

The Voice

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Limitless in Action: See what becomes possible when we give and serve together. **See pages 2-3.**

The Holiness of Everyday Work



Rev. Smoke Kanipe
Senior Pastor

"Calvin's theology led directly from a view of work as a socially demeaning, if pragmatically necessary, activity, best left to one's social inferiors, to a view of it as a dignified and glorious means of praising and affirming God in and through his creation, while adding further to its well-being."

Alister McGrath

The first Labor Day celebration in the US took place on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City. In 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed it into law as a national holiday. It began against the background of the harsh working conditions (often 12 hours a day, 7 days a week, in unsafe conditions) of the Industrial Revolution -- a story that few of us remember or consider anymore.

Centuries earlier, the Protestant Reformers had revolutionized Christian theology by ennobling the work of lay persons. Before that time, the Church had glamorized the spiritual work of monks and nuns at the expense of ordinary labor. The Reformers said that all work is holy if done to glorify God and serve our neighbors. Martin Luther took the German word for "calling" or "vocation" and began to apply it to lay persons: butchers, bakers, and candlestick makers had callings just as much as monks, nuns, and priests.

Friends, may this Labor Day be for us not simply a 3-day weekend or the beginning of football season. May it be a reminder of our calling to serve God through our work. Whatever God has called you to do -- doctor, nurse, teacher, coach, lawyer, caregiver, businessperson, etc. -- do it with all your heart to serve the Lord your God!

Grace and peace,

Smoke

“Limitless” is our theme this year as we reflect on God’s boundless love and the possibilities before us when we grow, serve, worship, and give together.

Thank You for Making Missions Possible!

21ST ANNUAL GARAGE SALE



Many thanks to all of you who helped with the 21st annual garage sale. With your help, we raised \$34,000. With proceeds from our clothing and book sale, we can donate around \$60,000 to our non-profit missions, most of whom are here in Columbia.

There is no way to list you all, but you know who you are. Not only did you donate your “treasures” for others, but you also helped us organize, price, and sell a multitude of items to our members and community members, not to mention the clean-up crew and bakers for our bake sale. There is no way to thank you for all you did, but please know that MANY have been blessed by your generous gift of items and time. This is sponsored by the United Women in Faith, but it is truly a huge church-wide project, and we could not do it without YOU. Blessings on you all.



STEWARDSHIP

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!

GIFTS - OPERATING BUDGET

Month of June 2026

Revenues:	\$206,064
Expenses:	\$280,894
Net:	\$(74,830)

Year-To-Date 2026

Revenues:	\$1,679,555
Expenses:	\$1,877,612
Net:	\$(198,057)

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

Connect to Life at Shandon



Serve Dreher Football Team

Join us in encouraging and uplifting student-athletes by serving meals to the Dreher football team from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays.

Sign up: shandonumc.org/outreach.



New Crawler Ministry

As more young families join Shandon, we need volunteers for our new Crawler Nursery. Serve alongside nursery staff once a month, rocking babies, reading, and playing. Sundays, 9:45–10:45 a.m.

Contact Cari Treece: ctreece@shandonumc.org

You are needed to support MORE Justice in Columbia! MORE Justice Kickoff · September 14 · 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for a kickoff meeting on **September 14**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Knox Building, Room 204. 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.

MORE Justice has made progress this year! Thank you to 39 Shandon members and 600 Midlands individuals who attended the Nehemiah Action in April. It was a powerful meeting as our community members came together to stand for justice and change. Eleven elected officials heard our collective voices.

Legislation was passed in South Carolina this year that eliminates eviction filings after seven years. The City of Columbia plans to continue and expand the mobile food market initiative that reaches “food desert” areas in our community. Richland County continues to discuss establishing a Housing Trust Fund as a dedicated funding source to support housing for low-income individuals.

It is time to kick off the new cycle for MORE Justice, and we need you! Politicians respond to the number 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.



“What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.”

