

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15, 2026

8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT Beth Irick, The Cooperative Ministry

MINISTRY MOMENT John Meadors, SPRC

* EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GOODWILL

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 295 In the Cross of Christ I Glory *Rathbun*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, hear our prayer:

For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;

For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;

For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;

For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;

For the opening of our eyes, which we keep closed to your truth;

We pray for the courage to admit our fault,

The strength to amend our actions through your guidance,

And the grace to live by your word.

Through Christ we pray. Amen.

* KYRIE ELEISON (*sung responsively*) Dan Schutte

Kyrie eleison; Lord have mercy on us.

Kyrie eleison; Lord have mercy on us.

Christe eleison; Christ have mercy on us.

Christe eleison; Christ have mercy on us.

Kyrie eleison; Lord have mercy on us.

Kyrie eleison; Lord have mercy on us.

(11:00 A.M.) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (*Hymnal, pg. 39*)

Theodore Douglas Clearfield, son of Dylan and Marion Moore Clearfield, was born on March 31, 2025.

(11:00 A.M.) 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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find wisdom,
and in your will discover your peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 9:1-7, 13-16, 24-33

Pew Bible, N.T. pgs. 96-97

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Cari Treece

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

SERMON

"Blind Spots"

Rev. Maggie Cantey

*On the back (white side) of your scrap of paper,
please respond to one of the following prompts:*

1. *I once was _____ but now I _____*
2. *Name a blind spot you are asking God to smear dirt on.*
3. *Name a person or thing you are asking God to heal.*

(8:45 A.M.) THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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.**

THE OFFERING

To give online: shandonumc.org/give

To give by text: Text SUMC to 73256

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(8:45 A.M.)

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Mark Hayes

Piano Duet

(11:00 A.M.)

This Little Light of Mine

William B. Roberts

Tamara Silva and Marvin Boyd, soloists

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Oh, everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* HYMN 128

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

He Leadeth Me

* BENEDICTION

Go now, into the world, having been touched by the light of Christ.

Go and believe now that your eyes have been opened to God's truth.

Go and serve, taking the presence of the Holy Spirit with you.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit- go in peace.

Thanks be to God, amen!

* (11:00 A.M.) CHORAL RESPONSE Hide Me Under the Shadow of Your Wings John West

Hide me under the shadow of your wings, O Lord,

and give your angels charge concerning me:

That I may lie down in peace, and take my rest,

for it is you, Lord, only, who makes me to dwell in safety.

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata

Léon Boëllmann

* Congregation standing

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of our brothers, Brian Martin and Larry Foster, and our parents, Ed Martin, and Sonny & Jerry Foster, by Edwin & Amy Martin and family.

JOURNEY TO EASTER

March 25 | 6:00 p.m. - Children's Choirs Spring Program in the Sanctuary

March 29 - Palm Sunday | 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
| 11:05 a.m. LifeLine Contemporary Worship in the Gym

April 2 - Holy Thursday | 6:30 p.m. - Holy Thursday Service in the Sanctuary
(childcare available - sign up at shandonumc.org/register)

April 3 - Good Friday | 6:30 p.m. - Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary (childcare available - sign up at shandonumc.org/register)

April 5 - Easter | 7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service on the East Lawn | 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary | 11:05 a.m. - LifeLine Contemporary Worship in the Gym

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN OFFERING: This Lent, we are supporting three nonprofits that serve our community: Senior Resources, The Cooperative Ministry, and Transitions. You can give online at shandonumc.org/give/lent, text SUMC and your amount to **73256**, or mail a check to Shandon UMC. Please write “Lenten Offering” on your check or select it from the dropdown menu when giving online. Your generosity makes a difference.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP: Please bring your non-perishable, unexpired food items to help replenish the emergency food pantry at The Cooperative Ministry. You may place your donations in the collection bin in the Great Hall in the Bruner Building or in the entrance to the Dunn-Smith Ministry Center.

EASTER LILIES: Honor or remember a loved one by sponsoring an Easter lily for our worship spaces. Each plant is \$17. You may also make a donation to the Landscaping Fund. The deadline to order is TODAY, **March 15**. Order online at shandonumc.org/lily.

MYF: Methodist Youth Fellowship is the place for 7th through 12th graders to fellowship, play games, and grow in their relationship with Christ. **March 15** - Join in on March Madness as we make brackets for important things like pizza toppings, best places to eat, and funniest Disney movie! Students will meet in the Youth Zone for games, dinner, open gym, and Bible study from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY MANNA: Join us in Player Hall on **March 18**, from 5:00-6:00 p.m., for fellowship and a delicious meal. This week’s menu features beef with broccoli, Chinese vegetables, fried rice, egg rolls with sauce, mixed green salad, pineapple, and dessert. The children’s menu for March is buttered noodles, yogurt, fruit, and a cookie. The prices for meals are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Reservations need to be made by 8:00 a.m. Tuesday at shandonumc.org/manna.

