



# THE VOICE

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## WHY SHOULDN'T YOU BE ONE TOO?

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,  
Who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green;  
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and His love made them strong;  
And they followed the right for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;  
And there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still.  
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store,  
in church, by the sea, in the house next door;  
they are saints of God, whether rich or poor, and I mean to be one too.

--Lesbia Scott

November 1 is All Saints' Day on the Christian calendar. Often, when we hear the word "saint," we think of larger-than-life saints like Patrick, Francis, and Mother Teresa. But Lesbia Scott's lovely hymn reminds us that saints come in all shapes and sizes. In fact, there are many wonderful saints who have never been given the official title "saint." The categories of saints are limitless – from St. Francis to Mother Teresa to Harriet Tubman to Dietrich Bonhoeffer to a whole host of ordinary people who have blessed our lives. I simply leave you with the question Scott's hymn raises – why shouldn't you be one, too?

Grace and peace,

Smoke



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## Your Impact is Greater Than You Think

Thank you to everyone who has pledged to support our 2026 budget! If you have not yet submitted your pledge, you can mail in your Commitment Envelope or go to [shandonumc.org/pledge](http://shandonumc.org/pledge).

## Memorials and Honorariums

**In Memory of Harvey and Judy Allen**  
Cathy and Lex Knox

**In Memory of Regina Danner Crosswell**  
Suzanne Short

**In Memory of Joe Lawrence for Youth Mission Project**  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Davis  
Cynthia and Julian Dew  
Susan Hart Harding  
Gina and Jeff Janvrin  
Donna and Major Pearman  
Jane Pregnall  
Sandra and Sam Reese  
Judy and Butch Roberts  
Harriett and Bob Roof  
Martha and Jimmy Sanders  
Sally and David Seavey  
Gera and Dave Singletary  
Pat and Bob Spear  
Joanna and Bill Walkup  
Pam and Raymond Wells

**In Memory of Jean Miller**  
JOY Sunday School Class  
Joanna and Bill Walkup

**In Memory of Marjorie Neeley**  
Grady Neeley

**In Memory of Jennie Owen**  
Becky and Ralph Bouton

**In Memory of Larry Wright**  
JOY Sunday School Class  
Suzanne and Randy Grant

**In Honor of Millie Cantey**  
Frances and Aubrey Cantey

**In Honor of Lorraine Conrad**  
Mr. and Mrs. Marion Knox  
Margaret Smith

**In Honor of Kipp Gill**  
Carol and David Lee

**In Honor of Randy Grant**  
Lorraine Conrad

**In Honor of Eddie Huss**  
Carol and David Lee

## Flowers at the Altar

### Sunday, November 2

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of **Rebecca Helen Brant** for her birthday by her family.

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **Ed Philbeck** and to the glory of God by Ann Philbeck and the Philbeck family.

### Sunday, November 9

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **Kemper Zeigler** on her birthday by her family.

### Sunday, November 16

The flowers at the altar are given in honor of the baptism of **Riley Michael Rush**, son of Scott and Carmen Rush and grandson of Bob and Jennie Rush.

The flowers at the altar are given in memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Arnold C. Muir** and **Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell K. Spear** by Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Spear.

The flowers in the narthex are given in honor of **John Grantland** by his family on his 60th birthday.

### Sunday, November 23

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **Mills Virginia Thompson**, daughter of James and Addie Thompson, by the Journey Sunday School Class.

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **Margaret Kightlinger** and **Earl and Minnie Kightlinger** by Ray Kightlinger.

### Sunday, November 30

The flowers at the altar are given in memory of **Dr. James H. Blair**, **John Blair**, and **Jay Blair** by their family.

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Wade F. Ward, Sr.** by Harry and Jane Ward and their family.

## PATH TO MEMBERSHIP - TAKE THE TREK

TREK, Shandon's new member path, is a three-session journey designed to help you connect with others who are new to Shandon, explore our campus, and learn more about the Christian faith and the United Methodist Church. Along the way, you'll also discover opportunities to serve and to be supported as you grow in your faith. For more information about TREK, please contact Rev. James Grubb at [jgrubb@shandonumc.org](mailto:jgrubb@shandonumc.org). Childcare is available. Sign up at [shandonumc.org/trek](https://shandonumc.org/trek).

