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the **VOICE**

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***Shandon's ministers
and staff wish you a
very Merry Christmas
and a Happy
New Year!***

MEET US AT SHANDON

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:
EDDIE HUSS & FRIENDS**
Sunday, December 21
6:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
Wednesday, December 24

Traditional Communion:
2:00 pm

Family Service: 5:00 pm

LifeLine Contemporary:

7:00 pm

Candlelight & Communion:

9:00 pm

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ENDING & BEGINNING

I realize we are all focused on Advent and Christmas. This is what is happening now. But I also realize the year is rapidly coming to a close.

This is the last issue of The Voice for 2014. I don't know about you, but I want to end well, but I also want to get off to a good start in 2015.

I was thinking about our ending well and beginning well, and I thought what is there to inspire us? Is there anything in the Bible that motivates toward ending and beginning well?

Then I thought about Paul's letter to the Colossians. One of my favorite passages in this little book is verses 12-17. In those verses there is good inspiration for both ending and beginning well.

Paul writes, "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

This passage contains so much inspiration for ending well regardless of how difficult the journey this year has been. And it contains much to guide and inspire us as we begin the New Year. It contains the key to happiness, the key to freedom and the key to vital spirituality.

Blessings on all of you during this Advent season and in all your endings and your beginnings.

In Faith, Michael Guffee, Sr.

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YOU'RE INVITED SUNDAY

December 21 and 28

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

SERMON 21st: "Do Not Be Afraid," Dr. Michael Guffee

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:8-14

SERMON 28th: Rev. Carly Wicklund

Ushers 21st: John Hays 28th: Joe Reynolds
Ambassadors 21st: Joy Stone 28th: Martha Sanders

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

SERMON 21st: "Do Not Be Afraid," Dr. Michael Guffee

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:8-14

SERMON 28th: Rev. Carly Wicklund

Ushers 21st: Bob Burks 28th: Richard Beale
Ambassadors 21st: Charlie/Debra 28th: Wesley Few
Rountree

11:05 a.m. LifeLine Worship

SERMON 21st: "There's Something About Mary,"

Rev. Carly Wicklund

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:26-38

SERMON 28th: Rev. Josh McClendon

Nursery Opens at 8:30 a.m.

	December 21	December 28
8:45 a.m. worship		
Crib	Chappell Wilson/ Linda Suber	Robin Heaton
Toddler	Staff	Amanda Hilley
Two-year-olds	Sarah Buscher	Caroline Manning
Three-year-olds	Taryn West	Dargan Davis

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

Crib	Emily/Joe Davis	Katherine Bryant
Toddler	Elizabeth Burt	Whitney Delbridge
Two-year-olds	Elizabeth Jeffords	Colleen Guffee
Three-year-olds	Mandie/Brian Ingram	Heather/Will Brumbach

Adult Sunday School

Join us at 9:45 a.m.

*Faith comes alive through study and discussion.
Deep friendships grow.*

Acts 2:21 (Bruner221): "Advent Study: the Good, Bad, & Ugly,"

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

Commitment (Knox205): "Christmas from the Backside"

Foundation (Knox208)

Genesis (Knox214): Dec 7: "Help, Fix, Serve?," Josh McClendon

George Huggins (Knox209): Project: Sister Care

Growing Disciples (Knox201): "Christmas," Blake Buchanan

JOY (Bruner220): "Advent," Harvey Allen

New Beginnings (Knox204): "Advent Conspiracy," Steve Carter

New Generation (Bruner224): Christmas Brunch, Dec 21

"Resolutions," Dec 28, Deb Snow

Seekers (Bruner223): "Book of Acts," John Meyer

Project: Donations to Veterans Hospital

Wesley Fellowship (WH): "Glory to God in the Highest," Dan Pruitt

Young Adult/Breakfast Club (Bruner 216): Fellowship, Discussion,
Study... and Breakfast; Jason Synder

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Office hours: Mon-Thurs, 8:30 am-5:00 pm; Fri, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 pm

COMING UP AT SHANDON

Worship: 8:45, 11:00 & 11:05 a.m. **Sunday School:** 9:45 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 Luke 1:26-38
6:00 Christmas Concert: Eddie Huss & Friends - Sanctuary

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22 Matthew 25:31-46
5:30 Wesley Ringers - Bruner 201 Ensemble Studio

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23 John 5:30-47
Lunch Bunch Not Meeting
5:30 Wesley Ringers - Bruner 201 Ensemble Studio

