



THE VOICE

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STEWARDING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER: A CALL FOR INSIGHT

Dear Shandon United Methodist Friends and Families,

We hope that during this Easter season, you have enjoyed and found as much renewal of spirit and energy in each of your faith journeys as we have. From the first day of Ash Wednesday, to the triumphant procession into our sanctuary on Palm Sunday, to the glorious chords of “Christ the Lord Has Risen Today” on Easter morning, we have been blessed as a people, as a church, and most importantly, as God’s children. We thank everyone for traveling this journey with us.

In recent years, as we have continued to move forward on this journey, we have often asked ourselves how we might ensure that we as a church continue to be good and faithful stewards of all the gifts that our Almighty God has bestowed upon us — both now and for generations to come.

In 2023, your Finance Committee created the Task Force for Stewardship and Budgeting. This task force was asked to explore how we as a church might achieve better alignment between our year-over-year operating budgets, the ever-continuing costs of living, inflation, and church operations. To that end, we have engaged the services of Horizons Stewardship, a well-known church planning firm, and specifically one of its principals, Joel Mikell. Joel is a friend of Shandon’s, having worked with us on multiple occasions in years past during our capital campaigns and stewardship planning processes.

As someone who has great familiarity with Shandon, we have asked Joel to assist our task force with an introspective review of our budgeting, operations, stewardship, and planning processes. Our goal is to ensure that Shandon can continue to provide its myriad of services, fulfillment of missions, and the creation and growth of disciples for decades to come.

Will you please take 5 minutes to fill out the survey linked below? Your thoughts and insights will be very valuable for our task force.

Your anonymous participation in this process, as well as your thoughtful consideration of the proposed questions, will be most helpful for Joel, the task force, Shandon staff, and church leaders and members in ensuring that we continue the amazing path that Shandon United Methodist Church has forged for nearly 115 years.

We would appreciate your response no later than May 16. The survey can be found at shandonumc.org/survey25. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Grace and Peace,

Smoke Kanipe – Senior Pastor
Jim Irvin – Finance Committee Chair
Ashlee Davis – Stewardship Committee Chair
Mike Penland – Task Force Chair



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In Memoriam

George Raymond Brown

September 24, 1944 - March 4, 2025

Gene F. Starr

March 13, 1936 - April 2, 2025

Jimmy W. Wood

January 9, 1938 - April 21, 2025

Memorials and Honorariums

In Honor of Ruthie Taylor

Judy Cotchett Smith

In Honor of Gene Watts for Youth Mission Project

Pam and Raymond Wells

In Memory of Ray Brown

Kay Jordan

In Memory of Bill Dunn

Gessner Dunn

In Memory of Marjorie B. Neeley

Grady Neeley

In Memory of Charles Ringer

Kay Jordan

In Memory of Gene Starr

George Huggins Upper Room Sunday School Class

Jane Pregnall

Martha and Jimmy Sanders

Pam and Raymond Wells

Flowers at the altar

Sunday, May 4

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **George and Patsy McIntosh** by Barbara Cobb and family.

The flowers at the altar are given in honor of **Heath "Hank" Mustin Carll, Jr. and Elsie Jordan Carll, and in memory of Harper Frances Carll** by Leah and Heath Mustin Carll, Sr.

The flowers in the narthex are given in loving memory of **Joseph Bond Mahon Sr., Ernest Ray Allen, and Columbus Jackson Seawell III** by Karlie Stephens and Wade Allen in celebration of their marriage on May 3, 2025.

Sunday, May 11

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Rachel S. Knox and Mamie F. Coleman** by Cathy and Lex Knox.

The flowers at the altar are given in honor of **her daughters** by Patti Shelley.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of the **Reverend Smoke Kanipe** by Kathleen Edith Meyers and Gregory Peyton Pryor in celebration of their marriage on May 9, 2025.

Sunday, May 18

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of **Gloria Jones** by Patti Shelley.

The flowers at the altar are given in honor of **Ben Brantley** for their anniversary by Ashley Brantley.

Sunday, May 25

The flowers at the altar are given in honor of **Tripp and Lilly Holstein's second wedding anniversary** and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Zach E. Livingston by Jeff and Elizabeth Livingston Holstein.

