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the **VOICE**

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

August 28

*We are all called to help
one another grow in faith.*

Next Sunday, we celebrate the many paths and people that God uses here at Shandon. We celebrate how each of us—each child, youth, and adult—is both a teacher and a learner. The ministry of Christian Education and our many volunteers will be recognized in the traditional worship services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. and in the LifeLine service at 11:05 a.m.

PROMOTION SUNDAY

August 28

Children and youth will join their new classes for Sunday school.

Filling the Hole

I hope all of our Shandon members have had a good summer with time for leisure, rest and renewal.

Next week school begins for all of our students and all of us will get in more of a routine in our schedules. I hope that means everyone will get back to church on a more regular basis. Actually, church attendance has not been that bad this summer overall, but it will be great to get our members in church on a more regular basis.

Some years ago, a reader of the *British Weekly* wrote a letter to the editor as follows, “Dear Sir! I notice that ministers seem to set a great deal of importance on their sermons and spend a great deal of time preparing them. I have been attending church services quite regularly for the past thirty years and during that time, if I estimate correctly; I have listened to no less than three thousand sermons. But to my consternation, I discover I cannot remember a single one of them. I wonder if a minister’s time might be more profitably spent on something else.” Sincerely...”

The letter kicked up quite an editorial storm of angry responses for weeks. The pros and cons of sermons were tossed back and forth until, finally, one letter ended the debate. The letter went like this, “My Dear Sir, I have been married for thirty years. During that time, I have eaten 32,850 meals –mostly my wife’s cooking. Suddenly, I have discovered that I cannot remember the menu of a single meal. And yet, I received nourishment from every one of them. I have the distinct impression that without them I would have staved to death years ago. Sincerely...”

Hundreds of years ago St. Augustine of Hippo uttered those immortal words, “Our hearts are restless until we find rest in thee.” Augustine had tried to find contentment in the things of the world, but it failed to offer him the contentment he desired until he found rest in God. We humans are spiritual beings without God in our lives there is an empty hole longing to be filled.

Let’s all make a commitment to find contentment for our souls each Sunday at Shandon. I look forward to seeing each of you.

In Faith,
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YOU'RE INVITED, SUNDAY

August 21 and 28

8:45 a.m. Worship

SERMON 21st: "A Rocky Road," Rev. Jonathan Tompkins

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16: 13-26

MUSIC: Chancel Choir

SERMON 28th: Dr. Michael Guffee

Acolytes 21st: Kitty Janvrin, Brice Janvrin

28th: John Stone, Ashley Stone

Ushers 21st: John Hays 28th: Bubba Hughes

Ambassadors: 21st: Frank/Sallie 28th: Janet Hancock
Manning

11:00 a.m. Worship

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Acolytes 21st: Robert Burnside, Chris Marshall

28th: James Clay Ellis, Jay Watson

Ushers 21st: Bill Deemer 28th: Richard Beale

Ambassadors: 21st: Marshall/Caroline 28th: Emily Davis
Griffin

11:05 a.m. LifeLine Service

SERMON 21st: "You Are That Person!," Rev. Allen Wolfe

SCRIPTURE: II Samuel 11:1-12:23

MUSIC: LifeLine Band

SERMON 28th: Rev. Julie Songer Belman

Nursery Opens at 8:30 a.m.

	August 21	August 28
8:45 a.m. worship		
Crib	Staff	Staff
Toddler	Staff	Staff
Two-year-olds	Staff	Staff
Three-year-olds	Staff	Staff
11:00 a.m. and 11:05 a.m. worship		
Crib	Staff	Stephanie Bridgers
Toddler	John/Catherine Griggs	Staff
Two-year-olds	Frank/Patty Lundy	Colleen Guffee
Three-year-olds	Cole/Julie Benoit	Allison/Jeff Crane

Adult Sunday School

Join us at 9:45 a.m.

New Class (Bruner221)

Chapel Bible Study-Not a Sunday School Class (Chapel):

No Study during the Summer.

