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BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

A special blessing as the new school year begins.

Sunday, August 19 in all three worship services

Each member of our congregation is encouraged to bring book bags and school supplies to be shared with children at Family Shelter and Epworth Children's Home.

These items will be presented at the communion rail during worship.

Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their own school back-packs to the services for the litany and blessing.

SHANDON'S YOUTH INVITES YOU

NIGHT OF YOUTH MISSIONS

August 19, 6:00 p.m.

Hear a brief background of how our missions began and youth testimonies from these trips.

Sequoia or Bonsai?

Water makes the difference between life and death.

In fact, in the history of civilization, people always looked first for a water supply to determine the location of a settlement. One way people found a water supply was by looking at the vegetation. Water is essential to every living thing.

Jesus said, "...those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty again." One way we connect to God and soak up the living water is through prayer. Prayer helps us to be lined up with what God wants us to be. He will provide the direction, encouragement, discipline and love. Then, if we are willing to be firmly planted, we'll grow.

The biggest tree in America is the sequoia. They grow to be over 270 feet tall. It has been estimated that forty five-room houses could be built with the wood from one sequoia.

Contrast the sequoia with the bonsai tree. The Japanese-developed tree has tap roots that are clipped so they can't grow. The trees only grows to be about eighteen inches high. The bonsai cannot grow, because it has no root system.

An interesting fact is that the seed of the giant sequoia and the bonsai are about the same size. How they grow depends on how they are planted. One, with no root system, probably won't reach two feet tall; the other, when planted by a stream of water, can reach almost three hundred feet.

What about us are we like a bonsai or are we like the sequoia? How much are you willing to allow God's grace to come into your life, to be planted by streams of water by connecting daily to God in prayer? Remember, God says he has already planted you. It's up to you to reach those roots down deep and take a drink.

I look forward to seeing you in worship Sunday morning. Remember we will bless the backpacks of our students, bring school supplies for needy children and pray for our students, teachers and schools as schools open for a new year.

In Faith, Michael Guffee

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You're Invited Sunday

August 19 and 26

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

SERMON 19th: Rev. Josh McClendon
MUSIC: Chancel Choir
SERMON 26th: Dr. Michael Guffee

Ushers	19th: John Hays	26th: Bubba Hughes
Ambassadors	19th: Frank/Sallie Manning	26th: Janet Hancock

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

SERMON 19th: Dr. Michael Guffee
MUSIC: Chancel Choir
SERMON 26th: Dr. Michael Guffee

Ushers	19th: Bill Deemer	26th: Richard Beale
Ambassadors	19th: Marshall/Caroline Griffin	26th: Emily Davis

11:05 a.m. LifeLine Worship

SERMON 19th: Dr. Michael Guffee
MUSIC: LifeLine Band
SERMON 26th: Rev. Julie Songer Belman

Nursery Opens at 8:30 a.m.

	August 19	August 26
8:45 a.m. worship		
Crib	Jacquelyn Marsha	John/Catherine Griggs
Toddler	Patrick/Shannon Hudson	Nicole Crook
Two-year-olds	Doreen Rinehart	Karen/Jeff Quinn
Three-year-olds	Staff	Staff
11:00 a.m. and 11:05 a.m. worship		
Crib	Drew/Adrianne Radeker	Frank/Sallie Manning
Toddler	Carla/George Harkness	Cristy & David Marshall
Two-year-olds	Billy/Mary Blevins	Maria Davis
Three-year-olds	Stephanie/Richard Fowler	Michael/Mandy Wren

Adult Sunday School

Join us at 9:45 a.m. Summer Soul Food
See page 6 for class details.

Acts 2:21 (Bruner221): "Bagging It," PH
Chapel Bible Study-Not a Sunday School Class (Chapel)
Commitment (Knox205):
Project: Epworth Clinton Cottage, Missions Possible Garage Sale
Foundation (Knox208)
Genesis (Knox214): "Bagging It," PH
George Huggins (Knox209): Beth Bickham
Project: Killingsworth
Social: Aug 23, 6:00 p.m., Casa Linda on Beltline Blvd
Growing Disciples (Knox201)
JOY (Bruner220): "Book of Romans," Harvey Allen
New Beginnings (Knox204)
New Generation (Bruner224): "Bagging It," PH
Wesley Fellowship (WH): "God Promised a Righteous Lord," Dan Pruitt

