



# Voice

*Find out. Connect in.*  
Shandon United Methodist

## The Body of Christ



*DURING FEBRUARY 23-26 A SPECIALLY CALLED GENERAL CONFERENCE WILL CONVENE IN ST. LOUIS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING OUR DENOMINATION'S TEACHING ON HUMAN SEXUALITY.*

### SHROVE PANCAKE SUPPER

**HELP OUR FIFTH GRADERS  
RAISE MONEY TO  
SPONSOR FOUR CHILDREN  
IN AHUACHAPAN,  
EL SALVADOR.**

Join us for a delicious  
pancake dinner.  
Tuesday, March 5  
5:00-6:30 p.m.  
Player Hall

**Tickets:**  
\$7 Adult  
\$4 Child (ages 2-10)  
Under age 2 eat free.

Tickets go on sale  
February 17 before and after  
Sunday School.

*The Methodist School in  
Ahuachapan served  
270 students in 2017.*

*God has called us  
to work together  
as disciples of  
Jesus to build  
God's kingdom.*

**Our Book of Discipline currently says the following things:**

- "All persons are of sacred worth" and welcome to worship, participate, receive the sacraments, and become members of our church (paragraphs 4, 214)
- "The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. Therefore self-avowed, practicing homosexuals are not to be ... ordained as ministers ... in the United Methodist Church" (paragraph 304.3)
- "Ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions shall not be conducted by our ministers and shall not be conducted in our churches" (paragraph 341.6)

While every General Conference since 1972 has voted to retain these positions, the debate has grown more heated in recent years. The situation is made more complex by the growth of the church in the developing world, where Christians are heavily in favor of traditional sexual standards (approximately 30% of the delegates to the 2016 General Conference were from Africa).

**In 2016 our Council of Bishops appointed a 32-member "Commission on the Way Forward" to study this situation.** The Bishops and the Commission are offering three plans to the General Conference:

- 1) The Traditional Plan, which would keep the current policies and offer the option of "gracious separation" for those who dissent;
- 2) The One Church Plan, which would remove restrictive language from the Book of Discipline and allow pastors, congregations, and annual conferences to decide their own position on LGBTQI marriage and ordination;
- 3) The Connectional Conference Plan, which would replace our current structure with three values-based connectional conferences ("progressive," "traditional," and "union").

No one can predict what the General Conference will decide. These three plans could be amended in myriad ways. The General Conference could deadlock and decide nothing at all. No one knows.

**But what we do know is that God has called us to work together as disciples of Jesus to build God's kingdom. I ask you to do three things in the days ahead:**

- a) Please pray daily that God's will may be done through our General Conference;
- b) At the beginning of our February worship, we will pause for a minute of prayer for our General Conference;
- c) Please pray for our congregation. We are a diverse people. We are all trying to follow Christ, but we do not agree on every issue. Please pray that we will truly be the Body of Christ in these times – that we will listen to each other, love each other, and learn from each other, even when we don't agree, so that we can move forward together in sharing the love of God in Jesus Christ with the world.

Grace and peace, Smoke







## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

# Crossing the Street

**FEBRUARY 24 IS GOING TO BE A VERY EXCITING DAY AT SHANDON UMC!**  
**WE WILL CELEBRATE OUR 110TH ANNIVERSARY WITH WORSHIP SERVICES AT 8:45 AND 11:00 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY, FOLLOWED BY A CELEBRATION LUNCH AT 12:15 P.M.**

### *Stepping Out ... Trusting God.*

***Our History Committee is calling this our “Crossing the Street” celebration.***

2019 is the 70th anniversary of when people walked across Millwood Avenue to hold Sunday School classes in Shandon’s new building (now the Betty Bruner Building). As those people crossed the street, they were stepping out in faith – into uncharted territory, perhaps outside their comfort zone – trusting that God was leading them into the future. We take this idea of “crossing the street” to be a metaphor for how God is always calling us to be a pioneering people.

On February 24 we want to do two things in particular: to celebrate some of the ways that the people of Shandon have “crossed the street” into new areas of ministry and service through the years, and also to remind ourselves that we are still called to step out into the future trusting in God.

We are inviting all our living former pastors and their families to join us for this celebration, so we look forward to renewing old friendships and sharing good memories.