### November 2025 TREK Course Schedule

Sunday, November 9, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 16, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

## LIFELINE 25-YEAR CELEBRATION SERVICE

On September 25, 2025, the LifeLine Worship Service had its twenty-fifth birthday. While we recognized the accomplishment, we wanted to do something special to celebrate this incredible milestone. So please mark your calendars for our 25-Year LifeLine Celebration Service on **February 15, 2026**. We will welcome many of the pastors, musicians, and volunteers who have played a significant role in this service's life and growth. We have already heard back from Rev. Cam Treece and Rev. Todd Davis that they will be joining us, and we hope you will be, too. Following the service, we will have a meal to continue the celebration. In preparation for the event, please contact Pastor Grubb at [jgrubb@shandonumc.org](mailto:jgrubb@shandonumc.org) if you have any photos of the first or early services.

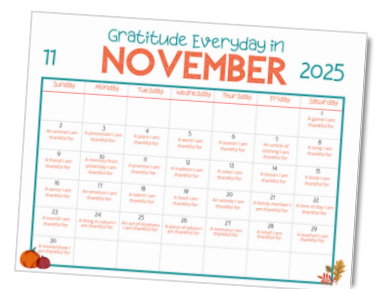
## MAHJONG & A MESSAGE

Join us on Mondays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in room 218 in the Dunn-Smith Building for "Mahjong and a Message." We will gather for a devotional message and a stretch of playing Mahjong, a popular tile-based game that originated in China. All levels of players, as well as friends, are welcome. To make sure we have enough Mahjong sets, please let us know if you are coming by signing up online at [shandonumc.org/events](https://shandonumc.org/events).

## GRATITUDE EVERY DAY IN NOVEMBER

The simplest practices are often the best. As we enter the busy holiday season, take time to practice gratitude each day in November. Our Gratitude Every Day Calendar offers simple daily prompts to help you reflect on the people and things for which you are thankful.

Calendars are available at the entrances of the Sanctuary and Gym for all ages and households. Use it alone, with your family, or as a journaling guide. Pick one up this Sunday and make November a month of gratitude.



**GET YOUR DAILY DOSE OF GRATITUDE:** During this month, our children will share why they are grateful each day. Be sure to follow the Children's Ministry Facebook Page at [facebook.com/sumcfriends](https://facebook.com/sumcfriends).

## GRIEFSHARE - SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

The holidays are tough even in the best of circumstances. If you are grieving, please join The SUMC Stephen Ministers as they offer support, understanding, and tools to navigate the season. We will meet on **Sunday, November 16**, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Knox 214. Materials will be supplied for a \$5 donation made during class. Register for the class and childcare, if needed, at [shandonumc.org/events](https://shandonumc.org/events).

## MANNA REFRESHED NOVEMBER MENU

Plan to join us on Wednesdays in Player Hall. Meal service is open from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., but you are welcome to enjoy time at the table with friends after the buffet closes. A pre-order of meals is required and is available at [shandonumc.org/manna](http://shandonumc.org/manna). Menus are planned, but substitutions may occur based on the availability of food supplies. Meals are \$9.00 for an adult and \$4.00 for a child. Childcare is available in the gym from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



- **November 5:** Make Your Own Asian Bowl: beef bulgogi, ginger chicken, brown and jasmine rice, grilled zucchini and onions, vegetables, mixed green salad, pineapple, homemade bread, and dessert.
- **November 12:** Chili Night: Red chili, white chicken chili, and lentil chili with toppings, corn muffins, mixed green salad, apples, and dessert.
- **November 19:** Herbed baked chicken, brown rice pilaf, steamed vegetables, mixed green salad, fruit, homemade bread, and dessert.
- **November 26:** Thanksgiving Holiday

The Kid's Meal for November will be a pita bread pizza with cheese, clementine, and yogurt.

