

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*We gather to worship God, nurture Christian faith,
and go out into the world in mission.*

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

AUGUST 9, 2026

8:45 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Préambule

Louis Vierne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOODWILL

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 75 All People That on Earth Do Dwell *Old 100th*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.

**May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.**

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.

**In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.**

from Psalm 72

* GLORIA PATRI NO. 71

Greatores

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Hymnal, pg. 39)

(8:45 A.M.) **Peter Gibson Solomons**, son of Allen and Tracy Solomons, was born January 6, 2026

(11:00 A.M.) **Virginia Grace Duffy**, daughter of Will and Courtney Duffy, was born November 24, 2025

THE BAPTISM SONG: HYMN 611 (verses 1,4)

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.
Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.**

* THE LITANY FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

LEADER:

In addition to Promotion Sunday for our children and youth, today is Christian Education Sunday at Shandon. We celebrate the opportunities God offers us through this congregation's worship, study, and service to grow in Christian faith and discipleship as we seek to know God.

We affirm those who are involved as teachers and leaders in the Christian education of our children, youth, and adults at Shandon. These persons serve in many ways to help foster and nurture Christian faith and discipleship in our congregation. We appreciate their investment of time and effort to study in preparation to teach and their commitment to guide us in response to Christ's call in Matthew 28:19, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."

CONGREGATION:

We pledge to pray for our teachers and leaders and this congregation's educational ministry.

We pledge to enable, encourage, and support our teachers and leaders in this ministry through our words and attendance.

We pledge to be learners, diligently studying the Scriptures and traditions of the faith.

We thank our teachers and leaders for your faithful leadership and response to Christ's call, recognizing that we all need instruction and guidance as we grow in Him.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God whose word is as old as creation, yet fresh as tomorrow,
pour out on us your Holy Spirit,
that the covenants of the patriarchs,
the visions of the prophets,
and the testimonies of the apostles
might be for us the way of life. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 89:19-37

Pew Bible, O.T. pgs. 516-517

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Susan Curran

*Following the Children's Sermon, childcare is available for 4- and 5-year-olds
in Room 115 of the Knox Building*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

SERMON

“Complex, Ambiguous, and Blessed” Rev. C. E. “Smoke” Kanipe, Jr.

*HYMN 437

This Is My Song

Finlandia

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING

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To give by text: Text SUMC to 73256

OFFERTORY

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. Diane Bish

Ashley Oakey, soprano

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well,
it is well with my soul.*

*My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross,
and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

It is well with my soul.

*And, Lord, hasten the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.*

* DOXOLOGY HYMN 94

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* HYMN 337

Only Trust Him

Stockton

* BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune

Robert Lau

* *Congregation standing*

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

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

WELCOME VISITORS

*If you are visiting with us today, please stop by our Visitor Welcome Center just to the left
as you exit the sanctuary following the service. A Hospitality Team member will be there
to greet you with a welcome bag and to answer any questions you might have.*

ALDERSGATE SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

The second Sunday in August is designated as Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry Sunday by the SC United Methodist Conference. Aldersgate operates six Christian homes for adults with developmental disabilities. Residents are active in the community and are encouraged to be as independent as possible. Aldersgate does not receive funds from apportionments. Your support allows us to care for our residents and homes, as well as plan for the future. Please consider making a contribution using the envelope provided with today's bulletin, or visit aldersgatesnm.org to make an online donation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU! To everyone who helped make this year's Missions Possible Garage Sale a huge success! Your donations, your volunteer hours, your baked goods, your purchases, and your prayers make it possible for us to support more than 30 nonprofit organizations in our community that are making a difference in peoples' lives.

MYF: Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) is the place for 7th through 12th graders to fellowship, play games, and grow in their relationship with Christ. **August 9:** Our students are set up for a fun night playing Four on a Couch (an MYF favorite game). We will have dinner, snacks, and drinks! See you there!

CALLING ALL NEEDLEWORKERS: Do you needlepoint, quilt, crochet, knit, or smock? We are putting together a new group. Please let us know if you are interested and your specific craft. Contact Susan Curran (803)466-1344 or Ruthie Taylor (803)318-7484.

