



# Voice

*Find out. Connect in.*  
Shandon United Methodist



## Gloria in Excelsis

WORDS FROM CHARLES WESLEY (1707-1788)....

*A profound  
reflection on the  
deep, true meaning  
of Christmas.*

*Glory be to God on high, And peace on earth descend!  
God comes down, he bows the sky, And shows himself our friend:  
God the invisible appears! God, the blest, the great I AM,  
Sojourns in this vale of tears, And Jesus is his name.  
Him the angels all adored, Their Maker and their King;  
Tidings of their humbled Lord, They now to mortals bring.  
Emptied of his majesty, Of his dazzling glories shorn,  
Being's source begins to be, And God himself is born!  
See the eternal Son of God, A mortal Son of man;  
Dwelling in an earthly clod, Whom heaven cannot contain!  
Stand amazed, ye heavens, at this! See the Lord of earth and skies;  
Humbled to the dust he is, And in a manger lies.*

These words of Charles Wesley did not find their way into the current United Methodist Hymnal (several thousand of his hymns did not!). But they offer a profound reflection on the deep, true meaning of Christmas. “The great I AM” – the name God revealed to Moses at the burning bush – has come to live among us. “And Jesus is his name.”

Wesley is writing of the Mystery of the Incarnation. “Being’s source begins to be, And God himself is born!” The Eternal One has entered time. The Almighty One has become weak and finite. The One “whom heaven cannot contain” has come to inhabit “an earthly clod.”

We can never adequately say “thank you” for this great Gift. Certainly we can never fully understand it. All we can do is to bow in worship and to lift our voices with the heavenly host – “Gloria in excelsis, Glory to God in the highest!”

Grace and peace,  
Smoke

### CHRISTMAS EVE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

**Traditional Communion  
Service:** 2:00 p.m.

**Family Service:** 5:00 p.m.

**LifeLine Contemporary  
Service:** 7:00 p.m.

**Communion and  
Candlelight Service:**  
9:00 p.m.

Service details page 3.

### CHRISTMAS DAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

**Worship:**  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
**No Sunday School**

*Merry Christmas*

# YOU'RE INVITED SUNDAY

December 18 and 25

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

**SERMON 18th:** Rev. Smoke Kanipe

Ushers 18th: John Hays

Ambassadors 18th: Joy Stone

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

**SERMON 18th:** Rev. Smoke Kanipe

Ushers 18th: Bob Burks

Ambassadors 18th: Charlie/Debra Rountree

11:05 a.m. LifeLine Worship

**SERMON 18th:** Rev. Josh McClendon

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship

**SERMON 25th:** Rev. Smoke Kanipe

**Nursery Opens at 8:30 a.m.**

**December 18**

**8:45 a.m. worship**

Crib Tara Jerdan

Toddler A Staff

Toddler B Margaret DiBiase

Two-year-olds Staff

**11:00 a.m. and 11:05 a.m. worship**

Crib Carrie Rawl

Toddler A Lauren Bilton

Toddler B Staff

Two-year-olds Staff

Three-year-olds Jenny O' Neil

## Adult Sunday School

*Join us at 9:45 a.m.*

*Faith comes alive through study and discussion.  
Discipleship is nurtured and strengthened.  
Deep friendships grow.*

**Acts 2:21** (Bruner221)

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

**Commitment** (Knox205)

**Foundation** (Knox208)

**Genesis** (Knox214): Dec 18: Irene Tyson

**George Huggins** (Knox209): Because of Bethlehem, Bob Spear

Dec 18: Love

Project: Bake Sale for YMP, Dec 18

**Growing Disciples** (Knox201)

**Journey** (Bruner216)

**JOY** (Bruner220): Dec 18: Children Sing

**New Beginnings** (Knox204)

**New Generation** (Bruner224)

**Seekers** (Bruner223)

**Wesley Fellowship** (WH): Dec 18: Affirmation of the Promise,  
Dan Pruitt

**No Sunday School: December 25**

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## COMING UP AT SHANDON

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Matthew 1:18-25

8:45 Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 Bake Sale – Player Hall

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

11:05 LifeLine Contemporary Worship – Dunn-Smith Center

3:00 Doorways Christian Believer – Knox 209

3:00 Happy Birthday, Jesus Party – Gym

4:00 Scouts - Cub Den Meetings – Dubose, 2nd Floor

5:00 Benefit Christmas Concert, Eddie Huss & Friends – Sanctuary

5:00 MYF Christmas Party – Player Hall/Youth Zone

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

John 1:4-18

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

John 3:1-8

9:00 Coffee with Carly – Off Campus (The Local Buzz)