## CHRISMON WORKSHOP

Join us **Sunday, November 16**, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. for our Chrismon workshop. In this workshop, we will create a new Chrismon and help you finish any incomplete Chrismons from earlier sessions. If you have not attended a previous session, we will have materials from our earlier workshops. All materials are provided, and space is limited. Sign up at [shandonumc.org/events](http://shandonumc.org/events). Contact Susan Curran if you have any questions at [scurran@shandonumc.org](mailto:scurran@shandonumc.org) or (803) 466-1344.



## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All men are invited to our men's prayer breakfast on **Thursday, November 20**, from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. in Player Hall. Chef Tim will provide a delicious full breakfast, and Jason Snyder will share a short program. Please join us and bring a friend to be filled with food, fellowship, and faith.

## BOOK CLUB MEETING

The Shandon UMC Book Club meets on the third Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is **Thursday, November 20**, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Room 221 on the second floor of the Bruner Building. We are reading *The Lies We Leave Behind* by Noelle Salazar. Newcomers are welcome, and our selections span a wide range and are chosen six months at a time. To receive reminders, email Anne Cox at [anne41450@aol.com](mailto:anne41450@aol.com). December's meeting is on the 18th, and the book is *Beaver Girl* by Cassie Premo Steele.

## MUSIC MINISTRY IN NOVEMBER

**Young Artist Organ Recital | Friday, November 21, 7:00–8:00 p.m., Sanctuary**  
Sponsored by the Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO).

**Hanging of the Greens Service | Sunday, November 30, 8:45 and 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary**  
Music by the Celebration Choir and Wesley Ringers Handbell Choir.





## SOUTHERN CHRISTMAS SHOW

Join the Connections Ministry for the Southern Christmas Show in Charlotte, NC, on **Tuesday, November 18**. This show is one of the top holiday events in the Southeast. It has over 400 holiday merchants selling gifts, decorations, music, and food galore. Start your holiday shopping or just enjoy the holiday atmosphere with friends. The bus will depart Shandon UMC at 8:30 a.m. and return around 5:00 p.m. Space is limited to 14 participants. The cost is \$15 per person. Contact Susan Curran to register at [scurran@shandonumc.org](mailto:scurran@shandonumc.org).

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS LUNCH

Young professionals ages 23 to 30 seeking fellowship and community are welcome to join the Seekers group for lunch at Taziki's following the 11:00 a.m. and 11:05 a.m. worship services on **November 23**. Please contact Rev. Maggie with questions or to be added to the group email list.

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CHRISTMAS DINNER

The United Women in Faith Christmas Dinner will be on **Tuesday, December 2**, at 6:30 p.m. in Player Hall. The UWF will honor its 2025 Woman of the Year and remember those UWF members and Special Friends who have joined the church triumphant during the past year. The cost of the meal is \$10 and is payable at the door. Reservations are required and can be made with Jennifer Parker at [jpclemsongirl@gmail.com](mailto:jpclemsongirl@gmail.com) or (770) 301-6376. Reservations are due by Friday, November 28. All are welcome!

## GREENING OUR FAITH

Join us to prepare for the Advent season on **Wednesday, December 3**, at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall for a session of creative expression along with a meaningful Advent devotion. Don't miss this hands-on opportunity to create a wreath of fresh greenery (18" round, 14" square, 22" cross). We will provide the materials, instructions, and guidance. Childcare is available. Cost is \$35. See registration for details. Space is limited. Register at: [shandonumc.org/events](http://shandonumc.org/events).



## CONNECTIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Adults 65 and older are invited to the Connections Christmas Party on **Friday, December 12**, in Player Hall at 11:30 a.m. Dress in your most festive holiday attire and join us for some holiday games (with prizes), musical entertainment, and a buffet lunch. Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 9, to Susan Curran by email ([scurran@shandonumc.org](mailto:scurran@shandonumc.org)) or text (803) 466-1344 with your name and the number of guests.



## SAFE SANCTUARY REMINDER OF THE MONTH - APPROVED VOLUNTEER LISTS

A list of Safe Sanctuary certified volunteers is available through a QR code posted in halls and areas designated for children and youth, as well as additional common areas of our campus. Substitutes and "fill-in" volunteer workers with children/youth must be on this list in order to serve with children/youth.

