circles, Shandon UMC, and guests to join us on **Thursday, October 9**, from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. to discuss the book *Becoming Brave: Finding the Courage to Pursue Racial Justice Now*.
 (Available on Amazon)

SPIRIT IN MOTION: MOVING WITH GOD

Join Health and Wellness for our fall program, "Spirit in Motion: Moving with God," a vibrant program to connect with God through movement and nature. This three-week program emphasizes movement, faith, and fellowship for all fitness levels on three Sundays and three Wednesdays in October. Move your body, lift your spirit, and grow closer to God. No experience needed—just a desire to connect.



Sunday Walks — October 5, 12, and 19, at 4 p.m. - Each Sunday, you can choose one of two stand-alone activities. Come for one, two, or all three Sundays. No registration needed.

Timmerman Trail Walk: Meet at the Fort Congaree Entrance (near Cayce Tennis Courts) for a 2.2-mile paved loop around Congaree Creek. Reflect on weekly scripture verses while enjoying God's creation. Suitable for all levels of walkers and nature lovers.

Mindfulness Walk: Led by Heather Phelps on the Shandon UMC campus. Bring comfortable shoes and a sense of wonder as we mindfully explore our surroundings.

Yoga Class — Wednesdays, October 8, 15, and 22, at 5:30 p.m. will be held in Knox 204 and will be led by Meg Brooks. It is open to all skill levels, and space is limited. Childcare will be available if requested at the time of registration. Registration opens on September 1 at shandonumc.org/events.

FIND community

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS - ADULTS 40S AND 50S

Come visit the newly formed Faith & Fellowship Sunday School Class in room A208 in the Knox building. Join us to deepen your relationship with Christ and connect with other believers in their 40s and 50s. Find support, encouragement, and friendship in this class. Connect with our community through Sunday morning scripturally-based discussions and ongoing opportunities for fellowship and service as we grow together. Our current study, *Christian Character*, by Andrea Stark, includes scripture that outlines Christian character and engages group discussion. Contact Katie Free at (803) 206-4595 or Cindy Cameron at (803) 767-8554 for additional information

DOORWAYS TO GOD - CHRISTIAN ED CLASSES

Experience the warmth of community and deepen your faith through our Doorways adult classes. These sessions offer not just learning but also an opportunity to connect with others. Choose from 18 different studies including Bible studies, parenting support, grief care, and prayer.



- Behind the Scenes of the New Testament
- Changes That Heal
- Disciple I
- Faithful Families - Creating Sacred Moments at Home
- Friday Fun for Women
- GriefShare
- GriefShare - Surviving the Holidays
- Jesus' Parables About Making Choices
- Living Well
- Monday Men's Group - Mere Christianity
- Prayer Group
- The Beatitudes
- The Chosen
- The Christmas Letters: Celebrating Advent with Those Who Told the Story First
- Treasured - An Experience for Moms and Tween Daughters
- Trusting God When Life Hurts
- Turning Your Heart Toward God
- Wednesday Men's Group - Mere Christianity

To register and view a full list of classes, visit shandonumc.org/doorways. If you have questions, contact Ruthie Taylor at rtaylor@shandonumc.org or (803) 318-7484.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All men are invited to join us on **Thursday, September 18**, from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. in Player Hall for our Men's Prayer Breakfast. Chef Tim will provide a delicious full breakfast, followed by a short program. Please join us and bring a friend to be filled with food, fellowship, and faith.

BOOK CLUB MEETING

The Shandon UMC Book Club meets on the third Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is **Thursday, September 18**, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Room 221 on the second floor of the Bruner Building. We are reading *In the Shadow of the Greenbrier* by Emily Matchar. Newcomers are welcome, and our selections span a wide range and are chosen six months at a time. To receive reminders, email Anne Cox at anne41450@aol.com

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS, AGES 23-30

Young professionals ages 23 to 30 seeking fellowship and community are welcome to join the Seekers group for lunch at Taziki's following the 11:00 a.m. and 11:05 a.m. worship services on **September 28**. Please contact Rev. Maggie with questions or to be added to the group email list.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SOUP KITCHEN

Our church has faithfully supported and served in the Washington Street Soup Kitchen for many years, and we are seeking some new volunteers to join our current Shandon UMC team of servers once a month.

Shandon UMC's serving team needs volunteers on the second (2nd) Wednesday of each month to help prepare or serve meals at the Soup Kitchen. There are two shifts of service, each needing four people.

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: Preparing sandwiches

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Packing and serving lunch bags

Volunteer parking is available in the Washington Street UMC parking lot. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering at the Soup Kitchen with our Shandon UMC Team, please contact Dinah Cook at dinahhcook@aol.com.



