

# THE VOICE

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## Thank You!

It's hard to believe it has been eight years that I have had the privilege and honor to have served God through the incredible opportunities given to me at Shandon UMC. Whether it was leading LifeLine or Traditional Worship services, hosting trips to the Holy Land and Greece, facilitating Bible studies, ushering prospective members through the TREK Course, navigating COVID, assisting with VBS, Day Camp, YMP and the El Salvador Mission Trip, I have been so incredibly blessed. And truth be told, I've never really led all that much. I've only tried to follow the promptings and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

### Staff

I also want to say "Thank You!" to the amazing staff I have been blessed to serve alongside over the past eight years. Those who have served on the Staff Parish Relations Committee have repeatedly done a phenomenal job finding great people to work and minister here.

### Ministers

As for the ministers, it has been an utter joy to serve with you all. Being an associate is all about who the Sr. Pastor is as a person, minister, and leader. After throwing my hat into the ring to be considered for an Associate Pastor's position, I learned that Smoke Kanipe was here, and I jumped at the opportunity to come to Shandon. God did not steer me wrong. Serving with Smoke, Eddie, and Maggie has been like being part of the Dream Team. I pray this congregation sees how much Shandon UMC is valued by the SC Conference, and trusts that the Bishop and Cabinet will continue to prayerfully search for and send quality ministers to lead this incredible church. I am confident they have done that with my successor, Rev. Will Harvey. I am excited about his 15 years of ministry experience, his enthusiasm, and the fresh eyes, ideas, and energy he brings. By the way, I've already checked and Will wears much larger shoes than I sport, so please don't expect or ask him to fit into mine. Look for the gifts and unique abilities he possesses, then support and appreciate them.

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## Thank You!

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### Relationships

If you were to ask me to explain what ministry is in one word, I would have to say, "Relationships!" I have been blessed that you have allowed me to simply be me, with all my freckles and flaws. You've let me be honest about my past, and listened to how God met me wherever I was and used this crooked stick to somehow draw straight lines. I pray my experiences of repentance, redemption, and reconciliation have helped you see that no one is beyond God's reach and Christ's love. I thank you for accepting and loving Claire and me. You have made this an amazing, enjoyable, and extremely fruitful season of life and ministry for us. We thank God for each of you. We have truly been "Blessed and Highly Favored" by our time at Shandon and will miss you all dearly.

Sincerely,

Rev. James A. Grubb



# SUMMER AT SHANDON

This summer will be a time of transition at Shandon.

## Honoring Pastor Grubb

Pastor James Grubb and his wife, Claire, began serving Shandon UMC in June 2018. After eight wonderful years with our congregation, Pastor James will retire on **Sunday, June 14**. He will preach at both worship services: 8:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary and the combined 11:00 a.m. service in the Gym. **A farewell reception for James and Claire will be held in Player Hall following the 11:00 a.m. service on June 14.** Pastor James and Claire, you have been a blessing to Shandon, and we wish you well in retirement.

If you would like to contribute to a love offering for the Grubbs, please place a check in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Checks should be made payable to "James Grubb," not "Shandon UMC." Online giving is not available for this offering.

## Welcoming Pastor Will Harvey

Pastor Will Harvey's first Sunday at Shandon will be **June 28. Please join us for a welcome reception in Player Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. combined service in the Gym.**

## Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday, June 14 – Sunday, August 2  
8:45 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary (weekly)  
11:00 a.m. Combined Worship Schedule

- Gym: June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26
- Sanctuary: June 21, July 5, July 19, August 2

# In Memoriam

**Robert T. "Tom" Hammond**  
June 1, 1943 – May 21, 2026

**Joyce Nobles**  
June 8, 1933 – May 19, 2026

**Thomas "Tom" Clamp Jr.**  
December 1, 1943 – May 25, 2026

**William "Bill" Brannon Jr.**  
January 11, 1936 – May 25, 2026



# Altar Flowers

## Sunday, June 7

The flowers at the altar are given in honor of **Irene** for our anniversary, given with love by Rob Tyson.

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **Dick Pregnall** and in honor of his birthday, by Jane Pregnall.

## Sunday, June 14

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **LeGrand Rouse** for his birthday, June 11, given with everlasting love by Pat and the family.