Micah 6:8

Donate Cookies for Kairos

The Kairos Ministry team serves McCormick Correctional Institution (MCCI) in McCormick, SC. Twice a year, the team goes into the prison for a four-day weekend called a Walk, which is an encounter patterned after the Methodist Walk to Emmaus program. Kairos Prison Ministry is a short-course in Christianity for prisoners in state correctional institutions. Expressions of Agape (God's unconditional love) are an important part of the weekend, during which prisoners recognize that they are part of a global Body of Christ and that people they don't know are praying for them. Inmates sign up to attend our weekend solely to receive hot meals and unlimited cookies. However, many of them come away transformed by the Holy Spirit in just a few days.

The next Kairos "weekend" at MCCI is September 15 - 18. Join in the Kairos Cookie Ministry! We are known as the "Cookie people" in the prisons. A typical Kairos Weekend will go through 5,000 cookies, which are distributed to residents, correction officers, support staff, and volunteers. We need cookies and lots of them!

Cookie guidelines: We need homemade cookies. The impact you will make on the residents with homemade cookies is overwhelming. Cookies that are uniform in size (no larger than 2 ½ inches) pack best and resist breakage.

Very important: Be sure to pray over the cookies and for those who will be receiving them. No icing, sprinkles, or powdered sugar. Cool cookies completely before packaging. If possible, roll the cookies on their sides (like a row of Ritz crackers) in wax paper or Saran Wrap, then twist the ends to close. No staples, tape, or twist ties to seal. **Please bring them to Wesley Hall during the week starting Monday, September 7, but no later than Sunday, September 13.** There will be a Kairos sign there where you can place the cookies. Please email John Saine at saine59@gmail.com for more information.



Manna Refreshed Returns September 9

Manna Refreshed returns **Wednesday, September 9!** Join us Wednesdays in Player Hall for good food and fellowship. Dinner is served from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Meals are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Preorder by 8:00 a.m. each Tuesday at shandonumc.org/manna.

- **September 9:** Salmon filet, whole baked sweet potato, spinach salad, sour cream biscuits, watermelon, and dessert
- **September 16:** Make your own Asian bowl – Beef bulgogi, jasmine rice, assorted toppings, mixed greens, pineapple, and dessert
- **September 23:** Italian Night – Bowtie pasta with Italian sausage, cherry tomatoes, mushrooms, and spinach, Caesar salad, garlic bread, and dessert
- **September 30:** Lemon chicken, orzo, zucchini, Greek salad, fruit, and dessert
- **Children's Menu for September:** Buttered noodles, yogurt, clementine

Dinner is served Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Meals are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, making it the perfect opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to join you for dinner. Preorder by 5:00 p.m. each Monday at shandonumc.org/manna.



Considering Joining Shandon? Take the TREK This Fall

TREK is a three-session journey designed to help those new to Shandon connect with others, explore our campus, and learn more about the Christian faith and the United Methodist Church. Along the way, participants discover opportunities to serve and to be supported as they grow in faith. Childcare is available. Sign up at shandonumc.org/trek.

NOVEMBER COURSE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Nov. 1, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. · Wednesday, Nov. 4, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. · Sunday, Nov. 8, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Church Photo Directory

Be part of Shandon's new pictorial directory! Since our last directory in 2023, our church family has grown and changed. Your participation will help us connect names with faces and ensure that your household is represented. Photography sessions will be held at Shandon from **October 12 to 15**. Please choose from these dates first; additional appointment times may be offered once the initial schedule is full. Every participating family will receive one complimentary printed directory and one complimentary 8" x10" portrait.

Schedule your photography session today at shandonumc.org/directory.

Church code: sc343 · Password: PHOTOS343

If you are homebound or medically unable to attend a photography session, please contact Pastor Will Harvey at wharvey@shandonumc.org about submitting a photo. We ask all other households to schedule a session. We know pets are an important part of many families; however, campus policy does not allow pets indoors for photography sessions.

ADULTS - 55+

Connections Lunch at McCaskill's Farm

Connections is heading to McCaskill's Farm in Rembert for a delicious lunch on **Friday, October 9**. The meal is \$15 per person plus tax and gratuity. Space is limited. The bus departs at 10:30 a.m. and will return around 2:00 p.m. After lunch, you are invited to browse through the shop and the farm. Deadline for registration is Friday, October 2, 2026. To register, contact Susan Curran (scurran@shandonumc.org).