Commitment (Knox205):

Project: Epworth Clinton Cottage

Foundation (Knox208)

Genesis (Knox214)

George Huggins (Knox209): "Book of Ruth," Jay Latham

Project: Killingsworth

Good Will (Bruner223): "Let God Rule," Ray Kightlinger

Growing Disciples (Bruner108)

JOY (Bruner220)

New Beginnings (Knox204)

New Generation (Bruner224): "The English Bible," Marvin Lare

Wesley Fellowship (WH): "Empowering the Needy," Dan Pruitt

CR=Conference Room

WH=Wesley

PH=Player Hall

COMING UP AT SHANDON

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

Sunday, August 21 Matthew 16:13-20

8:00 Blood Drive - PH

9:50 New Member/Inquirer Session - CR

12:00 Welcome Reception for Eddie Huss & Family - WH

4:00 Blessing of Backpacks - Gym

5:00 MYF: Methodist Youth Fellowship - Youth Zone

6:00 Created by God Leaders - PH

6:30 Psalm 150 Band Practice - Youth Zone

Monday, August 22 Luke 11:53-12:12

6:30 Celebrating Disciple - PH

Tuesday, August 23 Luke 12:13-31

10:00 Lunch Bunch Activites - WH

12:30 Lunch Bunch - PH

Wednesday, August 24 Luke 12:32-48

6:00 Evangelism Committee - CR

6:30 Pack Meeting - Gym

7:00 Boy Scouts - Jamey McCue Room/Basement

Thursday, August 25 Luke 12:49-59

7:00 Created by God Parents - Bruner 220

Friday, August 26 Luke 13:1-9

6:30 Created by God - Bruner 220

Saturday, August 27 Luke 13:10-17

9:00 Created by God - Bruner 220

Sunday, August 28 Matthew 16:21-28

9:50 New Member/Inquirer Session - CR

10:00 Rising 9th Grader Service Project - Youth Zone

2:00 Created by God - Bruner 220

3:00 Stephen Ministry Leaders - Knox 201

3:00 Lay Leadership Committee - CR

4:00 Stephen Ministry Peer - Knox 201

5:00 Created by God Dinner - Gym

5:00 Stephen Ministry Continuing Education - Knox 201

Monday, August 29 Luke 13:18-30

8:00 Created by God

6:30 Vision Team - WH

Tuesday, August 30 Luke 13:31-35

10:00 Lunch Bunch Activites - WH

12:30 Lunch Bunch - PH

5:30 Stewardship Committee - WH

6:00 LifeLine Committee - CR

6:30 P&K New Parent Orientation - PH

Wednesday, August 31 Luke 14:1-11

7:00 Boy Scouts - Jamey McCue Room/Basement

Thursday, September 1 Luke 14:12-24

No Activities Scheduled

Friday, September 2 Luke 14:25-35

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, September 3 Luke 15:1-10

No Activities Scheduled

WELCOME OUR GUEST PREACHER

Rev. Jonathan Tompkins will be our guest preacher at the traditional worship services on August 21.

Jonathan is one of Shandon's former Youth

Directors. He was ordained an Elder at Annual

Conference this summer and continues to serve as

the Associate Minister at First United Methodist

Church in Myrtle Beach. It will be good to have

Jonathan, Rebecca and Edward with us at Shandon.



Doorways to God

FALL STUDIES & SPECIALS. REGISTER NOW.

*God talk, face to face with caring friends,
will profoundly influence your life. Open a door and take your place.*
Register by September 11 or a week prior to the start date, in the hallways or the education office.
Books are available for purchase by participants.

Sunday School Hour Specials

- Life After Death, A Study in Faith & Reason: Dick Pregnall – Sept. 11-Oct. 16
- Conversation with Clergy on Today's Scripture & Sermon – Oct. 30
- Our Missionary Family from Senegal – Adam & Jennifer Dalenburg – Nov. 20

Wednesday Night Programs (6:00-7:00 p.m.)

- UM Clergy Panel on Your Questions on Faith: Shandon Clergy, Rev. Emily Scales Sutton, Rev. Tiffany Knowlin, Rev. Daniel Burbage – Sept. 14, 6:00-7:15 p.m.
- Challenges of Faith: Evil & Forgiveness: Rev. Allen Wolfe & Anne Cox – Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12
- Hospice 101-Understanding Hospice: Fran Hanna – Nov. 2
- Kitchen Cosmetics (Non-Toxic Make-Up): Beth Rametta – Nov. 16
- How to Stop Trying to Change Your Spouse – Strategies for Living the Serenity Prayer in Marriage: Dr. Ashley Brantley – Nov. 9, 6:00-7:15 p.m.

