

Voice

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Shandon United Methodist

Are We Disciples... Really?

“NONDISCIPLESHIP IS THE ELEPHANT IN THE CHURCH....

*What are your
priorities?*

*It is now understood to be a part of the ‘good news’
that one does not have to be a life student of Jesus
in order to be a Christian....”*

– Dallas Willard, The Divine Conspiracy

I think about these words as I watch the news reports of people’s excitement over each new smart phone or electronic gizmo that comes on the market. A few years ago it was reported that a man actually flew across the International Date Line from the US to Australia so that he could buy one of the first iPhone 6’s sold in the entire world! All this for a phone? Even a really, really smart phone?

Do we love Jesus this much? Do we get as excited about worshipping and serving the Lord of the Universe as we do about our electronic devices? Would you fly to Australia to worship Jesus? And if electronics aren’t your passion, what about football? Count up the hours you spend watching and reading about football, tailgating and getting ready to tailgate, driving to and from your team’s game. Compare that with the time you spend reading the Bible, praying, and worshipping. Or compare how much money you spend on football with how much you give to God. Hmm ... Are we disciples? Really?

Our October worship services will focus on discipleship. Specifically we will look at discipleship from the angle of the five promises we make as United Methodist Christians – to be disciples through our prayers, presence, witness, gifts, and service. During this time I invite you to take a long, hard look at your life. Where are your priorities? What do you truly love? In your life, how does Jesus stack up against smart phones, football, or whatever you love? In other words, are you a disciple?



Grace and peace, Smoke

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
OCTOBER 28



FOOD TRUCK Picnic

*Come out to the
Dreher High Field
and enjoy food, fun
and fellowship.*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28
12:00 p.m.

Bring cash, chairs, blankets
and comfortable clothes.





Blessing of the Animals

BRING YOUR FURRY, FEATHERED OR SCALY FRIENDS FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING BY REV. CARLY WICKLUND.

Witnesses to God's love, care, and concern for all of creation.

**3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 7
on the lawn beside the Columbarium**

Please make sure your pets are on leashes or in pet carriers. Children may also bring a special stuffed animal to receive a blessing.



INVESTMENTS FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR CAMPUS

Not only is the Shandon Foundation for missions, but it is also an endowment fund to meet property and equipment needs, especially the large and unexpected. These costs can be funded from income on the donations invested by the Shandon Foundation. The fund utilization is directed by policy set forth by the Board of Trustees to fund future maintenance and upkeep needs which are projected to be quite large.

If you would like more information on ways to contribute or plan to contribute, contact Business Administrator, Nancy Probst or Senior Minister, Smoke Kanipe at 803-256-8383, or Investment Committee Chair L. E. Spradlin at 803-782-6500.

STEWARDSHIP IS ...



...faithfully serving through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

In September, with joy and thanksgiving we celebrated nine new inductees into our "50 Year Members."

For 50 or more years, these members have faithfully served Christ with our congregation:

Becky Collier, Terry Collier, MaryAnn Crews, Gary Heisel, Robin Hood, Clelia Moore, Joyce Nobles, Elizabeth Powell, Frances Tompkins



MUSIC & ARTS

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Chancel Choir will present Faure's Requiem –

Sunday, November 4
8:45 and 11:00 a.m. services
The Choir will be accompanied by an orchestra with a special time of remembrance for all of our Shandon members who have died since last All Saints Sunday in 2017.

■ THE CHARLESTON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY CHOIR CONCERT

Sunday, October 7, at 4:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary

Dr. Dustin Ousley, conductor, is a former member of our Chancel Choir. They will also sing at our 11:00 a.m. worship that morning. Everyone is invited to attend.

■ MANY THANKS...

to **Nancy Coombs and Carol Vaughn** for sharing their beautiful artwork photography that is now on display. The artwork is located on the second floor of the Bruner Building. Everyone is invited to stop by and see this wonderful exhibit.

■ **WESLEY RINGERS...** will ring during the 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. worship services on October 14.