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **Mildred E. and Linwood W. Baird**, given by their family.

## Sunday, June 21

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of my husband **Ted H. Walter** and son, **Ted Walter**, and in honor of my **children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren**, given with love by Pegilie Walter.

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **Raymond and Sonya Morton**, given by the family.

## Sunday, June 28

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of my parents, **Colonel and Mrs. William E. Willis**, given by Mary Hellams.

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **Nancy Hill Robertson and William Wallace Robertson** in honor of their wedding anniversary, June 30, 1957, given with love by Jeannie, Bill, Christopher, William and Liz Metzger.

# Memorials *and* Honorariums

## **In Memory of Jay Blair**

Debbie Blair

## **In Memory of Ethel Rae Crowley Biggs for Living Well Foundation**

JOY Class

## **In Memory of Graham Brown**

Sally and Steve Garris

## **In Memory of MaryAnn Crews**

Ellen and Fred Blackstone

Harry, Janice, and Kyle Brown

Susan Collins

Ashton and Mary Ruth Cribbs

Sally and Steve Garris

Martha Herring

JOY Class

Lex and Cathy Knox

Carol and David Lee

Pam Meacham

National Association of Decorative  
Fabric Distributors

Rex Norris

Major and Donna Pearman

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Ed and Sara Ringley

Rebecca Sutusky

Elizabeth Wyman

## **In Memory of Betty Farr**

Betty and Doug Neal

## **In Memory of Darrell Hanshaw**

Becky Gagnon and George Langston

Anna Gluse

Elizabeth and Jeff Holstein and  
family

Glenda and Len Sexton

Arthur Slade

Dennis, Catherine and Kelly Teal

## **In Memory of Mabel Hicks**

Jackie James

## **In Memory of Dr. Hal Crosswell**

Carol and Joe Anderson

Stephan Ardis

Augusta Beckman Circle

Dr. Robert Blease

Anna Boyle

Janice, Harry, and Kyle Brown

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Brunson

Martin Cagle

Frank Campbell

Lucy Coleman

Susan Collins

Columbia Eye Clinic

Mary Ruth and Ashton Cribbs

Susan Curran

Patsy and Paul DeBorde

Gessner Dunn

Sally and Steve Garris

Ann and Mason Gibbes

Carla and Michael Graf

Gene and Jennifer Hall

Sarah and Julian Hennig

Martha Herring

Carolyn Johnson

JOY Class

Cathy and Lex Knox

Dorothy LaFitte

Carol and David Lee

Lyday Family - Ed, Linda, Paul,  
Emily and Bennett

Pam Meacham

Dr. and Mrs. H.V. Murdaugh

B.J. and Larry Nelson

Rex Norris

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Otis

Patricia and Ralph Owings

Donna and Major Pearman

Carolyn and Allan Pregnall

Jane Pregnall

Janice and Edmund Puckhaber

Sara and Ed Ringley

Susan and Chuck Salley

Arnold Schraibman

Jenny Shealy

Henry Stuckey

Mrs. Robert Taylor and family

Letitia E. Thompson

George Wolfe

Betsy and Jim Young

## **In Memory of Brenda Holladay**

Carol & David Lee

Martha and Jimmy Sanders

## **In Memory of Frances M. Hood**

Robin M. Hood

## **In Memory of Joye Padgett Hughes**

Elizabeth and Jeff Holstein and family

## **In Memory of Ray Kightlinger**

Jim R. Hearn

## **In Memory of Frank and Adeline Lundy**

Darrell and Bill Brannon

## **In Memory of Rhett Perry**

Jan and Biff Sowell

Catherine and Ken Prosser

Cindy and Tommy Lavender

## **In Memory of Tommy Sanders**

Sally and Steve Garris

## **In Memory of Roy David Spradlin**

The JOY Class

## **In Honor of Loitton "Buck" Hardison**

His aunt and uncle, the Buycks

## **In Honor of Julia Kirk**

Samuel Theodore McGill

## **In Honor of Gardner Long for the Technology Fund**

Anne Cox

Jim Zeigler

## **In Honor of Gene Watts & Bob Roof for Youth Mission Project**

Pam and Raymond Wells

## America the Beautiful: Celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Join us to celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday on **Sunday, June 21**, at noon in the gym. This is a family event for all to enjoy. A buffet lunch including fried chicken, barbecue, and all the sides will be served.