Tickets for the Celebration Lunch will be on sale in February online and at the church -- \$7 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

## CHALLENGE YOURSELF IN READING

**Join the Shandon United Methodist Women 2019 Reading Program –  
Both women and men are invited to read this list of books.**

The Book List is divided into five categories. Books from the last five years count towards the program. These hardback and paperback books are on the special UMW cart in our library located on the second floor of the Bruner Building. Some of the titles are also available as an audio or e-book on our Overdrive site. Want more information about this program and what is available? Contact Betty Neal at [bnealtwo@gmail.com](mailto:bnealtwo@gmail.com). For a complete 2019 book list: go to <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>.

**Categories:** ■ Education for Mission ■ Leadership Development ■ Nurturing for Community ■ Social Action ■ Spiritual Growth

**A Snack ‘n Share will be held in our library on Sunday, March 10** (more info about this to come) to discuss these and other titles to deepen your faith.

## SHANDON UMC BOOK CLUB

The conversations are a great way to get to know people and stretch your thinking about all kinds of subjects that affect our lives and faith. Anyone is welcome to attend any time! Meets every third Wednesday, 6:00-7:00 p.m., in Bruner Building, room 224  
To be on the mailing list, contact Anne Cox at [anne41450@aol.com](mailto:anne41450@aol.com).

**February 20 – *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult** 6:00-7:00 p.m., in Bruner Building, room 224

**Looking ahead: March 20 – *Beneath the Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan**



## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Sunday, February 3

Using the energy of the Super Bowl, Souper Bowl mobilizes youth nationally to care for people in their local communities who are hungry. During worship, Shandon youth will collect an offering for the MeadowFeed Program, a local food program sponsored by Meadowfield Elementary providing weekend food to children in need. This past year the program was able to send extra food over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays due to the generosity of those who contributed. Checks payable to Shandon.



MUSIC & ARTS

*Building the Body of Christ through God's creative gifts.*

### ■ CHURCH MUSIC WORKSHOP

The Fellowship of United Methodists in Worship Arts. February 22-23 at Shandon.

**Organ Recital by Brent te Velde:** Friday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**Handbell Festival Concert:** Saturday, February 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dunn Smith Center

Everyone is invited to the recital and the concert.



*Ready to Rumble...  
Heart. Soul. Strength. Mind.*

### ■ FIRST SOCIAL – MEET. EAT. GROW. February 10

Gather at the home of Charlie Rountree from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Enjoy jambalya and chili... along with a word of encouragement, empowerment and expectation. Come and join us for this special time of male fellowship.

### ■ GET OUT OF THE BOAT SC Conference United Methodist Men's Event

Registration is open. A one day retreat held at Mt Horeb UMC in Lexington on February 15 from 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Cost: \$65. As a sponsoring church, we have a limited number of scholarships available. Contact Brian Strickland at [bcstricklin@yahoo.com](mailto:bcstricklin@yahoo.com) to sign-up or for information.

### ■ PRAYER BREAKFAST February 21

Guys, plan to join us from 7:30-8:30 a.m. for centered time of prayer for our families, church, community, and world. Enjoy a light breakfast and fellowship before you start your day. Let's undergird our lives together in prayer, and by all means invite any guy you know.



SHANDON METHODIST YOUTH

*7th-12th graders plug-in to  
real faith, friends and fun.*

### SAVE THE DATE

**Jr. High & Sr. High Spring Retreat**  
Asbury Hills Friday, March 29 -  
Sunday, March 31. Registration  
and details to come this month.

### ■ MYF

#### ■ Sunday, February 3

**Jr. High:** 6:00 p.m.- halftime. Super Bowl Party in the gym.

**Sr. High:** 6:00 p.m. - end of game. Super Bowl Party at Carter and Elizabeth Jefford's House.

#### ■ Sunday, February 10 & 17

**Fellowship... with Food (Open Gym/Game Room): 4:30-5:00 p.m. & MYF: 5:00-6:00 p.m.**

**Jr. High** (7th-8th grade): meet in the Game Room

**Sr. High** (9th-12th grade): meet in the Lounge

#### ■ Sunday, February 24: MYF Service Opportunity

### ■ SPECIAL EVENT: GALENTINE NIGHT

**Friday, February 8 – Jr. High Girls:** 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Pamela Adams' House

**Saturday, February 9 – Sr. High Girls:** 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Tay Foy's House.

### ■ WEDNES "D" GROUPS February 6, 13, 20 & 27 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Middle School students (6th-8th graders):** meet in the Game Room.