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 Luke 2:1-20
2:00 Communion Service - Sanctuary
5:00 Family Service - Sanctuary
7:00 LifeLine Contemporary Service - Dunn-Smith Center
9:00 Candlelight Communion Service - Sanctuary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 Luke 2:8-20
MERRY CHRISTMAS. Church Office Closed.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26 Acts 7:55-8:8
Church Office Closed.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27 John 13:2-20
8:00 Run-SMC - Adger Road Side of Shandon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28 Luke 2:22-40
9:30 Children's Popcorn & Movie - Player Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29 John 7:37-52
5:00 Basketball Practice - Gym
5:30 Wesley Ringers - Bruner 201 Ensemble Studio

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30 John 7:53-8:11
Lunch Bunch Not Meeting
5:00 Basketball Practice - Gym

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 John 8:12-19

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1 Matthew 9:14-17
HAPPY NEW YEAR. Church Office Closed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2 John 6:35-42, 48-51
4:00 Basketball Practice - Gym

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3 John 15:1-16
7:00 Basketball Games - Gym
8:00 Run-SMC - Adger Road Side of Shandon



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

*Experience a wonderful holiday program filled with beautiful, inspiring music performed by **Eddie Huss and Friends** and benefiting Epworth Children's Home.*

Features Classical and Christmas music with performers: Annette Matthews, Ashley Briggs, Siarris Family Singers, Miriam Marchetti, Dustin Ousley, Lee Ousley, William Douglas, and Eddie Huss. The Concert is free. An offering will be taken to benefit Epworth Children's Home.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Inspiring services filled with the scent of greenery, beautiful music, glowing

Childcare is available for 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. for ages three and under (Reservations required). Contact Heather Corley at Hdcorley123@yahoo.com.

Traditional Communion Service at 2:00 p.m.

Family Service at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas story with costumes, children's choirs, glow sticks, live nativity with animals

LifeLine Contemporary Service at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas story, LifeLine Band

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

Traditional service, candlelighting, Christmas Choir, live nativity

SHANDON HAS ONLINE GIVING

Fellow Church Member: I am pleased to say that Shandon United Methodist now offers Online Giving through a secure portal within our website. Online Giving has worked well for me and my family as we do all of our financing online and this immediate debit from my account has created a nice convenience for us. In the past, I was vulnerable to not giving on a particular Sunday if I forgot my checkbook or had no cash in my wallet. This set-up now has given me the comfort to know that my giving will match my pledge exactly, and I will not fall behind during the year.

If this is something you have looked forward to or had interest in, I invite you to join me in setting-up your profile and taking advantage of this portal also. - Scott Gambrell

TO GIVE ONLINE: Log-on to the Shandon website at www.shandon-umc.org and go to MY SHANDON LOGIN in the bottom right. Sign-in and follow the simple prompts. If you currently access MY SHANDON or have accessed it in the past, sign-in with your same user information. If you haven't, click NEED A LOGIN to set-up your secure user information. Your email address must be in the church database. If you need to update your email address, contact Melanie Owen at mowen@shandon-umc.org.



CHANCEL CHOIR SINGS AT BILTMORE

Tuesday, December 30

Chancel Choir has been invited to sing at Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC. 30 minute concerts: 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m., Winter Garden Room. Candlelight Tour Tickets: purchase tickets by calling, 800-441-3812.

FOR ADULTS (AGES 50+)

2015 SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

Make your reservation now for this retreat organized by the SC United Methodist Conference and hosted at Springmaid Beach, February 3-5.

Conference registration, hotel accommodations, six meals, and transportation on the church bus are included: Single Room (\$235/person), Double Room (\$169/person), Triple Room (\$147/person), Quad Room (\$106/person)

Grab a group of friends and sign up together or join us to meet some new people and build new friendships. Contact Lesli Wood at lwood@shandon-umc.org for registration and information.

BRIGHTEN CHRISTMAS FOR OUR VETERANS

Through December 21, the Seekers Class is collecting donations of toiletries and personal items for our Veterans who will be at Dorn V.A. Medical Center during Christmas. Collection bins are located in the first floor hall of the Bruner Building.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

January 4 & 11, from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Player Hall

Training is required of all adult volunteers with our children and youth ministries. Participants must bring their driver's license and contact information for three references to the training.

SHANDON PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN 2015-16 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Deadline for Church Member Priority on Waiting List: December 31, 2014. Church members receive priority status for preschool and kindergarten enrollment for the 2015-16 school year only if the child's name is put on or confirmed on the waiting list prior to December 31. Registration for the 2015-16 school year will be held in February, 2015. 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.



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

MUSIC & ARTS

MANY THANKS...

to the Chancel Choir, Youth Choir, Wesley Ringers, Celebration Choir, Cherubs, St. Nicholas and St. Cecilia Choirs for the beautiful music during the Advent and Christmas Seasons in our Sanctuary services. Special thanks to, William Douglas, Ann Philbeck, Irene Tyson, Amy Martin, Leanne Gallo, Tricia Meadors, Donna Salais and Karen Quinn for their music leadership with the choirs.

