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# *the* VOICE

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## REFLECT

*Advent is a state of mind as well as a season in the church year.*

*As a state of mind  
Advent is not intended  
to be preparation for  
Christmas, the first  
coming of Christ.  
It is rather a season in  
which we make present  
again the miraculous  
event as we prepare for  
Christ's second coming.  
In Advent we are to  
pray, "Thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in  
heaven," and then,  
with God's help, to act  
as if it has already  
come.*

**In Advent we hear the words of John the Baptist who invites us to live each day prepared for Christ's second coming. How can we do that?**

John says, "Repent." There was a time when to repent implied expressing deep sorrow and regret for our sins. With this understanding in mind, Advent "cloaked in purple" became much like Lent, a penitential season.

In our day, theologians have rightfully turned Advent into a contemplative season cloaked in blue, a season in which we are invited to contemplate how we can live faithfully between Christ's first and second comings. Repent therefore must have a new and different meaning, to reflect on the way we have been living.

The best example I can think of this is sailing. Sailors set a course for some destination, sometimes a destination they have never heard about or dreamed about. And they set out in the hope of reaching it. As we set sail we know we will have to contend with the wind, surf, tides and undercurrents. There will be fierce wind and dark nights without stars to guide us. There will be times of dead calm when we drift off course and times of severe storms when we will be tossed to and fro. We will surely get off course many times. Sometimes we may actually need to turn around, and from time to time we will need to adjust our course to make sure we are traveling in the right direction. And that is what it means to repent and to live prepared during Advent.

From God's perspective, we the followers of Christ have lost our way and need to make dramatic changes in the direction we are sailing. Like storms at sea, our ships are surrounded by conditions that point us away from God's rule: immorality, war, violence, injustice, prejudice, self-will, and instability. We live in a world that has lost a vision of new possibilities. We become so set in our ways and of being certain we are right, so that we are unwilling to make any changes in the way we are traveling.

In Advent we are offered the opportunity to reflect on our journey and to make sure we are sailing in the right direction. Advent offers us the unique opportunity to recommit ourselves to a vision of God's reign and rule. In the process may we remember that God's future may not always be the future we desire, the future that benefits us. We need to critically reflect on our lives to be sure the future we live for is the future God envisions.

May God grant us the grace to have faith in a future that transforms our imaginations and makes it possible for us to live lives and dream dreams that correspond to God's will and holy purposes. In Faith, Michael Guffee, Sr.

# YOU'RE INVITED SUNDAY

December 6 and 13

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

**SERMON 6th:** "Peace on Earth," Dr. Michael Guffee

**SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 4:6-9

**SERMON 13th:** Dr. Michael Guffee

Ushers 6th: Ed Watson, Jr. 13th: Dan Vismor  
Ambassadors 6th: Dana Wolfe 13th:

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

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Ambassadors 6th: 13th: Nancy Mauterer

11:05 a.m. LifeLine Worship

**SERMON 6th:** "Peace More Loud and Deep,"

Rev. Josh McClendon

**SCRIPTURE:** Malachi 3:1-4

**SERMON 13th:** Rev. Carly Wicklund

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

	December 6	December 13
<b>8:45 a.m. worship</b>		
Crib	Ashlee Buchanan	Caroline Manning
Toddler	Staff	Staff
Two-year-olds	Tracy Bender	Staff
Three-year-olds	Caitlin Bruner	Staff
<b>11:00 a.m. and 11:05 a.m. worship</b>		
Crib	Robyn Lynn	Mary Catherine Brock
Toddler	Sam/Ellen Barron	Staff
Two-year-olds	Jenny O'Neill	Nicole Crook
Three-year-olds	Allison Crane	Jason Snyder

## Adult Sunday School

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

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

**Acts 2:21** (Bruner221): "Study of Advent Hymns"

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

**Commitment** (Knox205): "Advent Study"

Project: Epworth Clinton Cottage

**Foundation** (Knox208)

**Genesis** (Knox214): Dec 6: Ben Brantley, Dec 13: Irene Tyson

**George Huggins** (Knox209): Dec 6: "Following a Star and Finding a Stable" Dec 13: "The Ultimate Challenge: Mary and Joseph," Bob Spear

**Growing Disciples** (Knox201)

**Journey** (Bruner216): "Advent 4-Week Study"

**JOY** (Bruner220): "Advent," Harvey Allen

**New Beginnings** (Knox204)

**New Generation** (Bruner224): Dec 6: Anne Cox, Dec 13: Brunch

**Seekers** (Bruner223): "Advent," Pam Speas

**Wesley Fellowship** (WH): "The Lord's Day," Beth Burnett

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# COMING UP AT SHANDON

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

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

Luke 3:1-6

4:00 Basketball Early Practice - Gym  
5:00 MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship) - Youth Zone/Gym  
6:30 Basketball Make-up Practice - Gym  
7:00 USC Christmas Concert - Sanctuary  
6:45 Youth Choir Practice - Bruner 206

