

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*We gather to worship God, nurture Christian faith,
and go out into the world in mission.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2026

8:45 and 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY Brother James' Air arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT Jad Taylor, *MSN-Columbia Wesley*

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 159 Lift High the Cross *Crucifer*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:**

**for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

- Psalm 23

* GLORIA PATRI NO. 71

Greatorrex

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Almighty God, we gather now to open your Word.
Enlighten our hearts and minds to your teaching.
Encourage us to remember your mercies and grace.
Empower us to hear your Spirit speaking,
and help us to feel your love, now and forever. Amen.**

* SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:41-47

Pew Bible, N.T. pg. 112

(In celebration of our Lord's resurrection, please stand and face the cross for the reading of the scripture.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Cari Treece

*Following the Children's Sermon, childcare is available for 4 and 5-year-olds
in Room 115 of the Knox Building.*

SERMON

"A Perfect Union"

Rev. James Grubb

* HYMN 138

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columba

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 882: The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

THE OFFERING

To give online: shandonumc.org/give

To give by text: Text SUMC to 73256

OFFERTORY

(8:45 A.M.)

Lift High the Cross
organ and piano

Mark Hayes

(11:00 A.M.)

The Lord Is My Shepherd
The Chancel Choir

Allen Pote

*The Lord is my shepherd, nothing shall I want.
My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters.
The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life.
Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name.
And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me,
your rod and staff will comfort me.
You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and in the house of my God I will live forever.
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.*

* DOXOLOGY HYMN 94

Lasst uns erfreuen

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* HYMN 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

* BENEDICTION

Go in peace to walk the way of the cross and resurrection!

We are sent in the name of the Lord!

May Jesus Christ, who was put to death for our sins, bless you and keep you!

Amen!

May Jesus Christ, who was raised to life for our salvation, let light shine upon you!

Amen!

May Jesus Christ be your life, your peace, and your joy now and forever!

Amen! Thanks be to God!

* (11:00 A.M.) CHORAL RESPONSE Benediction

Jane Marshall

*And now may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and abide with you, now and forevermore. Amen.*

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata in G Major

Théodore Dubois

*Congregation standing

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in honor of their wedding anniversary by Rhyne and Twyla Stowe.*

*The altar flowers are given in honor of Bob Roof for his birthday, and
in memory of Bobbie and Brenda Clarke, by Harriett Roof and family.*

*The flowers in the narthex are given in loving memory of Chad Gibbons
by Laura, Jordan, Meg, Maura, and Skylar.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPPORTING “CHANGING”: The Journey Sunday school class appreciates the generous support from our congregation as the class collected diapers and wipes for Power in Changing, the Midlands area diaper bank. The donations included 2500 diapers and 54 packs of wipes, which go directly to families in need.

AN UNEXPECTED CALLING: Adults are invited to Player Hall during the Sunday School hour, beginning at 9:45 a.m., TODAY, Sunday, **April 26**, as we host Corinna Barrett Lain, author of *Secrets of the Killing State*, for her personal story of faith, redemption, and Death Row. Professor Lain will remain after the presentation to answer questions about the book, but the presentation will focus on God’s hand in guiding her to write the book and in growing her faith through that journey.

MYF: Methodist Youth Fellowship is the place for 7th through 12th graders to fellowship, play games, and grow in their relationship with Christ. **April 26** - Easter is over, but what are followers of Jesus supposed to do now? Let’s look at what the disciples did after the resurrection. Join us for dinner, open gym, and Bible study from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Zone.

SEEKERS LUNCH: Young professionals ages 23 to 30 seeking fellowship and community are welcome to join the Seekers group, which plans dates to gather for Sunday lunch after the 11:00 a.m. worship services. The Seekers will meet TODAY, **April 26**, at Taziki’s. Rev. Maggie Cantey is partnering with this group and is seeking input regarding other interests for this group. Please contact Rev. Maggie for a conversation or complete the interest form at shandonumc.org/seekers to be added to the group email list.

“BUDS” IN SEATS: At many places, we recognize our physical presence is impactful and important, so we show up. There is a place, however, where your presence is incredibly impactful and needed, but you may not know it. On Monday, **April 27**, at 6:00 p.m., at the Pastides Alumni Center (900 Senate Street), our congregation’s MORE Justice Team invites you to the Nehemiah Action Assembly, at which your physical presence will be noted by local politicians as we advocate for more local, affordable housing and other positive changes to social injustices in our community. Meet at 5:15 p.m. in the church’s overflow parking lot to carpool to the event. We’ll save a seat for you because your seat counts.

VOLUNTEER TO SERVE AT TRANSITIONS: Shandon UMC’s serving team needs volunteers on the fourth Monday of each month (April 27) from 5:15-6:00 p.m. to help serve prepared meals and greet residents. Volunteers are provided with aprons, gloves, and hairnets (a baseball cap may be worn instead of a hairnet). For more information or to sign up go to shandonumc.org/events or contact Sue Haddock at ksuehaddock@gmail.com.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY: To honor our graduating high school seniors at Shandon, we will hold a unique service for them on Sunday, **May 10**, 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. If you have a student who would like to participate, please get in touch with Andy Morris at amorris@shandonumc.org to complete an information form. All information needs to be submitted by April 29.