CR=Conference Room WH=Wesley PH=Player Hall

Coming Up at Shandon

Sunday: 8:45, 11:00 & 11:05 Worship; 9:45 Sunday School

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19 — John 6:51-58
9:45 Baggining It! Special Program - PH
9:50 New Member/Inquirer Session - CR
12:00 Reception for Hillary Taylor - WH
6:00 Night of Youth Missions - Gym

MONDAY, AUGUST 20 — Mark 11:1-11
5:30 Finance Committee- Bruner 216
6:00 Created by God Leaders - PH

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21 — Mark 11:12-19
12:30 Lunch Bunch - PH (Lunch Bunch Activities: 10:00 PH)
6:00 Gear Up! for Children's SS Teachers - PH
6:00 Staff Parish Relations Committee - CR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22 — Mark 11:20-26
6:45 GAP Walking Devotion Group - Outside Dunn-Smith Center
6:00 Church Council - WH
7:00 Boy Scout Commissioners - Bruner 216

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23 — Mark 11:27-33
7:00 Created by God Parents - Bruner 220

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24 — Mark 12:1-11
6:30 Created by God - Bruner 220

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 — Mark 12:12-17
8:00 Seeds of Hope - Parking Lot
9:00 Created by God - Bruner 220

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26 — John 6:55-69
8:00 Blood Drive - PH
9:50 New Member/Inquirer Session - CR
12:00 BBQ Lunch Plate for David Todd Benefit
2:00 Created by God - Bruner 220
3:00 Nominations Committee - CR
5:00 Created by God Dinner - Gym
5:00 MYF - Youth Zone
6:00 GAP: Graduates & Professionals - Off Campus

MONDAY, AUGUST 27 — Mark 12:18-27
6:30 Adult Council Call-a-Thon - CR

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28 — Mark 12:28-34
6:00 P&K New Parent Registration - PH
6:30 P&K New Parent Orientation - PH

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29 — Mark 12:25-44
6:45 GAP Walking Devotion Group - Outside Dunn-Smith Center

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30 — Mark 13:1-7

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31 — Mark 13:8-13

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 — Mark 13:14-27
8:00 Seeds of Hope - Parking Lot

Doorways to God

REGISTRATION CONTINUES

FALL STUDIES & WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS

Open a door and discover how God is with you!

Register in the hallways, or Education Office, by August 29 for DISCIPLE Bible studies, and by September 9 or a week prior to the start date for other group opportunities.
Books are on the hall tables, for purchase by participants.

Some of the Many Choices:

- Your Bible! The Study Begins - Alix Hay (Sunday School Hour - Sept. 16-Oct. 28). No previous Bible study!
- Faith Meets Faith Part 2 (Tuesdays, 6:15-7:30 p.m. in Player Hall) - Guest leaders will answer questions: Geshe Dakpa Topgyal on Buddhism (Sept. 25), Rev. Michael Platanis on Greek Orthodoxy (Oct. 2), Arunima Sinha on Hinduism (Oct. 9), Rev. Dr. Neal Jones on Unitarian Universalism (Oct. 16)
- Wednesday Series by Rev. Josh McClendon for Younger Adults - Recognize to Survive October 3, 10, 17 in Player Hall (6:00-7 p.m.)
- Three DISCIPLE 1 & 2 studies
- Short term studies on the Book of Job and the Gospel of Luke
- Two Thursday study groups for women: one for moms (Seven Great Prayers) and another on Jesus' parables
- Wednesday Men's study: From Respectable Sinner to Fruitful Living (Bill Metzger)

Questions about Doorways? *Contact Anne Cox at acox@shandon-umc.org or 256-8383 ext. 115*

UPCOMING BOOK DISCUSSION

SEPTEMBER 4, 7:00-8:00 p.m.: *1000 White Women – The Journals of May Dodd*, by Jim Fergus

In an act of desperation, May Dodd manipulates her way into the covert and controversial "Brides for Horses" program. Launched under President Ulysses S. Grant, the aim is to help assimilate the Indians into the white man's world. Along with a colorful assembly of pioneer women, May travels to the western prairies to intermarry among the Cheyenne Indians. Although this never happened in real life, the book is nothing but magnificent and vividly depicts the west and the warm nature of these so called savages. The book won the 1999 Fiction of the Year Award from the Mountains & Plains Booksellers Association, has sold over 250,000 copies in the US and was on the French bestseller list for 57 weeks.

