



# THE VOICE

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## BEARING BURDENS TOGETHER

### Introducing New Stephen Ministers

Bear one another's burdens,  
and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2

In the 1970s, a young pastor named Kenneth Haugk realized that he simply did not have enough hours in a day to adequately minister to the people in his congregation. So he enlisted a few members of his congregation to serve as Christian friends and caregivers. He trained them intensively and then paired them up with persons who were going through challenging times.

Pastor Haugk never imagined that this ministry would grow beyond his local congregation, but it did. It became known as "Stephen Ministry." Today, Stephen Ministry is a worldwide network of caring ministries in congregations across some 200 denominations in over 30 countries around the world. At Shandon UMC, we are blessed by our Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are available to help share the load in the challenging times of life.

I'm excited to introduce you to some new Stephen Ministers who will be joining our team. Patricia Cloninger, Lilla Ann Briggs, David Adams, Link Graham, Hunter Griffin, and Buster Yandle have just completed 50 hours of training and will be commissioned in our worship services on February 23. They, along with all of our Stephen Ministers, are here to listen, to care, and to walk alongside us. None of our Stephen Ministers has a book of easy answers or a bag of magic dust. What they do have is the love of Jesus Christ -- and, after all, that is what we all most truly need.

If you or someone you know might benefit from a relationship with a Stephen Minister, I would love to talk with you about that possibility.

Grace and peace,

Smoke



**Rev. Smoke Kanipe**

Senior Minister  
[skanipe@shandonumc.org](mailto:skanipe@shandonumc.org)

# Memorials and Honorariums

## In Honor of Stokely, Anna Rogers, and Mac Haile

Morgan and Joyce Stokely

## In Honor of Mrs. Honey Kirk

Dee Morgan

## In Honor of the Pat Kirk Family

Samuel McGill

## In Honor of the Will McKenzie Family

Samuel McGill

## In Honor of Jeannie and Bill Metzger

Mr. William Lee Metzger

## In Honor of Harriet Roof's 80th Birthday

Annie Thompson

## In Honor of the Staff of Shandon UMC

Meredith Dreibelbis

## In Memory of June Alexander

Wanda McElveen

Bonnie Mullis

## In Memory of Jerry Frank Crews

Bonnie Mullis

## In Memory of Brad Hamer

Belva Hamer

## In Memory of Jane Marshall

Dr. Sue Haddock

Steve and Ann Horton

Mason and Laurie Menard

Jean Phillips

Faye Sheppard

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Thompson, Sr.

Bethany Whelan

## In Memory of Don McElveen

His Loving Family

## In Memory of Kathy Moreland

Bonnie Mullis

## In Memory of My Grandfather

Jack Ragley

## In Memory of Marjorie B. Neeley

Grady Neeley and Ben Spring

## In Memory of Ann Smith

Bonnie Mullis

## In Memory of Mary Helen Spradlin

Bonnie Mullis

## Flowers at the altar

### Sunday, February 2

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **Jennifer Gowen Greer**, by her sister Karen and Paul Holt and the Gowen family.

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of my parents, **Dr. and Mrs. James C. Owen**, by Rosalyn Owen Swan.

### Sunday, February 9

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **Bo Mullis**, given by Pamela Mullis, and Baz and Jones Anderson.

### Sunday, February 16

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of her mother, **Lola Tompkins**, and her sister, **Margaret Tompkins Bass**, and in honor of her sister, **Marilyn Barnhill**, by Frances Tompkins.

The flowers at the altar are given in memory of **Jerry and Sonny Foster**, and **Larry Foster**, and in honor of their great-grandchildren, **Ruth Kay Johnson**, **Winston James Gordner**, and **Evangeline Day Gordner**, with love by Amy and Edwin Martin and family.

### Sunday, February 23

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of our parents, **Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wall**, and **Mr. and Mrs. Heyward Young**, by Jim and Betsy Young.

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **Ed and Inez Watson**, by Janice, Harry, and Kyle Brown.

## WELCOME TO SHANDON!

### Welcome to our new Music Associate and Organist, Kipp!

Kipp Gill comes to us from Macon, Georgia, where he served as organist and choir director at the All Saints Episcopal Church and performed as an organ recitalist, and piano teacher. He holds a Bachelor of Music from Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi, and a Master's in Organ Performance from Mercer University in Macon. Kipp will play the organ for worship services, funerals, and weddings here at Shandon. He will also maintain our music library, serve as the Celebration Choir director, and assist with the handbell, children, and youth choirs.