12:00 Lunch Bunch – Wesley Hall (Pre-Lunch Cards: 10:00 WH)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

John 3:9-21

6:00 Eagle Scout Ceremony – Sanctuary/Player Hall

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

John 5:19-29

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

John 6:27-34

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Luke 1:1-20

2:00 Communion Service – Sanctuary

3:30 Children's Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

5:00 Family Service – Sanctuary

7:00 LifeLine Service – Dunn-Smith Center

9:00 Candlelight and Communion Service – Sanctuary

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Luke 2:8-20

9:45 No Sunday School

10:00 Combined Worship Service – Sanctuary

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

Acts 7:55-8:8

Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

John 13:2-20

Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Matthew 2:13-18

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

John 4:7-15

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

John 7:53-8:11

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

John 8:12-19

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

Matthew 2:1-12

8:45 Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

9:45 Children's Movie & Popcorn – Player Hall

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

11:05 LifeLine Contemporary Worship – Dunn-Smith Center

### MONDAY, JANUARY 2

Matthew 12:14-21

Church Office Closed for New Year's Holiday

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

John 4:46-54

9:00 Coffee with Carly – Off Campus (The Local Buzz)

12:00 Lunch Bunch – Wesley Hall (Pre-Lunch Cards: 10:00 WH)

4:00 Basketball Practice – Gym

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

John 5:1-18

9:15 Doorways Women's Prayer Group – Knox 201

5:15 Wednesday Night Manna – Dunn-Smith Center

6:00 Adult Council Meeting – Library

6:00 Celebration Choir Rehearsal – Bruner 206, Music Studio

6:00 Children's Choirs, Trackers, Youth (see back cover)

6:00 D-Group – Bruner 223

6:00 D-Group2 – Bruner 216

6:00 Outreach Committee Meeting – Wesley Hall

7:00 Scout Meeting – Knox 209

7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Bruner 206, Music Studio

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

John 6:1-14

4:00 Basketball Practice – Gym

6:00 Boy Scouts Commissioners Meeting – Bruner 220

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

John 6:15-27

4:00 Basketball Practice – Gym

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

John 6:52-71

8:00 Basketball Games – Gym



# Christmas Eve at Shandon

JOIN US....

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24**

*Inspiring services filled with the scent of greenery, beautiful music, glowing candlelight and warm fellowship.*

**Traditional Communion Service** at 2:00 p.m.

**Family Service** at 5:00 p.m.

Sharing the Christmas story with narration, costumes, familiar carols and music by the Children's Choirs. Features a live nativity with animals and the lighting of "glow sticks."

**LifeLine Contemporary Service** at 7:00 p.m.

Sharing the Christmas story through scripture and music. Features the LifeLine Band.

**Communion and Candlelight Service** at 9:00 p.m.

Traditional service with music by the Christmas Eve Choir and a live nativity.

## Benefit Christmas Concert

*EXPERIENCE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY PROGRAM FILLED WITH BEAUTIFUL MUSIC BY EDDIE HUSS & FRIENDS.*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

Features Classical and Christmas music with various musical performers, including Annette Matthews, Eddie Huss, Dustin Ousley, Ja' Bria Barber, Madeline Beitel, Liagjun Zou, Anna Young and William Douglas. The Concert is free. An offering will be taken to benefit the South Carolina Alzheimer's Association.

### **CHRISTMAS DAY – MERRY CHRISTMAS Sunday, December 25**

**Worship:** 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary (no nursery)

**No Sunday School**

### **BAKE SALE**

#### **FOR YOUTH MISSION PROJECT**

*DON'T BUY STORE BOUGHT GOODS – BUY HOMEMADE PIES, CAKES, COOKIES AND OTHER DESSERTS FROM SHANDON'S GREAT COOKS.*

**Sunday, December 18 starting at 9:30 a.m.**

All proceeds go to Shandon's Youth Mission Project. Sponsored by the George Huggins Upper Room and Genesis Sunday School Classes.