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

John 3:22-36

9:00 P&K Christmas Pageant Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
4:00 Basketball Practice - Gym  
5:30 Board of Trustees - Conference Room  
6:30 Doorways Jesus in the Gospels - Knox 209

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Matthew 3:1-6

9:00 P&K Christmas Pageant Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
12:00 Lunch Bunch - Wesley Hall (Pre-Lunch Cards: 10:00 WH)  
5:00 Staff Parish Relations Committee - Conference Room  
6:00 Joy Sunday School Class Christmas Party - Gym

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Matthew 3:7-12

11:00 P&K Christmas Pageant - Sanctuary  
5:15 Wednesday Night Manna - Dunn-Smith Center  
6:00 Children's Choirs, Trackers, Youth (see back cover)  
6:00 Shandon Book Club - Bruner 221  
6:30 Doorways Men's Study - Player Hall  
7:00 Boy Scout Meeting - Knox 204  
7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Bruner 206

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

John 1:6-13

10:00 Doorways Women's Thursday Study - Parlor  
4:00 Basketball Practice - Gym  
6:00 Boy Scouts Round Table - Bruner 220

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

John 1:19-28

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Matthew 23:23-28

8:00 Basketball Games - Gym  
9:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
11:00 Wesley Fellowship Class - Player Hall  
5:30 George Huggins Class Christmas Party - Player Hall

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Luke 3:7-18

11:00 Acts 221 Class Christmas Dinner - Wesley Hall  
12:00 Epworth Christmas Event - Youth Zone  
2:00 Love Feast Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
3:00 Men's Council - Knox 209  
4:00 Basketball Early Practice - Gym  
5:00 Love Feast - Sanctuary  
7:00 Basketball Make-up Practice - Gym

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

Matthew 23:29-39

4:00 Basketball Practice - Gym  
5:30 Property Committee - Conference Room  
6:30 Doorways Jesus in the Gospels - Knox 209  
6:30 Piano Recital - Wesley Hall

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Matthew 12:30-37

12:00 Lunch Bunch - Player Hall (Pre-Lunch Cards: 10:00 PH)  
4:00 Basketball Practice - Gym  
6:00 Staff Parish Relations - Conference Room  
6:30 Piano Recital - Wesley Hall

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Matthew 12:39-45

5:15 Wednesday Night Manna - Dunn-Smith Center  
6:00 Children's Choirs, Trackers, Youth (see back cover)  
6:30 Doorways Men's Study - Player Hall  
7:00 Boy Scout Meeting - Knox 204  
7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Bruner 206

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

Matthew 14:1-12

4:00 Basketball Practice - Gym

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

Luke 1:5-25

4:00 Basketball Practice - Gym

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

Luke 1:26-38

8:00 Basketball Games - Gym



# JOIN US — ADVENT

## HANGING OF THE GREENS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

*Greet Advent and experience the warm feeling of entering the church during this special season.*

A moving service filled with Christian symbolism, glorious decorations, scripture readings and beautiful music of the season by the Celebration Choir.

*Find out more about the Sanctuary Symbols of Advent and Christmas on page 4.*

## LOVE FEAST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

*Be a part of this annual celebration filled with wonderful music by the Chancel Choir and Orchestra and sharing bread, coffee and warm fellowship.*

A service rich in Christian fellowship and part of the Methodist heritage in America and in England for over 200 years. The custom was brought to America by the Moravians, and John Wesley, founder of the United Methodist Church, introduced the Love Feast to the Methodists.

Childcare is available for ages three and under (Reservations required). Contact Heather Corley at Hdcorley123@yahoo.com.

Please bring non-perishable food items for Harvest Hope.

## BENEFIT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

*Experience a wonderful holiday program filled with beautiful, inspiring music performed by **Eddie Huss and Friends** and benefiting Imagine No Malaria.*

Features Classical and Christmas music with various musical performers. The Concert is free. An offering will be taken to benefit Imagine No Malaria, an initiative of our South Carolina United Methodist Conference.

## USC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The University of South Carolina Concert Choir, with Dr. Larry Wyatt, conducting, will present a Christmas concert.

## Christmas Wreaths are Here!

For those who placed an order with the "Sons of Thunder" Wreath Sale to benefit the Scouts, the wreaths are available for pick-up this Sunday morning, December 6 after Sunday school and after the 11:00 a.m. worship services in Player Hall. Merry Christmas, and thank you for supporting our Scouting program here at Shandon!