### Welcome to our new Accounting Assistant, Amy!

We welcome Amy Buddin, Accounting Assistant/Finance Secretary. Amy is new to our Business Office but not to our church ministries. Both of Amy's now young adult children attended our Preschool & Kindergarten, and Amy has participated in the Women's Retreat. Amy is the sister of Melissa Tringali and the daughter of the late Allene Buddin, both church members. Amy previously served as the bookkeeper at St. Joseph Catholic Church, managing financial records and transactions.



## AT A GLANCE

### A look at upcoming events in the life of our church...

#### Children's Sunday

Sunday, March 2, in LifeLine Service

#### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Fundraiser

(hosted by 5th Grade Class) \*registration required  
Tuesday, March 4, from 5:15 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

#### Ashes to Go - Drive-Through Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, March 5, from 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.  
(Adger Rd. Driveway)

#### Ash Wednesday Service (Childcare provided)

Wednesday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

#### Middle School Lenten Prayer Breakfast

6:45 a.m.—7:30 a.m. on March 11, March 18, March 25, April 1, April 8. (Player Hall)

#### High School Lenten Prayer Breakfast

6:45 a.m.—7:30 a.m. on March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, April 3, April 10. (Player Hall)

#### Donation Drop-off for UWF Clothing and Book Sale

Tuesday, March 11—Wed., March 12, until 7:00 p.m.

#### UWF Clothing and Book Sale

Friday, March 14, from 8:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.  
Saturday, March 15, from 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

#### VBS and Day Camp Registration Opens for Church Members

March 15, at [shandonumc.org/register](http://shandonumc.org/register)

#### Children's Choir Spring Musical

Wednesday, April 2, at 6:15 p.m.

#### Family Easter Event

Sunday, April 6, at 3:00 p.m.

#### Greening our Faith—Women's Lenten Cross Craft

\*pre-registration required

Wednesday, April 9, at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 10, at 10:30 a.m.

#### Palm Sunday, April 13

Traditional services are at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., and LifeLine Contemporary service is at 11:05 a.m.

#### Holy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m.

#### Good Friday Service

Friday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m.

#### Easter Sunday Services, April 20

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

Traditional services are at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., and LifeLine Contemporary service is at 11:05 a.m.

#### Confirmation Service

Sunday, April 27, at 11:00 a.m. Traditional service



## CHAPEL CLASS NEW SERIES

Dr. David Shields is currently teaching a Sunday school series focusing on Revelation and other apocalyptic books in the scriptures and Apocrypha. All are welcome to attend. The class meets on **Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel (1st floor, Betty Bruner building.)**

## BLOOD DRIVE - GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

The Shandon Blood Drive is **Sunday, February 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in Player Hall. Please visit [shandonumc.org/redcross](http://shandonumc.org/redcross) or scan the QR code to schedule your appointment. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be taken first. Online registrants can receive a \$15 e-gift card.

## TACKLE HUNGER WITH SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Each year, our Student Ministry joins the Souper Bowl of Caring to fight food insecurity. Last year, we raised over \$2,100 for MeadowFEED, a designated fund that supports our feeding program by providing food for children in need to take home. This year, we aim to do even more. On **Sunday, February 9**, Shandon students will collect donations at all worship service exits. You can also give online at [shandonumc.org/give](http://shandonumc.org/give) by selecting Souper Bowl from the drop-down menu.



## NOURISHING PICKY EATERS

**Tips for Nutrition, Managing Preferences, and Prevention**

Please Join Health and Wellness for the second part of its "Renew and Refresh series" on **Wednesday, February 5, at 6:00 p.m.** in Room 204 in the Knox Building.

This session aims to help families navigate feeding picky eaters. Topics will include making sure your child gets the nutrition they need, how to encourage picky eaters, and how to prevent picky eating habits. Our speaker will be Dr. Jonathan W. Brock, MD, PhD, FAAP.

## DEMENTIA

**What Is It? How Do You Know? What Resources Are Available?**

Please join Health and Wellness for the final session of its "Renew and Refresh" Series on **Sunday, February 23, at 9:45 a.m.** in Player Hall during the Sunday School hour. This session will explore the important topic of dementia, including the types, stages, warning signs, and risk factors, navigating a diagnosis, the current treatments, and the care planning and support resources in South Carolina. Our guest speaker will be Tori Anderson, a Dementia Care Specialist from the South Carolina Department of Aging.

