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FORGIVING LOVE

While on vacation last week I went to see the movie, "Unbroken." The movie is a true story about Louis Zamperini who fought in WWII, was captured by the Japanese after surviving on a life raft in the Pacific for 47 days and lived in a POW camp for two years.

During that two year period, Zamperini suffered greatly at the hands of the Japanese. As his suffering was portrayed in the movie you wonder how he survived.

One point about his life that the movie did not focus on to a great extent was the fact that he became a Christian and after the war went back to Japan to meet with the Japanese who oversaw the POW camp. He forgave them for the suffering he endured at their hands. I think the movie could have been strengthened greatly if it had focused more on his amazing forgiving love.

Jesus spoke often about forgiveness, and He does so as strongly as anything He says. Forgiveness is the center of the Lord's Prayer and it is central to so many parables and stories of Jesus. Jesus told Peter that we must forgive "Seventy times seven." Forgiveness is meant to be a way of life for the follower of Jesus.

How do we move from where we often find ourselves – hurt, angry, victimized, abused, alienated – to where we can say, "I want to forgive the person who has caused me to feel this way." How do we get our minds and hearts from thoughts of anger, hurt, and revenge to sincere forgiveness from our hearts?

Jesus uses our memory to motivate us. God has forgiven me so much that I am called to forgive others in the same way. Goodness leads to goodness. Grace leads to grace. We have to remember that we belong to God, God's love covers us. God's grace and forgiveness forms the backdrop to everything about our lives. Some call this "remembering rightly." We don't remember the hurt done to us, or the wrong done to us, but we remember the love that covers us and sustains us and the great number of times that God has willingly and freely forgiven us.

I am reminded of that old saying about anger and hatred. To nurture anger and hatred is like drinking poison hoping that it is going to kill the person who has injured us. Yet all it does is kill us and separate us from God's love. While forgiving frees and liberates us from our hurt, our anger and our resentment. Forgiveness means that we refuse to let what has happened to destroy us and alienate us from God and from one another.

Jesus invites us to "forgive from our hearts." May we go that way as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. -In Faith, Michael Guffee, Sr.



SHANDON BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, January 25
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
in Player Hall

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YOU'RE INVITED SUNDAY

January 25 and February 1

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

SERMON 25th: Children's Sunday

Children will serve as worship leaders.

SERMON 1st: Dr. Michael Guffee

Ushers 25th: Joe Reynolds 1st: Ed Watson, Jr.
Ambassadors 25th: Rocky Kneece 1st: Heather Mitchell

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

SERMON 25th: Children's Sunday

Children will serve as worship leaders.

SERMON 1st: Dr. Michael Guffee

Ushers 25th: Richard Beale 1st: Gary Daves
Ambassadors 25th: Suzanne Wright 1st: Joe/Susan Stone

11:05 a.m. LifeLine Worship

SERMON 25th: Children's Sunday

Children will serve as worship leaders.

SERMON 1st: Rev. Josh McClendon

Nursery Opens at 8:30 a.m.

	January 25	February 1
8:45 a.m. worship		
Crib	Staff	Chappell Wilson/ Linda Suber
Toddler	Kacy Glowienka	Staff
Two-year-olds	Staff	Sarah Buscher
Three-year-olds	Raven Gambrell	Dargan Davis
11:00 a.m. and 11:05 a.m. worship		
Crib	Elizabeth Haile	Emily Davis
Toddler	Karen McClendon	Elizabeth Burt
Two-year-olds	Shannon Virtue	Elizabeth Jeffords
Three-year-olds	Carrie Rawl	Lauren Bilton

Adult Sunday School

Join us at 9:45 a.m.

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

Acts 2:21 (Bruner221)

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

Commitment (Knox205): "The Devine Purpose of Family"

Foundation (Knox208)

Genesis (Knox214): Jan 25: Dan Pruitt, Feb 1: Keller Kissam

George Huggins (Knox209): "What's in your Heart?," Bob Spear

Growing Disciples (Knox201)

JOY (Bruner220): "Discovering Jesus," Harvey Allen

New Beginnings (Knox204)

New Generation (Bruner224): Jan 25: "Climate Change,"

Fran Rametta

Feb 1: "How can we Trust Science?," Deb Snow

Seekers (Bruner223)

Wesley Fellowship (WH): "We Pray for One Another,"

