

The Voice

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A Summer of Service

See the limitless ways God worked through Shandon this summer. Pages 2-3

Bloom Where You Are Planted



Rev. Will Harvey
Associate Pastor

It is an honor and a pleasure to serve as your new associate pastor during the next season in the life of Shandon. Your gracious hospitality and warm welcome over the last few weeks have allowed me to settle in quickly and feel at home. I also want to thank you for the ways you make Shandon a warm and welcoming place to call our church home.

Serving at Shandon allows me to return to Columbia, where I was raised. After graduating from Irmo High School, I moved to Nashville, Tennessee, and received a bachelor's degree in religion from Trevecca Nazarene University. I earned a Master of Divinity in General Chaplaincy from Liberty Seminary. This year marks 16 years of ministry. I have served as a senior pastor in Orangeburg, Myrtle Beach, and Conway. At this time, I am living in the parsonage on Adger Road.

St. Francis de Sales encouraged his parishioners to "bloom where you are planted." I pray that our time together will be Spirit-filled and fruitful.

May the Lord bless you and keep you,

Will Harvey



Worship With Us!

Our summer worship schedule concludes on August 2 with services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. On August 9, we will return to three services: 8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship, 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, and 11:05 a.m. LifeLine Worship.

A Summer of Service

Vacation Bible School Toy Drive



Family Promise of the Midlands' Executive Director Alysha McConnell accepts toys donated by children during Vacation Bible School.

School Supply Drive



Sue Haddock and Jan Sowell with the Outreach Ministry sort school supplies collected for The Cooperative Ministry and Family Promise of the Midlands.

Youth Mission Project



During the Youth Mission Project, students and adult volunteers repaired a Home Works house with a new roof, back step railing, and crawl space doors, along with yard work. They also helped raise walls for a Habitat for Humanity home at another site. Carolyn Hall and Rev. Susan Ulmer, founders of Youth Mission Project, stopped by to visit with students as they worked.



Seeds of Hope

Seeds of Hope supports local farmers while helping older adults with limited incomes access fresh, nutritious food through vouchers. Your support keeps this much-needed ministry going. Shop from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. every Saturday through October 10, on Shandon's East Lawn or if it rains, in the DuBose Courtyard.



Missions in El Salvador

This summer, our mission team returned to El Salvador to share God's love and support our partners in Ahuachapán.

Opportunities to Serve

Serve Meals at Transitions

Serve lunch at Transitions, a Columbia agency serving people experiencing homelessness, on the second Tuesday of each month from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sign up at shandonumc.org/outreach.



Crisis Need Give Blood

There will be a blood drive on **Sunday, August 9**, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Player Hall. Schedule an appointment at shandonumc.org/redcross. Walk-ins are welcome, but donors with appointments will be given priority.



Serve Dreher Football Team

Join us in encouraging and uplifting student-athletes by serving meals from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays beginning August 14. Sign up: shandonumc.org/outreach.

Growing Together: A New Nursery for Our Crawlers

A new Crawler Nursery is opening during the Sunday School hour, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., for children who are on the move but not quite ready for the toddler classroom. As more young families join Shandon, we also need caring volunteers to serve one Sunday each month. Volunteers help create a safe, loving space by rocking babies, reading books, stacking blocks, and welcoming families. Safe Sanctuary training is provided, and volunteers serve alongside nursery staff. To learn more, contact Cari Treece at ctreece@shandonumc.org.

Support The Annual Garage Sale



Shandon'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 all at once. Please note that clothing, books, accessories, large appliances, and children's car seats cannot be accepted. Thank you for your continued support!

DONATION 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.

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 cupcake or 2 small cupcakes. 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 to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 6, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Friday, August 7, 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 8, early morning only.



DONATE LUNCHES AND SNACKS FOR VOLUNTEERS:

Contact Carolyn Hall at (803) 422-0951 or mchajcek@gmail.com.

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/serve or by scanning the QR code.



STEWARDSHIP

Thank You For Your Faithfulness!