## PAPER GROCERY BAGS NEEDED

The Outreach Committee needs paper grocery bags for our Lenten food collection for The Cooperative Ministry. Please leave bags in the food pantry closet near Wesley Hall in the Bruner Building by **Sunday, February 23.**





## 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, February 20, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.** in Player Hall. Please mark your calendar, invite a friend or two, and plan to join us. Robert Lentz will lead the program.

## SHANDON UMC BOOK CLUB - 3RD THURSDAYS

The Shandon UMC Book Club invites you to join a meaningful discussion on *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee on **Thursday, February 20, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** in Room 221 of the Bruner Building (2nd floor). This monthly gathering is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others, deepen your thinking, and grow in faith. The group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month, reading books from a diverse selection chosen six months in advance. Newcomers are always warmly welcomed! To join the mailing list and receive reminders, contact Anne Cox at [anne41450@aol.com](mailto:anne41450@aol.com).

## SHANDON SISTERS - CONNECTIONS FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Shandon Sisters provides connections for young women (ages 25ish - 45ish). Join us for a casual gathering to connect with mature women ahead of you in life's journey. Our time together will include fellowship, light refreshments, conversation, and a brief reflection with "pearls of wisdom" from one of our facilitators. Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 20, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Kathy Lentz.

For more information, contact Anne Marie Crosswell at [amacrosswell@gmail.com](mailto:amacrosswell@gmail.com) or Ruthie Taylor at (803) 318-7484. Friends are welcome.



## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Join us on **Tuesday, March 4**, for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from **5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Our 5th grade Sunday school class will host dinner in the gym, and all proceeds will go to Homeless No More and EMS Closet. Dinner includes pancakes, bacon, grits, fruit, and drinks. Adult tickets are \$9, and children's meals are \$4. Please purchase your tickets in advance at [shandonumc.org/register](http://shandonumc.org/register). Donations may be made at [shandonumc.org/give](http://shandonumc.org/give) - choose "pancake supper" from the dropdown list.



## sunday mornings *at* shandon umc

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship** (in-person)  
**11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship** (in-person & online)  
**11:05 a.m. LifeLine Contemporary Worship** (in-person and online)  
*Nursery opens at 8:30 a.m.*

Watch online: [shandonumc.org/live](http://shandonumc.org/live)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is a space for you to grow in faith, build relationships, and engage in meaningful discussions. With classes for all ages and life stages, you'll find opportunities to explore the Bible and contemporary topics, and connect through community service and social activities. Classes meet Sundays from 9:45 until 10:45 a.m.

To get connected, contact Ruthie Taylor at (803) 318-7484 or visit [rtaylor@shandonumc.org](mailto:rtaylor@shandonumc.org).

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MANNA

Manna is a family-friendly church fellowship where we gather for a meal and meaningful connections. Join us in Player Hall every Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Meals are \$9.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children, with childcare available from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. While menus are planned, substitutions may occur based on food availability.

**February 5:** Taco Bar – Chicken, Beef, Black Beans, Rice, Salad, and Dessert

**February 12:** Lemon Chicken, Rice, Roasted Vegetables, Salad, Roll, and Dessert

**February 19:** Pork Roast, Squash Casserole, Lima Beans, Salad, Roll, and Dessert

**February 26:** Chicken Casserole, Kale Salad, Vegetable, Roll, and Dessert

Pre-orders are required, and the deadline to order is **Monday at 5:00 p.m.** at [shandonumc.org/manna](http://shandonumc.org/manna).

