

The Foundation

SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER

Donations Needed for Orphanage

Thank you to everyone who supported the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper by purchasing tickets for the event.

Due to the threat of bad weather, we didn't sell as many tickets as we had hoped. For the past six years we have been sponsoring two children at the orphanage in Jeramie, Haiti. To be able to do so again this year, we need to raise \$600 more dollars to meet our expenses and cover their sponsorship.

If you, your Sunday school class, or other group is interested in donating to help, contact Susan Curran at scurran@shandon-umc.org.

The wedding vows of a celebrity couple says a lot about our current society. Instead of the old-fashioned vow of "Till death do us part," the couple promised to take care of one another "as long as love lasts." Now really how long will that be.

Outside – you'll always feel an emptiness.

In a world with increasingly popular phrases like "exit strategy" and "keeping my options open," these vows fit the mold.

No matter how those who use such strategies put it, they are saying the same thing – we are not fully committed.

Commitment is the starting point of any relationship. Marriage begins with a vow, a new job with an agreement detailing responsibilities and compensation, and even joining the church

involves commitment to God and our fellow church members. Commitment is the foundation on which everything else will be built.

You were created to be in a relationship with God. Outside of that relationship, you'll always feel an emptiness. God wants from us what He has offered us: an everlasting covenant. He wants you to be committed to that relationship. There will be mercy when you fail your end of the commitment and grace when you turn away from that relationship temporarily; but God is always there, He is always faithful to the covenant even when we are not.

The parable of the lost sheep in Luke 15:1-7 tells how committed God is to the relationship with us. A shepherd had one hundred sheep and lost one so he left the ninety-nine behind so he could go and look for the lost sheep. And he looked for the sheep until he found it.

Being committed to God presents itself in many forms. There is prayer, of course, when we really have conversations with God. There is presence in a church family, where we partner with others to accomplish God's mission. There are gifts, where we share freely what God has given us. And there is service where we help carry our weight as the Body of Christ. Those four commitments are part of the outgrowth of a healthy relationship with God, not four tasks that we can check off as a substitute for that relationship.

But still commitments are broken, and we sometimes break our commitment to God. Why? It can be easy to blame the devil when he's not the one at fault. Remember just as Jesus overcame the devil's temptations in the wilderness, God promises that if we lean on Him and His word we can do the same. So what we have to do is resist the devil and trust God by letting him be in charge of our lives.

We have to consider the possibility that we may be the one standing in our own way when it comes to our commitment to God. Could you be allowing a past hurt to prevent you from giving your heart to God fully? Or maybe you are not willing to give up that much control of your life to God. Reflect on where you are and remember God is always faithful, and He is always calling us into the deeper waters of commitment.

In Faith, Michael Guffee, Sr.

You're invited sunday

February 21 and 28

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

SERMON 21st: "In the Making: Decision Time,"

Dr. Michael Guffee Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

SERMON 28th: Dr. Michael Guffee

Ushers 21st: John Hays 28th: Joe Reynolds

Ambassadors 21st: Frank/Sallie Manning 28th

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

SERMON 21st: "In the Making: Decision Time,"

Dr. Michael Guffee Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

SERMON 28th: Dr. Michael Guffee

Ushers 21st: Bob Burks 28th: Richard Beale Ambassadors 21st: Marshall/Caroline Griffin 28th: Emily Davis

11:05 a.m. LifeLine Worship

SERMON 21st: "Fishing for More," Rev. Carly Wicklund

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

SERMON 28th: Rev. Josh McClendon

Nursery Opens at 8:30 a.m. February 21 Feb

8:45 a.m. worshipFebruary 21February 28CribRobin HeatonStaffToddlerLauren LaffitteStaffTwo-year-oldsStaffStaff

Three-year-olds Staff Amanda Hilley

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

Crib Stephanie Bridgers Katherine Bryant

Toddler Staff Staff

Two-year-olds Whitney Delbridge Jenny O'Neil Lauren Bilton Allison Crane

Adult Sunday School Join us at 9:45 a.m.

Faith comes alive through study and discussion.

Deep friendships grow.