# Come to “the Well”

## SEARCHING FOR SABBATH

**Second annual Shandon retreat for women  
...renew your spirit ...nurture your faith  
...rest your body ...encourage your discipleship.**

*Are all of the daily “have-tos” of life starting to wear on your spirit?  
Recharge and Reconnect with the “well of living water” that is offered to us by Jesus Christ.*

**January 20-22, 2017  
At the Cove Retreat Center in Asheville, NC**

For information and to register, contact Tanesha Rowe in the Education Office at [trowe@shandon-umc.org](mailto:trowe@shandon-umc.org)



*Keeping It Real – Relying  
Everything Around the Lord.  
7th-12th graders plug-in to  
real faith, friends and fun.*

Alex: [aclary@shandon-umc.org](mailto:aclary@shandon-umc.org)  
Instagram: [shandon\\_myf](https://www.instagram.com/shandon_myf)

■ **MYF CHRISTMAS PARTY** Sunday, December 18, 5:00 p.m., Player Hall

■ **MYF**  
NO MYF: Decemero 25.

■ **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS – SR. SYNAGO & JR. HIGH GAME ZONE**  
Join us again on January 4.

## CHILDREN’S BOOKS FOR OUR LIBRARY

***Want to honor a special friend or staff member or Sunday School Teacher?  
How about gifting a book in their honor to our library?***

Our children’s ministry is sponsoring a book gifting program to help provide enjoyable and meaningful children’s books for our library. This is the perfect way to honor a grandchild, grandparent or a special someone. Stop by the book tables in the Dunn-Smith Center lobby or Bruner Building hall to preview books. You may gift a book by selecting it, completing the information for the book plate, and placing a check in the box. Your gift for this year will continue to give joy and encouragement to others for years to come.



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 – December 18 & 25. See you on Sunday at 9:45 a.m.**  
Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and ends at 10:45 a.m.  
Please be mindful of these times when picking up and dropping off your children.

**Twos:** Jesus Is Born  
**Threes-6th Grade:** “A Child is Born” (Isaiah 9:6)  
**December 18:** Jesus’ Story  
**December 25:** No Sunday School

We hope to see everyone this Sunday!

- **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS PARTY Sunday, December 18, 3:00-4:00 p.m., gym**  
Families are encouraged to join us to celebrate Jesus’ birthday. We’ll sing Christmas carols, enjoy a family Nativity photo booth and create a special Christmas craft. Of course, no birthday party is complete without birthday cake, and we’ll also make Christmas Cards for shut-in church members. (This is intentionally designed for children ages 3 to 12; however, all ages are welcome.)  
Online registration: [tinyurl.com/jesusbirthday16](http://tinyurl.com/jesusbirthday16)

- **POPCORN AND A MOVIE January 1, 9:45 a.m., Player Hall**  
**K-5th Grade Sunday School Classes**

Children will enjoy singing songs, watching an animated Bible story, and enjoying popcorn from Cromer’s. Children should come directly to Player Hall at the beginning of Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. where they will be greeted by their teachers. Please plan to pick-up your child from Player Hall at the end of the Sunday school hour, 10:45 a.m.

## BOOKS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Many resources are available in our library. Just go to [www.shandon-umc.org/library.asp](http://www.shandon-umc.org/library.asp) and click “search library inventory.” Then, you can search for the subject or keyword Advent to see a list of both books and DVDs. You can also do an expert search for Children and Christmas or Children and Advent to see a list of the children’s items available. Our library is located on the second floor of the Betty Bruner Building. Check it out!

***Christmas From the Back Side*** by Kalas, J. Ellsworth (263.91 Kal)

The author opens up new possibilities of insight into the biblical Christmas story of Jesus' birth by entering the Gospel scriptures through the "back side" - through a unique starting point, a creative retelling, a new "lens," or the eyes of a minor or unsympathetic character.

### FOR CHILDREN

***God Gave Us Christmas*** by Bergren, Lisa Tawn (E Ber Children)

Mama Bear explains to Baby Cub how God gave Christmas to the world.

***A Stubborn Sweetness and Other Stories for the Christmas Season*** by Paterson, Katherine (Fic Pat Children)

This collection of short stories is about people who have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas because of loss, pain, greed, or circumstances. Through unexpected and uplifting ways, each is reminded of the first Christmas story and the vision of hope and peace it offers the world. They realize that even in the darkness, the light and song of Christmas can be heard.



# Doorways to God

WINTER STUDIES BEGIN IN JANUARY.