The Capitol City Brass will perform Copeland's "Fanfare for the Common Man", plus John Philip Sousa's famous marches and the "Salute to the Armed Forces". The Choir will sing, "America the Beautiful" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic." New this year, we will perform two songs from Broadway musicals, Rodgers and Hammerstein's "You'll Never Walk Alone," from *Carousel*, and Brian Smith, Bruce Isley, and Grant Ebert will sing "The Egg" from *1776*.

The cost for adults is \$10.00, and a child's meal is \$5.00. Wear your best patriotic attire to show your spirit. Reservations are required by Wednesday, June 17, at 5:00 p.m. Make your reservations at [shandonumc.org/events](http://shandonumc.org/events)



## Summer Drop-In Bible Study

It's summertime and school is out, but our Bible study continues. Join our "no registration, no homework, come as you are whenever you can" Summer Bible Study as we go, not to the beach, but to the mountains. Each Wednesday, from **June 10 to July 29**, we will meet in Wesley Hall from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. to explore Mountains in the Bible. Come learn about locations in the Bible, mountain-top experiences, and how to grow closer to God. Friends are always welcome!



# LIVE

ON THE *Lawn*

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Bring your lawn chairs and friends, and join us for great music, food, and community.

The concert is free and open to all.

Chef Tim's chicken tenders, chicken salad croissant sandwiches, and sides, and ice cream truck treats will be available for purchase.



**THURSDAY, JUNE 11 • 6:30 PM**  
with **WHISKEY TANGO REVUE**



## Summer Mahjong and a Message

Through the summer months, Mahjong & a Message will meet every Wednesday and every other Monday, beginning **June 1**. Join us for a relaxed time of Mahjong, fellowship, and a brief devotional. Please sign up for each date you plan to attend so we can prepare accordingly.

### Every other Monday

6:00–8:00 p.m.

Room 218 of the Dunn-Smith building.

Whether you're a seasoned player or just learning, all are welcome.

Questions? Contact Pamela Adams at (803) 622-9499 or Mandie Ingram at (803) 318-7286.

**Monday night registration: [shandonumc.org/events](https://shandonumc.org/events) or scan QR Code**



### Every Wednesday

2:00–4:00 p.m.

Room 218 of the Dunn-Smith building.

All who know how to play are welcome!

**Wednesday afternoon registration: [shandonumc.org/events](https://shandonumc.org/events) or scan QR Code**



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## Join the Book Club

The Shandon UMC Book Club meets on the third Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is **Thursday, June 18**, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Room 223 on the second floor of the Bruner Building. We are reading *Under the Tulip Tree*, by Michelle Shocklee. Newcomers are welcome.

There is no July meeting, but we will resume in August. To receive reminders, email Gera Singletary at [davegera4@icloud.com](mailto:davegera4@icloud.com). About every five months, members share recommendations and select books for the upcoming months. Selections span a range of genres, and participants are welcome to volunteer to lead a discussion.

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## Shandon Cup Returns

We are excited to announce that Shandon Cup returns this summer, with volleyball as our primary activity. We will gather each Wednesday from **June 10 to July 29**, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., in the gym.

Anyone 18 years or older is invited to participate. High school students may participate with an adult family member present.

The cost is \$15 per person and includes all activities, equipment, and an end-of-season awards banquet with hot dogs and chips. Childcare for infants through rising sixth graders is available, but must be requested in advance.

Registration closes June 1. Grab some friends and register at **[shandonumc.org/events](https://shandonumc.org/events)**.



## Seekers Nights at the Fireflies

All young professionals are invited to join the Seekers at a Fireflies baseball game on **Thursday, July 9**, at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$13, and we will meet at Segra Park (1640 Freed Street). Bring a friend, and we hope to see you there! Register online at [shandonumc.org/events](http://shandonumc.org/events).

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## Summer Soul Series

Summer Soul Series is a three-part Health and Wellness program held on three consecutive **Sunday mornings in July at 9:45 a.m.**, in Player Hall. No registration is needed. Please plan to attend.