## ADVENT DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Advent begins on November 30. Be sure to pick up your Advent devotional, which includes six short reflections and questions for both children and adults to guide us through the Advent and Christmas season. Each of the devotions includes the following:

- Suggested scripture to read
- A reflection that is geared toward youth and adults
- A shorter reflection on the scripture for children
- Questions for children
- A "Going Deeper" section with questions for all ages
- Optional coloring pages

Advent Devotionals will be available starting November 16 at both the sanctuary and LifeLine entrances.

## POINSETTIAS TO HONOR A LOVED ONE

Each year, we place poinsettias in our worship spaces to honor and remember our friends and loved ones. If you would like to honor or remember someone this holiday season, please fill out the Poinsettia Order Form located in your pew and place it in the offering plate. You can also complete the form online at [shandonumc.org/events](http://shandonumc.org/events). The cost is \$15, and the deadline is Wednesday, December 3.

## MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY VAN

The Prisma Health Mobile Mammography Van will visit Shandon UMC again on **Tuesday, January 6**, in our parking lot across Devine Street. They have been offering this invaluable opportunity to the women of Shandon for over twenty years. It is easy, convenient, and very possibly life-saving! Please call (803) 434-9100 to make your reservation. Be sure to specify the date and the location—Shandon United Methodist, and please bring an ID and your insurance card. We look forward to seeing you there. If there are questions, please call Margaret Hays at (803) 331-8356.

## SECOND CHANCE TO ORDER CHURCH APPAREL

If you missed the first round of pre-orders for Shandon Serves T-shirts, long-sleeve shirts, or embroidered polo shirts, there's still time! Place your order at [shandonumc.org/serves](http://shandonumc.org/serves) by November 16. Orders will arrive before Christmas and can be shipped or picked up at the church.



## JOY AND FELLOWSHIP AT WILDEWOOD DOWNS

The Augusta Beckman Circle, with help from the JOY Sunday School Class, recently visited Shandon members living at Wildewood Downs, bringing joy and fellowship through a lively 1950s-themed party.

The afternoon included an ice cream bar, "celebrity" musical performances, and fellowship that filled the room with smiles and laughter.



Last month, we shared inspiring stories of how Shandon Serves through **Community, Children, Congregation, and Commitment**. Each week's video showed our faith in motion—from the United Women in Faith Garage Sale that blesses the community, to the voices of our children and students, and new member Trey Murphy finding connection and purpose through Shandon. You can read the digital version of this year's Shandon Serves Impact Report and watch all five videos at [shandonumc.org/serves](https://shandonumc.org/serves).



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PLAYHOUSE BUILD

Shandon will participate in the Habitat Playhouse build on **Saturday, November 8**, at 1831 Superior St, Columbia, SC 29205. This year, our playhouse will be for the Epworth Children's Home Family Care Center. To volunteer, visit <https://vhub.at/ShandonUMC> and click on special events from the drop-down menu at the top. You MUST sign up using this link. Shifts are 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., or you can work the full day. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are provided. Houses will be presented to the children at 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Sue Haddock at [ksuehaddock@gmail.com](mailto:ksuehaddock@gmail.com).



## KILLINGSWORTH ANNUAL GALA

Killingsworth, a United Methodist-affiliated residence in Columbia that provides shelter and support for women emerging from crisis situations, will hold its annual gala **Thursday, November 13**, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Seawell's on Rosewood Drive. The evening will include live music, a fashion show, gourmet dining, and a silent auction. Individual tickets are \$70 or \$585 for a table of 8. To purchase tickets or become a sponsor, visit [killingsworth.org/events](https://killingsworth.org/events).

## BLOOD DRIVE

Give the gift of life at Shandon's Blood Drive on **Sunday, November 23**, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Player Hall. To schedule your appointment, visit [shandonumc.org/redcross](https://shandonumc.org/redcross). All donors will receive a fun pair of Pac-Man socks—come give and make a difference!

