



LIFELINE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 14, 2025 | 11:05 a.m.

Order of Worship

Opening Song

Start A Fire | Unspoken

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Song

Here I Am to Worship | Jeremy Camp

Children's Sermon

Lesli Wood

Following the Children's Sermon today and for the next two Sundays, parents and children in 4-year-old preschool, kindergarten, and 1st grade are invited to join Ms. Cari in Player Hall to learn about worship in an age-appropriate way.

Prayers of the People

Offering

We worship God through our gifts and tithes. Give online at shandonumc.org/give or via the Realm App (onrealm.org/shandonumc)

Offertory Song

Everything | Lauren Daigle

Scripture

John 3:13-17

Sermon

Stop Picking Cherries | Rev. James Grubb

Song of Celebration

Everlasting God | Chris Tomlin

**All children are invited to come forward.*

Benediction

In keeping with our Safe Sanctuary Policy, a parent or youth (6th grade and up) MUST accompany children through 5th grade at all times while on campus—including trips to and from the bathroom. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and cared for.

Announcements

Epworth Offering: Today, our church will receive the annual Epworth Work Day offering to provide loving care, safety, and services for the children, youth and families served by Epworth through all of its programs. Give generously by using the **envelope provided** or online at epworthsc.org/donate.

Manna Refreshed: Wednesdays, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Player Hall with new menus and fresh ingredients. The September 17th meal will feature pasta with Italian sausage, cherry tomatoes, mushrooms, and spinach, as well as Italian salad with mixed greens, Roma tomatoes, cucumbers and onions, focaccia bread and dessert. Children may choose a portion of the refreshed meal or the monthly children's plate. **Pre-orders are required by 5:00 p.m. Monday at shandonumc.org/manna.** Childcare is available in the gym from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Stories and Songs: Faith comes alive when we share our stories. Join us **Sunday, September 21, 6:00–7:00 p.m.**, for music and the faith journeys of Julie Allen and Addie and James Thompson. Childcare (infants–age 3) and a special children's program (4K–5th grade) begin at 5:45 p.m. A family-friendly meal will be served in Player Hall from 5:00–5:45 p.m., \$9 adults, \$4 children. No reservation needed.

Good News Club (GNC): With your continued blessing, our dedicated team is excited to begin the Good News Club and share the love and story of Jesus at Rosewood Elementary School on **Thursday afternoons, Oct. 2–Nov. 13**. If you are interested in learning more about how to participate or support our Good News Club, please contact Joy Stone (joykstone@gmail.com).

Men's Prayer Breakfast: All men are invited to join us on **Thursday, September 18**, from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. in Player Hall. Chef Tim will provide a delicious breakfast, followed by a short program. Please join us and bring a friend to be filled with food, fellowship, and faith.

Vulnerable in Ukraine: On **Sunday, September 28**, we will host Svitlana Koval in Player Hall during the Sunday school hour as she shares her faith story and journey from war-torn Ukraine. Amidst war, she and her husband evacuated to the United States just months before their son was born, and while living in Columbia, SC, they found Shandon UMC as a church home. Svitlana's story includes revelations of how personal vulnerability is woven into her faith journey. Join us for this story of trial, empathy, and understanding.

More Justice Gathering: You are needed to support MORE Justice in Columbia! Shandon members involved with MORE Justice have decided to concentrate our efforts on affordable housing. Please join us for a kickoff meeting on **Tuesday, September 23, at 6:00 p.m. in Player Hall.**

Fall Hendersonville Trip: Join us **September 18** for shopping and lunch in historic Hendersonville, followed by a visit to a local orchard for apples, cider, and fall treats. Depart: 8:30 a.m. from the church; return by 5:00 p.m. There is no cost for the trip, but you will need money for lunch and your purchases. Sign up with Susan Curran at **scurran@shandonumc.org** or on the clipboard across from the reception desk in the Bruner building.

Mahjong and a Message: Join us **Mondays from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**, in Dunn Smith Room 218 for a devotional message and a stretch of playing Mahjong. Don't know how to play? No worries, come and learn. All levels are welcome. Please sign up at **<https://signup.com/go/PPCHmes>**. Questions, call Pamela Adams (803) 622-9499 or Mandie Ingram (803) 318-7286.

Scout Troop 37: Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., Knox 208. Open to new or transferring Scouts age +11, or anyone interested. Questions? Contact Ryan Martel at rdmartel@hotmail.com or Meredith Koparova at merreeves@gmail.com.

Faith and Fellowship Sunday School Class: Come visit the newly formed **Faith & Fellowship Class in room A208**, Knox building. Join us to deepen your relationship with Christ and connect with other believers in their 40s and 50s. Contact Katie Free (803-206-4595) or Cindy Cameron (803-767-8554) for additional information.

New Church Shirts: Shandon Serves the community, the congregation, and its children. As part of our 2025 stewardship campaign, we are excited to offer brand-new merchandise available for pre-order, including a Shandon Serves t-shirt, a Shandon logo t-shirt, and a Shandon logo polo. Pre-orders are open now through September 15 at **shandonumc.org/serves**.

SUMC Book Club: Meets on the third Thursday of the month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Rm. 221 of the Bruner Building. **September 18:** In the Shadow of the Greenbrier, by Emily Matchar. To be on the mailing list and receive reminders, contact Anne Cox at anne41450@aol.com.

Children & Students

Children and Youth Choirs: Rehearsals have begun for our Cherub Choir (5K-grade 1) and St. Nicholas Choir (grades 2-5) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the DuBose Building. Youth Choir rehearsals (grades 6-12) are on Sundays at 4-4:45 p.m. in the Choir Room. Register at shandonumc.org/music.

Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF): September 14: What is real PEACE? Let's talk about it at MYF. Join us from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for dinner, games, and a Bible study. Invite a friend and hang out.

Youth Sunday in LifeLine: On **September 21**, our students will have the privilege of leading the 11:05 a.m. LifeLine worship through prayer, preaching, Bible reading, and serving as ushers and greeters. If your student would like to serve, please contact Andy Morris at amorris@shandonumc.org.

Youth Basketball: All 2nd-12th-grade boys and girls are invited to be a part of the Basketball Ministry of Shandon UMC. The registration fee is \$75. Registration will open on **Wednesday, September 17**, and close on Wednesday, October 15, at shandonumc.org/events.

MYF Fall Retreat: 7th-12th grade retreat at Ridge Haven, in Brevard, NC, **November 7-9**. Sign up at shandonumc.org/events.



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