50-Year Member Recognition

A group of Shandon members is reaching a milestone of faithful membership in our church family. On Sunday, **September 27**, we will celebrate their 50-year commitment to our congregation and the support and blessings this congregation has shared with each of them. Join us for this special day of celebration as we recognize our long-time members during the 11:00 a.m. traditional worship service.

50-Year Members in 2026:

Edith Ariail, Linda Galphin, Martha Herring, Jan Holloway, Carl "Lee" Holloway, Gene Kelley, Richard Martin, Anne McCue, John Sloan Jr., Lucy Tevepaugh, and Pat Wood.

Please contact Susan Curran (scurran@shandonumc.org) for corrections or additions to this list.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

All men are invited to join us on **Thursday, September 17**, from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. in Player Hall for our monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast. Chef Tim will provide his usual delicious full breakfast, followed by a short encouraging message. Please join us and bring a friend to be filled with food, fellowship, and faith.

Join the Book Club

The Shandon UMC Book Club meets on the third Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is **Thursday, September 17**, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Room 223 on the second floor of the Bruner Building. We are reading *The Correspondent*, by Virginia Evans. Newcomers are welcome.

To receive reminders, email Gera Singletary at davegera4@icloud.com. About every five months, members share recommendations and select books for the upcoming months. Selections span a range of genres, and participants are welcome to volunteer to lead a discussion.

Vaccine Clinic

As we begin to move into late summer/early fall, it's time to start thinking about seasonal vaccines. Thanks to a partnership with students from the USC School of Medicine and Medicine Mart pharmacy, we will be offering vaccines at no cost to those with health insurance.

There will be two clinics held in Player Hall: **Tuesday, September 22**, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., and **Sunday, October 18**, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Vaccines available include:

- Flu - Standard & High Dose (age 65+)
- COVID (2026-2027)
- Shingles (age 50+)
- Pneumonia (age 50+)
- RSV (age 50+)
- Hepatitis-B
- Tetanus booster
- HPV



Walk-ins will be accepted, but advanced registration is preferred. Please be sure to wear clothing that allows you to expose one arm up to the shoulder. Sign up at shandonumc.org/events or at the QR code.

YOUNG ADULTS

Seekers

Young professionals in their mid-20s to mid-30s seeking fellowship and community are welcome to join the Seekers group, which plans gatherings for Sunday lunch after the 11:00 a.m. worship services. The Seekers will meet on **Sunday, September 27**, at Taziki's. Please contact Rev. Maggie Cantey for a conversation or complete the interest form at shandonumc.org/seekers to be added to the group email list. Bring a friend, and we hope to see you there!



WORSHIP & ARTS

Music Ministry

There is a place for every voice in Shandon's Music Ministry. Join us this fall. Questions? Contact Rev. Eddie Huss at ehuss@shandonumc.org.

FALL REHEARSALS

Chancel Choir

Wednesdays • 7:00–8:30 p.m.
Choir Room • 2nd Floor, Bruner Building

Celebration Choir

Wednesdays beginning September 9 • 5:45–6:45 p.m.
Led by Kipp Gill and Bradley Fuller
Choir Room • 2nd Floor, Bruner Building

Wesley Ringers Bell Choir

Monday, September 14 • 5:30–6:30 p.m.
Handbell Room 206 • Bruner Building



Children's Choirs

Wednesdays beginning September 9 •
Second floor, DuBose Building
Register your child at
shandonumc.org/register.

St. Nicholas Choir, Grades 2–5

6:00–6:45 p.m.
Led by Amy Martin and Eddie Huss

Cherub Choir, K5–1st grade

6:00–6:30 p.m.
Directed by Jamie Conrad

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Dinner at Millpond Steakhouse

Join us for fellowship and great food in an historic setting. On Thursday night, **September 24**, we will gather at the church or meet at the restaurant for a delicious dinner. Space on the bus is limited to 14. Directions will be provided if you would like to make the 45-minute drive to Boykin. The bus will depart at 5:00 p.m. and return by 11:00 p.m. See registration at shandonumc.org/events for event prices. Deadline for registration is September 11.

