



Voice

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Shandon United Methodist



Seeing Farther...

THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS IN JESUS' LIFE INVOLVE HUMILIATION AND GLORY.

*Never forget the
promise of Easter.*

Most of us put the emphasis on only one of those events. On Easter Sunday churches have to put extra chairs in the aisles. On Good Friday only the diehards come to worship. We prefer the glory of Easter to the humiliation of Good Friday.

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY
April 5

HOLY THURSDAY
April 9

GOOD FRIDAY
April 10

EASTER SUNDAY
April 12

*Watch your email for
more information about
Holy Week.*

Surely at least part of the reason that we are resurrection people rather than crucifixion people is our innate American optimism. We are a people oriented toward success and progress. We simply do not connect with humility, poverty, and failure. We see the world as our oyster. We see ourselves as a nation in control and on the move.

At least that's the way it was ... until now. The COVID-19 pandemic has stopped us dead in our tracks. We haven't seen anything like this in our lifetimes. (Granted, we Americans have largely been spared the tragedies that much of the world knows on a regular basis.) The most recent analogy in American history may well be the Great Depression. And maybe it's no coincidence that the Great Depression came on the heels of the most prosperous decade America had ever known up until that point – the "Roaring Twenties."

For the foreseeable future it seems that you and I will be living in a Good Friday world rather than the Easter world we would prefer. Let us never forget the promise of Easter – that our God is in the business of bringing life out of death. But meanwhile, as we wait and hope and pray for our world to come to life again, let us be alert to the blessings God is giving us even now. Maybe this alertness is what the Apostle Paul means by "boasting in our sufferings."

One of the things you notice when you walk in the woods is that in winter you can see farther. As much as you miss the green grass and leaves, you find that in winter you can see things that you can't see in summer. Just so, it may be that in this time of crisis God is helping us to see things that our hurry and worry wouldn't let us see before. Maybe God is blessing us with the opportunity to appreciate the simpler things of life that we took for granted – dinner table conversations with family, time with our neighbors, time to pray, etc. And then maybe, by God's grace, when life gets back to "normal," it will be a new kind of "normal." Maybe "normal" will include a deeper appreciation for God, for God's creation, for each other, and, yes, even for our sufferings. - Grace and peace, Smoke

"We also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." -Romans 5:3-5



YOU'RE INVITED SUNDAY

APRIL 2020

Worship with Us Online

8:45 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11:05 A.M. LIFELINE UNPLUGGED WORSHIP

In these changing times, for the foreseeable future, we look forward to worshipping together online!

■ Our Sanctuary Services

We will live-stream our 8:45 a.m. service, which will then remain available for you to watch at any time.

To help you participate in worship, we will send out a churchwide email on Fridays with service information. You will be able to use this information as your "bulletin" for online worship.

■ LifeLine Unplugged

A recording of our LifeLine Unplugged service will be available at 11:05 a.m. on Sundays and can be viewed anytime after that.

■ Where to Find Us

You can find our services on the Shandon UMC YouTube page. Visit this page at ...

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SUMCLifeLine>
(Hit "Subscribe" for faster access in the future.)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith comes alive through study and discussion.

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| Acts 2:21 (Bruner 221) | Journey (Bruner 223) |
| Chapel Bible Study (Chapel) | JOY (Bruner 220) |
| Commitment (Knox 205) | New Beginnings (Knox 208) |
| Foundation (Knox 214) | New Generation (Bruner 224) |
| Genesis (Knox 204) | Path Finders (Bruner 216) |
| George Huggins (Knox 209) | Room for Differences (Library) |
| Growing Disciples (Knox 201) | Wesley Fellowship (WH) |

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

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| WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 | John 10:1-18 |
| THURSDAY, APRIL 2 | John 10:19-42 |
| FRIDAY, APRIL 3 | John 11:1-27 |
| SATURDAY, APRIL 4 | John 11:28-44 |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 5: Palm Sunday | Matthew 26:14-27:66 |
| MONDAY, APRIL 6 | John 12:1-11 |
| TUESDAY, APRIL 7 | John 12:20-36 |
| WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 | John 13:21-30 |
| THURSDAY, APRIL 9: Holy Thursday | John 13:1-15 |
| FRIDAY, APRIL 10: Good Friday | John 18:1-19:42 |
| SATURDAY, APRIL 11 | Matthew 28:1-10 |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 12: Easter Sunday | John 20:1-18 |
| MONDAY, APRIL 13 | Luke 23:5b-24:11 |
| TUESDAY, APRIL 14 | Luke 24:12-27 |
| WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 | Luke 24:28-35 |
| THURSDAY, APRIL 16 | Luke 24:36-44 |
| FRIDAY, APRIL 17 | Luke 24:45-53 |
| SATURDAY, APRIL 18 | John 20:1-18 |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 19 | John 20:19-31 |
| MONDAY, APRIL 20 | John 21:1-14 |
| TUESDAY, APRIL 21 | John 21:15-19 |
| WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 | John 21:20-25 |
| THURSDAY, APRIL 23 | John 14:1-7 |
| FRIDAY, APRIL 24 | John 14:8-17 |
| SATURDAY, APRIL 25 | John 14:18-24 |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 26 | Luke 24:13-35 |
| MONDAY, APRIL 27 | John 15:1-11 |
| TUESDAY, APRIL 28 | John 15:12-27 |
| WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 | John 16:1-11 |
| THURSDAY, APRIL 30 | John 17:1-11 |