Take a look at all of the studies and register online at [www.tinyurl.com/sumcfalldoorways](http://www.tinyurl.com/sumcfalldoorways) or at the registration tables.

*Open a door and discover how God is with you.*

## SOME OF THE STUDIES BEGINNING IN JANUARY.

### **Forgiveness**

Mondays, 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Begins January 9; ends February 27 (8 weeks)  
Home of Jennifer Parker (143 Glenbrook Circle). Book by Douglass Connelly (\$6)  
Join Jennifer and other women as they delve into this all important topic of forgiveness.

### **Disciple Fast Track New Testament**

Wednesdays, 9:15 to 11:30 am, Begins January 11; ends April 5 (13 Weeks)  
Knox 204 (New Beginnings Classroom). Book by Abingdon Press (\$20)

An adaptation of the original Disciple Bible Study, providing a viable option for busy people seeking comprehensive engagement over time with the entire biblical text, devoting 13 weeks to the study of the New Testament.

### **True Woman 101 (Study for moms with young children)**

Wednesdays, 10:45 to 11:45 am (just in time for preschool pickup), Begins January 11; ends March 8 (9 weeks)  
Library (Limited to 10). Book by Kassian & Demoss (\$12)

Bible teachers Mary A. Kassian and Nancy Leigh DeMoss share the key fundamentals of biblical womanhood in this eight week study.

### **Beatitudes from the Backside**

Thursdays, 10:00 to 11:30 am, Begins January 12; ends May 11 (18 Weeks), Parlor  
Book by J. Ellsworth Kalas (\$10 each)

Popular and beloved author J. Ellsworth Kalas presents new insight into some of the best know passages from the Bible.

## HELPING OTHERS THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON...

*A PERFECT TIME TO REFLECT ON THE WAYS WE SHOW OUR LOVE OF CHRIST THROUGH OUR LOVE OF OTHERS.*

### **Annual Advent Offering**

Through your offering you can...

**Haiti:** Help provide medical supplies for the medical, dental, and eye clinics in Jeremie, Haiti.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Help provide a hard-working family the opportunity to own a home.

**Harvest Hope:** Help provide food for the hungry in our community.

**Imagine No Malaria:** Help eliminate malaria through this global initiative of the United Methodist Church.

You may designate your offering to one of these missions. Undesignated offerings will be divided between these four important missions. Please make your offering by Christmas Eve, December 24.

### **Advent Giving Tree at LifeLine**

Donate new or gently used gloves, hats, scarves and cold weather items for children and adults to be given to Cooperative Ministry here in Columbia. Place items under the LifeLine Advent Tree by December 24.

## 2016 CONTRIBUTIONS

For your donations to be included for 2016, please contribute in one of these three ways:

1. Bring your contributions to the church office by 1:30 p.m. on Friday, December 30.
2. Contribute online by Saturday, December 31. Go to [www.shandon-umc.org](http://www.shandon-umc.org) and then click on "My Shandon Login" on the bottom right.
3. Mail your contributions so that they are postmarked no later than Saturday, December 31, 2016.

## SHANDON PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN 2017-18 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### Deadline for Church Member Priority on Waiting List:

December 31, 2016

Church members receive priority status for preschool and kindergarten enrollment for the 2016-17 school year only if the child's name is put on or confirmed on the waiting list prior to December 31. Registration for the 2017-18 school year will be held in February, 2017. To add/confirm your child's name to the waiting list by December 31, call the preschool office at 256-1498 or e-mail [SUMPK@shandon-umc.org](mailto:SUMPK@shandon-umc.org).



DECEMBER 11, 2016

### PRESENCE

Sunday School . . . . .	620
Worship . . . . .	841

### GIFTS – OPERATING BUDGET

MONTH OF NOVEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE
Revenues: \$184,980	Revenues: \$1,858,312
Expenses: \$(187,482)	Expenses: \$(2,032,074)
<b>Net Deficit: \$(2,502)</b>	<b>Net Deficit: \$(173,762)</b>

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON DECEMBER 18 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Wade F. Ward, Sr.** by Harry and Jane Ward and family; and in honor of the **JOY class** by Susan and Jim Brant.

