

## LIFELINE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost** Sunday, November 17, 2024 11:05 a.m.

## order of worship

**Opening Song** 

**Desert Road** | Casting Crowns

Welcome & Announcements

**Opening Prayer** 

**Reception of New Members** 

Song of Praise

Alive and Breathing | Matt Maher

Children's Moment

Lesli Wood

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

The Father's House | Cory Asbury

Scripture

Revelation 1:4-8

Sermon

"It's Going To Be Alright" Rev. C.E. "Smoke" Kanipe, Jr.

Song of Celebration

This Little Light of Mine

\*All children are invited to come forward.

**SHANDON CARES:** So far we have received 221 pledges for \$2,005,760 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 fill out the Order Form on the table as you enter the gym or sign up at **shandonumc.org/plant** by Wednesday, December 4. The cost is \$15.

**SEEKERS GROUP:** Young professionals ages 23-30 seeking fellowship and community are invited to join the Seekers group for lunch **today at Taziki's following the 11:00/11:05 a.m.** worship services. Feel free to join us and bring your friends.

**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 Great Hall of the Bruner Building and the foyer of the Dunn-Smith Building (gym). A QR code will be provided for easy payment.

**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.

**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 **Thursday, November 21, from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m.** in Player Hall. Please mark your calendar, invite a friend or two, and plan to join us. John Epps will lead the program.

**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 <a href="mailto:ctreece@shandonumc.org">ctreece@shandonumc.org</a>. Slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and children are welcome to volunteer alongside adults.

**SHANDON SISTERS** provides connections for young women (ages 25ish-45ish). Join us for a gathering to connect with mature women on **Thursday**, **November 21**, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the home of Debra Rountree. For more info, contact Anne Marie Crosswell at <a href="mailto:amacrosswell@gmail.com">amacrosswell@gmail.com</a> or Ruthie Taylor at (803) 318-7484. Friends are welcome.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION:** This Thanksgiving we're partnering with the grassroots nonprofit F.I.R.E., which provides outreach to the unhoused community living in motels and on the streets near Two Notch Road. On Thanksgiving Day, F.I.R.E. will deliver food directly to these residents. On **Sunday, November 24**, we invite you to bring shelf-stable items like ramen noodles, canned chicken, tuna, vegetables, fruits, soups, and cereal. During worship, you can bring your donations to the altar as a meaningful act of love and service.

**ART EXHIBITS:** Many thanks to Beth Rametta for the beautiful visual art that has been on exhibit this fall in the Beckler Art Gallery. Beth's art will be in the Gallery until November 22. An exhibit of some of Irene Tyson's artwork will begin on November 27. A reception for Irene will be held on **Wednesday, December 4 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** 

**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**.

**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.

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 <a href="mailto:shandonumc.org/register">shandonumc.org/register</a>. For questions, contact Cari Treece at <a href="mailto:cteace@shandonumc.org">cteace@shandonumc.org</a>.

**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.

**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!

## 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.

> 6:00 p.m. Family Service – Sanctuary 9:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service – Sanctuary

Family Service

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