



**LIFELINE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**  
Second Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 12, 2026 | 11:05 a.m.

## Order of Worship

**Opening Song**

**God So Loved | Worship Together**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Song**

**Come As You Are | Casting Crowns**

**Children's Sermon**

**Lesli Wood**

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

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering**

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

**Offertory Song**

**Chain Breaker | Zach Williams**

**Scripture**

**John 20:19- 29**

**Sermon**

**Just Thomas | Rev. Maggie Cantey**

**Song of Celebration**

**Wake up, Oh Sleeper | Jason Crabb**

*\*All children are invited to come forward.*

**Benediction**

# Announcements

**Welcome:** Please welcome Shandon's newest member, Wells Lowman. He recently completed our pathway to membership course, TREK. A new session of TREK will begin in May. Learn more at [shandonumc.org/TREK](http://shandonumc.org/TREK).

**Thank You:** During Lent, our members made special offerings supporting three nonprofits that serve our community: Senior Resources, The Cooperative Ministry, and Transitions. Because of your generosity, we were able to raise **\$13,000**.

**Allen Fund Applications:** The Allen Educational Fund provides grants of up to \$1,000 to Shandon members, Epworth Children's Home students, and children of Methodist foreign missionaries supported by Shandon UMC. Awards will be made only once for the 2026-2027 academic year, and may be applied to either the fall or spring semester. Applications will close on **April 30** at [shandonumc.org/allenfund](http://shandonumc.org/allenfund).

**New Art Exhibit In The Beckler Art Gallery:** Many thanks to the artists who have paintings on display for the spring season. A reception will be held on Wednesday, **April 15**, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the gallery (Great Hall, Bruner Building). Come and meet the artists: Przkop Smith, Susan Carter, Susan Rice, Rebecca Penland, Marion Hornsby, Katie Free, and Sandra Pappas. Everyone is invited.

**United Women in Faith Book Discussion:** Inviting all members of circles, Shandon UMC, and guests to join Susan Brant on Wednesday, **April 15**, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor to discuss the book *Women Rise Up* by Katey Zeh.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast:** All men are invited on Thursday, **April 16**, from 7:30-8:15 a.m. in Player Hall for a delicious breakfast. John Finch will be providing the program. Please join us and bring a friend.

**Shandon UMC Book Club:** Join us 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. **April 16:** Theo of Golden, by Levi Allen. Contact Gera Singletary, [davegera4@icloud.com](mailto:davegera4@icloud.com), with questions.

**Chrismon Workshop:** Join us at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, **April 19**, when we will create a butterfly Chrismon and help you finish any from earlier sessions. The cost is \$10, and all materials are provided. Sign up at [shandonumc.org/events](http://shandonumc.org/events).

**Connections – Artfields:** Join us for our inaugural trip to Artfields on Tuesday, **April 21**, when Lake City is transformed from a small agricultural community to a living art gallery. This will be a longer trip and will involve lots of walking, so be sure to dress comfortably. We will meet at church at 8:00 a.m. and will return by 6:00 p.m. There is no cost for this trip, but you will be responsible for your own lunch cost and purchases. Contact Susan Curran to register or sign up at the registration desk across from the reception desk in the Great Hall. Space is limited, and friends are welcome.

**An Unexpected Calling:** Adults are invited to Player Hall during the Sunday school hour, beginning at 9:45 a.m., Sunday, **April 26**, as we host Corinna Barrett Lain for her personal story of Faith, Redemption, and Death Row. Join us as Lain shares how God called, encouraged, paused, and led her to write a book, *Secrets of the Killing State*, that she didn't desire to write. Lain will remain after the presentation to answer questions about the book, but the presentation will focus on God's hand in guiding her to write the book and in growing her faith through that journey.

**Seekers Lunch:** Young professionals ages 23 to 30 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 on Sunday, **April 26**, at Taziki's. Rev. Maggie Cantey is partnering with this group and is seeking input regarding other interests for this group. Please contact Rev. Maggie for a conversation or complete the interest form to be added to the group email list. [shandonumc.org/seekers](http://shandonumc.org/seekers)

**"Buds" in Seats:** At many places, we recognize our presence is impactful and important. On Monday, **April 27**, at 6:00 p.m., our congregation's MORE Justice Team invites you to the Nehemiah Action meeting at the Pastides Alumni Center. Your presence will be noted by local politicians as we advocate for more local, affordable housing and other positive changes to social injustices in our community. To effect change, we need many "Buds" in seats. For information about a carpool to the event, contact Biff Sowell ([bsowell@sowelldurant.com](mailto:bsowell@sowelldurant.com)) or Claire Manning ([clairemanning01@gmail.com](mailto:clairemanning01@gmail.com)).

**UWF Special Mission Recognition Dinner:** All circle members are invited to a special dinner and meeting on Tuesday, **May 5**, at 6:30 p.m. in Player Hall. Please consider nominating a Shandon member who has given their time, talent, and energy to serve others in our church, community, and beyond.

Nomination forms are available in the UWF yearbook and are due to Jennifer Parker by April 14.

Reservations are due to Jennifer Parker at [jjclemsongirl@gmail.com](mailto:jjclemsongirl@gmail.com) by May 1. The cost is \$10 and can be paid at the door.

# Children & Students

**VBS and Day Camp:** Registration is open until **April 15** for Vacation Bible School (3K-2nd grade) and Day Camp (3rd-12th grade) at [shandonumc.org/events](http://shandonumc.org/events). Members receive priority registration; non-members will be placed on a waiting list and will be accepted as space allows.

**Lions and Giants:** Sunday, **May 3**, in the gym  
3 & 4K (Age 3 by September 1, 2025): Join Ms. Cari for a fun-filled preschool version of "Lions and Giants" from 2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.! We will play games and have a special Bible time designed for little ones.

5K-5TH GRADE: Join Ms. Cari from 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. for an exciting time of fellowship, games, and Bible time. Noodle Tag, Gaga Ball, and Four Square are just some of the games we may play. Both events are drop-off, and no registration is required. We hope to see you there!

**Graduate Recognition Sunday:** To honor our graduating high school seniors at Shandon UMC, we will hold a unique service for them on Sunday, **May 10**, at the 8:45 a.m. traditional service. After the service, we will hold a reception in Player Hall for our seniors and their families. If you have a student who would like to participate, please get in touch with Andy Morris at [amorris@shandonumc.org](mailto:amorris@shandonumc.org) to complete an information form. All information needs to be submitted by April 29th.

**Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF): April 12:** Dinner Out! Join us from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Groucho's on Forest Drive. Invite a friend and bring money for dinner.



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