### MEMORIALS IN MEMORY

- Mark H. Corley** by Debbie S. Corley
- Lynda Ferguson** by Sallie McCutchen
- John Roy Folsom** by Mr. and Mrs. John "Shep" Jordan, James Zeigler and Lucy Fuller
- Jane Haynes** by Kay Jordan, the Joy Class, Mr. and Mrs. W B Walkup
- Ed Philbeck** by Mr. and Mrs. John "Shep" Jordan, Ned Philbeck
- Betty Reece** by Georgia Heath, Ray and Margaret Kicklinger, Wesley Fellowship Class
- James and Marion Sanders** by Debbie S. Corley
- Tom Silvester** by Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen, Beth Bickham, Brock and Lorraine Conrad, Margie Miles, Libba and Angelo Perri, Jane Pregnall, Sam and Sandra Reese, C.L. and Barbara Ridgeway, Blondell and Ray Rodgers, Martha and Jim Sanders, David and Sally Seavey, Bob and Pat Spear, John and Mary Bett Thorne, the Thursday Book Club, Thursday Women's Bible Study, Jenny and Jamie Walker
- Dr. Edward Taylor** by Tom and Winna Ellis

### IN HONOR

- MaryAnn Crews** by the Staff of J. Edgar Eubanks & Associates
- Sally Manning** by Dutch and Dee Minor
- The McLeod Family** by Eva McLeod
- Holly Neuffer** by the Outreach Committee
- Mr. and Mrs. George Strait** by Jimmy and Glenda Wood

### SYMPATHY

- George and Beth Burnett** in the death of Beth's mother, Jane Isbell Haynes, on December 1, in California; and to grandson and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Andrew George Burnett and great-grandson, Andrew George Burnett, Jr.
- The family of Sarah Davies Gibbes**, who died on Sunday, December 11. Sympathy is extended to her children, Margaret G. Jackson (Joe), Caroline G. Crosswell (Bill), A. Mason Gibbes Jr. (Ann); grandchildren, Joseph P. Jackson III, Sarah G. Crosswell, William F. Crosswell Jr., Elizabeth D. Gibbes and Robert L. Gibbes.

### HOSPITALS

- Palmetto Health Baptist:** Keith Phillips



Total Pledged . . . . .	\$2,444,875
Received through November 30 . . . . .	\$2,337,461

## In Memoriam

**DR. THOMAS JOSEPH SILVESTER**  
December 3, 2016

**Senior Minister**  
C.E. "Smoke" Kanipe

**Minister of Evangelism and Outreach Ministries**  
Carly Wicklund

**Minister of Assimilation and Discipleship**  
Josh McClendon

**Business Administrator**  
Michael Hart

**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**  
Alex Clary

**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**  
William Douglas

**Director of Celebration Choir**  
Ann Philbeck

**Finance Administrative Assistant/Organist Emeritus**  
Nancy Kelley

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

**Administrative Assistant, Education**  
Tanesha Rowe

**Administrative Assistant, Associate Ministers**  
Norma Weldon

**Child Care Coordinator**  
Heather Corley

**Sound Technician**

**Custodial Staff**  
Eladio Cruz, Mel Heatley, John Whetstone

**Security**  
Harriet Davenport

**Lay Leader**  
Carter Jeffords

**Church Council Chair**  
Montague Laffitte

#### **Mission Statement**

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

# Wednesday Night Manna

***Good food. Warm fellowship.***

*Relax. Take a night off from the kitchen and enjoy spending time with old friends & making new ones.*

**NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED**

**NO MANNA ON DECEMBER 21 & 28**

Join us again on January 4.

**JANUARY 4:** Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Salad, Dessert

**SUPPER SERVED:** 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Dunn-Smith Center

**COST:** \$5 adults/youth (13+), \$2.50 children 2-12 years, under age 2 eat free

#### **ACTIVITIES**

- **Children's Activities & Bible Verses** for a prize: 5:30-6:00 p.m., gym
- **Trackers! 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Boys:** 6:00-6:45 p.m., DuBose 202  
Games & physical challenges – "tracking" God & His people through the Bible.
- **Children's Choirs – K4-6th Grade:** 4&5-years: 6:00-6:30 p.m., 1st-6th grade: 6:00-6:45 p.m.
- **Youth – Jr. High GameZone & Sr. High Synago:** 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- **Child Care for Infants-5th Grade:** 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Provided while parents are on-campus and participating in studies/programs.  
2-years-old & under, Knox 106; 3- to 5-years, DuBose 105; 1st to 5th graders, 6:45-7:30 p.m., DuBose 105