

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

MAY 10, 2026
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Jason D. Payne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 152 I Sing the Mighty Power of God *Forest Green*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,

**for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.**

She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.

**Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honor.**

Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.

**She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.**

(Proverbs 3:13-18)

* GLORIA PATRI NO. 71

Greatorex

**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.**

(8:45 A.M.) THE GRADUATES' PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for all of our blessings. We are thankful for our home, family, health, friends, and food. We are also thankful for our church, opportunities for education, and our community.

Lord, help us to be patient. Be with us during our difficult days and decisions.

Help us to focus and keep us from putting too much pressure on ourselves. Please be at the center of our relationships and remind us that you are in control.

Please forgive our sins. Thank you for showing us grace, mercy, and love so that we can show that to other people.

We pray for others we know that are hurting or need your help.

We believe in the power of prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit.

In your name we pray, Amen.

(8:45 A.M.) RECOGNITION OF 2026 GRADUATES

(11:00 A.M.) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Hymnal, pg. 39)

Paulina Day Powell, daughter of Andrew and LaLa Powell, was born on October 7, 2024.

(11:00 A.M.) THE BAPTISM SONG: HYMN 611 (verses 1,4)

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.

Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.

(11:00 A.M.) ANTHEM

How Great Thou Art
Ashley Oakey, soprano

arr. Dan Forrest

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Guide us, O God,
by your word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Timothy 3:10-17

Pew Bible, N.T. pg. 201

In celebration of our Lord's resurrection, please stand for the reading of the Scripture.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Susan Curran

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

SERMON

"Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth"

Rev. C.E. "Smoke" Kanipe

* HYMN 347

Spirit Song

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(8:45 a.m.) * 884 - A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE KOREAN METHODIST CHURCH

We believe in the one God

**creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.**

We believe in Jesus Christ,

**God manifest in the flesh,
our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins,

**in the life of love and prayer,
and in grace equal to every need.**

We believe in the Word of God

**contained in the Old and New Testaments
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.**

We believe in the church,

**those who are united in the living Lord
for the purpose of worship and service.**

We believe in the reign of God

as the divine will realized in human society,

**and in the family of God,
where we are all brothers and sisters.**

**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness
and in 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**

(8:45 a.m.) OFFERTORY

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. David Ashley White
Celebration Choir

*Come, thou fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love!*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

(11:00 a.m.)

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

REFRAIN:

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings. (R)*

*The purple headed mountains, the river running by,
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky. (R)*

*The cold wind in the winter, the peasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one. (R)*

*God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. (R)*

* DOXOLOGY HYMN 94

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, 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 408

The Gift of Love

Gift of Love

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

arr. John Longhurst

* Congregation standing

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of our mothers,
Rachel S. Knox and Mamie F. Coleman, by Lex and Cathy Knox.*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Edith Meyers,
in honor of Kasey Meyers and in celebration of the first wedding anniversary of
Katie and Peyton Pryor, with love by Karen Meyers.*

Congratulations 2026 Graduates!

Ann Pollard Barnes
Hammond School

Emily Caroline Crosland
Hammond School

William James Phelps
Spring Valley High School

Grady Dowling Bell
A.C. Flora High School

Mary Garland Desai
Hammond School

Zoe Grace Phillips
A.C. Flora High School

Jackson Davis Bozard
Hammond School

Palmer Calhoun Flake
Chapin High School

James Byars Powell
A.C. Flora High School

James Tanner Bozard
Hammond School

Caroline Avery Hethcox
River Bluff High School

Lillian Faith Reid
Cardinal Newman School

Daniel Calhoun Brown
A.C. Flora High School

Charlie Wayne Hudson
Heathwood Hall Episcopal School

Addison Grace Sanders
Hammond School

Garrison Connor Buchanan
A.C. Flora High School

Ralph Montague Laffitte, IV
A.C. Flora High School

Dean Brown Sumner
Dreher High School

Piper Claire Carter
Hammond School

James Samuel McCutcheon
A.C. Flora High School

Landon Connor Young
Dreher High School

Anna Grace Painter
A.C. Flora High School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY WE GIVE TO THE EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING! Today our church will receive the annual Epworth Mother's Day offering to provide loving care, safety, and services for the children at Epworth Children's Home. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry, so please give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at epworthchildrenshome.org where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation or enroll for monthly contributions.