GIFTS - OPERATING BUDGET

Month of June 2026

Revenues:	\$207,343
Expenses:	\$304,513
Net:	\$(97,170)

Year-To-Date 2026

Revenues:	\$1,473,491
Expenses:	\$1,596,717
Net:	\$(123,226)

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TO
GIVE**

- 1 IN PERSON**
Give during service or during office hours
- 2 ONLINE**
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

Promotion and Christian Education Sunday

On **Sunday, August 9**, our children and youth will be promoted to their new age-level Sunday school classes and meet their new teachers for the 2026-27 school year. Sunday School is 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., with a class for each grade level. Adults are also invited to begin the new Sunday School year in one of the Adult classes as we celebrate this annual “back to school” tradition. We will also affirm in worship our congregation’s commitment to Christian education for all ages through spiritual nurture and growth as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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

7th-12th Grades: Youth Zone 2nd floor Dunn-Smith Building

Adults: Bruner Building and 2nd floor Knox Building

Men’s Prayer Breakfast

All men are invited to join us on **Thursday, August 20**, from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. in Player Hall for our monthly Men’s Prayer Breakfast. Chef Tim will provide his usual delicious full breakfast, followed by a short encouraging message from Raymond Wells. Please join us and bring a friend to be filled with food, fellowship, and faith.

Join the Book Club

The Shandon UMC Book Club meets on the third Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is **Thursday, August 20**, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Room 223 on the second floor of the Bruner Building. We are reading *The Calamity Club* by Kathryn Stockett. Newcomers are welcome.

To receive reminders, email Gera Singletary at 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.

Seekers

Young professionals in their mid-20's to mid-30's seeking fellowship and community are welcome to join the Seekers group, which plans dates to gather for Sunday lunch after the 11:00 a.m. worship services. The Seekers will meet **Sunday, August 23**, at Taziki's. Please contact Rev. Maggie Cantey for a conversation or complete the interest form at shandonumc.org/seekers to be added to the group email list. Bring a friend, and we hope to see you there!



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. Childcare is available. Sign up at shandonumc.org/trek.

SEPTEMBER COURSE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sep. 13, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. • Sunday, Sep. 20, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. • Wednesday, Sep. 23, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Music Ministry

There is a place for every voice in Shandon's Music Ministry, and we would love for you to join us this fall. Questions? Contact Rev. Eddie Huss at ehuss@shandonumc.org.



MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSALS

- **Chancel Choir:** Wednesdays, beginning August 26, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Children's Choirs:** Wednesdays, beginning September 9, on the second floor of the DuBose Building. Registration opens in August.
 - **St. Nicholas Choir, Grades 2-5:** 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. with Amy Martin and Eddie Huss
 - **Cherub Choir, K5-1st grade:** 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. with director Jamie Conrad
- **Celebration Choir:** Wednesdays, beginning September 9, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. with Kipp Gill and Bradley Fuller
- **Wesley Ringers:** Monday, September 14, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Handbell Room 206, Bruner Building

Faith and Fellowship Fall Kickoff

Faith and Fellowship Sunday School Class will host an open house on **Sunday, August 16**, in Room 208 of the Dunn-Smith Building. This new class welcomes adults in their 40s and 50s for Scripture-based discussion, fellowship, and opportunities to serve.

The fall study, *Parables: The Greatest Stories Ever Told*, runs August 23 to November 22. Rev. Smoke Kanipe will lead an overview of biblical parables on Sunday, August 23. An Advent study will follow from November 29 to December 20. The class also plans monthly social gatherings and quarterly service projects. Come find encouragement, friendship, and opportunities to grow in faith with others. For more information, contact Cindy Cameron at (803) 767-8554 or Katie Free at (803) 206-4595.

Calling All Needleworkers

Do you needlepoint, quilt, crochet, knit, or smock? We are gathering a new group of people who enjoy these activities. Please let us know if you are interested knowing more about this group and which specific craft you enjoy. Contact Susan Curran (803) 466-1344 or Ruthie Taylor (803) 318-7484.

Women's Dinner at the Millpond Steakhouse, Boykin, SC

Join us for fellowship and great food in a historic setting. On Thursday night, **September 24**, we will gather at the church or meet at the restaurant for a delicious dinner. Space on the bus is limited to 14; directions will be provided if you would like to make the 45-minute drive to Boykin. The bus will depart at 5:00 p.m. and return by 10:00 p.m. Registration opens August 1. See registration at shandonumc.org/events for event prices. Deadline for registration is September 11, 2026. Call Susan Curran (803) 466-1344 or Ruthie Taylor (803) 318-7484 with questions.