Five-Week Study Series: In the Making: Being & Becoming Disciples of Christ

Acts 2:21 (Bruner221)

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

Commitment (Knox205) Foundation (Knox208) Genesis (Knox214)

George Huggins (Knox209)

Growing Disciples (Knox201)

Journey (Bruner216)

JOY (Bruner220)

New Beginnings (Knox204)

New Generation (Bruner224) Seekers (Bruner223)

Wesley Fellowship (WH)

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COMING UP AT SHANDON

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

	FEBRUARY 21	Luke 13:31-35
	TREK Discipleship Course - Wesley Hall	
5:00	Confirmation Open Gym - Gym	
5:00	MYF - Youth Zone	222 224/225
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6:00	Children's Choirs, Trackers, Youth (see ba	
6:00	Celebration Choir Rehearsal - Bruner 206	
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6:15	Doorways Women's Study, Battlefield of N	Aind - Knox 201
7:00	Scout Meeting - Knox 204 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Bruner 206	
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	NY, FEBRUARY 25	Mark 4:21-34
10:00	Doorways Women's Thurs Study Parables -	Parlor
6:30	Divorce Support Group - Parlor	
	EBRUARY 26	Mark 4:35-41
6:00	Columbia District: Reaching New People -	Gym
SATURDA	Y, FEBRUARY 27	Mark 5:1-20
9:00	Columbia District: Reaching New People -	Gym
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12:00	LifeLine Volunteer Luncheon - Player Hall	Luke 13:1-9
12:15	Come to the Well Reunion Lunch - Wesley	Hall
2:00	Scouts Pinewood Derby - Gym	
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SATURDAY, MARCH 5



Being & Becoming Disciples

Forming us into something new as Christ's followers.

Our church is taking strides to shift from a culture of church membership toward one of Christian discipleship. During this Lenten season, a major step in that direction is for our entire congregation to participate in a church-wide campaign aimed at understanding how God is calling us to be formed into Christian disciples as a congregation.

For five weeks, from February 21 through March 20, we encourage any and every person connected to this faith community to join us for the "In the Making" sermon series and accompanying Sunday school curriculum. The sermons will invite individuals to reflect on the extent that they are authentic and active disciples of Jesus, and how they can grow in that direction. The Sunday school material is designed to help classes see themselves properly as disciple-making groups. The five themes of the curriculum sum up the five key principles of Wesleyan discipleship.

This is the perfect time to rededicate yourself to attending worship, or to finding a Sunday school home. You don't want to miss this five weeks at Shandon – not just an exercise of "nice ideas" but a season that sparks transformation.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF TAKING ON SOMETHING "NEW" THIS LENTEN SEASON?

Join your Shandon family for our Lenten Rehab with Habitat for Humanity.

February 26, 27, March 4, 5, 12, 18, 19 – 229 Riley Street off of Bluff Road in the Arthurtown Community

No construction experience is necessary. Great for Sunday school classes, small groups and individuals. Commit to one day of work. Ages 16 and up may participate. Go to https://midlandshabitat.volunteermatrix.com to register. Click on "access code," type in "SUMC," and click "go." You will find the build days, slots/shifts available. It only takes a few minutes. Be the hands and feet of Jesus and put your faith in action by serving on Shandon's Habitat Rehab Project! For more information, contact Jennifer Parker at jpclemsongirl@gmail.com.

GIVE TO OUR ANNUAL LENTEN OFFERING

AS YOU REFLECT ON BEING JESUS' DISCIPLE THIS LENTEN SEASON, SHARE HIS LOVE WITH OTHERS SO THEY ARE ENCOURAGED BY HIS LOVE AND HOPE.

Share His Love with others through your contribution to:

- HAITI: Help provide medical supplies for the medical, dental, and eye clinics in Jeremie, Haiti,
- LIGHTHOUSE FOR LIFE: Help combat sex trafficking in the Midlands through education, restoration, and empowerment. www.lighthouseforlife.org
- IMAGINE NO MALARIA: Help eliminate malaria through this global initiative of the United Methodist Church.

Look for more information about how to give in your Lenten Offering mailer or on the Lenten Offering pew envelopes.



MUSIC & ARTS

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

DUKE UNIVERSITY CHORALE CONCERT

The Duke University Chorale will present a concert in our Sanctuary on Friday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

■ NEED TO HOUSE DUKE STUDENTS FOR CONCERT — CAN YOU HELP?

We need to house 40 students on Friday night, March 18 after the concert. If anyone is willing to house two students for one night and provide breakfast for them on Saturday, contact Eddie Huss in the church office at 256-8383, ext. 104 or ehuss@shandon-umc.org.

YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR

Youth Handbell Choir meets as a part of our Youth Choir rehearsal on Sundays from 6:45-7:30 p.m. The choir sings from 6:45-7:10 p.m. in the Music Suite and then works with handbells from 7:10-7:30 p.m. in the Bell Room.