BLOOD DRIVE - CRISIS NEED: The American Red Cross has declared the second national blood crisis in its history. All blood types are needed, but the situation is especially dire for type O. The blood supply fell nearly 25% in June, and blood donations are now at a four-year summer low. Donors are asked to take action immediately to help save lives. You can help at our blood drive TODAY, **August 9**, in Player Hall from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Please go to the Red Cross website to sign-up (redcrossblood.org). Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be taken first. Please wear casual clothes with closed toe shoes. Drinks and snacks provided.

CASSEROLE FUNDRAISER: Order a casserole, prepared by Shandon's Super Chef, to support the mission team headed to Guatemala, October 10-17, 2026. The team will be doing construction work on Hospital Bethesda and conducting outreach medical clinics. Each casserole will serve 6-8 people and cost \$25, with proceeds going toward medical and construction supplies. Order before **August 16**, and pick up on August 23 at the church.
shandonumc.org/guatemala

FIND YOUR FIT:

All members are asked to complete Find Your Fit, Shandon's new approach to the annual Ministry Interest Questionnaire, by August 30. Review current volunteer opportunities or take a 5- to 10-minute spiritual gifts assessment to explore where God may be calling you in this season. Complete the form at:

shandonumc.org/fyf

VOLUNTEER AT TRANSITIONS: There is a new opportunity to serve at Transitions, an agency in Columbia serving unhoused people. Six to eight people are needed to serve lunch on the second Tuesday of the month from 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM. If interested and willing to serve, sign up for Transitions on Shandon's website. Available dates include: **August 11**, September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8.

GRIEFSHARE: A new 13-week session begins Sunday, **August 16**, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in Knox 214. Register at griefshare.org. The book cost is \$20 and will be handed out at the first gathering. For more information contact Sue Kanipe (suebkanipe@gmail.com)

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. Please join us in Player Hall on **August 20**, at 7:30 a.m., when Chef Tim will provide a delicious full breakfast, and there will be a short program led by Raymond Wells. Please join us and bring a friend to be filled with food, fellowship, and faith.

SHANDON UMC BOOK CLUB: Join the Shandon UMC Book Club on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in Bruner 224 as we discuss titles across a diverse range of topics. **August 20:** *The Calamity Club* by Kathryn Stockett. To receive the book list and get meeting reminders, please email Gera Singletary at davegera4@icloud.com.

SEEKERS LUNCH: Young professionals in their mid-20s to mid-30s 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 service. The Seekers will meet Sunday, **August 23**, at Taziki's. Please contact Rev. Maggie 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!

WARM MEALS, LASTING IMPACT: We are honored to support the Dreher High School football team by serving meals again this year. Volunteers are needed to serve meals from 3:00-4:30 p.m. on August 21 and 28, September 4, 11, and 18, and October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. Join us in encouraging and uplifting these student athletes! Sign up at shandonumc.org/events.

BIBLE PRESENTATION FOR THIRD GRADE STUDENTS: Our congregation will present Bibles to our third 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 so we may prepare a Bible for them. Register your child online at shandonumc.org/register by August 24.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for an adult Sunday School Open House on Sunday, **August 16**, in Knox 208 with the Faith and Fellowship class. Our class is new at Shandon and continues to welcome participants in their 40s and 50s seeking scripturally based discussions and fellowship/service opportunities as we grow together in serving Christ. Our fall study is "Parables: The Greatest Stories Ever Told" (LifeGuide series) and Pastor Smoke will lead us on Sunday, August 23, with an overview of parables. Contact Cindy Cameron 803-767-8554 or Katie Free 803-206-4595 for more info.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

All children are invited to join our music ministry when rehearsals begin on **September 9**. Our Cherub Choir for 5K and first grade students, led by Jamie Conrad, meets on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:30 p.m. The St. Nicholas Choir for second grade through fifth grade students, led by Amy Martin and Eddie Huss, meets on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:45 p.m. No experience is needed - just a willingness to make a joyful noise. Register at shandonumc.org/events

FALL DOORWAYS BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

Registration is now open for our adult Bible studies and classes. With more than a dozen options to choose from, there's something for everyone. Learn more and sign up at shandonumc.org/doorways

Shandon UMC is a Stephen Ministry and Safe Sanctuary Congregation

Senior Pastor: The Reverend C. E. Kanipe, Jr.

Associate Pastor: The Reverend Maggie Cantey

Associate Pastor: The Reverend Will Harvey

Minister of Music & Arts: The Reverend D. Edwin Huss, Jr.

Organist and Music Associate: Kipp Gill

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