Call Susan Curran (803) 466-1344 or Ruthie Taylor (803) 318-7484 with questions.

NEW GROUP

Calling All Needleworkers

Do you needlepoint, quilt, crochet, knit, or smock? We are gathering a new group of people who enjoy these activities. Please let us know if you are interested in knowing more about this group and which specific craft you enjoy.

Contact Susan Curran (803) 466-1344 or Ruthie Taylor (803) 318-7484.

United Women in Faith Circle Meetings

United Women in Faith circles are small groups where women gather for fellowship, spiritual growth and service. Women interested in joining a circle or learning more are invited to contact the leaders below. Guests are always welcome!

Mary Campbell Circle

Tuesday, September 8 • 5:00 p.m. • Player Hall
Angie Moore • (803) 261-4464

Susannah Wesley Circle

Tuesday, September 8 • 6:00 p.m.
Hosted by Jennifer Davis • (803) 920-6527

Augusta Beckman Circle

Monday, September 14 • 3:00 p.m. • Player Hall
Mary Parker • (843) 364-8553

Naomi and Ruth Circle

Contact for meeting details.
Sara Ruzensky • (803) 280-0558

Enjoy Popcorn and Movie

Children's "Popcorn and Movie" will be offered during the Sunday school hour for our 4-year-old through 5th-grade Sunday school classes on **Sunday, September 6**, from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Children may be dropped off and picked up in Player Hall.

Children's Chapel Series



Join us on **Sundays, September 13, 20, and 27**, during the 11:00 a.m. worship services. This special series is designed for families with children in 4-year-old preschool, K5, and 1st grade. Sessions are stand-alone. Immediately after the Children's Sermon, join Cari Treece in Player Hall to learn about worship in age-appropriate activities. Parents attend these sessions with their children.

Play Family Bingo



Join us for bingo, prizes, devotion, and dinner on **Sunday, September 13**, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Player Hall. All families are invited. Bring your friends, too! Chicken fingers and french fries will be served—\$5 per person (2 & under eat free). Registration is required. No childcare is provided. Children are to be accompanied by an adult. Register online by Monday, September 7, at shandonumc.org/events.

Safe Sanctuary Monthly Highlight

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

Sixth Grade Confirmation

Our sixth-grade Confirmation Preparation classes are designed to foster community among participating students, nurture Christian faith and discipleship, and help students understand the vows they may choose to make when professing their Christian faith and committing to membership in our local church. Classes will be held on Sunday evenings beginning in late January 2027 and concluding at the end of April. Our Orientation Meeting for Parents of 6th-grade confirmands (students) will be held on **Sunday, September 13**, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. on the church campus in the Bruner Bldg., Room 220 (the JOY classroom). Students do not attend. Please contact Lesli Wood (lwood@shandonumc.org or 803-722-1043) for more information.

Sixth Grade Fellowship (6F)

Sixth Graders are invited to join us for the "6F" – (Sixth Grade Fellowship) event on Friday, **September 18**, 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 16, at shandonumc.org/events. Friends are welcome. Questions? Please contact Lesli Wood (lwood@shandonumc.org). (Future 6F events will be **October 16**, and **November 13**.)



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. Our usual meeting time is 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sundays in the Youth Zone at church. However, please refer to our schedule below for the special events we have planned for each night.



September Schedule

- **Sunday, September 6 | Dinner Out at Surcheros:** Kick off the month with good food and even better friends! Join us from 6:00–7:00 p.m. at Surcheros Tex Mex at 4609 Forest Drive. Bring a friend and money for dinner—we'll bring the fun!
- **Sunday, September 13 | Tailgate Kickoff:** It's game day at MYF! Wear your favorite team shirt and get ready for a night of tailgate-style fun, games, and friendly competition. Come to represent your team! Dinner, games, and Bible study will be held in the Youth Zone Game Room from 5:00–7:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, September 20 | Bring-A-Friend Game Night:** Grab your smartest friend and join us for a night of trivia, laughs, and friendly competition. Whether you're a trivia pro or just here for the fun, there's a place for you. Bring a friend and let the games begin! Dinner, games, and Bible study will be held in the Youth Zone Game Room from 5:00–7:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, September 27 | Chocolate Milk Day:** Did you know that September 27 is National Chocolate Milk Day? Let's learn some facts and figure out which brand is best. Dinner, games, and Bible study will be held in the Youth Zone Game Room from 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Student Ministry Sunday

We are excited for our students to lead worship! Members of our youth will share scripture and deliver the sermon during the 11:00 a.m. Traditional service on Sunday, **September 20**. We look forward to seeing all our youth show up to support their friends during this service.