Terry Goodfellow

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

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COMING UP AT SHANDON

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

Mark 1:14-20

8:00 Blood Drive - Player Hall
4:00 Trek Discipleship Course - Wesley Hall
5:00 Pack Meeting - Player Hall
5:00 JAM - Junior & Senior High - Youth Zone
5:30 Fellowship/Open Game Room - Youth Zone
5:45 Junior High & Senior High Breakout Sessions - Youth Zone
6:45 Youth Choir Rehearsal - Bruner 206 Music Studio

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

John 4:1-15

5:00 Basketball Practice - Gym
5:30 Wesley Ringers - Bruner 201
6:30 Christian Origins - Knox 205
6:30 P&K Board Meeting - Knox 201
6:30 Old Testament Part 2 - Knox 204

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

John 4:16-26

11:00 Neuropathy Group - Knox 209
12:00 Lunch Bunch - Player Hall (Pre-Lunch Cards: 10:00 PH)
5:00 Basketball Practice - Gym

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

John 4:27-42

9:15 Phillipians - Knox 204
11:00 Women's Prayer Group - Knox 201
5:15 Wednesday Night Manna - Dunn-Smith Center
6:00 Children's Choirs, Trackers, WRAP (see back cover)
7:00 Boy Scout Troop 37 - Jamey McCue Room/Basement
7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Music Studio, Bruner 206

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

John 4:43-54

9:00 Yoga - Player Hall
10:00 Women's Study - Parlor
5:00 Basketball Practice - Gym
6:30 Divorce Support Group - Parlor

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

John 5:1-18

4:00 Basketball Practice - Gym

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

John 5:19-29

7:00 Basketball Games - Gym
8:00 Run-SMC - Adger Road Side of Shandon

SHANDON CERTIFIED AS A UNITED METHODIST WELCOMING CONGREGATION!

During this past year, our church, led by the Evangelism Committee, has been working towards this special certification. Becoming a Welcoming Certified Congregation has been an excellent way to formalize and strengthen Shandon's "welcoming ministry."

During the process, we have assessed our church's comfort level in different areas of "welcoming," had a training session in welcoming behaviors for greeters and ushers, established visitor parking, took a closer look at our "Welcome Center" kiosks, planned for greeting and connecting with guests in church, and continue to consider the importance of name tags in promoting warmth and friendliness. This certification program will have a significant positive impact on our church in helping us to continually look for ways to become more welcoming to everyone.

THINK ABOUT THIS...

How does our church welcome people? Are you always taking the extra step to greet guests as well as familiar faces in church? Does the welcoming lifestyle of Shandon truly bring new people into the Christian community?

A welcoming and hospitable climate begins at the curb, continues into the heart of the congregation, and moves outside church walls into the community. The ministry of welcoming is the responsibility of the entire church family and is a way of ministering to people in all walks of life, seven days a week.

REMEMBER... WE ARE A WELCOMING CHURCH!

Think of church visitors as guests in your home – and treat them as such. A simple smile and warm greeting to a stranger could be the stepping stone that leads this person into our Christian community! During 2015, make it your goal to speak to and even have a conversation with at least one guest every Sunday!

CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

Shandon's congregation embraces ministry with children as well as opportunities for children to grow in Christian discipleship. On Sunday, January 25, we will celebrate Children's Sunday in our worship services as we highlight children and their involvement in the life of our church. Children will serve as worship leaders for all three services and our 3-year-olds will receive Bibles from our congregation. Plan to join us.



HELP TACKLE HUNGER

*25 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:
"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game,
help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."*

Since that day, more than \$100 million has been raised for local charities across the country.

This year, Shandon youth will collect an offering on **Sunday, February 1.**

Please give generously during our worship services.



VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

AFTER THE 8:45 A.M. SERVICE AND AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Plan to stop by and purchase some homemade goodies to take home to your Valentine!...or for you to enjoy.

CALLING ALL BAKERS: If you are a baker and would like to bake goodies to be sold, you can drop-off your baked goods on that Sunday morning in the Bruner Building main hall. Please make your packaging as festive as possible – presentation means alot! Also please tape a note to your baked goods with the name of the item and your name. For questions, contact Susan Salley at 738-0766 or Mary Greene at 463-9257.

Sponsored by the Acts 2:21 Sunday School Class.