In Case You Missed It: Summer Soul Series

Thank you to everyone who supported Health and Wellness' Summer Soul Series on healthy eating, grandparenting, and sleep.

Recordings are available at shandonumc.org/ssf or by scanning the QR code.



Manna Refreshed Returns September 9

Manna Refreshed returns **Wednesday, September 9!** Join us Wednesdays in Player Hall for good food and fellowship. Dinner is served from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Meals are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Preorder by 5:00 p.m. each Monday at shandonumc.org/manna.

Guatemala Mission Team Casserole Fundraiser

We invite you to join God's healing work in Guatemala. Shandon UMC members are leading a mission team to Guatemala, October 10-17, 2026. They will conduct outreach medical clinics and carry out construction at Hospital Bethesda, a mission hospital in Guatemala's western highlands. The hospital serves 15,000 patients annually, but it has outgrown its existing facility.



Shandon UMC members can participate in this mission by supporting the Casserole Fundraiser. Each casserole will serve between six to eight people and will cost \$25. Proceeds will go toward purchasing medicines and construction materials. Casserole options include Shepherd's Pie, Chicken Tortilla, and Lasagna (meat or meatless). Orders must be submitted at shandonumc.org/outreach by August 16. Frozen casseroles may be picked up Sunday, August 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Dunn-Smith Building kitchen.

You are needed to support MORE Justice in Columbia!

Please join us for a kickoff meeting on **September 14**, at 6:00 p.m. in Player Hall. Shandon is involved in many ministries that "love mercy." Our partnership with MORE Justice gives us the opportunity to comply with God's directive to "do justice." We join 27 congregations in the Columbia area to address serious community-wide problems.

MORE Justice has made progress this year! Thank you to 39 Shandon members and 600 Midlands individuals who attended the Nehemiah Action in April. It was a powerful meeting as our community members came together to stand for justice and change. Eleven elected officials heard our collective voices.

Legislation was passed in South Carolina this year that eliminates eviction filings after seven years. The City of Columbia plans to continue and expand the mobile food market initiative that reaches "food desert" areas in our community. Richland County continues to discuss establishing a Housing Trust Fund as a dedicated funding source to support housing for low-income individuals.

It is time to kick off the new cycle for MORE Justice, and we need you! Politicians respond to the number of individuals who collectively voice their concerns. Please talk to Biff Sowell, Claire Manning, Sue Kanipe, or Rev. Smoke Kanipe if you have questions. And please join us for this important meeting.



"What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God."

Micah 6:8



Explore Your Place to Serve

Find Your Fit is Shandon's new approach to the annual Ministry Interest Questionnaire, and all members are asked to participate by August 30. The form offers two paths: review current volunteer opportunities or take a 5- to 10-minute spiritual gifts assessment to help connect your gifts, interests, passions, and availability with ministry opportunities at Shandon. Even if you have completed an assessment before, this is a helpful way to consider where God may be calling you in this season of life.

Complete the form at shandonumc.org/fyf.

Children and Families

AUGUST 2

Celebrate the Sunday School Year

On **Sunday, August 2**, children in K4 through fifth grade will return to their regular classrooms for a final celebration with their current 2025–26 Sunday school teachers. This special time together will mark the end of their year before Promotion Sunday kicks off the new school year.

Bring Your Backpacks to Worship



Children are invited to bring their school backpacks to worship on **Sunday, August 2**. During worship, the congregation will offer a special blessing to all students for the upcoming school year. Students will also receive a backpack tag as a reminder of our support and prayers.

Bible Presentation Sunday Third Grade Sunday School Students

Our congregation will present Bibles to our 3rd-grade students on **Sunday, August 30**, at the 11:00 a.m. Traditional and the 11:05 a.m. LifeLine services. If you have a child entering third grade this fall, please complete the registration at shandonumc.org/events so we may prepare a Bible for them.

Enjoy Popcorn and Movie Labor Day Weekend

Children's "Popcorn and Movie" will be offered during the Sunday school hour for our 4-year-old through 5th-grade Sunday school classes on **Sunday, September 6**, from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Children may be dropped off and picked up in Player Hall.