DAILY DEVOTION

As we seek ways to follow Christ from home, you can find spiritual encouragement through an electronic copy of the daily devotional from *The Upper Room*. This is available at no charge on the website <https://www.upperroom.org>.

DAILY PRAYER

Sign-up to receive a prayer from a Shandon member each morning by texting SUMCPrays to 66599. See more information on page 6.



SHARE HIS LOVE

Lenten Offering

AS WE FOCUS ON THE LENTEN SEASON, SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE THROUGH YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO SHANDON'S LENTEN OFFERING.

THROUGH YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR LENTEN OFFERING...

■ Epworth Children's Home

Help provide a safe Christian community for nurture, education, counseling, medical care and spiritual enrichment to children, ages 12 and up, from severely stressed family systems.

■ Family Promise

Help provide food, shelter and sustainable independence to homeless and low-income families.

■ Family Shelter/Homeless No More

Help provide emergency shelter and housing, food and hope to homeless families with children.

■ El Salvador Mission Trip Support

Help provide hands-on ministry such as construction, Bible study, food, Vacation Bible School and Christian love to the people of Ahuachapan.

TO MAKE YOUR OFFERING GIFT...

MAKE YOUR GIFT ONLINE THROUGH OUR SECURE REALM/ACS DATABASE

Give Online: <https://onrealm.org/shandonumc/-/give/now>

Text-to-Give: Text 73256 and simply enter Sumc and a dollar amount, e.g., Sumc 25. Follow the prompts.

You may choose:

Lenten Offering - Epworth Children's Home
Lenten Offering - Family Promise

Lenten Offering - Family Shelter/Homeless No More
Lenten Offering - El Salvador Mission Trip Support

MAKE YOUR GIFT BY CHECK

- Make checks payable to Shandon.
- In the memo line, designate Lenten Offering.
- If you choose, you may designate your gift specifically for: Epworth, Family Promise, Family Shelter or El Salvador.
- Mail your check to: Shandon Business Office, 3407 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205.

Please make your offering gift online or check by Easter Sunday. We will not have a separate Lenten mailing this year. Gifts made online and by check will included in your personal contributions.

If you have questions and the Lenten Offering, contact Rev. Shannon Bullion at sbullion@shandon-umc.org

*...if we LOVE one another, God lives in us, and his LOVE is perfected in us...
let us LOVE not in word and speech, but in truth and action. 1 John 4:12 and 3:18*



MUSIC & ARTS

■ THANK YOU...

Dear Celebration Choir and Congregation of Shandon,

Mere words feel inadequate to express my gratitude to you, the Celebration Choir and to you, the members of the SUMC Congregation. Serving as the director of the Celebration Choir for the past twenty years filled my life with the joy of music, the honor of working with a group of multi-talented singers, and the pleasure of sharing joyful song with all ages of wonderful Shandon members. Who could ask for more?

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your love, your support and your affirmation. I have been truly blessed. - Peace, love, joy... Ann



*Enjoying Life Together...
Adults... All Ages.*

■ STAY CONNECTED...

Although all of our events have been postponed until further notice we can stay connected with each other. Reach out to those folks in your Sunday school class, your prayer group and those who sit on your pew on Sundays. Give them a phone call or text, drop them a quick note or email them just reach out. Recently our children learned (Sunday School at Home) about Jesus's time in the garden of Gethsemane. In preparing that lesson, I was reminded that Jesus was anxious and nervous and he prayed. We are all anxious during this time of worldwide pandemic, so do what Jesus would do – PRAY!

If you need assistance with grocery shopping, call Susan at 256-8383, ext 119 and leave a message or email her at scurran@shandon-umc.org. We'll connect you with some church volunteers who have offered to pick-up and deliver necessities to those sheltering in place.