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. This month's Prayer Breakfast will occur on Thursday, **March 19**, from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. in Player Hall. James Thompson will be providing the program. Please invite a friend or two and plan to join us.

GREENING OUR FAITH: Lent is a time of reflection and penitence, and visual reminders of the season help us to stay faithful to those purposes. Join us in Wesley Hall on Wednesday, **March 18**, 6:00-7:00 p.m. (childcare provided), or Thursday, **March 19**, 10:30-11:30 a.m. We will create two items: a wreath and a cross, both made from dried boxwood branches. Friends are welcome, but space is limited. The fee is \$35. Register at shandonumc.org/events.

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. **March 19:** *House of Smoke* by John T. Edge. To receive the book list and get meeting reminders, please email Gera Singletary at davegera4@icloud.com.

LENT LAB - CREATE, PRAY, PREPARE: Families with children are invited to join us for our Lent and Easter family event on Sunday, **March 22**, from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the gym. Activities are planned for children ages 3 year old preschool to 5th grade, but younger children may follow along with parents. Childcare will also be available upon request for infants through 2-year-olds. Please remember that children must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration is required at shandonumc.org/events.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SPRING PROGRAM: Everyone is invited to attend as the St. Nicholas Choir presents their spring program, “Fruit of the Spirit,” on Wednesday, **March 25**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Cherub Choir will also sing some of their favorite songs, and both choirs will be recognized for their participation this year.

ASBURY HILLS: Summer 2026 registration is now open for elementary, junior high, and senior high camps. Operated by SC United Methodist Camps and Retreat Ministries, Asbury Hills is a place for Christian birth, growth, and renewal in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Please see bulletin insert for more information, or pick up a brochure at the entrances to Traditional or LifeLine worship services. Applications are also being accepted for summer camp staff. Please visit asburyhills.org for details.

POWER IN CHANGING: The Journey Sunday School class is collecting donations of diapers and wipes to benefit Power in Changing, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving women and families in the Midlands. The organization seeks to empower families and help provide essential supplies for women and babies. If you, too, would like to donate to Power in Changing, there is a collection station in the foyer outside Player Hall on Sundays through **March 29**.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: VBS at Shandon UMC is coming June 1-5, and we need amazing adult and youth volunteers to help make it a fun and faith-filled adventure for our children. Whether you can serve all week, a few days, or behind the scenes, we’d love to have you join us for this exciting journey of faith! Learn more about why you should volunteer and sign up at shandonumc.org/events.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY IN GUATEMALA: Healing Guatemala is a non-profit organization based in the U.S. that aims to provide physical, social, and spiritual healing to those who live in Guatemala. It is operated by the Rev. Dr. Luke Rhyee, a pastor in the South Carolina Annual Conference. Medical and construction teams are needed. If you are interested in learning more about this mission opportunity and being a part of an UMVIM team, please contact Jennifer Parker at jpclemsongirl@gmail.com or Sue Haddock at ksuehaddock@gmail.com. Trip dates are October 11-20, 2026.

VBS AND DAY CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS TODAY

Join us for **Vacation Bible School on Monday, June 1, to Friday, June 5**, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day. This year's theme is "Snowball Mountain Challenge," an exciting winter sports event, where children will find their strength in God through frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith.

VBS is open to children who have completed 3-year-old preschool (age 3 by September 1, 2025) through children who have completed 2nd grade in the 2025–2026 school year.

Fee: \$25 per child

Students who have completed any of the grades 3rd through 12th by the summer of 2026 are invited to join us for **Shandon UMC Day Camp, held on the Heathwood Hall School campus from Monday, June 1, to Friday, June 5.**

Students are invited to join us for the week as we enjoy art, music and songs, Bible study, paddling, ropes courses, Gaga Ball, and initiative games. Current eighth-grade students and older will serve as counselors.

Fee: \$125 per camper (grades 3-7).

Registration is open from Sunday, March 15, to Wednesday, April 15. Shandon UMC members receive priority registration. Non-members will be placed on a waitlist and will receive spots based on grade-level availability at the close of registration. Registration fees are non-refundable.

SIGN UP AT [SHANDONUMC.ORG/REGISTER](https://shandonumc.org/register)

Shandon UMC is a Stephen Ministry and Safe Sanctuary Congregation

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

Associate Pastor: The Reverend James Grubb

Associate Pastor: The Reverend Maggie Cantey

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

Organist and Music Associate: Kipp Gill

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