Summer Family Challenge Celebration

You've been practicing all summer...now it's time to celebrate! On **Sunday, August 9**, children are invited to help lead the Lord's Prayer during all three worship services—simply participate in the service your family normally attends!

We also want to create a special video featuring our children praying the Lord's Prayer. Here's how you can participate:

- Choose a quiet, well-lit space.
- Record your child reciting the Lord's Prayer (or as much as each child knows)
- Please hold your phone vertically (portrait mode) while recording.
- Have your child look at the camera and speak clearly.
- Text your video to (864) 593-6050 by Sunday, Aug. 30.

We will combine all the videos into a single presentation to share on Shandon's social media. No children's names will be included. Thank you for helping us celebrate what God has been doing through our Summer Family Challenge!

Play Family Bingo Fun For the Whole Family!

Join us for bingo, prizes, and dinner on **Sunday, September 13**, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Player Hall. All families are invited. Bring your friends, too! Chicken fingers and french fries will be served—\$5 per person (2 & under eat free). Registration is required. No childcare is provided. Children are to be accompanied by an adult. Register online by Monday, August 24 at shandonumc.org/events.

Children and Families, cont.

Children's Chapel Series

Join us on **Sundays, September 13, 20, and 27**, during the 11:00 a.m. worship services. This special series is designed for families with children in 4-year-old preschool, K5, and 1st grade. Sessions, while different, are stand-alone. Immediately after the Children's Sermon, join Cari Treece in Player Hall to learn about worship in age-appropriate activities. Parents attend these sessions with their children.



Safe Sanctuary Monthly Highlight

Shandon's Child & Youth Abuse Prevention Procedures

Reminder of the Month: "Requirements Prior to Working with Children & Youth"

Before working with children or youth, all volunteer church workers must:

- Be a Shandon UMC member or actively involved at SUMC for at least six months.
- Complete training and sign a statement that they have been trained, have read, understand, and will abide by this Policy and the Procedures to Reduce Risk and Abuse for both children and youth.
- Pass a National Background Check, a Social Security Verification Check, and a SLED criminal records check. Rechecks will be every three years.
- Complete and sign a Volunteer Application listing 3 non-related references.
- Sign the related Social Media/Youth Ministry Communication consent forms.

Student Ministry

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 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.



August Schedule

- **Sunday, August 2:** Help with the Missions Possible Garage Sale from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in place of MYF.
- **Sunday, August 9:** Join us for the game Four on a Couch, an MYF favorite. Dinner, snacks, and drinks will be provided.
- **Sunday, August 16:** Invite a friend to the Back-to-School Bash from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the gym. Enjoy inflatables, dinner, ice cream, and drinks.
- **Sunday, August 23:** Bring a friend for an evening of fun and fellowship. Dinner, snacks, and drinks will be provided.
- **Sunday, August 30:** Meet us at Groucho's on Forest Drive from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Bring a friend and money for dinner.

Youth Usher Sunday

Sunday, **August 30**, at our 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship services, our Middle and High School students will be responsible for ushering! As part of their role as ushers, our students will hand out bulletins before service and help collect the offering. We need at least eight students for each service. Please email Andy Morris at amorris@shandonumc.org to let us know with which service your student will help.

Doorways

Doorways adult classes offer opportunities to deepen your faith, learn and build community. Book and material requirements vary by class. Some require you to purchase a book using the provided ISBN, while others provide materials at the first session for a set fee. Please review each course description for details and register at shandonumc.org/doorways. **Registration will open on August 1.**

Treasured: Experience for Moms & Tween Daughters

Leader: Cari Treece

When: Sundays, time to be determined by participants.

Cari Treece will contact registrants. (6 weeks)

Location: Room 206, Dunn-Smith Building

Childcare: Available. Request at registration.

Book: Materials will be supplied, and \$20 will be collected in the first class

The "tween" years (4th–6th graders) are a critical transition period in a young girl's life. Girls this age are changing in profound ways, and it can become harder to talk about the things that matter. This 6-session, faith-based study is designed for moms and daughters to help them connect and talk about topics critical to the preteen years: identity, body, emotions, friendships, technology, and faith.

Disciple I

Leader: Rev. Smoke Kanipe

When: Sundays, September 13, 2026 – May 2, 2027

4:00 to 6:00 p.m. (32 weeks)

Location: Room 209, Knox Building

Childcare: Available. Request at registration.