SERVE MEALS: DREHER HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

We are honored to support the Dreher High School football team by serving pre-game meals again this year. Volunteers are needed to serve meals from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. on Fridays: **September 5, 12, 19, 26, and October 3, 10, 17, 24.** Join us in encouraging and uplifting these student athletes! Sign up at shandonumc.org/events.



GOOD NEWS CLUB

With your continued blessing, our dedicated Good News Club (GNC) Team is excited to begin the GNC and share the love and story of Jesus at Rosewood Elementary School on Thursday afternoons, **October 2 through November 13.** Shandon UMC's Sunday school classes, women's circles, Prayer Team, congregation, and staff have been a huge blessing supporting our club in various ways, including helping with snacks for students at Club meetings, joining our teaching team, and praying for our students. We are thankful. If you are interested in learning more about how to participate or support our Good News Club at Rosewood Elementary School, please contact Joy Stone (joykstone@gmail.com).



STEWARDSHIP: Thank You For Your Faithfulness!

GIFTS - OPERATING BUDGET

Month of July 2025		Year-To-Date 2025	
Revenues:	\$287,802	Revenues:	\$1,708,118
Expenses:	259,541	Expenses:	1,880,916
Net:	\$28,261	Net:	\$(172,798)

WAYS TO GIVE

- 1 IN PERSON**
Give during service or during office hours
- 2 ONLINE**
shandonumc.org/give
- 3 REALM APP**
Find Realm Connect in the app store
- 4 TEXT**
Text 73256 and enter SUMC

QUESTIONS? Contact nprobst@shandonumc.org

WE THANK GOD FOR OUR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS

We thank God for our volunteers who invest their time and effort as Sunday School teachers. Engaging with children through Sunday School can be a rewarding experience for both the adults and the children involved. Every Sunday, from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., a team of dedicated adults spends time with children from infants to 6th grade, helping them build relationships and continue their faith journey. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to know more about the experience of teaching with us, contact Cari Treece at ctreece@shandonumc.org.



2025-2026 Sunday School Leaders

Infant & Toddler: Julie Allen, Daphne Blackstone, Taylor Foy, Ann Gibbes, Mena Gardner, Becky Grantland, Cathy Griffin, Monica Loving, Claire Manning, Jenny May, Lori Yandle

Twos & Threes: Martha Goff, John Grantland, Mary Hellams, Laura Smoak, Susan & Joe Stone, Deb Wood

Fours & Fives: Carolina Allison, Meredith Atkinson, Leah Carll, Jessica Crosland, Katherine Draffin, Terry & John Goodfellow, Catherine Griggs, Kristin Hudson, Dana Klinepeter, Larissa Morris, Leslie & Dayton Riddle, Peter & Mollie Schmolze

1st - 6th grades: Ashli Aslin, Lilla Ann Briggs, Emily & Creston Brown, Caison Boozer, Mary Allison & Spencer Caudell, Dinah Cook, Stephen Draffin, Scott & Rebecca Eddins, Ashley Ervin, Kathryn & Robert Flowers, Andy & Lucy Folsom, Carolyn Hall, Bailey Harman, Margaret Hays, Barrie Justice, Cole Kaliher, Beau & Alle Kaneft, Pat Kirk, William & Mary Elizabeth Mote, Andrew Reed, Elizabeth Ruff, Peter & Mollie Schmolze, Twyla Stowe, Anna Strauss, Marshall & Kathryn Stuckey, Stephanie Thomas, Kevin Watts, Susan Wheeler, Chappell Wilson, Stan Wood

COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEEDS

The Cooperative Ministry provides more than 600 emergency food boxes each year to help feed individuals and families in need. Shandon's Outreach Committee invites you to support this effort by donating non-perishable food items. Donations may be delivered directly to The Cooperative Ministry's clothing bank at 3821 W. Beltline Blvd. (entrance under the portico). Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Thank you for joining us in this important ministry of feeding our neighbors.

Items needed:

Grits
Corned beef hash or beef stew
Box of cereal
Canned vegetables and fruit

Pasta Sauce
Spaghetti noodles
Canned chicken and tuna
Ramen noodle packs

Baked beans
Boxed macaroni & cheese
Dry peas or beans

Senior Resources needs volunteer drivers for Meals on Wheels, as well as non-perishable food items for seniors on the waiting list. Please consider donating items that are easy to open, easy to chew, and require little preparation such as pop-top cans of soup, tuna or chicken, pasta and sauce, chewy granola bars, dried fruit, fruit cups, peanut butter and jelly, powdered or shelf-stable milk, juice boxes (no grapefruit juice), and bottled water. Pet food is also needed for seniors who love their pets. Donations may be delivered to 2817 Millwood Ave. Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Senior Resources also welcomes monetary contributions and gift cards. For more information about Meals on Wheels, call (803) 252-7734, ext. 234.