## TRIPLE T - DRIVE THROUGH MEAL PICKUP

Triple T offers convenient meal options on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meals are \$9 and must be preordered by 5:00 p.m. on Mondays at [shandonumc.org/triplet](http://shandonumc.org/triplet). Pick-up is easy—stay in your car, and we'll bring your meal to you in the church parking lot between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

**February 4:** Beef and Noodles, Sweet Peas, Kale Salad, Roll, and Dessert

**February 6:** Cold Plate – Chicken Salad, Pasta Salad, Fruit Salad, Roll, and Dessert

**February 11:** Pork Roast, Squash Casserole, Lima Beans, Roll, and Dessert

**February 13:** Lemon Chicken, Rice, Roasted Vegetables, Roll, and Dessert

**February 18:** Chicken Souvlaki, Greek Potatoes, Greek Salad, Roll, and Dessert

**February 20:** Beef Tips with Burgundy Mushroom Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Asparagus, Roll, and Dessert

**February 25:** Teriyaki Chicken, Fried Rice, Spring Rolls, Asian Salad, Dessert

**February 27:** Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll and Dessert

## TAKE THE TREK TO MEMBERSHIP

Are you ready to become a full member of Shandon UMC? TREK is Shandon UMC's pathway to membership. Our next course will begin on **March 16 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** It is designed to help you connect with our ministers, staff, ministries, and one another. To register for the course, go to [shandonumc.org/trek](http://shandonumc.org/trek). If you still have questions, please contact Pastor James Grubb at [jgrubb@shandonumc.org](mailto:jgrubb@shandonumc.org) or call the church office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

If you are already a Shandon member and know of someone interested in joining, please share this information with them.

### Schedule of Sessions

Sunday, March 16, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 23, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

## VISIT THE FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Friendship Sunday School Class (Rm. 216 - Bruner Building) invites all interested adults to join us to hear our guest speakers:

- February 2: Andy Morris will discuss youth activities and ministries.
- February 9: Rev Smoke Kanipe
- March 9: Brian Ingram and Candler Rhodes will discuss Missions in El Salvador

For additional information, contact Libby Kelly at (803) 807-3436 (voice or text).



## ANNUAL CLOTHING AND BOOK SALE

The United Women in Faith's annual Clothing and Book Sale is set for **Friday, March 14, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 15, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** Please clear out your closets and bookshelves! Drop-off days are **Tuesday and Wednesday, March 11 and 12, until 7:00 p.m.** Please bring your "hanging clothes" on hangers and any jewelry in individual bags, if possible. Boxes are also needed for pack-up. Volunteers are needed all week for set up.

Questions: Contact Jennifer Parker at [jpclemsongirl@gmail.com](mailto:jpclemsongirl@gmail.com) or text (770) 301-6376 or Bobbie Moore at [bobbiamoore0529@gmail.com](mailto:bobbiamoore0529@gmail.com) or text (803) 728-7255. Lastly, we need people to donate lunches and/or snacks for our volunteers. If you are interested in that, please contact Carolyn Hall at (803) 422-0951 or [mchajcek@gmail.com](mailto:mchajcek@gmail.com). As always, a huge thank you for your support!



## GREENING OUR FAITH - LENTEN CROSS

Learn about Lenten traditions while creating a beautiful greenery cross for your door in Wesley Hall on **Wednesday, April 9, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. or Thursday, April 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Spaces are limited to 24 participants per session, with a \$35 registration fee. If sessions fill, a waiting list will be available. Don't miss this opportunity to reflect on the season of Lent through a meaningful hands-on activity. Sign up online at [shandonumc.org/register](https://shandonumc.org/register).



## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CIRCLE MEETINGS

### Augusta Beckman Circle

Monday after the 1st Tuesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. in Player Hall  
Monday, February 10, 2025  
Contact: Diane Bruner (803) 609-0891

### Naomi & Ruth Circle

Meeting with Shandon Sisters at the home of Kathy Lentz.  
Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.  
Contact: Sara Roberts Ruzensky (803) 280-0558

### Mary Campbell Circle

2nd Tuesday of the month in Player Hall at 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, February 11, 2025  
Contact: Angie Moore (803) 261-4464

### Susanna Wesley Circle

2nd Tuesday of the Month, 6:00 p.m. at different locations.  
Tuesday, February 11, 2025  
Contact: Tiffany Anderson (803) 479-8838

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH UPCOMING EVENTS

**Prayer and Self-Denial Service** will be held **Wednesday, February 26, at 6:00 p.m.** in Wesley Hall.

### Disbursement of Funds:

The garage and jewelry sale funds will be disbursed on **Wednesday, February 5, at 6:00 p.m.** The meeting will take place in the Youth Zone, in the 11th through 12th grade Sunday school room. All UWF are invited to the discussion and disbursement of the funds. **REMEMBER—100% of the money raised goes to missions.**



## MISSION TRIP TO EL SALVADOR

We are excited to share that the Mission trip to El Salvador will be **Sunday, July 27, through Friday, August 3, 2025**. If you have been thinking about going, this is the year to do it! We are looking for new team members to lead this mission in the future, so all first-timers are encouraged to go.