## CHRISTMAS IN PETERSFIELD

We are asking for your partnership in the mission to our friends in the community of Petersfield, Hollywood, SC. We plan to visit Petersfield in early December, and we invite our congregation to prayerfully consider donating to this community. Our collection goal is \$6,250 to spread the joy of Christmas to 125 homes in Petersfield through gift cards. Our deadline for this collection is November 26. Monetary donations may be dropped in the offering plate with "Christmas in Petersfield" marked in the memo line or given online using the drop-down menu and selecting "Petersfield Assistance."

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our Student Ministry invites families to participate in Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is a Christian organization that works to share the Gospel by distributing Christmas gifts to children who otherwise might not receive anything during the Christmas season. If your family would like to participate in this outreach ministry, you may pick up a shoebox from outside the Youth Zone, fill it, and return it. Also, consider donating \$10 to cover shipping charges for your boxes by giving to the "Operation Christmas Child" fund via check or online giving. All boxes must be turned in by Sunday, November 16. You can find out what to pack inside your shoebox at: <https://tinyurl.com/35vm86f8>



## ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We're partnering with the grassroots non-profit F.I.R.E., which provides outreach to the unhoused community living in motels and on the streets in Columbia. On **Sunday, November 23**, we invite you to bring shelf-stable items like ramen noodles, canned chicken, tuna, vegetables, fruits, soups, and cereal.

During worship, you can bring your donations to the altar as a meaningful act of love and service. Shandon serves—let's come together to help feed our neighbors this Thanksgiving.



## THE HARVEY & JUDY ALLEN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND

*R. Douglas Neal, Jr., Chairman – The Harvey and Judy Allen Educational Fund*

In 2020, the JOY Sunday School class established a scholarship fund to honor and memorialize its teacher, Dr. Harvey Allen, who taught the JOY Sunday School class for 50 years, and his wife, Judy, who taught Shandon's 4-year-old Sunday School class for many years.

Since its inception, the earnings of the Allen Fund have provided \$64,500 in educational grants to members of Shandon, children of missionaries supported by Shandon, and students at Epworth. We invite you to help this important ministry grow.

Please make your check payable to Shandon UMC, and designate your check or online gift to the Allen Fund. For further information about the Allen Fund, contact Doug Neal at (803) 467-3522 or dnealtwo@gmail.com.

## 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.

## STEWARDSHIP: Thank You For Your Faithfulness!

### GIFTS - OPERATING BUDGET

Month of September 2025		Year-To-Date 2025	
Revenues:	\$211,905	Revenues:	\$2,154,111
Expenses:	257,947	Expenses:	2,416,665
Net:	<b>\$(46,042)</b>	Net:	<b>\$(262,554)</b>

### WAYS TO GIVE

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



## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. as children grow in faith and explore God's Word together.

- **2–3 Year Olds:** Bible stories and songs
- **4K–2nd Grade:** The Story of Esther
- **3rd Grade:** Overview of the Bible and Bible skills
- **4th–5th Grade:** The Story of Esther
- **6th Grade:** Old Testament history and Proverbs



## LIONS AND GIANTS

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

**5K-5TH GRADE:** Join Ms. Cari for “Lions and Giants” on **Sunday, November 2, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.** in the gym. Children in grades 5K-5th are invited for an exciting time of fellowship, games, and Bible time. Four Square, Noodle Tag, and Gaga Ball are some of the games we may play. Both events are drop-off, and no registration is required. We hope to see you there!

## SHOEBOXES FOR SENIORS

During November, the children of Shandon will partner with Senior Resources to participate in Shoeboxes for Seniors, a holiday collection that provides joy and essential items to our community's seniors.

Starting November 2, pick up your shoebox and list from your child's Sunday school class. Once filled, you can bring your box back to your child's Sunday school classroom by Sunday, November 30.



## SWEET ADVENT: CANDY CRÈCHE EVENT

All ages are invited to a fun-filled evening as we create a Candy Crèche—a nativity scene made entirely from candy! This family-friendly event welcomes everyone, and a nursery will be provided for infants through 2-year-olds with reservations.

