



SHANDON

UNITED METHODIST

LIFELINE CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

Spectacular Christmas Pageant

Shandon United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 17, 2023

11:05 a.m.



Order of Worship

Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 17, 2023

- Opening Song *O Come All Ye Faithful* | Chris Tomlin
- Welcome & Announcements
- Opening Prayer
- Lighting the Advent Wreath James & Ashley Ervin and Family
- Ministry Moment Mardellina Marqueze, Harvest Hope
- Song of Praise *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear*
- 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 *Make Room* | Casting Crowns
- LifeLine Spectacular Christmas Pageant
- Song of Celebration *Joy To The World* | Chris Tomlin

*All children are invited to come forward.



CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE – Sunday, December 24 (No Sunday School)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:05 a.m. LifeLine Contemporary Service

*4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service – Sanctuary

Live nativity from 4:40 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and from 5:40 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

*6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service – Sanctuary

9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service – Sanctuary

*Childcare Registration needed—shandonumc.org/register

NO LIFELINE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE—Sunday, December 31

News and Notes

ADVENT OFFERING: The Outreach Commission has selected the following for the Advent Offering this year: Haiti missions, Harvest Hope, and Habitat for Humanity. Please consider a generous donation to support these important missions. You can give online or on your offering envelope—please note “advent” in the memo line.

THE EDDIE HUSS & FRIENDS BENEFIT CONCERT will be held today, **Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Annette Matthews, Debbie Bauer, Bradley Fuller, and Eddie Huss will perform enchanting music for two pianos composed by Rachmaninoff and Liszt. Vocalists, Johnnie Felder, and Anna Flynn will also perform on the program. We will be collect an offering to support our El Salvador Mission Trip scheduled for summer 2024. Everyone is invited to attend this annual Shandon Christmas Concert event.

MEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST: All men are invited to attend the Prayer Breakfast on **Thursday, December 21, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.** in Player Hall. Bring a friend. An offering to cover the cost of the meal will be received.

FINDING PEACE AMIDST HOLIDAY GRIEF: Attend Our Annual Blue Christmas Service for Comfort and Support on **Thursday, December 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

CHILDCARE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE: Because of the limited number of nursery staff, registration is required for childcare on Christmas Eve. Childcare for children ages 0-3 will be available for the 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Family Services. The nursery will be available for you to drop off your child 15 minutes before the scheduled service begins. Register online at shandonumc.org/register.

TAKE THE TREK TO SHANDON UMC MEMBERSHIP! Our upcoming sessions, starting January 21, are tailored for those ready to join our church family. Connect with us on January 21, 24, and 31 in Wesley Hall at the Bruner Education Building. Already a member? Encourage others to join! For full details and registration for prospective members, visit shandonumc.org/trek. Questions? Contact Pastor James Grubb at jgrubb@shandonumc.org.

SUMC BOOK CLUB meets on 3rd Thursdays, in person (5:30-6:30 p.m.). December 21: The Vanishing Half, by Britt Bennett. To be on the mailing list and receive reminders, contact Anne Cox at anne41450@aol.com.

IGNITE YOUR FAITH: Enroll in Winter 2024 Adult Christian Education Classes Now! Connect with fellow Christians and deepen your faith. Classes begin the week of January 7, 2024. Register online at shandonumc.org/doorways.

ATTENTION ALL DRIVERS: the handicap accessible parking spots, along the adjacent spaces with striped lines are reserved for lift vans and those with disabilities who require the extra space for safe entry and exit from their vehicles. Let's ensure these spots remain accessible to those who need them most. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in fostering equal access for all.

FOOD COLLECTION: Next year, we will collect food items on the second Sunday of each month to support Cooperative Ministries. **Sunday, January 14, please bring grits and mac & cheese.**

NATIVITY STICKER SHEETS for children are available at both entrances of the Sanctuary while supplies last.

MYF THIS WEEK—December 17: Our students and their friends will serve the local ministry EMS closet as they aim to serve students in our local schools by providing them with essential clothes. We will help clean up their storage space and organize clothes for children of different ages. Dinner will be served at the church at 4:00 p.m. We will take the buses to the EMS closet at 4:30 p.m. Students can be picked up back at the church at 6:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES for church membership begin on **Sunday, January 21, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** To register your 6th grader, visit shandonumc.org/register. For more information, please contact Lesli Wood, Director of Christian Education, at lwood@shandonumc.org or (803) 256-8383.

HIGH SCHOOL SKI RETREAT: Register now for our High School Ski and Worship Retreat in West Virginia from **February 9-11, 2024**. Cost: \$315, covers transportation, lodging, ski tickets, meals at the lodge, and equipment rentals. Registration deadline: January 5, 2023, at shandonumc.org/register.

UPCOMING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DATES

- Lions & Giants: January 21, April 14, May 5, 3:00 p.m.—4:15 p.m. in the gym.
- Children's Sunday in 11 a.m. Traditional Worship: February 11
- Three Year Old Sunday School Bible Presentation: February 25 at 11 a.m. Traditional and 11:05 a.m. LifeLine
- Easter Event: March 24

2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AND DAY CAMP

DATES: JUNE 10-14, 2024

Registration opens March 15—April 15, 2024.

Don't miss the best week of the summer! Scan the QR code to add the registration dates to your calendar.



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