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Verd Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wallace Craig, and Mr. William R. Drake** by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen M. Cunningham and Mrs. William R. Drake.

NEW BUSES FOR SAFER, MORE COMFORTABLE TRAVEL

Susan Curran, Director of Older Adult Ministry

Shandon will soon have three new buses, thoughtfully chosen to better serve our congregation. All three will be equipped with 360-degree cameras to give drivers better visibility, especially when backing up or watching for small children around the bus. Each bus also includes power passenger loading doors, which make boarding easier and eliminate the struggle with difficult manual doors.

Two of the new buses were designed specifically for our preschool and children. These include an integrated five-point passenger restraint system, an added safety measure we felt was important. A child-check alarm system on these buses requires the driver to walk to the back and press a button after the bus is turned off. If they forget, the bus loudly beeps until the check is complete. The system is there to ensure that no child or person is ever left behind on the bus.

The third vehicle, the Connections Bus, was created with older adults in mind. It features soft cloth seats with padding and armrests, lighted passenger loading steps, and a built-in extended handrail for easier entry. Fabric-insulated ceilings and walls reduce noise, making conversation easier, while individual seat lights, improved air circulation, and a better air-ride type system offer a more comfortable ride.

We expect the Connections Bus to be ready within the month. When it arrives, we'll host a "sip and see" between the 8:45 service and Sunday School. You'll have the opportunity to step aboard, take a seat, and explore the new features for yourself.

The new buses were purchased thanks to a generous legacy gift from a member who included Shandon in their estate plans. We are deeply grateful to the Board of Trustees for their support of this project and to Donald Tudor, Chair of the Property Committee, whose school transportation expertise guided our decisions. We also thank the generous members of Shandon who give beyond their annual pledge. Because of your faithful giving, we're able to invest in resources that enhance ministry and care for all ages in our church family.



School Bus vs. Shuttle Bus?



While shuttle-style buses may appear more modern, state law requires school-age passengers to ride on a school bus-type vehicle. A school bus is one of the safest vehicles on the road. School buses are built to higher safety standards than other drivers, including reinforced structures, better visibility for drivers, and rigorous crash protection than other passenger vehicles.

As Donald Tudor, Chair of the Property Committee and retired state director of school transportation at the South Carolina Department of Education, shared, "Safety always comes first. We wanted a vehicle that could serve both preschoolers and older adults with confidence and long-term reliability."

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Once again Shandon is a sponsor in the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build. Shifts are from **8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, and Saturday, May 17**. The site is at 1531 Middle St in Cayce. Grab your friends and help make someone's dream of home ownership a reality. Volunteers should be 18 years old and should register online at shandonumc.org/register.



LOSS OF A SPOUSE

The death of a spouse brings a unique kind of grief. Along with losing a loved one, shared routines and a couple's way of life are often lost as well. If you know this kind of pain, you are invited to join us on **Sunday, May 18, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**, as Lilla Ann Briggs hosts GriefShare's Loss of a Spouse class in the Knox Building, Room 214.



All materials will be provided. To register, contact Lilla Ann Briggs at forgiventoo7@gmail.com.

COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

Join us for Coffee in the Courtyard on **Sunday, May 18, from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.** in the courtyard outside the Dunn-Smith Building. Enjoy free coffee, juice, biscuits, and scones. Take a few moments to stop by, meet someone new, and enjoy a time of fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

HEALTH AND WELLNESS – BLOOD DRIVE

The Shandon Blood Drive will be held on **Sunday, May 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** in Player Hall. Please visit the Red Cross website or scan the QR code to sign up. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be given priority. Give the gift of life and receive a \$20 e-gift card via email for your donation. Make an appointment at shandonumc.org/redcross.



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

One of the times the men of Shandon UMC gather to fellowship and grow our faith is at our Men's Prayer Breakfast on the third Thursday of each month. This month's Prayer Breakfast will occur on **Thursday, May 22, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.** in Player Hall. Please mark your calendar, invite a friend or two, and plan to join us.

STAND FOR JUSTICE: JOIN THE NEHEMIAH ACTION

Shandon UMC is a proud member of the interfaith coalition Midlands Organized Response for Equity and Justice (MORE Justice). Please join us for the 2025 Nehemiah Action on **Monday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m.** in the auditorium at Eau Claire High School, 4800 Monticello Road. Hundreds of community members will gather to ask public officials to take measurable steps toward solving some of our community's most pressing problems. MORE Justice is currently working on four major efforts in the Midlands: food insecurity, affordable housing, gun violence, and mental health.