Upcoming Discussion:
October 2: *The Cove*, by Ron Rash

BAGGING IT! – Player Hall Special

Sunday, August 19 at 9:45 a.m.

The congregation is invited to join adult classes and 5th-8th grades for a uniquely educational & entertaining program by the Ries family. Carter & Olivia (ages 11 & 10) talk to churches, student bodies, and community organizations all over the US and in other countries. They raise awareness about the problems plastic causes to our environment. The Bag Monster's coming, too! See the Ries' amazing work at www.onemoregeneration.org.

OWL PROWL IN CONGAREE NATIONAL PARK

Thursday, September 6 (8:00-10:30 p.m.)
Led by Ranger Fran Rametta. Register now!

Shandon's Green Team invites the congregation to join them on an Owl Prowl in the woods of Congaree National Park. Reservations are first come, first served, with a cap number of 30. The registration deadline is August 26, but places could easily fill up before then. Contact Anne Cox to register at acox@shandon-umc.org or 256-8383 ext. 115 and let her know if you want to ride the bus or drive your own car.

Our fearless leader, Ranger Fran, can charm any owl with his authentic calls that will make us wonder "Who's Hoo". All who are wise will want to join this adventure in nature. Learning from Fran is always fascinating and fun! We'll leave from the parking lot by Exxon at 8:00 p.m. We'll be walking in the woods off of the board walk, so wear sturdy shoes. Bring a flashlight. Who knows what callings will come to you in the night! Come find out.

MUSIC & ARTS

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

CHOIR REHEARSALS August & September

Chancel Choir: Sundays at 10:00 a.m., August 19.
Weekly rehearsals resume on Wednesdays, beginning August 22 at 7:15 p.m.
Fall Retreat is October 12-14 at the Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, NC. We will rehearse music for the fall and Christmas.
Celebration Choir: Begin Wednesday, September 5 at 5:50 p.m. in the Choir Room.
Bella Voce: (girls, grades 6-12) Sundays, 4:00-4:30 p.m. beginning September 9.
Newly formed Youth Choir: Sundays, 4:30-5:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. This choir is open to all youth, guys and girls, grades 6-12.
Wesley Ringers (adult bell choir) Begin rehearsals on Monday, September 10, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Bell Room.
St. Nicholas Choir, (grades 3-5), **St. Cecilia Choir,** (grades 1 & 2) and Cherubs (K4and K5) Wednesdays beginning September 5, in the Knox Building.
Parents meeting for all elementary choir members will be held in Player Hall on Wednesday, September 5 about our upcoming schedule.

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH! SOMETHING NEW FOR YOU!

We will begin a choir for youth, guys and girls, grades 6-12, this fall! Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, September 9 from 4:30-5:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. So, if you like to sing, come join us, as we prepare for our first performance, YOUTH SUNDAY, September 30. You'll be able to attend MYF at 5:00 p.m. on Sundays.

SMY SHANDON METHODIST YOUTH REAL

If you're a 7th-12th grader – You'll make REAL friends and have REAL fun, be able to ask REAL questions and get REAL answers, have a REAL voice and share REAL ideas, discover REAL faith and make a REAL difference. Get SMY REAL.

MYF – Join us for Fun and Fellowship Sundays, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Youth Zone

Everyone – grades 7th-12th. Friends are welcome!

PROMOTION SUNDAY Mark your calendar, August 26.

Teens will be promoted to their new Sunday school classes.

faith EXPLORERS

DISCOVER • SHARE • HAVE FUN

SHANDON KIDS

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: August 19 & 26. See you on Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Twos: Noah and the Ark (Genesis 6:5 – 8:22)

Threes-3rd Grade: **August 19:** Ask, Seek, Knock (Matthew 7:7-12)
August 26: ***Promotion Sunday!*** Love Never Ends (1 Corinthians 13:1-13)

4th-5th Grade: **August 19:** One More Generation- Plastic Awareness (Player Hall)
August 26: ***Promotion Sunday!*** A Love Letter (1 Corinthians 13)

EPWORTH'S STEEPLE CHALLENGE

For the previous two weeks, our 1st-5th grade Sunday school classes have participated in Epworth Children's Home's Steeple Challenge. In an effort to fund the repairs of the steeple on the Epworth campus chapel, children in United Methodist congregations throughout South Carolina have been challenged to raise money and collect coins. This Sunday, August 19, elementary-aged children will return the boxes which they have decorated and used to collect funds. Each church has been challenged to raise at least $100 for this effort. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please offer your donation to a child with a box or clearly mark your gift for "Epworth Steeple Challenge" and drop your gift in a worship offering plate.