# SANCTUARY SYMBOLS OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

*Many thanks to Bonnie Mullis and her worship team for appointing the Sanctuary with the many symbols of Advent and Christmas, including the Chrismon trees on either side of the Chancel.*

Chrismon Ornaments were originated and first made for use on the Christmas tree of Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia, in 1957 by Francis Kipps Spencer, a church member. The designs were monograms of and symbols for our Lord Jesus Christ. Because these designs have been used by his followers since biblical times, they are the heritage of all Christians and serve to remind each of us regardless of denomination of the One we follow. All Chrismon Ornaments are made in a combination of white and gold to symbolize the purity and majesty of the Son of God and the Son of Man. The word, Chrismon, is taken from the words, “Christ,” and “Monogram.”

Our Paraments in the Chancel area and Processional Banner are blue with symbols representing the season of Advent. The color, blue, is an alternate color from violet and sometimes used to distinguish the season from Lent. Blue is a symbol of hope and expectation and associated with the Virgin Mary. A color of the sky, blue symbolizes Christ who in one ancient song is called the “Dayspring,” or source of glory. Symbols used include: an angel, trumpet, cross and stars. During the season of Christmas, December 24-January 6, the Paraments are white with symbols of gold representing purity and majesty.

## GET INVOLVED WITH THE FRIENDSHIP

The FriendShip is a non-profit organization that offers programs and services to support members age 50 and over who wish—and are able—to age-in-place. Volunteers and members join together to provide a network of support that empowers seniors to lead healthy, independent, active, engaged lifestyles while living in their own homes and communities. For more information visit the organization’s website <http://www.thefriendship.org/home.html>

## POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary or at LifeLine for Christmas in honor or memory of a loved one, use the poinsettia forms found in the pew racks or on LifeLine information table. The cost is \$16.00. You may also make a donation to the landscape fund. The deadline to order is December 6.

## THANK YOU...

Advent Workshop was a huge success and we are thrilled so many of you were able to join us. We would like to thank all of those fabulous volunteers who assisted us with Second Helpings, cutting wood, the set up for the workshop and help during the workshop. We could not have done it without your help!

## COLD WEATHER ITEMS FOR LIFELINE ADVENT TREE

Bring new or gently used gloves, hats, scarves and cold weather items for children and adults to be hung on the annual LifeLine Advent Tree. All donated items will be given to The Cooperative Ministry here in Columbia.



*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 6 & 13. See you on Sunday at 9:45 a.m.**

**Twos:** Jesus is Born

**Threes-6th Grade:** *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulder. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6*

*For to us a child is born.*

**December 6:** Prophets Foretell Jesus' Coming (Jeremiah 33:14-16)

**December 13:** Zechariah Prophecies About Jesus (Luke 1:68-79)

■ **POPCORN AND A MOVIE Sunday, 27 at 9:45 a.m.**

**K-5th Grade Sunday School Classes.**

We look forward to having your child(ren) join us for "Popcorn & Movie" during the Sunday school hour in Player Hall. 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. During the hour we'll sing songs, watch an animated Bible story, and enjoy popcorn from Cromer's. Please plan to pick-up your child from Player Hall at 10:45 a.m.

■ **"HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS" PARTY Sunday, December 20, 2015 3:00 – 4:00 pm**

Dunn-Smith Ministry Center 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 will also make Christmas Cards for shut in members of our Church. It is sure to be an Advent event that you will not want to miss! Online registration is open.



*If you're a 7th-12th grader – join us...*

***SMY where we're Keeping It Real – Relying Everything Around the Lord.***

*Make real friends & have real fun. Ask real questions & get real answers.*

*Have a real voice & share real ideas. Discover real faith & make a real difference.*

Jon at [jshrack@shandon-umc.org](mailto:jshrack@shandon-umc.org)

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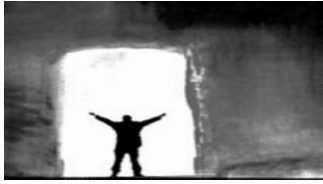
■ **MYF Join us on December 6, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Youth Zone/Gym**

Continue inviting all your friends and let's fill this place up! Everyone is welcome!!

NO MYF on December 13, 20 & 27.

■ **LOVE FEAST Sunday, December 13.**

Youth will serve.



# DOORWAYS TO GOD

## WINTER STUDIES COMING SOON

Registration begins December 13  
Online on the Shandon website and  
in the Bruner Building main hall or Dunn-Smith Center lobby

Watch for information about the variety of studies that will begin in mid-January.

## COME TO "THE WELL" ...

**A retreat for women to renew your spirit,  
to nurture your faith, to rest your body, to encourage your discipleship.**

January 15-17, 2016  
At the Cove Retreat Center in Asheville, NC

Join Shandon women of all ages (Friends and neighbors are welcome.)  
Deposit of \$100 due Sunday, Dec. 6  
Register online or use paper registration available with Karen Daves in the Education Office.