### July 12: Nourish the Body, Feed the Soul

Kay MacInnis, RDN, LD, a dietitian with Laurel Endocrine and Thyroid, and Cara Davis, a Whole Foods enthusiast and gardener, will share science-based nutrition guidance and practical advice for healthy eating. Moderator: Hank Davis

### July 19: Seasoned with Love: Grandparenting in Modern Times

Carolyn and Jim Fields, Margaret and John Hays, and Debra and Charlie Rountree will share tips, encouragement, and the joys of grandparenting today. This session is designed for both parents and grandparents.

Moderator: Carla Graf

### July 26: Recharge: The Science and Spirituality of Sleep

Heather Phelps, who holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Wofford College and a Master of Social Work from the University of South Carolina, and Rev. Maggie Cantey will offer practical guidance on the importance of sleep for all ages, along with the spiritual side of rest.

Moderator: Cal Watson

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## Christmas in July

Ladies of all ages are invited to join us for a multi-generational event of fellowship and fun! Bring your friends, daughters, and/or granddaughters for an evening of Christmas crafts on **Wednesday, July 22**, in Wesley Hall from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Ladies will enjoy making oyster shell Christmas creations. Yes, it's Christmas in July!

Girls of all ages are also welcome. We will offer childcare for children 3 and under, and craft time with Cari Treece for girls ages 4-9. Girls ages 10 and up may craft with their accompanying adult.

Advance registration is required at [shandonumc.org/events](http://shandonumc.org/events), and space is limited. The cost is \$10.00 per craft.

Contact Susan Curran ([scurran@shandonumc.org](mailto:scurran@shandonumc.org)) or Ruthie Taylor ([rtaylor@shandonumc.org](mailto:rtaylor@shandonumc.org)) for more information.





# limitless

MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE

This year's stewardship theme is Limitless, a reminder that God's work through Shandon is bigger than what we can imagine on our own. Over the next year, we will focus on how faith, generosity, and service continue to grow and spread through our church, our community, and beyond.

## SERVE THE COMMUNITY

### Seeds of Hope Farmers Market Returns

Seeds of Hope will hold its summer farmers market in the Shandon courtyard every **Saturday morning from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., June 20, through October 10**. Farmer Louis Reed of Greeleyville will provide produce.

Created by local churches in 1986, Seeds of Hope supports farmers and the community. Low-income seniors may use Senior Resources vouchers at the market. To volunteer or ask questions, contact Brian Stricklin at (267) 243-2030 or [bcstricklin@yahoo.com](mailto:bcstricklin@yahoo.com), or Holly Neuffer at (803) 727-3634.

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### 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. Online registration is required. Visit <https://vhub.at/cshabitatforhumanity>

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### Support for Senior Resources

As college students leave town for the summer, Senior Resources has a great need for meal packers and drivers for its Meals on Wheels program. If you would like to serve, please contact Evan Dilworth at (803) 903-2236. If you aren't able to deliver meals but would still like to help, they also need donations for their Senior Care Pantry. Learn more at [seniorresourcesinc.org](http://seniorresourcesinc.org).

## SERVE AT SHANDON

### The Gift of Hospitality

Our Greeter Team for traditional worship services needs you. Worship greeters offer personal hospitality, which is a valuable ministry in our church. When guests walk through our doors and are offered smiling faces and warm greetings, they know they are welcome. You can make a visit to our church a meaningful time for them. Our Greeter Team for traditional worship services needs new volunteers to arrive 20 minutes before worship begins and greet people as they arrive. A rotational schedule is distributed in advance to team members. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity and how you can serve, please contact Carol Lee ([ctlee73@gmail.com](mailto:ctlee73@gmail.com)) or Mary Parker ([mpark446@gmail.com](mailto:mpark446@gmail.com)).

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### Coffee & Conversation

If you've ever considered volunteering with Children's Sunday School, I'd love to have coffee with you to answer questions and discuss opportunities. Each class has a teaching team, providing flexibility and built-in support. It's a wonderful opportunity to build meaningful connections with children and their families. We have needs across a variety of age groups, from two years and up. You can serve where you feel most comfortable. Please reach out to Cari Treece, Director of Children and Family Ministries, at [ctreece@shandonumc.org](mailto:ctreece@shandonumc.org) to start the conversation.