PROMOTION SUNDAY August 26

Children and Youth will be promoted to their new Sunday school classes and meet their new teachers on Sunday, August 26, which will be celebrated as Promotion Sunday/Christian Education Sunday. Plan to join us for this special day in the life of our church.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

Popcorn and Movie Sunday during Sunday school on September 2
Go Fish! (for 1st-5th graders) from 3:00-4:45 p.m. on Sunday, September 9
3rd Grade Bible Presentation during worship on Sunday, October 21

SENIOR CONNECTION

LIVING life's second half

LUNCH BUNCH: Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. in Player Hall. Cost is $5.00 for lunch.
For lunch reservations, call the church office at 256-8383 by 12:00 p.m. on Monday of each week.

GAP

GRADUATES AND PROFESSIONALS

For 20s or 30s, single or married without kids, seeking to join a community of people in similar places with similar needs and the desire to network and find a spiritual place to "fit-in" and grow. For more information, contact Julie Songer Belman at jsongerbelman@shandon-umc.org

JOIN OUR WALKING DEVOTION GROUP

Meet in the church courtyard (outside the gym by the Biblical Garden) at 6:45 a.m. on Wednesdays, for a short devotion and a 30-minute walk around the beautiful Shandon neighborhood.

SUMMER SCHEDULE: Walking Devotions continue, Wednesdays, 6:45-7:45 a.m.
Sunday Night Bible Studies, 6:00 p.m., Off Campus for the Summer, Locations vary

Update on David Todd

Dear Shandon church family,
First of all, thank you for the many expressions of love that we have received over the past five weeks. We are currently in Houston, TX at MD Anderson Cancer Center seeking treatment for David's brain cancer. He will begin chemotherapy, along with radiation, this week. We will be in Houston through late September for these therapies and will make trips back to Houston for check-ups in the near and distant future. After returning to Columbia, David will receive an additional 12 months of harsh chemotherapy.

If you would like to follow our journey, please visit our blog: www.caringbridge.org/visit/davidtodd
We feel that God has truly blessed us during this time and continue to see His love and grace all around us.
Thank you for your prayers, love, and support.
Love in Christ,
David, Lilla, and Wells Todd, 7550 Kirby Drive #1231, Houston, TX 77030-4366

In response to the many inquiries that we have received on how people can help support the David and Lilla, who will be out of work for the next year, Shandon has set up a benevolent fund. This account will help the Todds cover medical and living expenses during David's treatments. Their expenses have been and will continue to be significant as they seek the best treatment for David's brain tumor and rare cancer. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation please make your check out to Shandon UMC and mark it for "benevolence". Please do not write David's name on the check. Please also continue to keep them in your prayers. Feel free to send cards and notes to them at their Texas address. If you have any questions, contact. Rev. Julie Songer Belman at 256-8383, ext. 102 or jsongerbelman@shandon-umc.org

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SHANDON BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, August 26, 8:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., Player Hall

We are challenging every Sunday school class to get at least five members to sign up. Let's join together and help collect 70 units of blood this time. Last quarter Shandon's name appeared in *USA Today* for exceeding our goal!!! Like our last blood drive, Red Cross will bring more computers and all seasoned staff to ensure that your donation time takes no more than 1 hour.

3 Ways to Sign Up:

- On the form in your Sunday School Class Room
- Call Jessica Roquemore – 738-0927
- E-mail Jessica Roquemore – jroquemore@bellsouth.net

BBQ PLATE LUNCH FUNDRAISER FOR DAVID TODD

SHANDON MEMBER

Hosted by the Foundation Sunday School Class

August 26

Plan to stop by and purchase your plates following the 11:00 a.m. worship services.

Plates will be sold for $10 and will include BBQ, macaroni and cheese, green beans, slaw, and a roll.
We will also be holding a bake sale at pick-up for your dessert options!

All proceeds will help cover travel expenses, rental costs, and medical bills that David and his family will incur while being treated at MD Anderson in Texas.

Please reserve your plates by Thursday, August 23
to either Whitney Delbridge: whitmartin@hotmail.com or Adriane Radeker: 803-622-7574

YOU ARE INVITED

SERVICE HONORING BISHOP MARY VIRGINIA TAYLOR

August 26, 4:00 p.m.
Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church
1205 Old Cherokee Rd, Lexington, SC

Please join in support of the
The Bishop Mary Virginia &
Reverend James R. Taylor Fund
to support Candler School of Theology

Proceeds raised through this fund will be used in support of the students and mission of Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Candler is one of thirteen United Methodist Seminaries and its mission is to educate — through scholarship, teaching, and service — faithful and creative.