JOIN A CHOIR AT SHANDON

Shandon offers opportunities for all ages to make music through both vocal and bell choirs. Several groups are beginning rehearsals soon, and you are invited to take part.

- **Celebration Choir** begins Wednesday, September 10, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Music Suite, Bruner Building, Room 206. An optional “Music Basics with Kipp” follows from 6:30 to 6:45 p.m. and is open to anyone who would like to learn or review the basics of reading music.
- **Chancel Choir** rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Music Suite, Bruner Building, Room 206. We are preparing Sunday anthems, music for All Saints Sunday, and Christmas music. A special welcome to our new staff singers, Eleni Nicholas and Cathryn Wittington.
- **Children’s Choirs:** The Cherub Choir (K5–1st grade), led by Jamie Conrad, and the St. Nicholas Choir (2nd–5th grades), led by Amy Martin and Eddie Huss, will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the DuBose Building. Parents are asked to register their chorister before the first rehearsal or at shandonumc.org/music.
- **Wesley Ringers Bell Choir** has two openings this fall. Rehearsals begin Monday, September 8, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Music Suite, Bruner Building, Room 201. The Wesley Ringers play in worship every other month. If you are interested, please email Eddie Huss at ehuss@shandonumc.org.
- **Youth Choir** begins Sunday, September 7, from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. in the Choir Room located in the Bruner Building, Room 206.

ORGAN RECITAL: KIPP GILL

Join us on **Sunday, September 28**, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary as our Organist and Music Associate, Kipp Gill, presents a special organ recital. A reception will follow on the East Lawn.

The program will feature music by Johann Sebastian Bach, Charles-Marie Widor, Calvin Hampton, and Louis Vierne, along with film scores by Michael Giacchino (How to Train Your Dragon) and Hans Zimmer (Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest) in arrangements by acclaimed organist Anna Lapwood. Kipp holds a Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance from Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi, and a Master of Music in Organ Performance from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia.



PATRICIA BECKLER ART GALLERY PLAQUE CEREMONY

On Sunday, August 17, Shandon gathered in the Great Hall for a special ceremony to celebrate the installation of the plaque naming the Patricia Beckler Art Gallery. Friends, family, and members of the congregation gathered to honor Pat Beckler for her tireless advocacy and generous support of the arts at Shandon.



SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. as our children explore God's Word together.

- Infants & Toddlers (1st floor Knox Building)
- 2 & 3 Year-Olds (1st floor Knox Building) – Bible story & songs
- K4 & K5 (1st floor DuBose Building) – Psalms
- 1st–2nd Grades (2nd floor DuBose Building) – Psalms
- 3rd Grade (2nd floor DuBose Building) – Overview of the Bible / Bible skills
- 4th–5th Grades (2nd floor DuBose Building) – Psalms
- 6th Grade (2nd floor DuBose Building) – Genesis

CUB SCOUT ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Do you like camping, hiking, games, and adventure? Then Cub Scouts might be the perfect place for you. Join us on **Sunday, September 7**, at 4:30 p.m. for an ice cream social and LEGO derby. Following the ice cream social, an informational meeting will be held in Player Hall. All children in 5K-5th grade and their parents are welcome. For more information, please contact Dylan Goff at dylan@gofflawgroup.com or (803) 216-1008.

FAMILY BINGO

Join us for bingo, prizes, and dinner on **Friday, September 12**, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in Player Hall. All families are invited. Bring your friends, too! Chicken fingers and french fries will be served – \$6 for adults, \$3 for children (2 & under eat free). Registration is required. No childcare is provided. Register online at shandonumc.org/events.

SIXTH GRADE FELLOWSHIP (6F)

Sixth Graders are invited to join us for the “6F” – Sixth Grade Fellowship event on **Friday, September 12**, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the gym. Our time together will include games, snacks, and a time of devotion and songs. Register by Wednesday, September 10, at shandonumc.org/events. Friends are welcome. Questions? Please contact Lesli Wood (lwood@shandonumc.org).

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Join us on **Sundays, September 14, 21, and 28**, during the 11:00/11:05 a.m. worship services as we embark on the Children's Chapel Series. This special series is designed for families with 4-year-old Preschool, K5, and 1st-grade children. Sessions, while different, are stand-alone. Immediately after the Children's Sermon in worship, participants are invited to join Cari Treece in Player Hall to learn about worship in age-appropriate activities. Parents are to attend these sessions with their children.



SHANDON'S CHILD & YOUTH ABUSE PREVENTION PROCEDURES REMINDER OF THE MONTH:

Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures: Children through 5th grade shall not be dropped off or allowed to walk alone on campus. They shall be escorted by an adult or a youth (6th grade and up). For all children's programs on campus (Infants – 5th grade): The parent/guardian or youth (6th grade and up) will sign in and pick up the child. This includes trips to and from the bathroom. Thank you for your cooperation.