### INTERESTED IN SERVING AT SHANDON?

Explore current volunteer opportunities and find a place to use your gifts at [shandonumc.org/servewithus](http://shandonumc.org/servewithus)

## Missions Possible Annual Garage Sale

United Women in Faith's annual Missions Possible Garage Sale is coming up **Friday, August 7, and Saturday, August 8**, with a church member preview on **Wednesday, August 5**, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Start cleaning out your closets, attics, drawers, and cubbyholes. Donate your "treasures," help recycle useful items, and support missions at the same time. Please note that large appliances and children's car seats cannot be accepted. Thank you for your continued support!



### DROP-OFF TIMES:

- Saturday, August 1, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, August 2, 12:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- Drive-thru drop-off: Sunday, August 2, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, August 3, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: ALL HANDS ON DECK SATURDAY, AUGUST 8!

This is a great opportunity to serve. We need help breaking down the gym and loading donations after the sale. With 100 members helping, many hands will make light work. Please let us know you're coming at [shandonumc.org/servewithus](http://shandonumc.org/servewithus).

### BAKERS NEEDED FOR THE GARAGE SALE BAKE SALE

Calling all bakers! United Women in Faith needs your help with the bake sale at this year's Garage Sale. Whether you bake from scratch or from a box, your donations are welcome.

Suggested items include cakes, half-cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, breads, and other baked goods. Please package cookies and brownies in baggies with 2 large, 3 medium, or 4 small items per bag. Cupcakes may be packaged in bags of 1 large or 2 small. Please label each item clearly.

Baked goods may be dropped off in the hall outside Player Hall at the following times:

- Wednesday, August 5, 2:00–5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 6, 2:00–4:00 p.m.
- Friday, August 7, 7:45 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
- Saturday, August 8, early morning only.

## STEWARDSHIP: *Thank You For Your Faithfulness!*

### GIFTS - OPERATING BUDGET

Month of April 2026

Year-To-Date 2026

Revenues:	\$262,831	Revenues:	\$992,129
Expenses:	\$284,516	Expenses:	\$1,044,297
Net:	<b>\$(21,685)</b>	Net:	<b>\$(52,168)</b>

## WAYS TO GIVE

- 1 IN PERSON**  
Give during service or during office hours
- 2 ONLINE**  
[shandonumc.org/give](http://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)

## Allen Fund Recipients



On Sunday, May 17, Shandon recognized the 2026–27 Allen Education Fund recipients. Established by the JOY Class and grateful church members in honor of Dr. Harvey A. Allen and Mrs. Judy M. Allen, the fund provides educational assistance to students connected to Shandon for college, university, or trade school expenses.

Congratulations to this year's recipients: Emory Anne Bell, Daniel Brown, Sarah Campbell Brown, Connor Buchanan, Owen Cameron, Maddy Curran, Sarah Daniels, Davis Dunlap, Michael Graf, Brant Hagler, Caroline Hethcox, Lilly Ingram, Monty Laffitte, Sam McCutcheon, GT Oliver, Addison Sanders, Anna Lee Smith, Anna Katherine Snyder, Joe Sorrell, and Landon Young.

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## Live on The Lawn



On May 21, we gathered for the first of two Live on the Lawn concerts and enjoyed an evening of music, fellowship, and community on the lawn.

## United Women in Faith Special Recognition Dinner



The United Women in Faith held its annual Special Mission Recognition dinner on Tuesday, May 5, 2026. After hearing our speaker, Alysha McConnell, Executive Director of Family Promise, four of our Shandon members were honored for their outstanding service to our church and to missions.

Those honored were Cathy Griffin, Hunter Griffin, Martha Herring, and Nicole Rose. The UWF would like to thank these honorees for giving of their time and sharing their faith in many ways with our church, community, and world.

Thanks to Sandra Pappas for painting the lovely canvas keepsakes each of the honorees received.

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## Men's Ministry Golf Outing



Men from Shandon gathered for an afternoon of golf at Northwoods Golf Club on Thursday, May 14, enjoying time on the course and building community together.

## JOY Class Celebrates Spring



On Sunday, April 26, the JOY Sunday School Class celebrated spring with fellowship, music, trivia, food, and ice cream. The class also honored Rev. James and Claire Grubb.