Your presence matters. Let's stand together for equity, justice, and meaningful change.



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FIND COMMUNITY - SEEKERS LUNCH

If you're 23 to 30 and looking for community, join the Seekers group for lunch after the 11:00 a.m. Traditional or 11:05 a.m. Lifeline worship service. It's a laid-back way to connect with others in your stage of life. The next lunch is **Sunday, May 18**, at Taziki's. Bring a friend—we'd love to see you! Rev. Maggie Canteley is partnering with this group and wants your input on future gatherings and ideas. To get connected, reach out to Rev. Maggie or fill out the interest form at shandonumc.org/seekers.

SHANDON CUP: ADULT SUMMER SPORTS LEAGUE

Members, visitors, and friends aged 18 years or older are invited to participate in our sports and recreation program, Shandon Cup. This summer's primary activity will be volleyball—all skill levels are welcome!

We will gather on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the Shandon UMC Gym. The program will run from **May 21 to July 30** (excluding June 4 for VBS). The cost for participating is \$10 per person, which includes all activities, equipment, and a hot dog cookout at the season's end. Childcare is available for infants through rising 6th graders, but must be requested. Register online at shandonumc.org/events. Still have questions? Contact Halley Borthen (828) 289-8954 or Camlin Talbot (803) 727-8685.



TRIPLE T - DRIVE THROUGH MEAL PICKUP

Triple T offers convenient meal options on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meals are \$9 and must be preordered by **5:00 p.m. on Mondays** at shandonumc.org/triplet. Pick-up is easy—stay in your car, and we'll bring your meal to you in the church parking lot between **11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon**.

Tuesday, May 6: Beef with Noodles, Green Peas, Roll, and Dessert

Thursday, May 8: Tuscan Chicken with Spinach, Mushrooms and Pasta, Green Salad, Roll, and Dessert

Tuesday, May 13: Pork Tenderloin, Squash Casserole, Green Beans, Roll, and Dessert

Thursday, May 15: Chicken Souvlaki, Greek Potatoes, Greek Salad, Roll, and Dessert

Tuesday, May 20: Chicken Bog, Slaw, Roll, and Dessert

Thursday, May 22: Cold Plate – Chicken Salad, Pasta Salad, Fruit Salad, Roll, and Dessert (Last Triple T for the season—we will return after Labor Day.)

TAKE THE TREK TO MEMBERSHIP

Are you ready to become a full member of Shandon UMC? TREK is Shandon UMC's pathway to membership. Our next course will begin on **Sunday, May 4, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** It is designed to help you connect with our ministers, staff, ministries, and one another. To register for the course, go to shandonumc.org/trek. If you still have questions, please contact Pastor James Grubb at jgrubb@shandonumc.org or call the church office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you are already a Shandon member and know of someone interested in joining, please share this information with them.

Schedule of Sessions

Sunday, May 4, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Sunday, May 18, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

YOUTH MISSION PROJECT UPDATE

Andy Morris, Director of Student Ministries

We want to share with you that, after much prayer and an extensive search, we have made the difficult decision to place a temporary pause on our Youth Mission Project for this summer. Despite our best efforts, we have been unable to secure adequate lodging for our group in the Hollywood, SC, area or surrounding communities.

While this news is disappointing, it does not diminish our commitment to providing meaningful mission opportunities for our youth. Our youth ministry leadership will form a new vision committee at the end of this school year to begin preparations for next summer's Youth Mission Project. Our prayer is that with more time and planning, we will be able to offer a powerful and impactful YMP experience in 2026.

Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and encouragement for our youth ministry. This summer, we would also like to encourage our students to participate in a Salkehatchie Summer Service Camp. You can find all the information at www.salkehatchie.org or talk to Jennifer Parker, one of the camp directors, about the experience. If you have suggestions or input for consideration for YMP 2026, please contact me.



BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET



Cub Scout Pack 37 celebrated achievement and community at their annual Blue and Gold Banquet.