Book: *Disciple I Study Manual* by Abingdon Press

ISBN: 9780687783496

Preparation: Please purchase your book and read and complete pages 1-11 before class on Sep. 13.

This survey of the entire Bible reveals how God moves through ordinary people and their circumstances to do extraordinary things. The multifaceted stories in the Old and New Testaments are permeated with a common theme of divine grace. Come experience, with others, a foundation of study that will enhance all your future studies of the Bible.

Disciple II: Into the Word, Into the World

Leader: Rev. Robert Cox (Retired)

When: Sundays, September 13 – November 29,
4:00 to 6:00 p.m. (12 weeks per session)

Location: Room 204, Knox Building

Childcare: Available. Request at registration.

Book 1: *Disciple II Fast Track Genesis – Exodus Study Manual* by Abingdon Press
ISBN-13: 978-1-5018-4589-5

Preparation: Purchase your book before September 13. Read and complete lesson 1, pages 1 – 15, before class on September 13, 2026.

Disciple II Fast Track is composed of two sessions, each of twelve weeks. The first twelve weeks dive deep into Genesis and Exodus, followed by twelve weeks on Luke and Acts (beginning January 2027). Each week, you will deepen your understanding of scripture, identify needs in the world, and suggest possible responses. All twenty-four weeks guide you to experience the gift of Sabbath.

The Chosen Season 3

Leaders: Linda Foy and Sue Haddock

When: Mondays, September 14 – November 23

6:00 to 7:30 p.m. (8 weeks)

Location: Home of Linda Foy

Did you love watching *The Chosen* Seasons 1 and 2 and meant to continue with the series, but didn't? Well, join us as we watch and discuss Season 3. Wait! Have you already seen season 3 and loved it? No worries. If you would like to watch it again, join us and see if you learn and catch more than you did the first time you watched. Maximum group of 15 with a waiting list.

Experiencing God

Leader: Rev. Will Harvey

When: Mondays, September 14 – December 14

6:00 to 7:00 p.m. (14 weeks)

Location: Player Hall, Dunn-Smith Building

Book: *Experiencing God* by Henry Blackaby

ISBN13: 9781087741680

Are you waiting for your “burning bush” or “parting of the sea” moment in order to hear from God? Men, join this group to explore how God is revealed and at work in the everyday moments of our lives. We will also explore how to look for God and join him where he is already at work in our lives, and in the lives of people around us.

One Thousand Gifts

Leader: Tiffany Anderson

When: Mondays, September 14 – October 19

6:15 to 7:15 p.m. (6 weeks)

Location: Room 209, Knox Building

Book: *One Thousand Gifts* by Ann Voskamp

ISBN: 9780310321910

Preparation: Purchase the book and read the intro and chapters 1-2 before the first class on Sep. 14.

Discover a way of seeing that opens your eyes to everyday amazing grace, a way of living that is fully alive, and a way of experiencing the constant presence of God that will bring you deep and lasting joy. There is purity in simplicity and a breathtaking beauty to be found even in life's smallest details and heartbreaking moments. Ann Voskamp invites you to explore her grace-bathed life of farming, parenting, and writing, and encourages you to live a life filled with gratitude, no matter where you are.

Prayer Group

Leader: Lilla Ann Briggs

When: Tuesdays, ongoing · 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Location: Zoom

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” Colossians 4:2 NIV

Join this group of prayer warriors via Zoom to share prayer concerns and pray together. All are welcome. Please send your email address to Lilla Ann (forgiventoo@gmail.com or (803) 260-0765 cell) to receive a Zoom invitation.

Living Well 2.0 – Ages and Stages

Leaders: Joanna Kleckley, Ginger Ollis, Lesli Wood

When: Tuesdays, September 22* – October 27

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. (6 weeks)

Location: The home of Stefanie Hughes. This study is limited to 8 women.

Book: Study resources will be provided at the first meeting.

*Start date is later than other classes

When did the process of living a healthy life become so complicated? Track your sleep. Count your steps. Monitor your protein. When did aging well become an exhausting pursuit, marked by conflicting information and overwhelming expectations?