### Details:

**Date:** Sunday, December 7

**Time:** 4:30–6:00 p.m.

(Please arrive at 4:30 p.m. to complete the activity by 6:00 p.m.)

**Location:** Gym

**Candy Crèche Fee:** \$16 per family

**Dinner (Optional):** Served at 5:00 p.m.

**Menu:** Chicken fingers, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls, and dessert

**Cost:** \$9 for adults | \$4 for children (ages 2 and under eat free)

To wrap up the evening, join us for s'mores in the courtyard!

Registration: Sign up at [shandonumc.org/events](https://shandonumc.org/events).

Questions: Contact Cari Treece at [ctreece@shandonumc.org](mailto:ctreece@shandonumc.org).







## SIXTH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Each year (January-April), our church guides 6th graders through reflecting on their faith while learning more about a life of Christian discipleship and the history and traditions of the United Methodist Church. This process culminates in April as students are invited to consider joining the church through their profession of faith in worship. Confirmation registration for students is open and is available at [shandonumc.org/events](http://shandonumc.org/events). Please contact Lesli Wood ([lwood@shandonumc.org](mailto:lwood@shandonumc.org)) for more information.

## 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. We usually meet on Sundays, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Zone at church. However, please refer to our schedule below for special events and to see what we have planned for each night.

### November 2: Thankful in Action

We'll put our gratitude into action by packing Christmas stockings for children in Haiti. Dinner, fellowship, and Bible study from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Youth Zone.

### November 9: Fall Retreat

We will not meet for regular MYF as our student ministry leaders and students will be returning from our Fall Retreat.

### November 16: Thankful Hearts

Let's show appreciation to the people who make our church feel like home! Dinner, fellowship, and Bible study will take place from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Youth Zone.

### November 23: Thankful Together

It's time for our annual MYF Friendsgiving! Bring your friends as we gather for food, fellowship, and a devotion on living with grateful hearts. Dinner, fellowship, and Bible study from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Youth Zone. Also, don't forget to check the sign-up for what to bring for dinner!

### November 30: Thankful for Laughter

We'll wrap up "Thanksvember" with a "Try Not to Laugh" Game Night. Get ready for hilarious challenges, goofy moments, and a joyful reminder that laughter is one of God's best gifts. Dinner, fellowship, and Bible study from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Youth Zone.



# CHRISTMAS AT SHANDON

As we prepare our hearts for the Advent season, we invite you to join us for the many celebrations and worship opportunities that make Christmas at Shandon so special. Mark your calendars and share in the joy of this meaningful season together.

## **Hanging of the Greens**

Sunday, November 30 – 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Traditional services in the Sanctuary  
Music by the Celebration Choir and Wesley Ringers Handbell Choir

## **Greening Our Faith – Wreath Making Class**

Wednesday, December 3 – 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
See page 5 or visit [shandonumc.org/events](http://shandonumc.org/events) to sign up.

## **USC Concert Chorus Annual Christmas Concert**

Friday, December 5 – 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free and open to all.

## **Chancel Choir & Orchestra Christmas Music**

Sunday, December 7 – 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services in the Sanctuary  
Music by the Chancel Choir and Orchestra

## **Sweet Advent Candy Crèche Event**

Sunday, December 7 – 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
See page 10 for more information. Register at [shandonumc.org/events](http://shandonumc.org/events)

## **St. Nicholas and Cherub Choirs Christmas Program**

Wednesday, December 10 – 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary

## **Connections Christmas Party**

Friday, December 12 – 11:30 a.m. in Player Hall. See page 5 for more information.

## **Eddie and Friends 13th Annual Benefit Concert**

Sunday, December 14 – 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
Featuring Bradley Fuller, Kipp Gill, Annette Matthews, Owen Connolly, and Eddie Huss.  
This concert will benefit Camp Kemo at Prisma Children's Hospital.