FRIDAY EVENING FUN FOR WOMEN

Ladies, plan to join us on **Friday evenings (May 16 – June 27)** at the home of Lilla Ann Briggs from **6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** for small group fellowship, food, laughter, and genuine conversation as a part of the Bible study *Seamless* by Angie Smith. This 7-week study will cover the people, places, and promises of the Bible while tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Join us on Fridays as you are able. RSVP for the May 16 event to let Lilla Ann know that you will be joining the group. Contact Lilla Ann Briggs at forgiventoo7@gmail.com or visit shandonumc.org/events.

SHANDON SISTERS

Women in their 20s to 40s are invited to connect with mentors ahead of them in life's journey. Join us for fellowship, light refreshments, and shared wisdom on **Thursday, May 15, from 6:00–7:00 p.m.** at the home of Debra Rountree. Friends are welcome! For more information, contact Anne Marie Crosswell at amacrosswell@gmail.com or Ruthie Taylor at (803) 318-7484.

CHRISMON WORKSHOP

Join us around the table for the second of four quarterly Chrismon workshops on **Sunday, June 8**, in the Conference Room. Two session times are available: **3:30–4:30 p.m. and 4:00–5:30 p.m.**

While getting to know fellow church members, you will learn the meaning and craft of Chrismon making. In this workshop we will create two new Chrismons. All materials are provided, and space is limited. Sign up at shandonumc.org/events.

SHELL CROSS CLASS

Join us on **Tuesday, July 22, from 6:30–7:30 p.m.** in Wesley Hall for a creative night of decorating shell-covered crosses to hang on your wall or door. All supplies are provided—including shells—but you're welcome to bring your own. Want to bring your daughter? She can decorate a 5x7 picture frame during the event! Shell Cross: \$10 | Picture Frame: \$5

Space is limited. Register at shandonumc.org/events.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH - CIRCLE MEETINGS

Augusta Beckman Circle

May 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the home of Betty Neal

Covered dish dinner. Please bring a new beach towel for Camp Cole. We look forward to wrapping up a successful year of service to missions.

Contact: Diane Bruner – (803) 609-0891

Mary Campbell Circle

May 13, at 6:00 p.m. in Player Hall

Covered dish dinner.

Contact: Angie Moore – (803) 261-4464

Naomi & Ruth Circle

2nd Wednesdays of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Committed Disciples Classroom (Knox 201)

Contact: Sara Roberts Ruzensky – (803) 280-0558

Susanna Wesley Circle

May 13, at 6:00 p.m. (2nd Tuesday of the month)

Location varies

Contact: Tiffany Anderson – (803) 479-8838

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Join us to celebrate America the Beautiful on **Sunday, June 22, at noon** in the gym. This is a family event to be enjoyed by all. A buffet lunch including fried chicken, barbeque, and all the sides will be served. The choir will entertain and lead us in a collection of inspiring and toe-tapping patriotic songs. The cost for adults is \$11.00, and a child's meal is \$5.00. Wear your best patriotic attire to show your spirit. Reservations are required by Monday, June 18, at 5:00 p.m. Make your reservations at shandonumc.org/events.



THANK YOU - LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION

The Outreach Committee extends a huge thank you to everyone who participated in the food bag donation for the Cooperative Ministry.

It took several car trips and two pick-up truck trips to deliver it all, but they are very appreciative of our bountiful contribution.



SHANDON UMC BOOK CLUB

Thursday, May 15: *The Storyteller* by Jodi Picoult

Books and their characters invite us to think deeply about the many subjects that shape our lives and faith. If you enjoy thoughtful conversations and sharing perspectives, we hope you will join us. The Shandon Book Club meets on the third Thursday of each month from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** in Room 221 (second floor, Bruner Building). We read a wide variety of books, selected six months in advance. Newcomers are always welcome.

To join the mailing list and receive reminders, contact Anne Cox at anne41450@aol.com.

SEEDS OF HOPE RETURNS

Seeds of Hope will hold our summer farmer's market in the courtyard at Shandon every Saturday morning from **8:00 to 11:00 a.m., June 14 through October 11**. Fresh produce will be provided by our local farmer, Louis Reed of Greeleyville.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Brian Stricklin at (267) 243-2030 or bcstricklin@yahoo.com, or Holly Neuffer at (803) 727-3634.