**High School students (9th-12th graders):** meet in the Lounge (Dunn-Smith room 216).

No preparation is necessary and books are provided. Bring a friend!



*Discover God...  
Share with others...  
Have fun in faith...  
and Live-out being a  
Christian everyday –  
at home, school and play.  
Don't miss the adventure.*

### SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, February 10:**

Scout Sunday

**Sunday, February 24:**

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Family Bingo and Dinner

**March 5:**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**April 7:**

Upper Room Event

**June 10-14:**

VBS and Day Camp

### ■ SUNDAY SCHOOL – in February. See you on Sunday 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Please be mindful of these times when picking-up and dropping-off your children.

**Twos:**

Families Remember God

**Threes-6th Grade:**

“Love the LORD your God with all you heart, all your being and all your strength.”

Deuteronomy 6:5

**February 3:** Families Remember God

**February 10:** Family Traditions

**February 17:** A Family's Faith

**February 24:** Family Proverbs

### ■ SUNDAY FUNDAY 4k AND 5k Sunday, February 10, 3:00-4:00 p.m., Gym

Join Carla Graf for lots of games and a special snack. Parents...this is a drop off event. Watch your email for registration information.

### ■ FIRST AND SECOND GRADES AND TFF (Third, Fourth and Fifth Grades)

**Sunday, February 3, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Gym**

Enjoy fun and games. For information, contact Susan Curran at [scurran@shandon-umc.org](mailto:scurran@shandon-umc.org).

Friends welcome.

### ■ CHILDREN'S SUNDAY THANK YOU

Thank you to all the children and their parents that participated in Children's Sunday. Every one of the children did an amazing job. The messages about kindness were wonderful.

### ■ THREES' BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

Our congregation joyfully presented Bibles to members of our Three-year-old Sunday School Class on Sunday, January 27, in 11:00 a.m. Traditional and LifeLine services.

**Those receiving their Bibles were:** Franklin Bartley, Adelaide Beets, Scarlett Brock, Sally Brooks, Ellie Buchanan, Connor Clark, Molly DiBiase, Ernest Ervin, Ben Garris, Georgia Gregory, Thomas Harrell, Caroline Hendrix, Lizzie Hollis, Beatrice Johnston, Carter Kirk, Landon Knox, Bell Laffitte, Jefferson Manning, Payne Stuckey, McGill Sweatman, Jackson Viohl, Blakely Wessinger, Jessica West, Merle Wheeler, and Emory Wolfe.

## FAMILY BINGO AND DINNER

**Sunday, February 24, 5:00-6:30 p.m. in Player Hall**

Families... join us for dinner and BINGO. Everyone loves a little Bingo game. Dinner will be hotdogs complete with fixings and French fries. Dinner is \$3.00 per person. We hope everyone can join us for a fun evening!

## SHANDON'S CHILD & YOUTH ABUSE PREVENTION PROCEDURES

### Reminder of the Month: Reporting Suspected Abuse

Anyone associated with Shandon UMC who observes abuse, or has reason to suspect abuse, should immediately report these observations or suspicions directly to the Shandon UMC clergyperson or staff director of the relevant program. The Senior Minister or Acting Senior Minister should be immediately contacted and will be personally responsible for executing the initial response procedures. Observe confidentiality for both the alleged victim and the accused throughout the investigation. The Senior Minister will be the church's sole spokesman with the media, public, and congregation.

*Copies of Policy Key Points, Reporting Procedures, and Report Forms, as well as a list of approved volunteer workers, are in wall slots in halls and areas where children are cared for. Substitutes and "fill-in" workers with children must be on this list.*



# VALENTINE'S DAY Bake Sale

*PLAN TO STOP BY AND PURCHASE SOME HOMEMADE GOODIES TO TAKE HOME TO YOUR VALENTINE!...OR FOR YOU TO ENJOY.*

**Sunday, February 10 after the 8:45 a.m. service and after Sunday school.**

Sponsored by the Acts 2:21 Sunday School Class. All proceeds go to support "adopted" family with needs and for other missions.

## CALLING ALL BAKERS!

If you are a baker, plan to bake something to be sold. You can drop off your baked goods on that Sunday morning in the Bruner Building main hall or prior to that in the Wesley Hall Kitchen. Make your packaging as festive as possible – presentation is everything!

Also, please tape a note to your baked goods with the name of the item and your name. We thank you from the bottom of our HEARTS!