Acolyte Training for Traditional Worship Services

Seventh through twelfth graders who are interested in serving as acolytes in our traditional worship services are asked to attend one of two training sessions scheduled for **September 13** and **September 20** from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Questions? Please contact Mason Gibbes by email at mgibblet28@aol.com or by phone at (803) 238-1434.



SAVE THE DATES

2027 VBS & DAY CAMP DATES: JUNE 7-11



We Thank God For Our Sunday School Volunteers

Engaging with children and youth through Sunday School can be a rewarding experience for all. Every Sunday, from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., a team of dedicated adults spends time with children and youth from infants to 12th grade, helping them build relationships and continue their faith journey.

2026-2027 Sunday School Leaders

- **Infant class:** Lori Yandle, Cathy Griffin, Becky Grantland, Claire Manning
- **Crawlers class:** Ashley Brantley
- **Toddlers class:** Julie Allen, Tay Foy, Ann Gibbes, Debra Rountree, Beth Warren
- **Twos class:** Martha Goff, Azeezah Goodwin, Jenny May
- **Threes class:** John Grantland, Laura Smoak, Susan & Joe Stone, Deb Wood
- **Fours class:** Carolina Allison, Leah Carll, Jessica Crosland, Katherine Draffin, Leslie & Dayton Riddle, Melissa Spring
- **Fives class:** Stacey Cohl, Courtney Gregory, Catherine Griggs, Larissa Morris, Jason & Maggie Pryor, Jaime Thomas
- **1st grade class:** Angela & Joseph Allen, Meredith Atkinson, Caison Boozer, Mary Kendrick Evers, Kristin Hudson, Dana Klinepeter, Morgan Knox, Elizabeth Ruff, Peter & Mollie Schmolze
- **2nd grade class:** Kelly Andrew, Ashli Aslin, Emily & Creston Brown, Mary Allison & Spencer Caudell, Ashley Ervin, Susan Wheeler
- **3rd grade class:** Lilla Ann Briggs, Stephen Draffin, Courtney Gregory, Cole Kaliher, Ginger Ollis, Elizabeth Ruff, Peter & Mollie Schmolze, Chappell Wilson
- **4th grade class:** Angela & Joseph Allen, Meredith Atkinson, Dinah Cook, Lucy & Andy Folsom, Carolyn Hall, Bailey Harman, Kristin Hudson, Barrie Justice, Andrew Reed, Emily Thompson
- **5th grade class:** Cole Kaliher, Pat Kirk, Dana Klinepeter, William & Mary Elizabeth Mote, Marshall & Kathryn Stuckey
- **6th grade class:** Margaret Hays, Barrie Justice, Beau Kaneft, Twyla Stowe, Kevin Watts, Susan Wheeler, Stan Wood
- **7th grade class:** Bonnie Henneman, Sue Kanipe, and Montague and Lauren Laffitte
- **8th grade class:** Ashlee Buchanan, Carter and Elizabeth Jeffords, and Candler Rhodes
- **9th and 10th grade class:** David Adams, Hank and Ashlee Davis, and Darren Foy
- **11th and 12th grade class:** Carolyn Fields, Casey Fields, Charles Reid, Rob Tyson

Thank you to all our Student Ministry Sunday School Teachers who prepare and teach each week to nurture and support our children and students.