SUMMER SOUL SERIES RETURNS

Back by popular demand, Health and Wellness is once again offering our Summer Soul Series 2025. These sessions will be held in Player Hall during the Sunday School hour **(9:45 - 10:45 a.m.) on July 13, July 20, and July 27**. Designed to "feed your soul," each session will focus on health and wellness topics, including managing stress, making healthy food choices, and navigating parenting and grandparenting challenges.



July 13: "Mindful Moments: Stress Less, Live More" with Heather B. Phelps, LISW-CP

July 20: "Healthy Eating: Nutrition and Aging" with Tracy Solomons, MS, RD, LD, CNSC

July 27: "Parenting Well: Answers to the Questions You Didn't Know to Ask" — a panel discussion featuring the Mannings, McCutcheons, and Knoxes, moderated by Rev. Maggie Cantey

SUPPORT MOBILE MARKETS WITH MORE JUSTICE

MORE Justice is a partnership of Columbia congregations who work with our community leaders for a better Columbia. One of MORE Justice's key concerns during the last year has been food insecurity for many of our neighbors. The city has established several mobile markets to serve those who live in "food deserts," including one at the corner of Gervais and Millwood on **Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Your support for these mobile markets will allow them to continue to serve our neighbors in need. Thank you for your support!

PLANNING A MEETING AT SHANDON?

To better serve all the groups here at Shandon who need space to meet, we are now using an online room reservation request system. You can find it at shandonumc.org/reserve-a-room. If you need help submitting your request, contact Sarah Conrad at sconrad@shandonumc.org or (803) 722-1032.

IMPORTANT PARKING NOTICE

WWJP? (WHERE WOULD JESUS PARK?) Well, of course, Jesus walked everywhere, so he wouldn't actually have to deal with the parking challenges we face on Sundays! But seriously, we need to be very careful and considerate in our parking habits. **Please avoid parking at the Exxon, CVS, or on the grass at Dreher.**

STEWARDSHIP: Thank You For Your Faithfulness!

GIFTS - OPERATING BUDGET

Month of March 2025

Revenues:	\$243,322
Expenses:	275,580
Net:	\$(32,258)

Year-To-Date 2025

Revenues:	\$705,859
Expenses:	794,745
Net:	\$(88,886)



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HOSANNA PARADE



On April 10, Shandon United Methodist Preschool and Kindergarten held its annual Hosanna Walk Parade. Staff, students, and families sang songs, heard the Palm Sunday story, and waved palm branches as a student guided a donkey through the procession.

PALM SUNDAY





GREENING OUR FAITH: LENTEN CROSSES



More than 40 women and girls gathered on April 10 and 11 to create greenery crosses, engaging in a meaningful reflection on Lenten traditions. 'Greening Our Faith' has become a cherished tradition at Shandon during both Lent and Christmas.

FAMILY EASTER EVENT



Over 125 participants gathered on April 6 to create Resurrection Eggs and prayer beads, engaging in a meaningful celebration of the Easter story.

EASTER SUNDAY



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School at **9:45 a.m.**, where children from age 2 through 6th grade can explore Bible stories and grow in faith within a welcoming community.

- **2 & 3-year-olds:** Bible story & songs
- **K4-2nd & 4th-5th:** In The What's Next Challenge, kids will use their creativity to reflect on who they are, what they have experienced, and who they want to be. Through this simple, fun activity, kids will learn how pieces of their lives fit together and how God can use their stories to help others.
- **3rd grade:** understanding the Bible & Bible skills
- **6th:** Acts: The Unstoppable Force

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS LOCATIONS:

Infants, Toddlers, Two-year-olds, and Three-year-olds: 1st floor Knox Building

Four-year-olds, and 5K Students: 1st floor DuBose Building

1st-6th Grades: 2nd floor DuBose Building

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Beginning **Sunday, June 8**, we will combine the Children's Sunday school grade levels into three groups. K4-K5, 1st-2nd, and 3rd-5th. The last date of the combined Sunday school will be Sunday, August 3.

On Sunday, August 17, Promotion Sunday, children will move to their new classrooms.

LIONS AND GIANTS

3 & 4K (Age 3 by September 1, 2024): Join Ms. Cari for a fun-filled preschool version of "Lions and Giants" on **Sunday, May 4, from 2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.** in Player Hall! We will play games and have a special Bible time designed for little ones.