A "Journey to International Missions" will take place in Player Hall on **March 2 at 9:45 a.m., during the Sunday School hour**. Previous El Salvador missionaries will share their journeys in the family decision-making and planning process to go on this international mission trip. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Candler Rhodes at (803) 727-0077.

## SUPPORT LOCAL NON-PROFITS

The Outreach Committee invites you to check out a few upcoming 5K Races in our community that support local non-profits.



**Homeless No More's Race for the Place 5K Run/Walk, Fun Run**  
**Saturday, February 22 at 8:00 a.m.**

Race begins at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 3600 Devine St.  
Proceeds benefit Homeless No More

Visit [HomelessNoMoreSC.org/events](https://HomelessNoMoreSC.org/events) for details.



**March for Meals 5K & 1-Mile Senior Walk**  
**Saturday, March 8 at 9:00 a.m.**

Race begins at Strictly Running (Columbia, SC)  
Proceeds benefit Senior Resources & Meals on Wheels

Register online at [StrictlyRunning.com](https://StrictlyRunning.com).

## THE VOICE: PUBLICATION DEADLINES

**Attention Ministry Leaders:** If you would like your upcoming event in The Voice or the Sunday bulletins, please submit your content at [shandonumc.org/communications](https://shandonumc.org/communications). If your event is a Shandon UMC event, please ensure it is added to the church calendar **first** by contacting Stephanie Jules at [sjules@shandonumc.org](mailto:sjules@shandonumc.org).

### Newsletter Submission & Publication Dates for 2025:

- March Newsletter: Submit by Wednesday, February 12 → Published February 28
- April Newsletter: Submit by Wednesday, March 12 → Published March 28
- May Newsletter: Submit by Wednesday, April 16 → Published May 2
- June Newsletter: Submit by Wednesday, May 14 → Published May 30
- July Newsletter: Submit by Wednesday, June 11 → Published June 27
- August Newsletter: Submit by Wednesday, July 16 → Published August 1
- September Newsletter: Submit by Wednesday, August 13 → Published August 29
- October Newsletter: Submit by Wednesday, September 10 → Published September 26
- November Newsletter: Submit by Wednesday, October 15 → Published October 31
- December Newsletter: Submit by Wednesday, November 12 → Published November 28
- January 2026: Submit by Wednesday, December 10 → Published December 31

**The Deadline for Sunday Bulletin Submissions:** Tuesdays by 5:00 p.m.

# QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (“QCD”)

By Doug Neal, Church Treasurer

BEFORE TAKING REQUIRED DISTRIBUTION THIS YEAR FROM YOUR INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT, CONSIDER CONSULTING YOUR TAX ADVISOR ABOUT A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (“QCD”).

IRA owners, age 73 or older, are required to take annual distributions from their tax-deferred IRAs based on IRS guidelines/instructions (tax-free Roth IRAs are excluded), and certain owners of inherited IRAs may have Required Minimum Distributions (“RMDs”) in 2025. Generally, these distributions are taxable as income and may cause a loss of other tax benefits and/or increase Medicare premiums. Ouch, Ouch!

As stewards of the financial resources God has entrusted to us, it is not only wise but prudent to use these resources in the most tax and cost-efficient manner possible. So, if you are required to take a minimum distribution this year and plan to contribute to Shandon UMC this year, consider a QCD.

To do that, you should consult your tax advisor, but here’s how it generally works if properly done. The amount of the QCD can count towards the amount of the RMD but without being taxed as income, but the QCD must be made before making the RMD. Excluding the QCD from taxable income essentially saves the giver income taxes at their marginal tax rate. Of course, since the QCD is not included as taxable income, it is not deductible on the giver’s tax return (that would be “double dipping”).



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In short, the QCD allows givers to use their donation to Shandon UMC (or another charity) to help satisfy their RMDs, save on taxes, and, as mentioned above, may have other benefits. What a great way to satisfy your RMDs while giving to Shandon UMC!

**Note:** This article is for general information only and is not intended to give personal, specific, or any other tax advice to any reader. There are limits and rules that apply to QCDs depending on your personal situation, so be sure to consult your tax adviser before proceeding or taking any action based on this article.