Doorways

Doorways adult classes offer opportunities to deepen your faith, learn, and build community. Book and material requirements vary by class. Some require you to purchase a book using the provided ISBN, while others provide materials at the first session for a set fee. Please review each course description for details and register at shandonumc.org/doorways. **Registration is open.**

Treasured: Experience for Moms & Tween Daughters

Leader: Cari Treece

When: Sundays, September 13 - October 18
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Room 206, Dunn-Smith Building

Childcare: Available. Request at registration.

Book: Materials will be supplied, and \$20 will be collected in the first class

The "tween" years (4th–6th graders) are a critical transition period in a young girl's life. Girls this age are changing in profound ways, 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.

Disciple I

Leader: Rev. Smoke Kanipe

When: Sundays, September 13, 2026 – May 2, 2027
4:00 to 6:00 p.m. (32 weeks)

Location: Room 214, Knox Building

Childcare: Available. Request at registration.

Book: *Disciple I Study Manual* by Abingdon Press

ISBN: 9780687783496

Preparation: Please purchase your book and read and complete pages 1-11 before class on Sep. 13.

This survey of the entire Bible reveals how God moves through ordinary people and their circumstances to do extraordinary things. The multifaceted stories in the Old and New Testaments are permeated with a common theme of divine grace. Come experience, with others, a foundation of study that will enhance all your future studies of the Bible.

Disciple II: Into the Word, Into the World

Leader: Rev. Robert Cox (Retired)

When: Sundays, September 13 – November 29,
4:00 to 6:00 p.m. (12 weeks per session)

Location: Room 204, Knox Building

Childcare: Available. Request at registration.

Book 1: *Disciple II Fast Track Genesis – Exodus Study Manual* by Abingdon Press
ISBN-13: 978-1-5018-4589-5

Preparation: Purchase your book before September 13. Read and complete lesson 1, pages 1 – 15, before class on September 13, 2026.

Disciple II Fast Track is composed of two sessions, each of twelve weeks. The first twelve weeks dive deep into Genesis and Exodus, followed by twelve weeks on Luke and Acts (beginning January 2027). Each week, you will deepen your understanding of scripture, identify needs in the world, and suggest possible responses. All twenty-four weeks guide you to experience the gift of Sabbath.

The Chosen (Season 3)

Leaders: Linda Foy and Sue Haddock

When: Mondays, September 14 – November 23
6:00 to 7:30 p.m. (8 weeks)

Location: Home of Linda Foy

Did you love watching *The Chosen* Seasons 1 and 2 and meant to continue with the series, but didn't? Well, join us as we watch and discuss Season 3. Wait! Have you already seen season 3 and loved it? No worries. If you would like to watch it again, join us and see if you learn and catch more than you did the first time you watched. Maximum group of 15 with a waiting list.

Experiencing God

Leader: Rev. Will Harvey

When: Mondays, September 14 – December 14
6:00 to 7:00 p.m. (14 weeks)

Location: Player Hall, Dunn-Smith Building

Book: *Experiencing God* by Henry Blackaby
ISBN13: 9781087741680

Are you waiting for your "burning bush" or "parting of the sea" moment in order to hear from God? Men, join this group to explore how God is revealed and at work in the everyday moments of our lives. We will also explore how to look for God and join him where he is already at work in our lives, and in the lives of people around us.

One Thousand Gifts

Leader: Tiffany Anderson

When: Mondays, September 14 – October 19
6:15 to 7:15 p.m. (6 weeks)

Location: Room 209, Knox Building

Book: *One Thousand Gifts* by Ann Voskamp
ISBN: 9780310321910

Preparation: Purchase the book and read the intro and chapters 1-2 before the first class on Sep. 14.

Discover a way of seeing that opens your eyes to everyday amazing grace, a way of living that is fully alive, and a way of experiencing the constant presence of God that will bring you deep and lasting joy. There is purity in simplicity and a breathtaking beauty to be found even in life's smallest details and heartbreaking moments. Ann Voskamp invites you to explore her grace-bathed life of farming, parenting, and writing, and encourages you to live a life filled with gratitude, no matter where you are.

Prayer Group

Leader: Lilla Ann Briggs

When: Tuesdays, ongoing · 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Location: Parlor, Bruner Building

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." Colossians 4:2 NIV

Join this group of prayer warriors via Zoom to share prayer concerns and pray together. All are welcome. Please send your email address to Lilla Ann (forgiventoo@gmail.com or (803) 260-0765 cell) to receive a Zoom invitation.