If you’ve been working towards improving your wellbeing and are looking for practical ideas and support, join us at the table for conversation, focused less on scientific studies and more on what we have tried that works. Each Tuesday, we will gather at the dinner table to share a plant-based meal while discussing the week’s topic. Participants will take turns providing the salads, bread, or entrees for the meals. This is an experiential study, and participants will be encouraged to apply practical ways to better care for themselves on their journey to living well. Previous participation in a Living Well study is encouraged.

Women in the Bible

Leader: Susan Brant

When: Wednesdays, September 23* – November 11

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. (8 weeks)

Location: Wesley Hall, Bruner Building

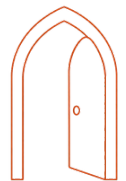
Book: Bring your Bible

*Start date is later than other classes

Join the group as we discuss some well-known and not-so-well-known women of the Bible. There is much to learn about how these women shaped history and our lives today. Come and experience stories of women and consider how their lives can help you grow closer to Christ.

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”

Matthew 7:7



When Women Say Yes

Leader: Terry Goodfellow

When: Wednesdays, September 9 – October 14
6:00 to 7:00 p.m. (6 weeks)

Location: Room 209, Knox Building

Childcare: Available. Request at registration.

Book: *What Happens When Women Say Yes to God*
Interactive Workbook: Experiencing Life in
Extraordinary Ways, ISBN: 978-0-7369-2894-6

What if you could wake up every morning with a sense of anticipation? What if everyday moments in your life could be transformed into extraordinary ones? Join us as we explore six steps to a transforming spiritual journey. Learn how to experience God in unexpected ways, learn to discern His voice, and make your faith come alive. Discuss how God can take your YES and transform that into something truly powerful and beautiful.

Experiencing God

Leader: Rev. Will Harvey

When: Wednesdays, September 9 – December 2
6:00 to 7:00 p.m. (12 weeks - No class Nov. 25)

Location: Game Room (2nd Floor in Youth Zone),
Dunn-Smith Building

Childcare: Available. Request at registration.

Book: *Experiencing God* by Henry Blackaby
ISBN13: 9781087741680

Are you waiting for your “burning bush” or “parting-of-the-sea” moment to hear from God? Men, join this group to explore how God is revealed and at work in the everyday moments of our lives. We will also explore how to look for God and join him where he is already at work in our lives, and in the lives of people around us.

Life Lessons from Psalms

Leader: Gera Singletary, facilitator; lessons taught by group leaders.

When: Thursdays, September 10 – November 19
10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (11 weeks)

Location: Parlor, Bruner Building

Book: *Life Lessons from Psalms* by Max Lucado
ISBN: 031008668X

The Max Lucado Life Lessons series offers intriguing questions, inspirational stories, and poignant reflections to take readers deeper into God's Word. In Life Lessons from Psalms, you'll study the prayers and poetry used in the early church. Written by a variety of people, some are heartfelt cries of anguish, others plead for God's help, and still others are full of praise. Let them become your prayers as well.

Hidden Books?

Leader: Rev. Smoke Kanipe

When: Thursdays, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.: September 10;
October 8; November 5; December 3; January 14;
February 11; March 11; April 8; and May 13.

Room: Room 209, Knox Building

Book: *The Apocrypha* (available in either the
HarperCollins Study Bible or the New Interpreters'
Study Bible)

The word “apocrypha” means “hidden” or “secret.” The books that we know as “The Apocrypha” were written in the last 200-300 years before the time of Jesus. Some Christian denominations consider them as Scripture, and some do not. Some Bibles include them, and some do not. In this class, we will read one or two books from the Apocrypha each month and see what God might be saying to us through these “hidden books.”

Registration opens August 1: shandonumc.org/doorways

📷 Men's Night at the Fireflies





In Memoriam

We give thanks for the lives of these Shandon members and hold their loved ones in prayer.

Elizabeth DuBard "Liddy" Grantland
February 20, 1998 - May 30, 2026

Dan Charles Vismor
January 30, 1936 - June 10, 2026

Mary Willis Hellams
January 11, 1947 - May 31, 2026

Philip Michael "Mike" Cinnamon
May 25, 1941 - July 1, 2026

Joseph Craig "Joe" Reynolds, Sr.
July 21, 1945 - June 9, 2026

Altar Flowers

Sunday, August 2

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our 58th wedding anniversary by **Greg and Catherine Bagnal**.