DISCIPLE 1 and Christian Believer Courses (Register by August 31, courses begin the week of September 11)

- DISCIPLE 1–Survey of the Entire Bible: John Meyers, Jerry Mitchell, Pam Speas – Sundays, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- DISCIPLE 1: Ruthie Taylor & Jennie Lambe – Wednesdays, 9:15-11:15 a.m.
- Christian Believer–Doctrines/Beliefs: Sue Haddock & Dick Pregnall – Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Other Group Studies

- Book of Isaiah: Alix Hay & Margaret Hayes – 12 Mondays, beginning Sept. 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Gospel of Mark: Betty Ruff & Keith Phillips – 6 Mondays, beginning Sept. 19, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- *Change the World* – The Church's Call to Missions (Michael Slaughter DVD)
Rev. Julie Songer Belman – 6 Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 20, 6:15-7:45 p.m.
- Women's Study: Old Testament Stories from the Backside, Gessner Dunn – 12 Thursdays, beginning Sept. 15, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
- Men's Study: The Book of Acts: Bill Metzger – 13 Mondays, beginning Sept. 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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

WELCOME OUR NEW MINISTER OF MUSIC AND ARTS

Plan to be present on Sunday, August 21 to welcome Rev. Eddie Huss and his wife, Marcie, and son, Wesley, to Shandon. A welcome reception will be held in Wesley Hall immediately following the 11:00 worship services.



WILL YOU... SAVE A LIFE? Shandon Blood Drive

Sunday, August 21, 8:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in Player Hall

The American Red Cross has issued an appeal for blood donors of all types due to a critical blood shortage.

You will be someone's hero. In fact, you may help save up to three lives with just one donation.

To schedule your life-saving donation: Contact Jessica Roquemore at 738-0927 or jroquemore@bellsouth.net.

Please remember to eat well, drink plenty of water and bring a picture ID.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

FOR STUDENTS OF ALL AGES – PRESCHOOL THROUGH ADULT

Sunday, August 21 at 4:00 p.m. in the gym

Students are invited to bring their backpacks for a special dedication to mark the beginning of the school year. Participants are encouraged to bring their own backpacks for the “Blessing” as well as bring new backpacks and school supplies which will be given to less fortunate students. Participants will enjoy a craft, fellowship, and a devotion. Following the blessing, we will enjoy ice cream sundaes as we celebrate the opportunities of the new school year. Each student will receive a Christian key chain for their backpack. No reservations are necessary. Friends are always welcome!

PARTY WITH A PURPOSE!

Celebrating DISCIPLÉ at Shandon

- For anyone considering a fall DISCIPLÉ 1 or Christian Believer course
- For all former “grads” of DISCIPLÉ 1, 2, 3, 4, Jesus in the Gospels, and Christian Believer

Monday, August 22 in Player Hall from 6:30-8:15 p.m.

Fun activities to remember and renew your DISCIPLÉ experience. Sinfully delicious sweets. Prizes & Surprises! Q & A with leaders of fall courses. **RSVP** to Sam Apple at sapple@shandon-umc.org, 256-8383 ext. 109.

AN EXHIBITION FOR THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE (1611)

Ernest F. Hollings Library, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., through August 31 (Enter through USC’s Thomas Cooper Library) Go to <http://library.sc.edu/news/index> for more information about this educational exhibit.



MYF: Sunday, August 21, 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Game Room. For youth of all ages. Bring a friend and share your ideas for what you want to do for the next MYF year.

PSALM 150 IS BACK!

The youth band is coming back together, this time better than ever. On Sunday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m. after MYF, come to a brief meeting to chat about what we want to do for the band. Bring your instrument (or your beautiful voice) and we may even have a brief jam session! See you then.

PROMOTION SUNDAY – August 28

Be sure to make an extra effort to be in Sunday school on this special day. We’ll move to new classrooms and meet new (and returning) teachers. See you in the Game Room at 9:45 a.m. for food and fellowship first!