If you have any questions, feel free to call Bobbie Moore at 728-7255 or Mary Greene at 463-9257.



## 2018 USE OF FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

- **Foundation – Missions:** Youth Mission Project
- **Foundation – Property:** Facilities Assessment, Great Hall/Bathroom Renovation, Parsonage HVAC and Electrical, Front Step and Railing
- **Kitchens:** SUMC Preschool – Tuition Assistance
- **Knox:** Lewtak Custom Processional Cross (Arts), LifeLine Sound System, Music Programs/Cross Stand
- **Ulmer:** Water of Life, Police Chaplaincy, MORE Justice, Full Dimension Ministry, Healing Properties, Alston Wilkes Society
- **Weller:** The Mission Society, Methodist Student Network at USC

## HOLY LAND TRIP INFORMATION MEETING

Shandon Methodist Church will be hosting a trip to The Holy Land in February 2020. On February 17, Pastor Grubb will hold an informational meeting from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in Player Hall. If you have ever desired to walk in the land where Jesus walked, you are encouraged to attend this meeting to get all the details (dates, cost, what's included, what you will see) about this trip of a lifetime.

## STEWARDSHIP IS ...



### HUGS ... SMILES ... GOOD MUSIC

Stewardship means serving God by serving others. Here are some of our children at the Fall Sing singing and sharing God's love with our neighbors at Carolina Gardens!

# DIFFERENT WAYS TO GIVE

## Contribution Planning in Light of Tax Reform

- Donation of appreciated securities: Stocks and other investments that could result in large capital gains if sold, can be contributed to the Church. This provides you, the donor a means to meet your charitable giving goals and reduce your income tax liability. The new tax law allows a taxpayer to contribute up to 30% of their adjusted gross income in the form of securities.
- Donor-advised funds are another way to achieve your charitable giving goals while taking advantage of the tax laws. These funds allow donations of cash, appreciated assets or investments to grow while giving the taxpayer the freedom to direct grant distributions to the Church and other charitable organizations. Talk to your financial advisor or broker about this very effective tool.
- Use your IRA: Are you required to take required minimum distributions from your IRA, but don't want to pay capital gains taxes? A direct charitable transfer, known as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) may be the answer. Although these contributions are not considered an itemized deduction, they do reduce your adjusted gross income while satisfying your required minimum distribution.

## Shandon Preschool and Kindergarten Registration for 2019/20 School Year

### Enrollment Dates

- February 5: Currently Enrolled Children and Wait List Siblings
- February 6: Shandon Members on Wait List
- February 7: Community at Large on Wait List

For more information, contact the Preschool office at 803-256-1498 or sumpk@shandon-umc.org.

## In Memoriam

**ROBERT A. JOHNSON** – January 1, 2019  
**CHARLOTTE COLE FLESSAS** – January 5, 2019



**Christian STEWARDSHIP**  
 Prayers • Presence • Gifts • Service • Witness

**JANUARY 2019  
 PRESENCE (AVG)**

Sunday School . . . . . 488  
 Worship . . . . . 765

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON FEBRUARY 3 are given to the glory of God and loving memory of **Blake Jernigan** by Celia and Billy Jernigan, Amanda and JD Smith, and Karen and Basil Shaver.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON FEBRUARY 10 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, **Lola Tompkins**, by Frances Tompkins; and in memory of **James C. Owen** by Rosalyn Owen Swan.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON FEBRUARY 17 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Bo Mullis** by Pamela Mullis, Ron Anderson and family.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON FEBRUARY 24 are given to the glory of God and in memory of **Jerry and Sonny Foster and Larry Foster** by Amy and Edwin Martin and family; and in loving memory of **Florence and Jimmie Wright and Donna and Jim Wright** by Todd, Deb, Lauren and Clark Wagstaff.