Checks payable to the South Carolina Conference of the UMC. Send to: The United Methodist Church, PO Box 3787, Columbia, SC 29230.

JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION

Please join Lawrence and Ruthie Taylor for a Reception Honoring Hillary Taylor
Sunday, August 19 after 11:00 a.m. service in Wesley Hall

Graduating from Furman University in May, Hillary was recently commissioned in Washington, D.C. as a United Methodist Missionary.

She will spend the next 18 months in South Africa working with Seth Mokitimi Methodist Seminary as their Field Education and Ministry Coordinator. After serving in South Africa, she will serve 18 months as a missionary in the United States. When her 3 years of mission service are finished, she plans to attend seminary and come back to serve as a minister in the South Carolina United Methodist Conference. All are welcome!

Treasurer's Update

AUGUST 12, 2012

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	397
Worship	574

OPERATING BUDGET

August 5 Revenues	August 12 Revenues	Year-to-Date Revenues
NA	NA	NA
August 5 Expenses	**August 12 Expenses**	**Year-to-Date Expenses**
NA	NA	NA

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON AUGUST 19 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Sue and Howard Hunnicutt** by Bob and Harriett Roof; and in loving memory of her husband, **Marion** and her parents, **Margaret and Jud Ready** by Ann Ready Smith.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON AUGUST 26 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Linwood W. Baird** by his family; and in loving memory of **George and Abbie Arrants** by their family.

MEMORIALS
IN MEMORY
Alice Barr by Judy & Harvey Allen, Charles David Hubbard
Fred Buyck by Kay Jordan
Bill Heath by Wesley Fellowship Class
John Kerr by June Alexander, Steve & Marshanna Brown, Kay Jordan
Marjorie Neeley by Wesley Fellowship Class

IN HONOR
Lesli Wood by Frazier, Copeland & Julia Blair Reynolds

SYMPATHY
Winifred Rodgers on the death of her mother, Abbie Rodgers on August 8 in Columbia.

BEST WISHES
Macie Gayle Warden and Tyler DeLoach Kerbs were married on August 3 at Shandon.

CONGRATULATIONS
Corby Davis and Amanda Douglas Hilley on the birth of a daughter Laurel Fair Hilley on August 8 in Columbia.

BAPTISM
Hayworth Kenneth Brooks (3/29/12), son of Steven Patrick Brooks & Margaret Smith Brooks on August 5.

HOSPITALS
No Shandon members are in hospitals.

Our ministers are on call for weekend emergencies. Contact the minister by calling our emergency beeper at 654-8973 and then entering your phone number.

Senior Minister
Michael Guffee, Sr.

Minister of Evangelism and Outreach Ministries
Julie Songer Belman

Minister of Assimilation and Discipleship
Josh McClendon

Church Business Administrator
Michael Hart

Minister of Music and Arts Ministries
Eddie Huss

Director of Christian Education and Adult Ministries
Anne Cox

Director of Student Ministries
Travis Pearson

Director of Children's Ministries
Lesli Wood

Director of Preschool/Kindergarten
Bea Daves

Director of Kitchen Ministries
Timothy Scott

Director of Communications
Melanie Owen

Finance Administrative Assistant/Organist
Nancy Kelley

Administrative Assistant to the Senior Minister
Winifred Rodgers

Education Administrative Assistant
Samantha Apple

Administrative Assistant to Associate Ministers and Music
Debbie Rountree

Child Care Coordinator
Heather Corley

Sound Technician
Cindi Reid

Maintenance Supervisor
Bobby Douglas

Custodial Staff
Thomas Brunson, Eladio Cruz, John Whetstone

Security
Wade Carlisle

Lay Leader
Jonathan Roquemore

Church Council Chair
Jan Bilton

Parish Nurse
Nancy Reynolds

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

SEEDS OF HOPE FARMERS MARKETS

Get Louis Reid's great South Carolina-grown produce!
Saturday mornings from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the church parking lot.
A great way to eat healthy and
support Louis and South Carolina farmers.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MANNA AND ACTIVITIES

On Summer Break. Join us on September 5.

Shandon Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.