## STEWARDSHIP: Thank You For Your Faithfulness!

### GIFTS - OPERATING BUDGET

Month of December 2024		Year-To-Date 2024	
Revenues:	\$604,430	Revenues:	\$3,035,743
Expenses:	212,006	Expenses:	\$3,022,760
Net:	<b>\$392,424</b>	Net:	<b>\$12,983</b>

### WAYS TO GIVE

- 1 IN PERSON**  
Give during service or during office hours
- 2 ONLINE**  
[shandonumc.org/give](https://shandonumc.org/give)
- 3 REALM APP**  
Find Realm Connect in the app store
- 4 TEXT**  
Text 73256 and enter SUMC

**QUESTIONS?** Contact [nprobst@shandonumc.org](mailto:nprobst@shandonumc.org)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., where children from age 3 through 6th grade can explore Bible stories and grow in faith within a welcoming community. This month, our students will learn that Jesus does everything out of love, calls us to follow him, knows what we need, and, most of all, that Jesus can do anything.

### Children's Sunday School Class Locations:

Infants, Toddlers, Two-year-olds, and Three-year-olds: 1st floor Knox Building

Four-year-olds, and 5K Students: 1st floor DuBose Building

1st-6th Grades: 2nd floor DuBose Building

## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR 2ND GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS!

Thank you to our 2nd grade Sunday School leaders!

Meredith Atkinson

Susan Wheeler

Barrie Justice

Ashley Ervin

Bailey Harman

Kristin Hudson

Mary Kendrick Evers

Melinda Viohl



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Calling all 1st through 6th graders! We are looking for you to join our team for **Children's Sunday on March 2, at the 11:05 a.m.** LifeLine service. We have openings for ushers, greeters, prayer leaders, sermon assistants, and scripture readers. Don't worry if you're new to these roles. We will provide all the guidance you need. Please email Cari Treece at [ctreece@shandonumc.org](mailto:ctreece@shandonumc.org) if your child wants to participate.

## SHANDON'S CHILD & YOUTH ABUSE PREVENTION PROCEDURES

### Reminder of the Month: "Approved Volunteer Lists"

A list of Safe Sanctuary-certified volunteers is available through a QR code posted in halls, areas designated for children and youth, and additional common areas of our campus.

Substitutes and "fill-in" volunteer workers with children/youth must be on this list to serve with children/youth.



VOLUNTEER LIST



POLICY



### Full Hearts!

It's great gathering with friends at Wednesday Manna.



## METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (MYF)

MYF is a place at Shandon UMC for our 7th-12th graders to come together to have fun, celebrate each other, and learn more about being followers of Jesus Christ. Check out the schedule below for our middle and high school groups.

### Middle School Schedule

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Dinner  
5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Open Gym  
6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Teaching/Games in the Youth Zone

### High School Schedule

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Dinner  
5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Teaching/Games in the Youth Zone  
6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Open Gym

**February 2:** Super Bowl Night at MYF! To celebrate the week leading up to the big game, wear the colors of your favorite Super Bowl team. We will meet in the Youth Zone from **5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** for dinner, followed by middle and high school splitting for games and Bible teaching.

**February 9:** There will be no MYF as students and adults return from the High School Ski Retreat.

**February 16:** MYF dinner out as we celebrate President's Day with a cheeseburger! We will meet at Five Guys on Forest Drive for dinner from **6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Students and their friends must bring money for dinner.

**February 23:** What is Love? Let's discuss it at MYF. We will meet in the Youth Zone from **5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** for dinner, followed by a split between middle and high school students for games and Bible teaching.

## STUDENT LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST

Lent can be a powerful season for Christians as we meditate and fast in preparation for Easter. To encourage middle and high school students in their faith, we will host weekly Prayer Breakfasts in Player Hall from **6:45 a.m. until 7:30 a.m.** Middle schoolers meet on **Tuesdays (March 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8)**, and high schoolers on **Thursdays (March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3, 10)**.

We will also have food for parents and a separate place for you to catch up on emails or connect with other parents (maybe even work out carpooling)!





# PHOTO GALLERY

On Sunday, January 26, the Three-Year-Old Sunday School class received their Bibles, continuing a cherished tradition at Shandon UMC.



## STAFF DIRECTORY

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