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 – jshrack@shandon-umc.org Alex – aclary@shandon-umc.org FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA: Facebook: Shandon UMC MYF Instagram: shandon_myf Twitter: ShandonMYF

- MYF Be sure to join us on February 21, 28 & March 6 from 5:00-6:30 p.m., Youth Zone/Gym Join us for fellowship, fun and digging into the Bible. Invite all your friends! Everyone is welcome!! Enjoy two slices of pizza & a soda for \$1.50. Bring a friend and you both eat free pizza.
- SENIOR HIGH LOCK-IN March 4 & 5
- THE GATHERING March 13
- WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6:00-7:00 p.m. Jr. High Open Game Room & Sr. High Synago
- JUNIOR HIGH SPRING RETREAT April 8-10. 7th-8th Grade

An awesome weekend digging into God's word and having a blast at Asbury Hills Camp & Retreat Center How Much: \$75 deposit due February 24 & remaining \$60 balance due March 23 Cost Includes:

Lodging, T-shirt, Transportation, Four Meals, Program Materials, Activities, Underwrites expense of accompanying adults. Be sure to bring extra money for dinner Friday night and lunch on Sunday!

Activities Include:

Creek Hiking, Team Building Activities, Campfires, And so much more!

Be sure to check your email for registration info and drop-off money to Jon, Alex, Karen in the Education Hub.

■ ON THE HORIZON Day Camp: June 6-10 YMP (Youth Mission Project): July 10-16



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

Twos: Jesus Loves the Children

Threes-6th Grade: "Do to others as you would have them do to you." (Luke 6:31)

February 21: Jesus Teaches About Loving Enemies (Luke 6:27-38) **February 28:** Jesus teaches us About Good Fruit (Luke 6:43-45)

■ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (CAVE QUEST) & DAY CAMP Monday-Friday, June 6-10

Online registration will be held the month of April. Watch for more info.

VBS is open for children who will have completed any of grades 3-year preschool - 2nd grade.

The cost for VBS is \$12.

Day Camp is open for students who will have completed any of 3rd - 12th grades (8th-12th graders serve as counselors). The cost for Day Camp is \$90 for campers and \$45 for counselors.

WE NEED YOU! If you are interested in helping with Vacation Bible School, we would love to have you! It takes many volunteers to make Vacation Bible School a success! We hope you will consider joining us for a meaningful week of love and fun! There are many opportunities such as being a shepherd of a class, helping with recreation, serving snow cones and popsicles, sharing the videos in the Kid Min cinema or serving snack.

No experience necessary, but you must be current with your safe sanctuary training! (We can help you with that if it's a problem.) Contact Susan Curran at scurran@shandon-umc.org or Carla Graf at cgraf@shandon-umc.org if you are interested in helping.

■ FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT Friday, March 4, 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy a hotdog supper catered by Chef Tim and watch one of our favorite family-friendly movies suitable for all ages. See more details on page 6.

WEIGHT WATCHERS GROUP AT SHANDON

We are going to host a Weight Watchers group here at Shandon. If you're interested in being part of the group, contact Carly Wicklund at cwicklund@shandon-umc.org or call at 256-8383, ext. 102.

RUN 4 HER LIFE 5K

Join Lighthouse for Life March 20 at 2:00 p.m.

as we run for the freedom of girls held in bondage to sex trafficking!
Where: River Bluff High School Campus in Lexington Cost: \$20
All participants who register before March 5 will receive a t-shirt.
Awards will be given to top three male and female finishers.
Register at: Runhard.org - Look under "community races"
(https://runhard.org/pages/race-lighthouse.php)

Family Movie Night

Enjoy a hotdog supper catered by Chef Tim and watch a favorite family-friendly movie suitable for all ages.

Friday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym

Fun evening with the "family."

Join us for this fun and entertaining evening with the "family." We'll eat dinner and fellowship first and then enjoy the movie. Popcorn will be served at movie time. The cost of dinner is \$3 for each family member. Children under age 2 eat free. Hope you can join us!

Reserve your spot with Susan scurran@shandon-umc.org or Carla cgraf@shandon-umc.org.

BASKETBALL MINISTRY: HONORING GOD ON AND OFF THE COURT

The 2015-16 Basketball Season is complete.

