



LIFELINE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 20, 2026 · 11:05 a.m.

Order of Worship

Opening Song

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Song

Children's Sermon

Susan Curran

On September 20, and 27, students in 4K, 5K, and first grade and their parents are invited to attend the Children's Chapel series in Player Hall following the Children's Sermon.

Prayers of the People

Offering

We worship God through our gifts and tithes. Give online at **shandonumc.org/give** or via the Realm App (**onrealm.org/shandonumc**)

Offertory Song

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 1:1-14; 5:18-19

Sermon

Let's Get Real · Rev. Smoke Kanipe

Song of Celebration

**All children are invited to come forward.*

Benediction

Announcements

Thank You Andy: It is with sadness that we announce the resignation of Andy Morris, our Director of Student Ministry, as of September 27. We are grateful for Andy's years of service alongside us in ministry, and wish him well in his new leadership role in student ministry at his next church. SPRC is seeking applicants for this open position. Please pray for Andy in his next role and pray for the person God sends to serve alongside us.

Children's Chapel Series: Our special series for families with 4-year-old Preschool, K5, and 1st-grade children students continues today and next week (**September 20 and 27**), during the 11:00/11:05 a.m. worship services. Sessions 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 attend these sessions with their children.

Wednesday Night Manna: Join us Wednesday nights in Player Hall from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 for an adult and \$5.00 for a child. (2 & under are free) Everyone is welcome. Reservations are required and must be placed by 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings at shandonumc.org/manna. **September 23** – Italian Night – bowtie pasta with Italian sausage, cherry tomatoes, mushrooms, and spinach, Caesar salad, garlic bread, and dessert.
Children's Menu: Buttered noodles, yogurt, clementine

Seekers Lunch: Young professionals in their mid-20s to mid-30s 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 on **September 27** at Taziki's. Please contact Rev. Maggie for a conversation or complete the interest form at shandonumc.org/seekers to be added to the group email list. If you're coming for the first time, let Maggie know (mcantey@shandonumc.org) so we can save you a seat. We hope to see you there!

Blessing of the Animals: Join us for Shandon UMC's annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, **October 4**, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in honor of St. Francis of Assisi Day, the patron saint of animals. Bring your leashed or caged pets to the East Lawn by the fountain for a special blessing. Children are welcome to bring a stuffed animal to be blessed, as well. If it rains, we will be in the gym. If you have questions, reach out to Rev. Maggie Cantey. We hope to see you there!

Trip to McCaskill's Farm: Connections (Older Adults Ministry) 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. Contact Susan Curran (scurran@shandonumc.org) to register.

Church Photo Directory: Our church family has grown since our 2023 directory was published. Make sure your household is included! Photography sessions will be held in the Parlor (Bruner Bldg.) **October 12-15**. Additional times may be added if needed. Register at shandonumc.org/directory using church code sc343 and password PHOTOS343. If you are homebound, contact Pastor Will Harvey at wharvey@shandonumc.org about submitting a photo. All others are asked to schedule a session.

Warm Meals, Lasting Impact: We are honored to support the Dreher High School football team by serving meals again this year. Volunteers are needed to serve meals from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, **October 16**. Join us in encouraging and uplifting these student athletes! Sign up at shandonumc.org/events.

TREK: Shandon's new member path, TREK, 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 the United Methodist Church. We have two more sessions to choose from for 2026: **October 11, 14, and 18**, or **November 1, 4, and 8**. More details and registration at shandonumc.org/trek.

Feed the Hungry Through Cooperative Ministry: Please remember our commitment to The Cooperative Ministry to provide non-perishable food items. The need for food is very real, and we can help. A donation barrel is located in the Food Pantry Closet outside Wesley Hall (1st floor, Bruner Bldg.). Shandon can make a difference through this ministry.

Mahjong For Missions-Play With a Purpose: Save the date! Join us for Mahjong for Missions on **February 20**, 2027, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Shandon UMC Gym for a fun tournament open to players of all levels. Friends and community members are always welcome. Registration opens November 1.

Children & Students

Trackers: Boys in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades are invited to a small-group time that includes fun Bible lessons, games, and time to connect with friends. Trackers meets on Wednesday nights from 6:00–6:45 p.m. on the second floor of DuBose in room 202, the 5th-grade classroom. Reach out to Cari at ctreece@shandonumc.org with questions.

Sixth Grade Fellowship (6F): Sixth Graders are invited to join us for the “6F” – Sixth Grade Fellowship event on Friday, **October 16**, 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, October 14, at shandonumc.org/events. Friends are welcome. Questions? Please contact Lesli Wood (lwood@shandonumc.org).

Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF): **September 20** is 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 to 7:00 p.m.

Teen Girls Bible Study: All girls 6th through 12th grade are invited to Dunn-Smith 206 on Wednesdays. Bible study is from 6:00–7:00 p.m., with fellowship from 5:45–6:00 p.m. Come enjoy fellowship, study God's Word, and grow together in faith.

Scout Troop 37: Scouts, 6th–12th grade, are invited on Wednesdays from 7:00–8:00 p.m. in Knox 208. Stop by to learn more or email Ryan (rdmartel@hotmail.com). Cub Scouts, K5–5th grade, meet monthly on Sundays starting on **October 4** with an ice cream social at 3:00 p.m. in the courtyard. No registration required.



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