Living Well 2.0 – Ages and Stages

Leaders: Joanna Kleckley, Ginger Ollis, Lesli Wood

When: Tuesdays, September 22* – October 27
5:00 to 7:00 p.m. (6 weeks)

Location: The home of Stefanie Hughes. This study is limited to 8 women.

Book: Study resources will be provided at the first meeting.

*Start date is later than other classes

When did the process of living a healthy life become so complicated? Track your sleep. Count your steps. Monitor your protein. When did aging well become an exhausting pursuit, marked by conflicting information and overwhelming expectations?

If you've been working towards improving your wellbeing and are looking for practical ideas and support, join us at the table for conversation, focused less on scientific studies and more on what we have tried that works. Each Tuesday, we will gather at the dinner table to share a plant-based meal while discussing the week's topic. Participants will take turns providing the salads, bread, or entrees for the meals. This is an experiential study, and participants will be encouraged to apply practical ways to better care for themselves on their journey to living well. Previous participation in a Living Well study is encouraged.

Women in the Bible

Leader: Susan Brant

When: Wednesdays, September 23* – November 11
10:30 to 11:30 a.m. (8 weeks)

Location: Wesley Hall, Bruner Building

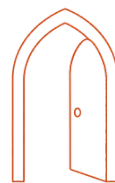
Book: Bring your Bible

*Start date is later than other classes

Join the group as we discuss some well-known and not-so-well-known women of the Bible. There is much to learn about how these women shaped history and our lives today. Come and experience stories of women and consider how their lives can help you grow closer to Christ.

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”

Matthew 7:7



When Women Say Yes

Leader: Terry Goodfellow

When: Wednesdays, September 9 – October 14

6:00 to 7:00 p.m. (6 weeks)

Location: Room 209, Knox Building

Childcare: Available. Request at registration.

Book: *What Happens When Women Say Yes to God*

Interactive Workbook: Experiencing Life in

Extraordinary Ways, ISBN: 978-0-7369-2894-6

What if you could wake up every morning with a sense of anticipation? What if everyday moments in your life could be transformed into extraordinary ones? Join us as we explore six steps to a transforming spiritual journey. Learn how to experience God in unexpected ways, learn to discern His voice, and make your faith come alive. Discuss how God can take your YES and transform that into something truly powerful and beautiful.

Experiencing God

Leader: Rev. Will Harvey

When: Wednesdays, September 9 – December 2

6:00 to 7:00 p.m. (12 weeks - No class Nov. 25)

Location: Game Room (2nd Floor in Youth Zone), Dunn-Smith Building

Childcare: Available. Request at registration.

Book: *Experiencing God* by Henry Blackaby

ISBN13: 9781087741680

Are you waiting for your “burning bush” or “parting-of-the-sea” moment to hear from God? Men, join this group to explore how God is revealed and at work in the everyday moments of our lives. We will also explore how to look for God and join him where he is already at work in our lives, and in the lives of people around us.

Life Lessons from Psalms

Leader: Gera Singletary, facilitator; lessons taught by group leaders.

When: Thursdays, September 10 – November 19

10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (11 weeks)

Location: Parlor, Bruner Building

Book: *Life Lessons from Psalms* by Max Lucado

ISBN: 031008668X

The Max Lucado Life Lessons series offers intriguing questions, inspirational stories, and poignant reflections to take readers deeper into God's Word. In Life Lessons from Psalms, you'll study the prayers and poetry used in the early church. Written by a variety of people, some are heartfelt cries of anguish, others plead for God's help, and still others are full of praise. Let them become your prayers as well.

Hidden Books?

Leader: Rev. Smoke Kanipe

When: Thursdays, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.: September 10; October 8; November 5; December 3; January 14; February 11; March 11; April 8; and May 13.