## College Age Sunday School Class

College students, we are excited to announce a Sunday School class just for you this summer! Whether you're home on summer break or looking for a college-age Sunday School class, we can't wait to worship and grow together with you. Join us during the Sunday School hour for breakfast, devotion, and fellowship in Room 218 in the Dunn-Smith building. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Stephen Ministry: Confidential Care and Support

Stephen Ministry offers one-on-one, confidential support to individuals in our church and community who are experiencing life's challenges. Stephen Ministers are trained lay caregivers who complete 52 hours of instruction in listening, caring, and offering Christ-centered encouragement. They walk alongside others during difficult times with compassion and confidentiality.

If you or someone you know could benefit from a Stephen Minister, please contact Rev. Smoke Kanipe at (803) 722-1063 or [skanipe@shandonumc.org](mailto:skanipe@shandonumc.org).

## Considering Joining Shandon? Take the TREK This Fall

TREK is a three-session journey designed to help those new to Shandon connect with others, explore our campus, and learn more about the Christian faith and the United Methodist Church. Along the way, participants discover opportunities to serve and to be supported as they grow in faith.

### SEPTEMBER COURSE SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 13, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 20, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 23, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Childcare is available. Sign up at [shandonumc.org/trek](https://shandonumc.org/trek).

# Upcoming Events

Summer 2026

## June

- Wednesdays, June 10 – July 29:** Summer Bible Study • 10:30 a.m. • Wesley Hall
- Wednesdays, June 10 – July 29:** Shandon Cup (Adult Sports League)\* • 6:00 p.m. • Gym
- Thursday, June 11:** Live on the Lawn with Whiskey Tango Revue • 6:30 p.m. • East Lawn
- Sunday, June 14:** Reception in honor of Rev. James Grubb • 12:00 p.m. • Player Hall
- Wednesday, June 17:** Children's Movie Night (rising K5– rising 6th grade) • 5:30–7:00 p.m. • Player Hall
- Saturdays, June 20 – October 10:** Seeds of Hope Farmer's Market • 8:00–11:00 a.m. • Lawn
- Sunday, June 21:** America the Beautiful - U.S. 250th Birthday\* • 12:00 p.m. • Gym
- Wednesday, June 24:** MYF at Carowinds (rising 7th–12th grade)\*
- Sunday, June 28:** Welcome Reception for Rev. Will Harvey • 12:00 p.m. • Player Hall



## July

- Sunday, July 5:** Children's Popcorn and a Movie • 9:45 a.m. • Player Hall
- Thursday, July 9:** Children's Popsicles at the Park\* • 5:00–6:00 p.m. • Gills Creek Memorial Park Splash Pad
- Thursday, July 9:** Seekers at the Fireflies\* • 7:05 p.m. • Segra Park
- Sundays, July 12, 19, 26:** Summer Soul Series • 9:45 a.m. • Player Hall
- Sunday, July 12 – Thursday, July 16:** Youth Mission Project\*
- Thursday, July 23:** Connections Trip to McBee: Peaches and More\*
- Sunday, July 19:** Children's Summer Bingo (rising 5K – rising 6th grade) • 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. • Player Hall
- Wednesday, July 22:** Christmas in July Multigenerational Event\* • 6:00 p.m. • Wesley Hall
- Sunday, July 26:** Chrismon Workshop\* • 4:00 p.m. • Bruner 223
- Wednesday, July 29:** Children's Water Day (rising 4K – rising 6th grade)\*

## August

- Sunday, August 2:** Blessing of the Backpacks (both services)  
Final Combined Worship for the summer
- Wednesday, August 5:** United Women in Faith (UWF) Garage Sale Preview (Members Only)
- Friday, August 7:** UWF Garage Sale • 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. • Dunn-Smith Building
- Saturday, August 8:** UWF Garage Sale • 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. • Dunn-Smith Building
- Sunday, August 9:** Promotion/Christian Education Sunday (all three services)  
Blood Drive\* • Player Hall • 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
MYF Back to School Bash • 5:00–7:00 p.m. • Gym/Courtyard
- Sunday, August 30:** Bible Presentation to 3rd Graders\* • 11:00 a.m. Traditional and 11:05 a.m. LifeLine





## Summer Family Challenge

Can your children say the Lord's Prayer from memory? No? By the end of the summer, that answer can be YES! Already know it? Do they understand what they are saying?