SHANDON METHODIST YOUTH

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

■ SUNDAY SCHOOL

Watch your email for Sunday school lessons to study at home.

■ MYF – JOIN US ONLINE ... SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

While all SMY in person activities and events are suspended we will still do our very best to continue to connect and grow together in faith.

■ **Sundays, April 5, 19 & 26** – Join us for through Zoom Conference, 6:00– 6:30 p.m. Connect with your Shandon friends and enjoy a devotion.

■ **Sunday, April 12** – No MYF. Happy Easter!

Watch your email for more information.

For information, contact Jamie McCutcheon at jmccutcheon@shandon-umc.org

STEWARDSHIP IS ...



FRIENDSHIP ... TEAMWORK ... SPORTSMANSHIP ... ROLE MODELS

Thanks to all parents, coaches, volunteers, and players who shared their gifts and service to make our basketball ministry a success.



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.

■ CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN EFFORT

A special thank you to all the children who participated in our Lenten effort. The children's Sunday school classes made cards for soldiers stationed overseas. These cards were sent to a church member, Charles Viohl, who is currently deployed overseas. Charlie will distribute the cards to his unit. We know that these cards will brighten their days!

Dear Families,

Mrs. Susan and Mrs. Heather are here for you during this difficult time of being out of school and away from your friends. We are grateful that we can continue to communicate with you via email, pictures, and social media. Please know that we are here and available for you. God loves you and so do we!

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart.” Proverbs 3:5

Blessings, Mrs. Heather & Mrs. Susan

hcorley@shandon-umc.org and scurran@shandon-umc.org

■ S & H CHILDREN'S CORNER

Since we are unable to see you in person each week, Mrs. Susan and Mrs. Heather want to stay connected with you. We have created *S & H Children's Corner* newsletter that you'll receive each Friday via email. Use this as a resource to continue our Sunday school lessons and to have some meaningful family experiences. If you are not receiving it, just email Mrs. Heather or Mrs. Susan.

■ SUNDAY SCHOOL – in April.

Parents, check your email each Friday for your child's Sunday school lesson.

Twos: Mary and Martha

Threes-6th Grade: *Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!* Mark 11:9

April 5: Palm Sunday

April 19: Emmaus

April 12: Easter

April 26: Thomas Believes

■ TAKE THE CHALLENGE

With the help of your parents, you're welcome to create a video and/or pictures of items related to S & H Children's corner each Friday. Email the videos/pictures to hcorley@shandon-umc.org. We cannot wait to see your pictures or videos. Each person who sends a picture or video, will be entered for a chance to win a prize in the mail! Woo Hoo!

■ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – ROCKY RAILWAY Monday-Friday, June 15 - 19

Online registration is still open, limited spaces available. Registration ends on April 15.

VBS is open to children who will have completed 3-year preschool-2nd grade. (Must be beginning 4-year Preschool in August 2020.) Cost: \$20.

Register Online: <https://shandonumc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/393689>

We have been closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation, and will proceed with registration for VBS at this time. We will closely monitor recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and will update registrants on any changes to our schedule.

■ WE NEED YOU!

Interested in helping with Vacation Bible School? We would love to have you! It takes many volunteers to make Vacation Bible School a success! Join us for a meaningful week of love and fun! There are many opportunities...be a class "shepherd," help with recreation, serve snacks, etc. No experience necessary, but you must be current with your safe sanctuary training! (We can help you with that if it is a problem.) Email Susan Curran at scurran@shandon-umc.org or Heather Corley at hcorley@shandon-umc.org if you're interested in helping.

SHANDON'S CHILD & YOUTH ABUSE PREVENTION PROCEDURES

Reminder of the Month: Over 18 Rule

No one under the age of 18 will have sole responsibility, nor be alone with children. A youth may assist with children only when two adults are present.

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.



Prayers in the Wilderness

AS WE DISTANCE OURSELVES FROM OTHERS IN THIS "WILDERNESS" RESULTING FROM COVID-19, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONSIDER UNITING YOUR HEART WITH OTHERS FOR A DAILY PRAYER TEXTED TO YOUR PHONE.

To receive this daily prayer, text SUMCPrays to 66599. You need only text this once to join and receive the daily prayers. Each morning at 8:30 a.m. through May 4, a prayer offered by someone at Shandon will be texted to your cell phone if you choose to join. We hope that as we unite our hearts in prayer during this time of uncertainty that we will each be even more aware of God's presence in our lives.

DRIVE THRU FOOD DRIVE FOR COVID-19

Your Help is Needed. Harvest Hope Food Bank.

Ongoing hours between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Columbia/Midlands Location.