We are so grateful to Bonnie Mullis for her leadership in the decorating of our Sanctuary and preparation for the Love Feast. Also, thanks to all of those who helped with the Christmas decorations and to Jon Shrack and our Youth who served at the Love Feast.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR

Anyone who wishes to sing in the Christmas Eve Choir at the 9:00 p.m. service, may join us in the Choir Room, second floor of the Bruner Building, at 8:15 p.m. for a brief rehearsal. We will sing the familiar, "Candlelight Carol," by John Rutter and lead the



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

Twos: And they will call him, Emmanuel. (Matthew 1:23)
Threes-5th Grade: And they will call him, Emmanuel. (Matthew 1:23)
December 21: The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-20)
December 28: : Popcorn and a Movie – Player Hall

6th Grade:
December 21: God's Faithfulness (Jesus is Born)
December 28: Worshipping (The Magi)

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2015

Confirmation Preparation classes for 6th & 7th graders for church membership will be held Sunday evenings beginning in January 2015, and running through April 2015. Parents of interested students should contact Lesli Wood at lwood@shandon-umc.org for information and registration.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Children's Sunday, Bibles presented to 3-year-olds: Sunday, January 25
VBS and Day Camp: June 8-12
Watch the calendar for other exciting opportunities!



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. [CONNECT] – SMY REAL.

Jon at jshrack@shandon-umc.org or JP at jparker@shandon-umc.org
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:40 a.m.: Food, fun & fellowship **9:55 a.m.:** Announcements **10:00 a.m.:** Sunday school classes for all ages

NEW SCHEDULE FOR MYF STARTING JANUARY 4

- 5:00-5:30 p.m.: JAM, Jesus and Music
 - 5:30-5:45 p.m.: SNACK & FELLOWSHIP
 - 5:45-6:30 p.m.: JUNIOR HIGH & SENIOR HIGH BREAKOUTS
- Meet us in the Youth Zone.
- YOUTH CHOIR 6:45-7:30 p.m.

No MYF & JAM on December 14, 21 & 28

REVOLUTION: Get Ready. We're Going January 30-February 1

Revolution is a youth conference hosted by the church conference. Youth from all over South Carolina come to Columbia for a weekend of worship, digging into scripture, and having fun.



DOORWAYS TO GOD

WINTER 2015 STUDIES

REGISTER by Sunday, December 28

in the Bruner Building main hall or Dunn-Smith Center lobby or at www.shandon-umc.org

Participants can purchase books at the registration tables.

■ MEN'S WINTER STUDY

(Time: TBA based upon the preferences of participants)

Leader: Rev. Josh McClendon

Our Men's Ministry, The Sons of Thunder, will have a new study option for Winter 2015 called the "Men's Triple Feature." Guys will gather in small groups to watch three popular full-length feature films, divided into manageable parts over the course of 10-12 weeks. Each week there will be time for fellowship, viewing, and then discussion about the Biblical and theological insights of these powerful movies.

For more info or to register, visit: ShandonThunder.wordpress.com/mens-triple-feature or contact Rev. Josh McClendon at jmclendon@shandon-umc.org.

■ WOMEN'S STUDY — THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Thursdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Beginning January 8 (Parlor)

Leader: Gessner Dunn Study Book by William Barclay (\$12 each)

In this study, William Barclay discusses the purpose and plan of the book of Acts, Luke's skill as a historian, the accuracy of Luke's sources, and the honesty with which Luke uses them.

This study group is a continuation from the fall of 2014, but new participants are welcome to join. The group is beginning to examine Paul's ministry with the Gentiles, and this is a great time to join the study. The study group consists of a wonderful group of women from several generations who get to know each other and support one another in their faith journeys. Only new participants need to register.

■ IN SEARCH OF CHRISTIAN ORIGINS – THE HISTORY OF EARLY CHRISTIANITY

10 Mondays, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Beginning January 12 (Knox 205)

Leaders: Keith Phillips & Betty Ruff Materials provided by leaders

This DVD series from James H. Charlesworth of Princeton Theological Seminary presents a thorough overview of the history of Early Christianity from its beginnings as an obscure Jewish sect in 1st century Israel-Palestine to its dramatic ascension as the religion of the Roman Empire in the fourth century.

■ THE OLD TESTAMENT – PART II: JUDGES AND BEYOND

12 Mondays, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Beginning January 12 (Knox 204)

Leaders: Alix Hay & Margaret Hays No study book (Study materials provided by leaders)

Join us for Part II of a scholarly Old Testament study begun last fall. The study is based on DVDs featuring Professor Amy Jill Levine, Ph.D. Beginning with Levine's insights and teachings on the book of Judges, this study continues with Kings and moves beyond the Babylonian Exile. Weekly scripture readings are outlined to accompany the series. All participants need to register including fall 2014 participants. Read Judges, Chapters 1-8 before first session.