■ EDDIE HUSS AND ANNETTE MATTHEWS PROGRAM FOR TWO PIANOS

Trinity United Methodist Church in Sumter, Sunday, October 14 at 4:00 p.m.

The Duo will perform works by Rachmaninoff, Poulenc, Piazzolla, Infante, and Gershwin. A reception will be held immediately after the concert. Everyone is invited to attend. The church is located at 221 Liberty Street in downtown Sumter.

■ CHANCEL CHOIR FALL RETREAT

October 19-21. This year, the choir will travel to Flat Rock, North Carolina, and stay at the Bonclarken Conference Center. During the weekend, the Choir will rehearse music for All Saints, Advent, and Christmas. Frances Webb will serve as the organist while we are away and Jason Ortiz, trumpet, will provide special music for the morning services.

■ **ALL THREE CHILDREN'S CHOIRS...** will sing at our 11:00 a.m. worship service on Stewardship Sunday, October 28.

■ YOUTH INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

All youth who are interested in joining our instrumental ensemble, come and bring your instrument on Sundays from 6:00- 6:45 p.m. in the Choir Room. We are rehearsing music for Youth Sunday, November 11, and for Christmas.



SHANDON METHODIST YOUTH

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

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, November 16:

Laser Tag – Be on the lookout for more details via e-mail and social media.

Sunday, November 18:

Sr. High DJJ Night

■ MYF

Join us Sunday, October 7, 14, 21 & 28*

FELLOWSHIP TIME – OPEN GYM/GAME ROOM: 4:30-5:00 p.m.

MYF: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Join us for a time of fellowship, devotion and recreation. Food will be served weekly during fellowship time.

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

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

***Sunday, October 28 – MYF: Halloween Party at The Local Buzz for Jr./Sr. High combined.**

Be on the lookout for more details about this event.

■ WEDNES "D" GROUPS

Join us on Wednesday evenings this fall from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for "D" group Bible Studies.

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).

Miller Ayn Smoak leads our Middle School group and Lainey Wood leads our High School group. We are studying Romans: Studies on the Go. 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.

■ **SUNDAY SCHOOL – in October. 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: The Boy who Shared his Lunch

Threes-6th Grade: “Look at how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one.”

Psalm 133:1

October 7: Family Blessings

October 14: Joseph and His Brothers

October 21: Moses and His Sister

October 28: Sisters

■ **CHILDREN’S CHAPEL SERIES FOR 4S-1ST GRADE**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Children’s Chapel series. We had a wonderful crowd and the children did an exceptional job learning all about worship. We were thrilled to have each of you attend and we look forward to offering it again next year at this same time.

■ **SUNDAY SCHOOL LOCATIONS**

■ **Infants, Toddlers, & Two-year-olds:** 1st floor Knox Building

■ **3s, 4s, and 5K students:** 1st floor DuBose Building

■ **Elementary grades 1st-6th:** 2nd floor DuBose Building

■ **NURSERY ON SUNDAY MORNINGS**

Childcare for infants, toddlers, 2-year-olds, and 3-year-olds is available from 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on Sunday mornings. Each age-level classroom is staffed by a childcare employee with the help of volunteers who care for children during Sunday school and worship hours. We encourage parents to bring 4- and 5-year-olds to worship. If needed, childcare for these children is offered in DuBose 105 following the children’s sermon.

■ **6TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS AND UM6F**

We are registering 6th graders for our Confirmation Preparation Class which begins in January, 2019, for those 6th graders who are interested in professing their faith and joining our congregation in Christian Discipleship. Parents of 6th graders are encouraged to contact Lesli Wood at lwood@shandon-umc.org regarding questions or information about our Confirmation Preparation Classes as well as opportunities for 6th graders this fall with our church’s UM6F program. **Mark Your Calendar:** UM6F Lock-Down: September 28 and November 2, 6:00-11:00 p.m.