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **John William (Billy) Garrett** by his family.

The flowers in the narthex are given in honor of **Caroline Hethcox** and **Lillian Hethcox** on the occasion of earning the rank of Eagle Scout by their grandparents, Gardner and Cleta Long, and their parents, Jennifer and Jonathan Hethcox.

Sunday, August 9

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **Betty Livingston Bruner** by her nieces and nephews.

The flowers at the altar are given in honor of **Bill Walkup** on his birthday and in loving memory of our parents, **Miriam and George Speed**, and **Adville and John Walkup** by Joanna and Bill Walkup.

Sunday, August 16

The flowers at the altar are given in honor of **Leanne and Sonny Jarrett** for their 67th wedding anniversary, and **Ruthie and Lawrence Taylor** for their 27th wedding anniversary, with love by their girls – Ruthie, Hillary, Montgomery, Katharyn, Elizabeth, Lawson, and Cassidy.

Sunday, August 23

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **Bud Foy**, for the years we shared, by Linda Foy.

Sunday, August 30

The flowers at the altar are given in celebration of the first birthday of **George "Buck" Trammell**, with love by his parents.

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **Allyson Kreps Hearn "G'Ma"** and **Cheryl Martin Bass Rhodes "Oma"** by Candler, Geoff, Sam, Hearn, and Asa Rhodes.

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Bill Brannon

JOY Sunday School Class
Pat Beckler
Carol B. Black
Anna Boyle
William Bradham
Susan Carter
Susan Collins
Ashton and Mary Ruth Cribbs
Barbara DeMarco
Jean and John Epps
Linda Foy
Sally and Steve Garriss
Tina Gills
Sue Haddock
Carol Hammond
Martha Herring
Leanne and Sonny Jarrett
Kay Jordan
Lex and Cathy Knox
Carol and David Lee
Lynda and David Leopard
Barbara and Bob Little
Janice Martin
Pam Meacham
Al and Elaine Moses
Betty and Doug Neal
Rex Norris
Sandra Pappas
Patty and Bob Perry
Donna and Major Pearman
Elizabeth Philpot
Jane Pregnall
Nancy Probst
Sandra Reese
Sara-Ellen and Ed Ringley
Kathleen Ross
David and Sally Seavey
Jan and Biff Sowell
Becky Sutusky
Pat and John Taylor
Ruthie and Lawrence Taylor
Bill and Joanna Walkup
Emily and Lee Zacharias

In Memory of Graham Brown

Leanne and Sonny Jarrett

In Memory of Mike Cinnamon

Silas McMeekin III

In Memory of MaryAnn Crews

Pat Beckler
Daphne and Lawton Blackstone
Anna Boyle
Susan and Jim Brant
Susan Carter
Linda Foy
Carol Hammond
Carlhanna Hendrick
Leanne and Sonny Jarrett
Kay Jordan
Janice Martin
Julie McClendon
Betty and Doug Neal
Sandra Pappas
Patty and Bob Perry
Laurie and Bryan Royson
Sally and David Seavey
Jan and Biff Sowell
Ruthie and Lawrence Taylor

In Memory of Hal Crosswell

Pat Beckler
Daphne and Lawton Blackstone
Susan and Jim Brant
Susan Carter
Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Ellis
Winna and Tom Ellis
Linda Foy
Sue Haddock
Carol Hammond
Dr. E.W. Haselden
Leanne and Sonny Jarrett
Kay Jordan
Mr. and Mrs. Furman Long
Janice Martin
Nancy and Warren Mauterer
Betty and Doug Neal
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy B. Owens
Sandra Pappas
Patty and Bob Perry
Dr. and Mrs. B. Daniel Paysinger
Nancy Probst
Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Stewart Rawson
Sandra Reese
Sandy and Michael Roberts
Laurie and Bryan Royson
Martha and Jimmy Sanders
Sally and David Seavey
Jan and Biff Sowell
Lisa and John Taylor
Ruthie and Lawrence Taylor
Nancy Tomlinson
Carolyn Wright

