



LIFELINE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
Twenty-Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, November 24, 2024
11:05 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*You are invited to bring your Thanksgiving food offering to the altar
when you enter the gym.*

Opening Song

Sacrifice | Big Daddy Weave

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Reception of New Members

Song of Praise

Out of My Hands | Jeremy Camp

Children's Moment

Cari Treece

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

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

Everything | Lauren Daigle

Scripture

John 18:33-37

Sermon

***"A Fuzzy Picture"
Andy Morris***

Song of Celebration

You Are Worthy of My Praise

*All children are invited to come forward.

news & notes

SHANDON CARES: So far we have received 240 pledges for \$2,110,180 to support our 2025 budget. Thank you to all who have made a pledge! If you have not yet submitted your pledge, you can mail in your Commitment Card or simply go to shandonumc.org/pledge.

POINSETTIA ORDERS: If you would like to place a poinsettia in our worship spaces this holiday season or donate to the Landscape Fund in honor or memory of a loved one, please sign up at shandonumc.org/plant by **Wednesday, December 4**. The cost is \$15.

FAITHFUL FAMILIES: Get your copy for only \$6! If you ordered Advent in a Bag last year, you already have this book. Faithful Families offers practical ways to create "Holy Moments" out of everyday activities like decorating your Christmas tree or receiving cards. Books are available in the foyer of the Dunn-Smith Building (gym). A QR code is provided for easy payment.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS GATHERING: Young professionals (ages 23–30) are invited to join the Seekers group for fellowship and community. The group meets for Sunday lunch after the 11:00 a.m. service and will gather on Sunday, Dec. 1 at Midwood Smokehouse. Celebrate Christmas with us on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Hunter Gatherer Brewery. To RSVP for the Christmas gathering or share ideas for future events, email Rev. Maggie Cantey at mcantey@shandonumc.org or complete the interest form at shandonumc.org/seekers to join the email list.

GREENING OUR FAITH: Don't forget to register for Greening Our Faith to be held on **Wednesday, December 4**. Spaces are filling up quickly, register online at shandonumc.org/register.

ART SHOW OPENING RECEPTION for Artist Irene Tyson: Please join the Shandon UMC Arts Council for an Art Show Opening Reception, Ode to Dogwood Hill, featuring a collection of paintings by Irene Dumas Tyson. **Wednesday, December 4, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** in the Patricia Beckler Art Gallery at Shandon. The reception is free and open to the public. Artwork will be on display from November 26, 2024 through February 23, 2025.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CHRISTMAS DINNER will be **Monday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m.**, in Player Hall with a special guest speaker – Comedian Lesli Wood. The UWF Woman of the Year will be honored, and a memorial will be held for members and Special Friends who passed this year. Reservations are due by November 27 and can be made with Jennifer Parker at jpclemsongirl@gmail.com or by phone/text at 770-301-6376. Cost is \$10, payable at the door. Membership in UWF is not required to attend this dinner.

CONNECTIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY: Adults 65 and older are invited to the Connections Christmas Party on **Friday, December 6, in Player Hall at 11:30 a.m.** Dress in your most festive holiday attire and join us for some holiday games (with prizes), musical entertainment, and a lunch buffet. Please RSVP by Wed., December 4 to Susan Curran by email (scurran@shandonumc.org) or text (803-466-1344) with your name and the number of guests.

LENTEN CROSSES for your yard will be on sale **December 8 and 15.** Find us at a table in the Dunn-Smith Courtyard between Sunday School and 11:00 service. This is a fundraiser by the Committed Disciples Sunday School class and all proceeds will benefit the Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry. The cost is \$35.00 and will be ready for pickup on March 2 and includes a cross for yard mount, three sashes, instructions, and lessons for the Lenten season to enjoy each year. Register online at shandonumc.org/register.

JOIN US FOR SWEET ADVENT: CANDY CRECHE EVENT on **Sunday, December 8, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.** in the gym! This fun, family-friendly event invites all ages to create a nativity scene made entirely from candy. A nursery for infants through 2-year-olds is available with reservations. The fee is \$16 per Candy Creche. Optional dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m., featuring chicken fingers, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls, and dessert. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children (2 and under eat free). End the evening with s'mores in the courtyard! Register at shandonumc.org/register. For questions, contact Cari Treece at ctreece@shandonumc.org.

SHANDON SISTERS – CONNECTIONS FOR YOUNG WOMEN (ages 25ish – 45ish): Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, December 12, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Heather Mitchell. For more information, contact Anne Marie Crosswell at amacrosswell@gmail.com or Ruthie Taylor at (803) 318-7484. Friends are welcome.

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24

11:00 a.m. Communion Service

3:00 p.m. Family Service – Sanctuary

Live Nativity after 3:00 p.m. Family Service and 20 mins before the 6:00 p.m.

Family Service

6:00 p.m. Family Service – Sanctuary

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

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

EPWORTH CHRISTMAS GIFT COLLECTION: Epworth is currently collecting Christmas gifts for their residential children and Epworth foster children in the midlands. If you are interested in donating a Christmas gift, 1) go to epworthchildrenshome.org/christmas, 2) click on the wish list of your choosing and sign up for the gift you would like to donate, 3) purchase the gift and bring it to Rev. Maggie's office UNWRAPPED and labeled "residential" or "foster" before the end of the day December 3!

ADVENT OFFERING: The 2024 Advent Offering begins next Sunday, supporting Haiti Missions, Habitat for Humanity, and Homeless No More—initiatives chosen by our Outreach Committee to transform lives and strengthen communities. Your generosity makes a difference. Starting next Sunday, give online at shandonumc.org and select Advent Offering from the dropdown list, or write "Advent Offering" on your check. Let's share the spirit of the season through acts of hope and compassion.

THE YOUNG LIVES ADVENT TREE mission opportunity, organized by church member Morgan Knox, supports pregnant and parenting teens. You can pick an ornament from the tree to buy a Christmas present for a mom or baby. The tree will be located on the first floor of the DuBose Children's Building on Sundays and outside Player Hall on Wednesdays until December 4. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 8.

VOLUNTEER FOR OUR LIVE NATIVITY ON CHRISTMAS EVE! Join us as we bring the Christmas nativity to life with live animals! We're looking for volunteers to portray nativity characters during two shifts: after the 3:00 p.m. and before the 6:00 p.m. service. To participate, email ctreece@shandonumc.org. Slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and children are welcome to volunteer alongside adults.

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