2026 VBS & DAY CAMP DATES:

Save the date for 2026 VBS & Day Camp, which will be held June 1-5.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

All 2nd-12th-grade boys and girls are invited to be a part of the Basketball Ministry of Shandon UMC. The registration fee is \$75. Registration will open on Wednesday, September 17, and will close on Wednesday, October 15, at shandonumc.org/events. Practice will begin in October for grades 6-12 and in November for grades 2-5. Games will begin in November/December.

Interested in coaching? Please email Andy Morris at amorris@shandonumc.org.



SAVE THE DATES: MYF FALL RETREAT

We are planning our MYF Fall Retreat for the weekend of November 7-9, 2025, in the mountains. Stay tuned for more information!

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (MYF)

Methodist Youth Fellowship is the place for 7th through 12th graders to fellowship, play games, and grow in their relationship with Christ. We usually meet on Sundays, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Zone at church. However, please refer to our schedule below for special events and to see what we have planned for each night.

- **September 7:** College Football night! Wear your team's jersey or colors to MYF. We will meet in the Youth Zone from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for dinner, games, and Bible study.
- **September 14:** What is real PEACE? Let's talk about it at MYF. Join us from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for dinner, games, and a Bible study. Invite a friend and hang out.
- **September 21:** We invite youth and their families to join the church for our "Stories and Songs" worship service. We will hear the faith stories of Brian and Julie Allen, as well as James and Addie Thompson. Dinner will be available beforehand in Player Hall at 5:00 p.m., and the worship service begins at 6:00 p.m.
- **September 28:** Pickleball, pickle-flavored drinks... what's the big dill? Join us in the Youth Zone as we try to figure it out from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We will have dinner, pickle-themed games, and a Bible study on the topic of culture.

YOUTH SUNDAY IN LIFELINE

On **September 21**, at the 11:05 Lifeline service, our students will have the privilege of leading our church in worship. Our students will lead through prayer, preaching, Bible reading, serving as ushers, and serving as greeters. We ask that all 7th through 12th graders show up to serve and support their classmates in this service. If you think your student would like to serve in a particular part of the service, please reach out to Andy Morris, Director of Student Ministries, by emailing amorris@shandonumc.org.

SUPPORT *and* care ministries

PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER

Members and members' families, if you have a loss in your family, hospitalization, or prayer concern, please call the church office at (803) 256-8383 and provide us with your information so we may minister to you during your time of need.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: CONFIDENTIAL CARE AND SUPPORT

Stephen Ministry offers one-on-one, confidential support to individuals in our church and community who are experiencing life's challenges. Stephen Ministers are trained lay caregivers who complete 52 hours of instruction in listening, caring, and offering Christ-centered encouragement. They walk alongside others during difficult times with compassion and confidentiality.

If you or someone you know could benefit from a Stephen Minister, please contact Rev. Smoke Kanipe at (803) 722-1063 or skanipe@shandonumc.org.

THANK YOU! 20TH Annual Garage Sale

Thank you to all who helped make our garage sale a huge success! Make sure to mark your calendars; the Clothing and Book Sale returns March 13-14, 2026.





OCTOBER

- Wed. - Thu. 10/1-10/2**
Pumpkin Felting Craft and Connection Workshops*
Wednesday: 6:00-7:30 p.m. - Wesley Hall
Thursday: 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Wesley Hall
- Sun., 10/5**
Blessing of the Animals
 3:00 p.m. - East Lawn
- Sat., 10/11**
Final Seeds of Hope Farmers Market
 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- Sun., 10/26**
Commitment Sunday
Seekers Young Professionals Lunch (Ages 23-30)
 After 11:00 a.m. services - Taziki's

NOVEMBER

- Sun., 11/2**
All Saints' Sunday
Lions and Giants Children's Event
 Preschool children: 2:00-2:45 p.m.
 Elementary children: 3:00-4:15 p.m.
- Sun., 11/9**
TREK New Member Classes Begin*
 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- Fri., 11/14**
Organ Recital - Young Organist Competition Winner
 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Sun., 11/16**
Chrismon Workshop*
 4:00-5:30 p.m. - Bruner 223
- Sun., 11/23**
Blood Drive
 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Sun., 11/2**
Seekers Young Professionals Lunch (Ages 23-30)
 After 11:00 a.m. services - Taziki's
- Thu. - Fri. 11/27-28**
Office Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday
- Sun., 11/30**
First Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Greens
 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Services
Popcorn and a Movie (Children's Sunday School)
 9:45-10:45 a.m.

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