All proceeds go to help the class "adopted" family repair and replace parts of their septic system.



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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[CONNECT] ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

MYF Meet us in the Youth Zone on Sunday Evenings. January 25. (No MYF on February 1)

- **5:00-5:30 p.m.:** JAM – Jesus and Music
- **5:30-5:45 p.m.:** Fellowship & Open Game Room
- **5:45-6:30 p.m.:** Junior High & Senior High Breakouts

YOUTH CHOIR Sundays, 6:45-7:30 p.m.

[CONNECT] ON WEDNESDAYS

WRAP – Come hangout on **Wednesdays** with some *Real Awesome People*, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Game Room. Open Game Room (junior highs) and small group discussion (senior highs)

REVOLUTION: We're Going January 30-February 1

What is Revolution? Revolution is a weekend in Columbia where 3,500+ United Methodist youth come together to worship our awesome God! Revolution began in 2010 to provide a place for young people in South Carolina to have a powerful, life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ. The weekend retreat is designed to invite more and more people to know and live for Christ through passionate worship and spiritual renewal.

More info: contact Jon at jshrack@shandon-umc.org.



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: January 25 & February 1. See you on Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Twos: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him. (1 John 4:9)

Threes-5th Grade: *This is how the love of God is revealed to us:*

God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him. (1 John 4:9)

January 25: Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42) (1 John 4:9)

February 1: The Wedding at Cana (John 2: 1-12)

6th Grade:

January 25: Trust (Jesus Walks on Water)

February 1: Faithful Living (Jesus and the Pharisees)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & DAY CAMP Monday-Friday, June 8-12

Watch for more info. VBS is open for children who will have completed any of grades 3 year preschool-2nd grade. Day Camp is open for students who will have completed any of 3rd -12th grades (8th-12th graders serve as counselors).

ASBURY HILLS SUMMER CAMP

Registration is now open for summer camp. Visit their website www.asburyhills.com to read more details about this fun summer opportunity for ages 2nd grade through 12th grade.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 8: Scout Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

February 17: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:00 p.m. Tickets will go on sell February 1 at all services.

You will not want to miss the yummy pancakes!

March 22: "Enter Jerusalem!" An interactive Lenten experience for children and families.



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

MUSIC & ARTS

CHANCEL CHOIR *Now is a great time to join the Chancel Choir.*

We will be working on music for Lent and Easter. The Choir also has been invited to sing with the USC Choir and other church choirs from Columbia, in New York on November 12-15 at Carnegie Hall. Contact Eddie Huss.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS will sing during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on January 25.

WESLEY RINGERS Rehearsals resume on January 26 at 5:30 p.m. The Fellowship Handbell Workshop is Saturday, February 21 from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

YOUTH CHOIR Rehearsals on Sundays at 6:45 p.m. On April 24-26, we will be participating in the Springmaid Beach (Myrtle Beach) Youth Choir Festival, *so now is a good time to join.*

CELEBRATION CHOIR Rehearsal: Wednesday, January 28, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Music Studio.



THE THRIVING MARRIAGE

MARRIAGE CLASS FOR YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES

SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 8, 15, 22 & MARCH 1 FROM 4:00-5:30 P.M. IN KNOX 204

Facilitated by Mike and Lilla Ann Briggs, this class includes information, practical experience, strategies, and discussions about strengthening the Christian marital relationship. Childcare is available when requested at the time of registration. For more information, contact Lesli Wood at lwood@shandon-umc.org. Please register by Sunday, January 25 at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1B62LTBrTa8oQfPqy7Ynel2tX1xoV9gb8Bo-vge8oTZo/viewform?usp=send_form

MEN'S WINTER STUDY

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15-WEEK OF MAY 3

Our Men's Ministry, The Sons of Thunder, will have a new study option for Winter 2015 – the "Men's Triple Feature." Guys, of all ages, will gather in small groups to watch three popular full-length feature films, divided into manageable parts over the course of the study. Sessions will last under 90 minutes, with time for fellowship, viewing, and 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.

LADIES PRAYER GROUP

WEDNESDAYS FROM 11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. IN KNOX 201

An ongoing time of fellowship and prayer for our families, friends, and our church. Need to miss a Wednesday or two, that's ok. Just come as you can. Contact Lilla Ann Briggs at 260-0765 for more information.