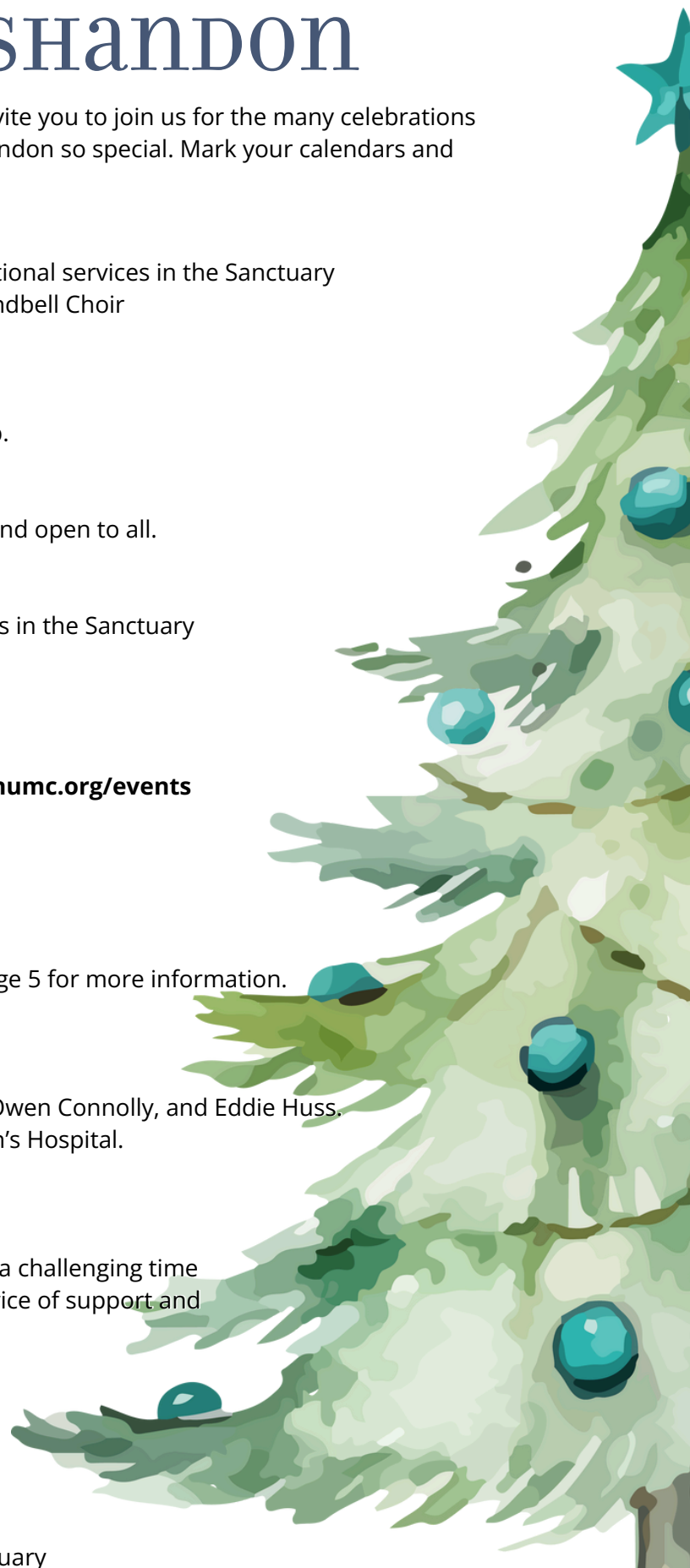
## **Blue Christmas Service**

Thursday, December 18 – 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
If you or someone you know is experiencing sorrow or a challenging time during the holiday season, join us for a candlelight service of support and encouragement.

## **Christmas Eve Schedule**

Wednesday, December 24

- 2:00 p.m. Communion Service
- 4:00 p.m. Child-Friendly Service with Live Nativity
- 6:00 p.m. Child-Friendly Service with Live Nativity
- 9:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service — Sanctuary







## PHOTO GALLERY

Here are a few photos from recent church events, including the Blessing of the Animals, Sunday mornings, and the Connections trip to Hendersonville. To view these and other recent photo galleries, visit [shandonumc.org/photos](http://shandonumc.org/photos).



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