Room: Room 209, Knox Building

Book: *The Apocrypha* (available in either the HarperCollins Study Bible or the New Interpreters' Study Bible)

The word "apocrypha" means "hidden" or "secret." The books that we know as "The Apocrypha" were written in the last 200-300 years before the time of Jesus. Some Christian denominations consider them as Scripture, and some do not. Some Bibles include them, and some do not. In this class, we will read one or two books from the Apocrypha each month and see what God might be saying to us through these 'hidden books.'

A Place to Learn, Connect and Belong

Sunday School is more than Bible study. It is a place to build friendships, feel more connected and find support beyond Sunday morning. Classes meet Sundays at 9:45 a.m. Explore class descriptions and find the right fit at shandonumc.org or scan the QR code.





In Memoriam

We give thanks for the lives of these Shandon members and hold their loved ones in prayer.

Bobby Lee "Bob" Rush, Jr.
August 11, 1952 - July 29, 2026

Lelia Coleman Pollok "Lee" Huff
September 20, 1938 - July 30, 2026

Thomas Barton "Tom" McTeer
May 6, 1937 - August 21, 2026

Altar Flowers

Sunday, September 6

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, **John and Jane Brewer**, by Bonnie Mullis and Holly Neuffer.

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **Liddy Grantland** by John and Becky Grantland.

Sunday, September 13

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

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

Sunday, September 20

The flowers at the altar are given in honor of our grandparents, **Linda and Von Suber**, by 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 to the glory of God and in honor of **Debbie Blair** and **Jennie A. Eadon** in celebration of their birthdays, with love by Margaret Miller.

Sunday, September 27

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

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of our wedding anniversary, by **Susan and Jim Brant**.

Let Us Walk With You

To let us know about the death of your loved one, please contact the church at (803) 256-8383 so we can be there for you in your time of need.



Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Bill Brannon

Carey Ann and Bobby Blankenship
Danny and Sarah Vann Bonds
Susan and Jim Brant
Marshanna Brown
Lorraine Conrad
Marilyn and Floyd Creech
Brandon Shives

In Memory of Mike Cinnamon

Blue Cross Blue Shield of SC-CPSS Team
Susan and Jim Brant
Gayle and Cy Rush
Brandon Shives
Stella and Greg Templin

In Memory of Mary Ann Crews

Lorraine Conrad

In Memory of Hal Crosswell

Carey Ann and Bobby Blankenship
Danny and Sarah Vann Bonds
Marshanna Brown
Lorraine Conrad

In Memory of Liddy Grantland

Susan and Jim Brant
Brandon Shives

In Memory of Tom Hammond

Carey Ann and Bobby Blankenship
Marshanna Brown
Lorraine Conrad
Tricia and Perry Hoskins

In Memory of Mary Hellams

Susan and Jim Brant
Lorraine Conrad

In Memory of Layla Palmer, sister of Meredith Dreibelbis

Nancy Probst

In Memory of Joe Reynolds

Danny and Sarah Vann Bonds
Susan and Jim Brant
Marshanna Brown

In Memory of Bob Rush

Susan and Jim Brant
Beverly Crosby
Trudy Nelson
Connie Spencer

In Memory of Dan Vismor

Susan and Jim Brant

In Honor of Gardner Long for the Technology Fund

Ellen and Carlton Bagby
Leanne Griffith

Stephen Ministry

Stephen ministry touches the lives of hurting people through one-on-one, confidential support. At different times and stages, life can be more challenging, and we may need a little extra support – times of loneliness, depression, illness, grief, and life transitions. At times like these, it is important to have someone who will be there and listen without judging.

Lay caregivers, called Stephen Ministers, provide one-on-one, completely confidential care for those who are hurting from some stressful event in their lives. They visit weekly, listen, pray, and offer confidential Christian friendship and love. Stephen Ministers are trained through the national Stephen Ministry program, receive 50 hours of initial training, and regularly participate in continuing education and supervision.

If you would like to be connected to a Stephen Minister, please contact Rev. Smoke Kanipe at (803) 722-1063 and a member of our team will be in touch.



Worship With Us!

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, and 11:05 a.m. LifeLine Contemporary Worship
Our nursery cares for children aged eight weeks to 3K, from 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings until the end of the two 11:00 a.m. services in the Knox building.



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