With 21 teams and 201 players in 2nd-12th grades, we greatly appreciate the support of the Shandon congregation, the coaches, and the parents who enabled boys and girls to play on a Shandon United Methodist team. Participation in the Church Youth Basketball League is far more than learning to play basketball as prayer and devotion time are integral components of teaching players to honor God in their thoughts, words, and actions as they serve Him on and off the court. We also appreciate the efforts of our Basketball Committee, Brian Allen, Lawton Blackstone, Joe Stone, and John Tringali, as they serve to coordinate our basketball ministry.

This season we also helped host the SCUMC State Basketball Tournament on January 22-23. With UMC teams participating from across the state, we were honored to serve as a host gym. Among our Shandon teams that participated in the tournament, we are proud to announce that our team of 9th grade boys, coached by Gene Kelley, Edwin Martin, and Mark Smith, won the Jr. Boys State Championship.

As we put away the basketballs and jerseys, we encourage adults to prayerfully consider investing their time and efforts with us next season as a coach/assistant coach for one of our many teams.

HELPING OTHERS... THANK YOU, SHANDON

The Acts 2:21 Class would like to thank everyone for your participation in the Valentine's Day Bake Sale. It was a huge for missions. And they also hope that each of you enjoyed your Valentine's goodies! It could not have been done without you.

CAN YOU DONATE REUSABLE CANVAS BAGS OR CANNED GOODS?

Christ Central Ministries on Main Street is in need of canned food and reusable CANVAS grocery bags like the ones you can purchase at any grocery store or brown paper bags you can get free. Christ Central ministries provides groceries and a daily hot meal to the homeless community. Place donations in the bin marked "Christ Central Ministries" in Bruner Building hall.

Also, if you're interested in helping serve a meal to those at Christ Central Ministries, contact Rev. Carly Wicklund at cwicklund@shandon-umc.org.

THE PEOPLE OF SHANDON –

NEW FEATURE ARTICLE COMING

Coming in March -

Watch for the new feature article in the Voice: The People of Shandon focusing on Shandon's dedicated disciples who are making a difference.

SHANDON BOOK CLUB

NEXT DISCUSSION:

Wednesday, March 9, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Bruner 221

War Hospital by Sheri Fink

The conversations are a great way to get to know people and stretch your thinking about all kinds of subjects that affect our lives and faith.

NEUROPATHY SUPPORT GROUP

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, February 23, 11:00 a.m., Knox 209 Join the group and stay for lunch. \$5.00

If your feet or hands hurt with burning, stinging, stabbing pains and numbness, please come!

The group meets on the last Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact Mary Helen at 782-5823.



FEBRUARY 14, 2016 PRESENCE

Sunday	S	ch	10	ol													525
Worship																	644

GIFTS - OPERATING BUDGET

February 7	February 14	Year-to-Date
Revenues	Revenues	Revenues
\$33,712	\$32,644	\$228,264
February 7	February 14	Year-to-Date
Expenses	Expenses	Expenses
\$28,046	\$54,416	\$243,816



Received through January 31 \$2,055,797

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON FEBRUARY 21 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Bo Mullis** by Ron and Pamela Mullis Anderson and family.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON FEBRUARY 28 are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jerry and Sonny Foster and Larry Foster by Amy and Edwin Martin and family; and in loving memory of Florence and Jimmie Wright by Todd, Deb, Lauren and Clark Wagstaff.

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY

George D. Long and Emma C. Long by George Long, Jr. **Dorothy Morton** by Marguerite Richardson Marvin Mullis by George Long, Jr. Dr. Julian Salley by the Acts 2:21 Sunday School Class George Fred Tolley, Jr. by Biff and Jan Sowell Rose Turner by the George Huggins Sunday School Class, Gene and Elaine Starr

IN HONOR

Brock Conrad by Major and Donna Pearman Nancy Coombs by The Celebration Choir Jennifer Cox by Sidney S. Locke and Henrietta S. Locke Carol Vaughn by The Celebration Choir

SYMPATHY

Dan and Brooke Pruitt in the death of his father, Thomas Jackson Pruitt, of Birmingham, AL on February 2. Also to grandchildren: Staton, Russell, and Hayes.

Candy Buchanan in the death of her mother, Christine Craven Buchanan, of Mt. Pleasant, SC on January 26. Also to granddaughter, Hannah Buchanan Scott.

HOSPITALS

Providence Hospital: Al Kelley

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/KindergartenBea 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

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.



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NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED

February 24: Chicken Fingers, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert **March 2:** Roast Beef, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert

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

February 21, 2016