Starting May 24, pick up a set of Lord's Prayer Cards and join the Summer Family Challenge: Learn the Lord's Prayer! Make this a summer of learning, understanding, and memorizing the Lord's Prayer together as a family.

Each double-sided card includes:

- A line from the Lord's Prayer
- A short explanation of that line
- A discussion question and prayer prompt
- Three optional activities for families to complete throughout the week as they learn and interact with each part of the prayer

Card packs will be available at the Sanctuary and LifeLine entrances, as well as in the hallway of the DuBose Building.

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## Summer Fun and Fellowship for Children this Summer

### MOVIE NIGHT!

**Wednesday, June 17**

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

For rising Kindergarten-rising 6th grade Join us for a fun evening of snacks, friends, and a G-rated movie! Kids are invited to bring sleeping bags, blankets, and pillows to get comfy while they watch. Popcorn, candy, and water will be provided. This is a drop-off event. Friends are welcome!

### POPSICLES AT THE PARK

**Thursday, July 9 | 5:00-6:00 p.m.**

**Gills Creek Memorial Park Splash Pad  
24 Forest Lake Place**

Enjoy popsicles, playtime with friends, and a Bible story with Ms. Cari. Wear your bathing suit, bring a towel, and bring water. Popsicles, bubbles, and playground balls will be provided. (FYI - there are no bathrooms or changing facilities at this park.)

Please note: This is not a drop-off event. A parent or guardian must stay with their child.

### SUMMER BINGO FUN

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

For rising Kindergarten through rising 6th grade Join us for a fun-filled time of Summer Bingo, candy, and prizes. We'll also share a short devotion during the event. This drop-off event is open to friends, so invite a buddy to join the fun!

Note: Younger children are welcome to attend if accompanied by a parent

### WATER DAY

**Wednesday, July 29, Front lawn**

For rising 4K-rising 6th grade - join us for a splashing good time at our annual Water Day! Kids will enjoy water inflatables, popsicles, and a fun devotion.

What to Bring: Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel!

### Time Slots:

- Morning Session: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Afternoon Session: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

This is a drop-off event.  
Registration is required and opens July 1.

## Congratulations, High School Graduates!



On Sunday, May 10, we celebrated Graduate Recognition Sunday for our high school seniors.

We are proud of each graduate and excited to see where God leads them next.

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## Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF)

Methodist Youth Fellowship is the place for 7th through 12th graders to fellowship, play games, and grow in their relationship with Christ. Our usual meeting time is 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sundays in the Youth Zone at church. However, please refer to our schedule below for the special events we have planned for each night.

**June 7:** What's the best way to beat the summer heat? Sno-Cones! Meet us at 6:00 p.m. for sno-cones, our treat, at the Pelican's on Rosewood Drive. Bring a friend and let's talk about our summer plans. Parents are welcome to join or pick their students up at 7:00 p.m.

**June 14:** Open Gym Night! Let's celebrate the first MYF back at church this summer by eating dinner together and playing some special games in the gym. Bring a friend and meet in the gym from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**June 21:** Father's Day Olympics! Wear your best dad outfit and bring your dad jokes for MYF. We will meet in the Youth Zone for dinner, games, jokes, and Bible study from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**June 28:** Let's have a cookout! We'll have burgers, hot dogs, and fries for MYF dinner. But wait, we can't have a cookout without watermelon. And because it's MYF, we're going to have some watermelon-themed games. Join us in the Youth Zone from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**July 5:** MYF out to eat! Join us from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Groucho's on Forest Drive. Bring a friend and money for dinner.

**July 12:** There will be no MYF as our Youth Mission Project team begins their week of service.

**July 19:** Do you know anything about CD players, hacky sacks, flannel shirts, and Hot Pockets? We're having a 90s-themed night! Join us in your favorite graphic t-shirt and bring a friend to the youth zone from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**July 26:** Don't fret about July coming to a close. Mandie Ingram will bring a special message and games for MYF. Meet in the Youth Zone from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. There might be a surprise. You'll have to come to find out.

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## MYF Trip to Carowinds

Mark your calendars for our annual MYF Trip to Carowinds on **Wednesday, June 24!** Registration is open and is \$60 per person, which includes a park ticket and one meal voucher. All 6th-12th graders and their friends are invited. Register at [shandonumc.org/events](https://shandonumc.org/events)

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