MYF: Methodist Youth Fellowship is the place for 7th through 12th graders to fellowship, play games, and grow in their relationship with Christ. **May 10:** We will not meet for MYF on Mother's Day. Hang out with your family to show them how much they mean to you.

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.

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 join us for a few moments after the early worship service and before Sunday School.

SUPPORT FOR SENIOR RESOURCES: As college students are beginning to leave town for the summer, Senior Resources has a great need for meal packers and drivers for their Meals on Wheels program. If you would like to serve, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Evan Dilworth at (803) 903-2236. If you aren't able to assist with delivering meals, but would still like to help, they also need donations for their Senior Care Pantry. Learn more at seniorresourcesinc.org.

UWF BOOK DISCUSSION: Members of circles, Shandon UMC, and guests are invited to join Claire Manning on Monday, **May 18**, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., in the Parlor to discuss the book *The Big Deal of Taking Small Steps to Move Closer to God* by Vashti McKenzie.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: One of the times the men of Shandon UMC gather to fellowship and grow our faith is at our Men's Prayer Breakfast on the third Thursday of each month. This month's Prayer Breakfast will occur on Thursday, **May 21**, from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. in Player Hall. Please invite a friend or two and plan to join us.

LIVE ON THE LAWN: Join us for Live on the Lawn, a summer concert series sponsored by Hospitality. The first concert will be Thursday, **May 21**, at 6:30 p.m. on the East Lawn, featuring Prettier Than Matt. Bring your lawn chair, invite a friend, and enjoy an evening of music, food, and community. The concert is free and open to all. Food and treats will be available for purchase.

SHANDON UMC BOOK CLUB: Join the Shandon UMC Book Club on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in Bruner 224 as we discuss titles across a diverse range of topics. **May 21:** *Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan. To receive the book list and get meeting reminders, please email Gera Singletary at davegera4@icloud.com.

POPCORN AND MOVIE SUNDAY: Children's "Popcorn and a Movie" will be offered during the Sunday School hour for our 4-year-old through 5th-grade Sunday School classes on Sunday, **May 24**, from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Children may be dropped off and picked up in Player Hall.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN: Beginning on Sunday, **May 31**, we will combine Children's Sunday school grade levels into 3 groups. K4-K5, 1st-2nd, and 3rd-5th. The last date of combined Sunday school will be Sunday, July 26. On Sunday, August 9, Promotion Sunday, children will move to their new classrooms.

YOUTH MISSION PROJECT (YMP): This year's YMP is taking place right here in Columbia on **July 12-16**. Students who have completed 9th-12th grades this year are invited to sign up. Learn more in the May issue of *The Voice* and [sign up before June 1](http://shandonumc.org/events), at shandonumc.org/events.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Construction begins **June 4**. No experience is needed, just a willing heart and hands ready to serve. We strongly encourage groups to sign up and serve together: vhub.at/cshabitatforhumanity

SUMMER FUN AND FELLOWSHIP FOR CHILDREN

Summer is right around the corner -- be sure to mark your calendars for these fun activities!

MOVIE NIGHT

June 17 | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. | Player Hall

For rising kindergarten - rising 6th grade. This is a drop-off event

POPSICLES AT THE PARK

July 9 | 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. | Gills Creek Park Splash Pad, 24 Forest Lake Place

Playtime with friends, popsicles, and a Bible story with Ms. Cari for children of all ages.

This is NOT a drop-off event

SUMMER BINGO

July 19 | 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. | Player Hall

For rising kindergarten - rising 6th grade. This is a drop-off event. Younger children may participate if accompanied by a parent.

WATER DAY

July 29 | TBD (two time slots) | East Lawn

For rising 4K - rising 6th grade. This is a drop-off event. Registration required (will be available at a later date).

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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