In Memory of Peggy Joy Dumas

Elizabeth and Jeff Holstein

In Memory of James Russell and Peggy Joy Dumas

Ruthie and Lawrence Taylor

In Memory of Betty Farr

Leanne and Sonny Jarrett
Pam Meacham
Ruthie and Lawrence Taylor

In Memory of Liddy Grantland

Barbara Cobb
Linda Foy
Katie and David Free
Martha Goff
Sue Haddock
Elizabeth and Carter Jeffords
Janice Martin
Pam Meacham
Betty and Doug Neal
Susan and Chuck Salley

In Memory of Tom Hammond

JOY Sunday School Class
Newcomers Club of Greater Columbia
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Service - Central Virginia VA Health
Care System
H. Duane and Kay Allen
Ross and Richard Beale
Pat Beckler
Anna Boyle
Susan and Jim Brant
Susan Carter
Susan Collins
Mary Ruth and Ashton Cribbs
Linda Foy
Sally and Steve Garriss
Barbara Griffin
Danny Hanson, Judy Murphy, and
Debbie Holcomb
Eleanor and John Harper
Martha Herring
Jacqueline Hunt
Leanne and Sonny Jarrett
Kay Jordan
Lex and Cathy Knox
Patricia Lovit
Janice Martin
Pam Meacham
Al and Elaine Moses
Betty and Doug Neal
Rex Norris
Sandra Pappas
Patty and Bob Perry

In Memory of Tom Hammond, cont.

Donna and Major Pearman
Peggy and Mike Platt
Ina and Larry Poindexter
Nancy Probst
Joyce B. Pundt
Sara-Ellen and Ed Ringley
Jan and Biff Sowell
Becky Sutusky
Pat and John Taylor
Ruthie and Lawrence Taylor
Larry and Dale Timbes
Bill and Joanna Walkup

In Memory of Darrell Hanshaw

Leanne Griffith

In Memory of Mary Hellams

Ellen and Robert Burks
Sallie Boggs
René and Lee Boylston
Barbara Cobb
Meredith Dreibelbis
Linda Foy
Martha Herring
Elizabeth and Carter Jeffords
Cathy and Lex Knox
Carol and David Lee
Janice Martin
Cathy and Ted McCormack
Pam Meacham
Betty and Doug Neal
Jane Pregnall
Sandra Reese
Laurie and Bryan Royson
Sally and David Seavey

In Memory of Brenda Bodie Holladay

Daphne and Lawton Blackstone

In Memory of Eugene M. and Frances M. Hood

Robin M. Hood

In Memory of Joye Hughes

Nancy Probst

In Memory of Libby Kelly

LaVerne Micolich

In Memory of Shirley Kennedy

Sue Haddock

In Memory of Ray Kightlinger

Pat Beckler

In Memory of Adeline Lundy

Kay Jordan
Sally and David Seavey

In Memory of Frank and Adeline Lundy

Pat Beckler
Janice Martin

In Memory of Dorothy Morgan

Ruthie Taylor

In Memory of Joyce Nobles

George Huggins Upper Room Sunday School Class
Sherrie and Mark Cain
Carolyn and Eric Holgate
Jane Pregnall
Judy and Butch Roberts
Sally and David Seavey
Joanna and Bill Walkup

In Memory of Joe Reynolds

JOY Sunday School Class
The USC Foundation
Robert Blease
Sally and Steve Garriss
Betty Gilbert
Sarah and Jay Hennig
Martha Herring
Carolyn and Eric Holgate
Lloyd M. Kapp and Wyllly Stirling
Carol and David Lee
Silas McMeekin III
Pam Meacham
Sandra Pappas
Ann and Bill Price
Christie and David Reynolds

In Memory of Kitty and T.O. Reynolds

Christie and David Reynolds

In Memory of Tommy Sanders

Pat Beckler
Janice Martin

In Memory of Roy D. Spradlin

Nancy Probst

In Memory of Dan Vismor

JOY Sunday School Class
Cathy and Lex Knox
Joanna and Bill Walkup

In Honor of Gardner Long

Harriet Leanne Griffith

In Honor of Nancy Probst

Pam Meacham



A Place for Grief and Hope

GriefShare is a 13-week support group for those grieving the death of a loved one. The group will meet **Sundays, August 16–November 8**, from 3:00–4:30 p.m. in Knox 204. The book cost is \$20 and will be handed out at the first gathering. Register at shandonumc.org/griefshare. For more information, contact Sue Kanipe at suebkanipe@gmail.com.



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