### MEMORIALS

#### IN MEMORY

**Caroline Bradham Graham** by Shandon United Methodist Women  
**Alix Davis Hay** by Shandon United Methodist Women  
**Marlena Redfern Myers** by Shandon United Methodist Women  
**Margie Daw Lucas** by Shandon United Methodist Women, Wesley Fellowship Sunday School Class  
**Carolyn (CC) Talbert** by Lynn Benasutti, Norine Bourke, Barbara Bates DeLong, and John and Laurel Taipale, Bruce and Leila Carlson, Cayce Company, Chapman Company, Columbia Cooling and Heating Company, Susan Moore Curran, F.C. and Joanne Dent, Julian and Cynthia Dew, Katherine Duggan, Governor's Land Book Club, Betty and Bob Haimbaugh, Carole and Jeff Howell, Mark and Carolyn Johnson, Ronald and Helen Martin, Kevin and Rachel McCutchen, Mechanical Contractors Association, O.L. Holley & Sons, Inc. Ron and Kim Payne, Michael and Jennifer Petrovich, Church and Judith Powers, Charlie and Debbie Rountree, Laurel and Bryan Royson, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Daniel J. and Jacqueline C. Sherlock, Betty C. Tart, John G. Thompson, Jr., John and Melissa Tringali, Shandon United Methodist Women, Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Walkup, April A. White, Vice Admiral and Mrs. Thomas R. Wilson, USN (Ret.), WBG Mechanical Contractors, FT Zeman Electric & Ref Co Inc.

#### IN HONOR

**Jan Carll** by Donna Windham  
**Bonnie Mullis** by Donna Windham  
**Traditional Worship Committee** by Donna Windham

#### IN SYMPATHY

**Julia and Ryan Principe** in the death of her mother, Nancy Ann Coleman Wooten on December 31, 2018; and to grandson, Coleman.  
**Christi and Coney Arnette** in the death of her mother, Stephanie Jane Flaherty Parham, on January 11; and to grandsons Ashby, Will and McLean.

#### HOSPITALS

**Prisma Health Baptist:** Peggy Gamble  
**Prisma Health Richland:** Mike Briggs

**Senior Minister**

C.E. "Smoke" Kanipe

**Minister of Evangelism and Outreach Ministries**

Carly Wicklund

**Minister of Assimilation and Discipleship**

James Grubb

**Business Administrator**

Nancy Probst

**Minister of Music and Arts Ministries**

Eddie Huss

**Director of Christian Education and Programs**

Lesli Wood

**Director of Adult Studies**

Ruthie Taylor

**Director of Youth Ministries****Youth Ministries Associate**

Dargan Davis

**Associate Directors of Children and Family Ministries**

Susan Curran, Carla Graf

**Director of Older Adult Ministries**

Susan Curran

**Director of Preschool/Kindergarten**

Bea Daves

**Director of Kitchen Ministries**

Timothy Scott

**Director of Communications**

Melanie Owen

**Music Associate/Organist**

Debbie Bauer

**Director of Celebration Choir**

Ann Philbeck

**Finance Administrative****Assistant/****Administrative Assistant,****Associate Ministers**

Norma Weldon

**Administrative Assistant,****Senior Minister/Music and Arts**

Jennifer Cox

**Administrative Assistant,****Education**

Tanesha Rowe

**Child Care Coordinator**

Heather Corley

**Custodial Staff**

Travis Brown, Willie Brown,

Mingo Brunson, Mel Heatley,

John Whetstone

**Lay Leader**

Bill Metzger

**Church Council Chair**

Edward Bender

**Mission Statement**

Shandon United Methodist Church gathers to worship God, nurture Christian faith, and go out into the world in mission.

# Wednesday

good food  
warm fellowship

# Night

## MANNA

**FOOD SERVED: 5:00-6:30 p.m.**  
**DINING & FELLOWSHIP: 5:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**IN PLAYER HALL.**  
**Adults: \$7, Children: \$3.**

**HOT BAR (Self-serve)**

- February 6 – Chicken Fingers, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad and Dessert
- February 13 – BBQ Pork, BBQ Chicken, Rice, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad and Dessert
- February 20 – Lemon Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Grilled Vegetables, Rolls, Salad and Dessert
- February 27 – Tacos, Rice, Black Beans, Toppings and Dessert

**COLD BAR (Prepared salads & sandwiches/wraps)**

- Mixed Green Salad with Grilled Chicken Breast
- Turkey Cheese Wrap with Chips

**CHILDREN'S MEAL OPTION**

- 1st & 3rd Wednesdays – Turkey Cheese Wrap, Plain Potato Chips and a Clementine
- 2nd & 4th Wednesdays – Cheese Quesadilla, Chips and a Clementine

**ACTIVITIES**

- **Children's Choirs – K4-6th Grade:** 6:00-6:45 p.m.
- **Youth – Wednes "D" Group Bible Studies:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Middle School (6th-8th); High School (9th-12th)
- **Child Care for Infants-5th Grade:** 5:30-7:30 p.m.