Going Green

Tips from Shandon's Green Team

RECYCLING/SHREDDING EVENT

Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, 6500 North Trenholm Rd, Saturday, January 24, 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Electronic Recycling: computers, power tools, TVs, radios, fax machines, telephones

Scrap Metal: stoves, washers, dryers, refrigerators, bicycles, etc. metal door frames

Tires: car and light truck, bikes, wheel barrow; limit 8 per family

Paper Shredding

No Commercial Materials. Contact 576-2446 for questions or concerns.

Sponsored by the following members of the Midlands Green Congregation Initiative: Beth Shalom Synagogue, Bethel UMC, Forest Lake Presbyterian, Peterson Presbyterian, St. James UMC, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal, Rehoboth UMC, Tree of Life Congregation

NEUROPATHY SUPPORT GROUP AT SHANDON

Next Meeting:

**Tuesday, January 27 at 11:00 a.m. in room Knox 209.
Join us 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.
Mary Helen – leader 782-5823

NEW WIRELESS PASSWORD

To help with Internet connection issues due to bandwidth, we have added a password to our SUMC wireless access. This password is to keep devices that do not need wireless access at Shandon from connecting to our wireless and creating connection issues for those who need it. We are currently looking at Internet connection and increasing our bandwidth.

The password for SUMC wireless is SUMC8383.

In Memoriam

Claude Hamilton Belk, Jr.
January 14, 2015

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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THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON JANUARY 25 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Brian C. Martin** by his family.

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY

Claude Belk by Judy and Harvey Allen, Ashton and Mary Ruth Cribbs, Margaret and Ray Kightlinger, Harry and Sharon Willard

Mary Coleman by Barbara Cobb

Tommy Gamble by Jane E. Pregnall, Bob and Pat Spear, Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Walkup

Edwin M. Hill by Bea and Gary Daves

Blake Jernigan by Karen and Basil Shaver

Emily V. Lee by Bea and Gary Daves

Jeannie McLain by Judy and Harvey Allen, Ashton and Mary Ruth Cribbs, James Zeigler and Kemper Zeigler

Martha Brooks Payne by Robert and Ellen Burks, Jerry F. and MaryAnn Crews

Sam Owen by Dr. Harvey and Mrs. Judith M. Allen, Lillian T. Bindseil, Ralph and Rebecca Bouton, Beth and George Burnett, William O. and Nancy W. Carpenter, Gladys and Frank Dunn, Rubye A. Gray, Mrs. William Harley, Mary W. Hellams, Iris Hill, David R. Hubbard and Karen C. Morris, Sallie and Ted McCutchen, Buzz and Ann Purcell, Jane M. Pregnall, Otho L. and Mary R. Shealy, Marjorie S. Stephens and Sandra S. McLain, Ed and Lou Watson, Annie Rose Welch, Wesley Fellowship Class

Frances Sauls by Barbara Cobb, Mary Hellams, Margaret and Ray Kightlinger, Peggy M. Lawrence, Jane M. Pregnall, Judy and Butch Roberts, Martha and James T. Sanders, Jr., Marjorie Stephens, Bill and Joanna Walkup

IN HONOR

The Crosswell Families by Dave and Gera Singletary

Nicholas Reece Godby by Waymon and Karen Reece

Zachary Eugene Godby by Waymon and Karen Reece

SYMPATHY

Peggy Gamble in the death of her husband, Tommy Gamble, on January 12.

Julie and Bill Latham in the death of her father, Jerry N. Davis of Auburn, AL on January 12; and to grandchildren Davis and Maegan.

Lucy McLain Coleman (John) and Dr. Cam McLain (Sandra) in the death of their mother Jeanne Anderson McLain on January 12.

Peggy Gamble on the death of her mother, Emily Mason, on January 15.

Frances Clark Johnston and Chad Johnston in the death of her father, Claude Belk, on January 14.

Sue and Tommy Phelps in the death of her father, Wilburn Kirby Jordan, Jr., of Columbia, SC on Saturday January 17; and to granddaughter Caroline Phelps.

HOSPITALS

Palmetto Health Baptist: Kathleen Dean, Jimmy Hipp

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Michael Guffee, Sr.

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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

JANUARY 28: Lasagna, Breadsticks, Buttered Noodles, Tossed 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.
- **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