ALLEN FUND SCHOLARSHIPS: Applications will be accepted until **April 30** for grants of up to \$1,000 to assist Shandon members, Epworth students, and children of Methodist missionaries with higher education expenses. Apply online at shandonumc.org/allenfund.

SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION DINNER: All are invited to join United Women in Faith for a Special Mission Recognition Dinner and General Meeting on Tuesday, **May 5**, at 6:30 p.m. in Player Hall. Dinner reservations are due by May 1. The cost is \$10 and may be paid at the door. You do not need to be a member of a UWF Circle to participate. To reserve your spot, contact Jennifer Parker at jpclemsgirl@gmail.com.

SOAP FELTING: Join us in Wesley Hall on Wednesday, **May 6**, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. (childcare will be provided) as Rev. Maggie Cantey teaches us another felting class. During our time together, materials will be provided for you to create a bar of felted soap. These soap bars are perfect for gentle exfoliation and make great gifts or decorations. This class is perfect for any level of experience, as you can choose a simple swirl pattern or needlefelt more intricate designs onto your soap bar. The cost is \$12. Register at shandonumc.org/events. We hope to see you there!

MEN'S GOLF OUTING: Join us for a round of golf at Northwoods Golf Club on the afternoon of Thursday, **May 14**. Pick your playing partner, and you will be paired with another twosome to help you get to know a couple of new guys and build greater community within our church. Cost will be \$45 per golfer, and participants can register at shandonumc.org/events by May 1.

GRIEFSHARE-LOSS OF A SPOUSE: Sunday, **May 3**, in Knox 214, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. \$10 materials cost. Register at griefshare.org or contact LillaAnn Briggs at forgiventoo7@gmail.com.

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP: There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, **May 3**, at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room for those interested in learning more about the 7-10 day mission trip to Guatemala between October 10 and 20. This trip will include a medical and a construction component. No particular skills are needed to be a part of the construction team. Doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses, and other healthcare professionals are needed for the medical team. Please join us if you feel God is leading you to be a part of this work. Interested, but unable to attend the meeting? Please email Jennifer Parker at jpclemsongirl@gmail.com.

LIONS AND GIANTS: On Sunday, **May 3**, 3 & 4K children (*age 3 by September 1, 2025*) are invited to join Ms. Cari in the gym for a fun-filled preschool version of "Lions and Giants" from 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. We will play games and have a special Bible time designed for little ones. 5K-5th grade students will gather from 3:00 - 4:15 p.m. for an exciting time of fellowship, games, and Bible time. Noodle Tag, Gaga Ball, and Four Square 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!

CONNECTIONS-LAURA'S TEA ROOM: Come enjoy Afternoon Tea on Thursday, **May 7**, in this charming tearoom with a three-course tea experience. Meet at church at 10:30 a.m. and we will return by 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person. Contact Susan Curran to register or sign up across from the reception desk in the Great Hall. Space is limited and friends are welcome.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: The Shandon Blood Drive is Sunday, **May 17**, in Player Hall, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Please go to shandonumc.org/redcross to sign up. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be taken first. An e-gift card of \$20 to a merchant of choice will be emailed to you following your donation. 16-18 year olds can donate with parental permission. Bring a friend and their parent.

COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD: Our next Coffee in the Courtyard is on **May 17**, from 9:30-10:00 a.m. in the courtyard outside the gym. Everyone is invited to join us for a cup of coffee or some lemonade and a biscuit or scone. This is a time designed to help us meet and get to know fellow Shandon UMC friends. We hope you'll take a few moments after the early worship service and before Sunday School.

SUMMER EVENTS - SAVE THE DATES

Sundays, May 31 - July 26

Combined age group Sunday School
for elementary students

Wednesdays, June 10 - July 29

Summer Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall

Wednesdays, June 10 - July 29

Shandon Cup at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym

Sundays, June 14 - August 2

Combined worship alternating between 11:00 a.m.
traditional and 11:05 a.m. LifeLine services

Sunday, June 21

America the Beautiful (U.S. 250th Birthday
edition) at 12:00 p.m. in the Gym

Sundays, July 12, 19, and 26

Summer Soul Series returns at 9:45 a.m.
in Player Hall

Tuesday, July 14 and/or Thursday, July 23

Connections (Older Adults) trip to McBee -
Peaches and more

Wednesday, July 22

Christmas in July Mother-Daughter event
at 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall

Sunday, July 26

Chrismon Workshop at 4:00 p.m. in Bruner 223

Sunday, August 2

Blessing of the Backpacks at both services.

Sunday, August 9

Promotion/Christian Education Sunday

Sunday, August 30

Bible Presentation to 3rd Graders at 11:00 a.m.
Traditional and 11:05 a.m. LifeLine services.

Shandon UMC is a Stephen Ministry and Safe Sanctuary Congregation

Senior Pastor: The Reverend C. E. Kanipe, Jr.

Associate Pastor: The Reverend James Grubb

Associate Pastor: The Reverend Maggie Cantey

Minister of Music & Arts: The Reverend D. Edwin Huss, Jr.

Organist and Music Associate: Kipp Gill

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