■ PHILLIPIANS

9 Wednesdays, 9:15-10:30 a.m., Beginning January 14-March 11 (Knox 204)

Leaders: Jennie Lambe & Ruthie Taylor Study book by N.T. Wright along with Dale and Sandy Larson (\$6 each)

Things don't always go the way the hope or plan. Join us as we study Paul's writings to the Phillipians from prison. As we study we will be encouraged to learn from Paul the art of seeing God's purposes working out through problems and difficulties, and they will deepen our own confidence in God's power.

Participants are asked to read Lesson 1 from the study book before the first session.

GROWING THROUGH DIVORCE

SUPPORT GROUP AT SHANDON


To assist people who are approaching divorce or who have divorced.

The support group will begin on Thursday, January 22 and continue for eight consecutive Thursday nights through March 12 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The sessions allow people to begin letting go of painful feelings and to affirm a new sense of self worth. Friendships are developed in a supportive environment. For over 15 years, these groups have encouraged hundreds of people in the community.

Topics for discussion come from Jim Smoke's book, *Growing Through Divorce*. Group facilitators are caring individuals who have been divorced a good while and moved on to positive directions. A \$14 book fee is payable to SUMC at the first session.

Open to anyone, pre-registration is necessary and on a first come, first served basis until the group is filled. Contact coordinator Anne Cox by January 16: 803-917-6861 or anne41450@aol.com

"I have learned the importance of setting goals (even small ones). I realize that I'm not alone in this journey and can start to move forward. The facilitators are terrific. Thanks to them for everything!" -Growing Through Divorce group member



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DECEMBER 14, 2014

PRESENCE

Sunday School	573
Worship	776

GIFTS – OPERATING BUDGET

December 7	December 14	Year-to-Date
Revenues	Revenues	Revenues
\$44,986	\$62,224	\$1,821,562
December 7	December 14	Year-to-Date
Expenses	Expenses	Expenses
\$17,273	\$51,116	\$1,952,791



BLESSED to SERVE
Debt Free & Mission Forward

Total Pledged	\$2,444,875
Received through November 30, 2014.	\$1,160,935
Allocated to Family Shelter	\$290,234
Mortgage Balance November 30, 2014	\$530,000

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON DECEMBER 21 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Wade Fitzgerald Ward** by Harry, Jane, Michael Ward and Mary Beth and Grayson Lambert; and in honor of **their children and grandchildren** by Susan and Jim Brant.

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MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY

- Kathleen Bell** by Thomas B. Ellis
- Eloise Adcock Bradham** by Judy and Julie McClendon
- Blake Jernigan** by Karen and Basil Shaver
- John Kerr** by Thomas B. Ellis
- Armin Marvin** by Thomas B. Ellis
- Happy and Ken Richmond** by Judy and Julie McClendon

IN HONOR

- Mike and Debbie Beecken** by an anonymous donor
- Dr. and Mrs. John Black** by Thomas B. Ellis
- The Celebration Choir** by Joe and Peggy Lawrence
- Ann Philbeck** by the Celebration Choir
- Donna Windham** by Penny Baird Sparrow
- Rebekah and Bob Zion** by Thomas B. Ellis

SYMPATHY

- Greg and Connie (Hyman) Terrill** on the death of his mother, Arlene Morris on December 3 in Fort Worth, TX and to grandchildren Laura, Alan, and Christine.
- Larry and BJ Nelson** on the death of her father Cecil Everett Blanks on December 10 and to grandchildren Lauren and Nick.

HOSPITALS

No church members are currently in hospitals.

TAX CREDIT FOR FINANCIAL DONATIONS

To receive a 2014 tax credit for financial donations to Shandon: All financial donations must be brought to the church office by December 31 or mailed to the church with a postmark no later than December 31. Thank you for supporting Shandon's ministries with your financial gifts.

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.

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Michael Guffee, Sr.

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
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Bea Daves

Director of Kitchen Ministries
Timothy Scott

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William Douglas

Director of Celebration Choir
Ann Philbeck

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Security
Harriet Davenport

Lay Leader
Jerry Mitchell

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 Mama

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

HOLIDAY BREAK: DECEMBER 24 & 31.

Meet us again on January 7, 2015.

SUPPER SERVED: 5:15-6:15 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 – 4-6th Grade:** 4&5-years: 6:15-6:45 p.m., 1st-6th grade: 6:00-6:45 p.m.
- **WRAP – Youth:** 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Hangout in the Gameroom with some *Real Awesome People*.
- **Child Care for Infants-5th Grade:** 5:30-7:30 p.m. 2-years-old & under, Knox 106;
3- to 5-years-old, DuBose 105; 1st to 5th graders, 6:45-7:30 p.m., DuBose 105