SHANDON’S CHILD & YOUTH ABUSE PREVENTION PROCEDURES

Reminder of the Month: Volunteer Policy

Prior to working with children, each staff person or volunteer is required to:

- Be a regular participant in our congregation for a minimum of six months
- Complete forms and background checks as per the regulations of the church’s policies
- Complete an initial training in the church’s Child Abuse Prevention Policy and a renewed training and new background check every three years
- Sign and return to staff a statement verifying that they have read, understand and will abide by Shandon UMC’s Child Abuse Prevention Policy and Procedures to Reduce Risk and Abuse.

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 designated for children/youth.



Going Electronic

WE ALL KNOW THE WORLD IS CONTINUING TO GO MORE AND MORE DIGITAL, AND CHURCHES HAVE BEEN GOING MORE DIGITAL AS WELL, THOUGH THEY TEND TO MOVE A LITTLE SLOWER.

Stay connected to Shandon through your inbox.

One of the major factors for moving to an electronic *Voice* is a newly-designed component of ACS, our database software. Over the past several years, ACS has been developing a totally web-based component which gives ministers, staff and members easier and more ways to connect and do ministry. This new component does not have a mail module, and when we met with the ACS president we learned the mail module is not a priority due to more churches going electronic.

A second key factor for going electronic is being good financial stewards. The cost of printing and mailing, according to United Methodist Communications, continues to rise and more churches are using email inboxes rather than physical mailboxes. Going electronic will save us close to \$10,000 per year.

And a third key factor is “going greener” and making good decisions for our environment. In this age of information, we have paper piling up on our kitchen counters, on our desks, and in our recycling bins, and, here at Shandon, we want to be good stewards of God’s earth by eliminating some of the paper, ink, staples and mailing tabs. Watch for more information about the electronic *Voice*.



SHANDON HOSTING TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 28 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the church parking lot

Each Sunday School class is encouraged to provide three decorated trunks and candy for children in the community.

THANK YOU, SHANDON!

The UMW would like to thank the congregation, ministers, church staff and the preschool/kindergarten staff for supporting their annual Missions Possible Garage Sale through donating, volunteering, baking, making the hot dog booth possible and shopping. Gross proceeds from the sale along with donations total over \$32,600 and 100% of these monies will go back into the community and beyond to support 35 different agencies! Twelve agencies were invited to come and “shop for free” and select any items that might be beneficial to their ministry and all the unsold merchandise was donated to His House. Last year over \$32,400 was given to 35 different agencies in the community and beyond to help with food, shelter, medical care, education, after school care and therapeutic intervention. Some of the agencies that received gifts were Harvest Hope Food Bank, Cooperative Ministries, Epworth, Family shelter, Free Medical Clinic, Meals on Wheels, Women’s Shelter, Killingsworth and Sistercare, just to name a few. Each year the sale is held the third Friday and Saturday of August, so go ahead and mark your calendars for next year’s sale August 16 and 17.

SHANDON UMW SPECIAL MISSIONS RECOGNITION DINNER

Join the Shandon United Methodist Women for a General Meeting and Special Mission Recognition Dinner on October 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Player Hall. Guest speakers will be Mandi and Brian Ingram. To reserve your seat, contact jadjcd@gmail.com. \$7.00 per person.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON OCTOBER 7 are given to the glory of God and dedicated to the loving memory of **Paul and Sara Singletary and Max Norrell** by David and Gera Singletary and Costa and Donna Pleicones; and in memory of **James H. Shelley** on his birthday, with love, Patti.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON OCTOBER 14 are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of **Morgan Ashley Furr and Trevor Andrew Knox** by Lex and Cathy Knox and in loving memory of **Rachel and Marion Knox** at the anniversary of their wedding, October 19, 1940, by Barbara Cobb and Lex and Cathy Knox.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON OCTOBER 21 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Refo, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Refo, Jr., Mr and Mrs. F. B. Refo, Mr. B. D. Refo, III, B. D. Refo IV, Mrs. Eva Miller R. Nielson and Mrs. Mary R. Redfearn** by Judy and Julie McClendon.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON OCTOBER 28 are given to the glory of God and in honor of their **57th wedding anniversary** by Paul and Patsy Deborde.