5K-5TH GRADE: Join Ms. Cari for "Lions and Giants" on **Sunday, May 4, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.** in Player Hall. Children in grades 5K-5th are invited for an exciting time of fellowship, games, and Bible time. Noodle Tag, Gaga Ball, and Capture the Flag are just some of the games we may play.

Both events are drop-off, and no registration is required. We hope to see you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER HIGHLIGHT

We are thankful for our K5 Sunday school leaders.

Ashli Aslin

Emily & Creston Brown

Dana Klinepeter

Anne Shelton

Joy Stone



TREASURED: A 6-SESSION EXPERIENCE FOR MOMS & TWEEN DAUGHTERS

The "tween" years are a critical transition period in a young girl's life. Girls at this age are changing profoundly, and it can become harder to talk about the things that matter. This 6-session, faith-based study is designed for moms and daughters to help them connect and talk about topics critical to the preteen years: identity, body, emotions, friendships, technology, and faith. If you have a 4th – 6th-grade daughter and would like to participate in this study over the summer, please email Cari Treece at ctreece@shandonumc.org. Days and times are flexible and will be determined by the group.



BLESSING BAGS – CHILDREN'S SUMMER MISSIONS FOCUS

Throughout May, Shandon's Children's Sunday school classes will gather items to create Blessing Bags, designed as a means of reaching out to the homeless community. Although the bags originate from the church, the blessings contained within serve as a testament to God's love. These bags are stocked with simple necessities to assist individuals in navigating their day. The act of giving shifts the focus away from us, prompting the realization of the abundance we possess in comparison to those in genuine need. You are invited to donate any of the following items—every contribution helps!

- Chapstick
- Comb
- Dental floss
- Deodorant
- Hand sanitizer
- Protein bars
- Small nail file
- Small tissue packs
- Socks
- Tuna packets or beef jerky
- Travel-size lotion and soap
- Travel-size shampoo and conditioner
- Water bottles

Collection barrels will be located in the Great Hall of the Bruner Building and at the entrance of the Dunn-Smith Building.

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP FOR CHILDREN THIS SUMMER

Popsicles at the Park: Tuesday, June 17, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Children of all ages are welcome. This is not a drop-off event.

Meet at Gills Creek Memorial Park Splash Pad, 24 Forest Lake Place, for playtime with friends, popsicles, and a Bible story with Ms. Cari.

Movie Night: Wednesday, July 9, 5:30–7:00 p.m., Player Hall

Rising Kindergarten–Rising 6th Grade

This is a drop-off event.

Bingo Night: Wednesday, July 23, 5:30–7:00 p.m., Player Hall

Rising Kindergarten–Rising 6th Grade

This is a drop-off event. Younger children may attend if accompanied by a parent.

Water Day: Wednesday, July 30, 10:00–11:30 a.m. and 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Rising 4K–Rising 6th Grade

This is a drop-off event. Registration is required and will be available by May 15.

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (MYF)

MYF is a place at Shandon UMC for our 7th-12th graders to come together to have fun, celebrate each other, and learn more about being followers of Jesus Christ. Check out the schedule below for our middle and high school groups.

May 4: Movie Night! Join us in the gym from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for dinner, a short devotional, and a movie in the Youth Zone! Bring your friend and favorite candy to share.

May 11: We will not meet for MYF. Please spend some time to celebrate the mothers of our lives!

May 18: Worship and Games Night! All 6-12 graders and their friends will meet for dinner, games, and an acoustic worship service from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. We will start our meeting in the Youth Zone Game Room.

May 25: MYF out for dinner! Meet us at Groucho's on Forest Drive from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Don't forget your money and a friend!



MYF TRIP TO CAROWINDS

Mark your calendars for our annual MYF Trip to Carowinds on **Tuesday, June 17!** Registration opens May 12 and is \$60 per person, which includes a park ticket and one meal voucher. All 6th-12th graders and their friends are invited.

Register at shandonumc.org/events.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

To honor our graduating high school seniors at Shandon UMC, we will hold a unique service for them on **Sunday, May 11, at the 8:45 a.m.** traditional service. After the service, we will hold a reception in Player Hall for our seniors and their families.

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