## GIFT A BOOK TO OUR LIBRARY

**Honor a Special Friend, Staff Member or Sunday School Teacher and  
Provide Children's Books for our Library**

On Sundays through Christmas, the Children's Ministry is sponsoring a Book Gifting Program to help provide enjoyable and meaningful children's books for our Shandon library. There are a large variety of books available. Stop by the book tables in the Bruner Building hall or Dunn-Smith Ministries Center foyer to preview the books. You may gift a book by selecting it, completing the information for the book plate, writing a check and placing all the items in the basket. Your gift will continue to give joy and encouragement to others for years to come.

## SHANDON BOOK CLUB

**NEXT DISCUSSION: December 9, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Bruner 221**

***The Orphan Train*, by Christina Kline**

The conversations on the second Wednesdays are a great way to get to know people and stretch your thinking about all kinds of subjects that affect our lives and faith. Come any time. You'll find a very warm welcome. To be on the Shandon Book Club mailing list, contact contact Anne Cox at [anne41450@aol.com](mailto:anne41450@aol.com).

# SHANDON PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

## 2016-17 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Deadline for Church Member Priority on Waiting List: December 31, 2015. 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 2016-17 school year will be held in February, 2016. 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).

### COMMITMENT CARDS

If you haven't returned your Stewardship Commitment Card, please return this Sunday. You may also complete your card online [www.shandon-umc.org/stewardship2016.asp](http://www.shandon-umc.org/stewardship2016.asp)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

#### AMBASSADOR VOLUNTEERS

*Help Make Shandon a Welcoming Church.*  
Make door step visits to first time visitors and leave a packet of Shandon information. Contact Peggy at [ppatton@shandon-umc.org](mailto:ppatton@shandon-umc.org).

#### SHANDON FLOWER MINISTRY

Volunteers are needed to deliver two vases of flowers each week to shut-ins. Contact Peggy at [ppatton@shandon-umc.org](mailto:ppatton@shandon-umc.org).

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON DECEMBER 6 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Dr. James H. Blair and John Blair** by their family.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON DECEMBER 13 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, **Jane and John Brewer**, by Bonnie Mullis and Holly Neuffer.

#### MEMORIALS IN MEMORY


**Benjamin S. Barnes** by Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen  
**Margaret D. Carroll** by Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen  
**Mark H. Corley** by Debbie S. Corley  
**Bob Harbison** by Ray and Margaret Kightlinger  
**Nat Holland** by Debbie S. Corley  
**Frank D. McDonald** by Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen  
**Jimmie Rogers** by Sallie and Ted McCutchen, Doug and Betty Neal  
**James A. Sanders and Marion G. Sanders** by Debbie S. Corley  
**Jonnie Wilkins** by Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen  
**Anne Wyndham** by Susan C. Carter, Doug and Betty Neal, Bill and Kay Ogburn

#### IN SYMPATHY

**Rev. Julie Songer Belman (former Minister of Evangelism & Outreach at Shandon) and Travis Belman** in the death of her father, Donald Raymond Songer, Ph. D of Columbia, SC on November 29.

#### HOSPITALS

**Palmetto Health Baptist:** Cathleen Dean



**Christian STEWARDSHIP**  
Prayers • Presence • Gifts • Service • Witness

**NOVEMBER 29, 2015**

**PRESENCE**

Sunday School . . . . .	526
Worship . . . . .	729

**GIFTS – OPERATING BUDGET**

November 22	November 29	Year-to-Date
Revenues	Revenues	Revenues
\$37,288	\$41,502	\$1,809,969
November 22	November 29	Year-to-Date
Expenses	Expenses	Expenses
\$60,054	\$30,200	\$1,961,435

**Senior Minister**  
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**  
Eddie Huss

**Director of Christian Education  
and Programs**  
Lesli Wood

**Director of Youth Ministries**  
Jon Shrack

**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**  
Karen Daves

**Administrative Assistant,  
Associate Ministers**  
Peggy Patton

**Child Care Coordinator**  
Heather Corley

**Sound Technician**  
Cindi Reid

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

**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**

**MENU: December 9:** Roast Beef, New Potatoes, Lima Beans, Salad, Dessert

**December 16:** Lasagna, Noodles, Salad, Breadsticks, Dessert

**Holiday Break: December 23 & 30. Meet us again on January 6, 2016.**

**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 – k4-6th Grade:** 4&5-years: 6:15-6:45 p.m., 1st-6th grade: 6:00-6:45 p.m.
- **Youth – Jr. High Open Game Room & Sr. High Synago:** 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- **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