YOUTH SUNDAY – SAVE THE DATE: September 18

The youth will lead both traditional services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Don’t miss this special Sunday!



SUNDAY SCHOOL: August 21 & 28. See you on Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

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

Threes-5th Grade: Obedience: Micah (Micah 4:1-5; 5:2-6:8) & Children of God (Matt. 5:1-12)

PROMOTION SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Join us for Sunday school and worship, as we recognize Promotion Sunday for children as part of our celebration of Christian Education Sunday for our congregation. Children will attend Sunday school in their new classrooms and meet their new Sunday school teachers for the 2011-12 school year. Sunday school classes are grouped by age level. Signs in the halls and on classroom doors indicate class location.

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

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

Elementary grades 1st through 6th: 2nd floor DuBose Building

NURSERY ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Childcare for infants, toddlers, two-year-olds, and three-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.

TRACKERS! – BIBLE STUDY FOR 4TH-5TH BOYS

Wednesdays, 6:00-6:45 p.m., beginning September 7 in conjunction with Manna 5th Grade Sunday school room (2nd floor DuBose Bldg.)

Join us for games, drama, and physical challenges as we “track” God and His people through the Bible. For more information, contact Lesli Wood at lwood@shandon-umc.org, Director of Children’s Ministry. Friends are welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Bible Presentation to 3rd Graders: Sunday, September 11, during worship

Go Fish! (for 1st – 5th graders): Sunday, September 18, 3:00 -4:45 p.m. in the gym



GAP is open to anyone in their 20s or 30s, single or married without kids, seeking to join a community of people in similar places with similar needs, the strongest of these being 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

ADULTS IN ACTION

Join us for fun, social and inspiring activities

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.



Harvest Hope Needs Our Help

Because of the hard economic times of the present, there has been an increase in the demand for food. There are a great deal more families receiving assistance this year.

Harvest Hope needs Shandon's continued commitment and compassion to help, to give hope to those in need. Please give either through item donations (see list) or cash donation. Barrels for items are located under the steps off the main hall in the Betty Brunner building and outside of the gym in the Dunn Building.

Bring Groceries: *Canned Items:* Meat, Vegetables, Fruit, Tomato Sauce, Beans, Stews, Pop-top items

Dry Goods: Peanut Butter, Rice, Instant Potatoes, Cereal, Grits, Coffee, Powdered Milk

Personal Items: Diapers, Baby Wipes, Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste *Plastic Grocery bags are Urgently Needed*

Cash Donation: Make Checks Payable to: Shandon UMC for Harvest Hope. Place check in offering plate or drop-off in the Business Office.

ALDRERSGATE SUNDAY

August 7 was designated "Aldersgate Sunday" by The United Methodist Church. This new ministry of the Methodist Church is designed to provide group homes for adults with special needs. There is an alarming shortage of housing for this sector of our population and the Methodist Church is leading the charge to help rectify this situation. Funds are needed to help this ministry continue. If you would like to make a contribution, please send it to Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry, SC Conference of the United Methodist Church, 4908 Colonial Dr., Columbia, SC 29203. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

NEXT SUMC BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

LOVE WINS, BY ROB BELL

SEPTEMBER 6 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in room 221, Betty Bruner Building

The book deals with the troubling question that Christians sometimes ask only to themselves: Would a loving God really condemn people to hell? Author, pastor, Nooma video teacher, and Senior Vice President of World Relief in Baltimore, Rob Bell also explores whether Jesus had the same meaning of heaven, hell, and salvation that we have come to understand.

Our Shandon Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. We've had great attendance so far, with both men and women participating. The books are in a broad range and chosen six months out at a book club regular meeting.



GOING GREEN

Tips from Shandon's Green Team

Water – An Increasingly Scarce Resource.

With the news of the ever increasing drought conditions in South Carolina, other parts of our country, and other parts of the world, we are reminded how precious water is to all of us. Clean water is arguably more valuable than any substance on earth. Water covers 70% of the earth's surface, yet only 3% of the world's water is fresh water. The rest is sea water. Two-thirds of the fresh water is locked up in the ice caps. This leaves only 1% for all of humanity's needs and much of that is contaminated. The average American uses about 150 gallons of water daily.