Physical distancing is respected. Food is placed in trunks of cars driving through. Food is bagged in warehouse. For questions, contact Rev. Shannon Bullion at sbullion@shandon-umc.org

Must sign-up online. Sign-up at: www.harvesthope.org

When using the Harvest Hope website, volunteers must register as a volunteer first, and then pick the date/time of volunteering. If volunteers are younger than 15 they must have a parent with them. If older than 15 they can volunteer alone.

HABITAT BUILD

The original dates for the Habitat Build listed in the March *Voice* are cancelled. The hope is to pick them back up later.

ENRICH YOUR KNOWLEDGE

As we face uncharted waters with the Coronavirus and we become socially distanced, we have many meaningful books for your spiritual enrichment available both in audio and e-books through our Shandon Library Overdrive app. All you need to check out any of these titles is your Shandon number and the password. We have a variety of books available, from spiritual growth to Christian fiction to social issues. The authors are current Christian leaders such as Will Willimon, Lysa TerKeurst, Jen Hatmaker and Adam Hamilton. There are also several books for Lent in this collection.

If you need help getting started with these resources, contact Betty Neal, by e-mail at bnealtwo@gmail.com or phone/text at 803-467-3520. She will be so happy to give you some help to get you started.

If you haven't taken advantage of the many resources available through our Overdrive site, try it out! You can listen on your phone, read on a Kindle or Nook, or read on your computer.

Give Online

The work of the church goes on, even if we can't worship together on Sundays. We need your faithful stewardship in this time. Shandon has the following giving tools available for you:

Our online giving services through our secure Realm/ACS database may be especially useful to you at this time:

Give Online:

<https://onrealm.org/shandonumc/-/give/now>

Text-to-Give:

Text 73256 and simply enter Sumc and a dollar amount, e.g., Sumc 25. Follow the prompts.

Helpful Resources

During this time when we need to stay at home and social distance, below are some resources that may be helpful.

Grocery Delivery Services:

Publix Grocery – <https://delivery.publix.com/>

Wal-Mart Grocery – <https://grocery.walmart.com/>

Amazon Prime Now Grocery – <https://primenow.amazon.com/>

Delivery Services:

Instacart – <https://www.instacart.com/>

Includes multiple stores including Publix, Target, CVS, More

Food Delivery Services:

Uber Eats – <https://www.ubereats.com/>

Door Dash – <https://www.doordash.com/>

Grub Hub – <https://www.grubhub.com/>

Postmates – <https://postmates.com/>

CDC's Official Website for COVID-19 Updates:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

State of South Carolina's Official COVID-19 Webpage:

<https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

Tips for Working at Home:

<https://www.npr.org/2020/03/15/815549926/8-tips-to-make-working-from-home-work-for-you>

<https://www.businessinsider.com/how-to-work-from-home-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak-2020-3>

Ideas and Free Educational Materials for Kids at Home:

Scholastic's Free Learn at Home Program

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

DURING THIS TIME WHEN WE'RE NOT ABLE TO WORSHIP TOGETHER AND FLOWERS ARE NOT PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY...

WE WOULD LIKE TO HONOR AND REMEMBER:

In memory of **Bill Edens** by Jason Edens and family.

In memory of **Donald and Dorothy Baker Snow**, by daughter and granddaughters, Elspeth and Alanna.

In loving memory of **Kemper Zeigler** by her family.

In loving memory of **Mamie F. Coleman and Rachel S. Knox** by Lex and Cathy Knox.

In celebration of their marriage by **Twyla Wofford and Rhyne Stowe**.

In memory of **Judith Eiffert** by Jill, Tom, Repp and Hinton Reicher.t



The Shandon Investment Committee, under the direction from the Board of Trustees, manages the investment of endowment funds used for missions. Income from portfolios for missions may be requested through the Outreach Committee, our ministers, or other appropriate church staff.

If you're interested in making a contribution or have questions, contact Business Administrator, Nancy Probst, or Rev. Smoke Kanipe at 803-256-8383, or Investment Committee Chair, L.E. Spradlin at 803-782-6500,



GIFTS – OPERATING BUDGET

| MONTH OF FEBRUARY | YEAR-TO-DATE 2020 |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Revenues: \$242,058 | Revenues: \$413,188 |
| Expenses: \$212,127 | Expenses: \$419,947 |
| Net Gain: \$29,931 | Net (Loss): \$(6,759) |

Senior Minister

C.E. "Smoke" Kanipe

Minister of Assimilation and Discipleship

James Grubb

Minister of Evangelism and Outreach Ministries

Shannon Bullion

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Lay Leader

Bill Metzger

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.

**WE MISS SEEING EVERYONE AND
LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN ... AS SOON AS WE CAN!**