**MEMORIALS
IN MEMORY**

Linwood and Mildred Baird by Penny Baird Sparrow

Carol Bond by Bill and Betty Whitehead

Mae B. Brown by Judy and Harvey Allen, MaryAnn and Jerry Frank Crews

Leona Calcutt by Judy and Harvey Allen, Barbara Cobb, Ruthie and Lawrence Taylor, Jimmy and Glenda Wood

Louise F. Crowe by Judy and Harvey Allen, MaryAnn and Jerry Frank Crews

Kate Grant by the Joy Class

Bennett Griffin by Judy and Harvey Allen, Anna Boyle, Jim and Susan Brant, MaryAnn and Jerry Frank Crews, Bea and Gary Daves, Ruthie and Lawrence Taylor, Carol Vaughn

Alix Hay by Candytuft Garden Club

Margaret Kightlinger by Ray Kightlinger

Griffith Pugh, Jr. by MaryAnn and Jerry Frank Crews, Kathy Moreland, Elaine and Gene Starr, Carol Vaughn, Bill and Betty Whitehead

Johnny Ruff by Jim and Susan Brant, Lucy and Athamandia Kanellos, Kathy Moreland, Bud (Robert) and Sara Ruff, Joe Shealy, Jeri Shealy Kanellos and Jerdan Berry Shealy, Bill and Betty Whitehead, Lillie and Chester Woodward

Robert (Bob) Thunell by Ernest and Elinor Edwards, Gwendelyn Geidel

Greg Wall by Kay Strother and Jim Mills

Mary Dale Lott Wilson by Jim and Susan Brant

IN HONOR

Nancy Coombs' art display by Marigene Simmons

Linda Foy's birthday by Erin McKinney

Randy Grant by the Joy Class

Ann Philbeck's birthday by Erin McKinney

Gibbes Robinson by Jan Carl

Carol Vaughn's art display by Marigene Simmons

IN SYMPATHY

Buster and Lori Yandle in the death of his mother, Barbara Roof Yandle, of Columbia, on Thursday, August 23; and to grandchildren Cary and Mary Elizabeth.

Spencer and Halley Gibson Borthen in the death of her father, Eric Harp Gibson, of Rutherfordton, NC, on Sunday, August 26.

Rosi and Jimmy Swan in the death of her father, Dr. James Clarence Owen, on Saturday, September 22.

HOSPITALS

No Shandon members in hospitals.

THANK YOU

John Whetstone, Shandon staff member, would like to thank Sunday school classes, UMW circles and individuals for their financial gifts and also thank everyone for their prayers and well-wishes as he is recovering from ligament surgery on his arm. He hopes to be back at Shandon on light duty in early October.



**SEPTEMBER 2018
PRESENCE (AVG)**

Sunday School	450
Worship	627

GIFTS – OPERATING BUDGET

MONTH OF AUGUST	YEAR-TO-DATE 2018
Revenues: \$165,988	Revenues: \$1,514,451
Expenses: \$195,425	Expenses: \$1,602,574
Net Deficit: \$(29,437)	Net Deficit: \$(88,123)

In Memoriam

RICHARD G. (GREG) WALL – August 31, 2018

LEONA CALCUTT – September 17, 2018

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 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**
Tanisha Rowe

Child Care Coordinator
Heather Corley

Custodial Staff
Travis Brown, Willie Brown,
Mingo Brunson, Mel Heatley,
John Whetstone

Lay Leader
Carter Jeffords

Church Council Chair
Edward Bender
Montague Laffitte

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)

- October 3 – Lemon Chicken, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Sauteed Green Beans, Romaine Salad, Dessert
- October 10 – Taco Salad, Black Beans, Rice, Dessert
- October 17 – Roast Beef, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Baby Lima Beans, Salad, Dessert
- October 24 – Chicken Tenders, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Salad, 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.

OCTOBER 2018