SHANDON'S CHILDREN'S CLOTHING CONSIGNMENT SALE

Ready to clean out your drawers and closets?

RECEIVING

Sunday, September 11:

4:00-6:00 p.m.

(only day for drop-off if we tag)

Monday, September 12:

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

TWO-DAY SALE

Wednesday, September 14

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 15

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and

5:00-7:00 p.m. 50% off

Friday, September 16

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Pick-up Clothes Only

LOCATION

Shandon Gym: Easy In and Easy Out

For details: see flyers around the church.

For more information, contact Paige Haas at pmhaas@sc.rr.com or 269-9858.

CASUAL DRESS SUNDAYS

We invite you to dress casually for our traditional worship services through Labor Day weekend. Men are welcome to wear slacks and golf shirts, and women are welcome to wear casual skirts and dresses or slacks.

Treasurer's Update

AUGUST 14, 2011

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	395
Worship	615

OPERATING BUDGET

August 7 Revenues	August 14 Revenues	Year-to-Date Revenues
\$36,808	\$44,279	\$1,208,907
August 7 Expenses	August 14 Expenses	Year-to-Date Expenses
\$16,326	\$97,485	\$1,297,237



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount pledged	\$3,730,232
August 7 receipts	\$335
August 14 receipts	\$10,021
Receipts-to-date	\$3,492,012

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON AUGUST 21 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Sue and Howard Hunicutt** 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 28 are given to the glory of God and in honor of **Steve and Sally Garris** in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary by their family; and in loving memory of **Linwood W. Baird** by his family.

MEMORIALS IN MEMORY

Inez Caskey by Frank & Gladys Dunn, Charles & Miriam Hedgepath, Jim & Doris Howie, Mr. & Mrs. John R. Jordan, Jim & Laura Leventis, John P. & Emma M. May, Earl & Mary McFadden, Mr. & Mrs. Mark M. Nidiffer, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Milliken, Rhonwen Newton, Mr. & Mrs. J. Delleney Ruff, Jr., Sara B. Smith & family, Bill & Joanna Walkup, Wesley Fellowship Class, William & Patti Workman, Joyce & Michael Zimmerman
Sam Folk by Bo & Bonnie Mullis
Blakely Jernigan by A.C. Flora Class of 2007
David Kirkland by Dr. & Mrs. Wayne Bickham, Annie Rose Welch

IN HONOR

Joe Brantley by LeGrand & Pat Rouse
MaryAnn Crews by Susan Brant

SYMPATHY

Jim and Ruth Ellis on the death of her grandmother, Essie Pearl Inman Spearman on August 6 in West Columbia and to great grandchildren, James Clay, Susan and Macie.
Amanda Folk on the death of her brother, Sam Folk on August 3 in Columbia, SC.

CONGRATULATIONS

Hunter St. Claire Copley and Elizabeth Sigmon Freeman on the birth of a daughter, Fiona Rhae Freeman on June 6 in Greenville, SC.
Jarad Alan and Caroline Sigmon Fields on the birth of a son, Wyatt Danger on June 10 in Columbia, SC.

HOSPITALS

No Shandon members are in hospitals at this time.

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 Visitation and Older Adult Ministries

Allen Wolfe

Church Business Administrator

Michael Hart

Minister of Music and Arts Ministries

Eddie Huss

Director of Christian Education and Adult Ministries

Anne Cox

Director of Youth Ministries

Meredith Gammon

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

Karen Daves

Child Care Coordinator

Jenny Triplett

Sound Technician

Cindi Reid

Maintenance Supervisor

Bobby Douglas

Custodial Staff

Willie Brown, 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MANNA BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7

Join your church family each Wednesday for warm fellowship, good food, and activities for everyone – children, youth and adults.

No reservations are necessary!

5:15-6:15 p.m. Supper in the Gym

\$5 adults & youth (over age 12), \$2.50 children (age 2-12), free under age 2

Wednesday Night Manna runs from September 7 - April 25,
with breaks on November 23, December 21, 28, and January 4.

Check *The Voice* newsletter and website to see the weekly menu of food and programs.

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