



SHANDON
United Methodist

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the **VOICE**

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**American
Red Cross**

**BUILDING
A BETTER
BLOOD SUPPLY:
Shandon
Blood Drive**

**Sunday, January 27
8:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
in Player Hall**

*You will be someone's
hero. In fact, you may
help save up to three
lives with just one
donation.*

**To schedule your
life-saving donation:**
Contact Jessica
Roquemore at 738-0927
or jroquemore@
bellsouth.net.

Please remember to
eat well, drink plenty
of water and bring a
picture ID.

Are You Content?

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for God has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

How's that working out for you? Has it been a tough year? Have you struggled? I have. Maybe most of us have. We all know economic woes, but in the long run, those don't really matter too much, do they? The things that really bother us are usually far more personal than our money. In fact, if money is so personal in your life that it rises to the top of the list, then it's probably time to read this verse again. The real point of this verse is contentment. That's the biggest struggle for most of us. We are a long way away from the prayer of the sages: "Lord, make my heart so malleable that I am ready and willing to accept whatever You provide for me." We need to learn contentment.

Frankly, contentment is impossible unless we trust the Lord. That's why the author of Hebrews points us toward God's faithfulness. How can we be content if we think contentment is about anything else? If our contentment rests on any other foundation, we will be disappointed. A life built on sand is a life built on people, possessions and power. It's wonderful when you have these things but they are merely blessings of God's grace. In the end, life must be built on something more solid. The bottom line is that God will not forsake us, even when everything else seems to evaporate.

The Greek verb here is *arkeo*. It is essentially the expression of being satisfied with the provision of God. "My grace is sufficient" is the same concept (and word). God provides. How God provides is not my concern. The "faith" part of being a Christian is to simply rest in that truth. The real character of my life is reflected in the foundation of my rest. May I be restless to do God's will and to rest in God's love. This is the sacred balance: that God's purpose becomes my driving force and Christ's character becomes my contentment.

Do you need a New Year's resolution worth pursuing? Try this: Rest, O my soul, in the graciousness of God.

May the peace of Christ fill your life in 2013!
Rev. Julie Songer Belman

YOU'RE INVITED SUNDAY

January 6 and 13

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

SERMON 6th: Epiphany Sunday, Dr. Michael Guffee

MUSIC: Chancel Choir

SERMON 13th: Dr. Michael Guffee

MUSIC: Celebration Choir

Ushers 6th: Ed Watson, Jr. 13th: Dan Vismor
Ambassadors 6th: Anne Hiers 13th: Frances Tompkins

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

SERMON 6th: Epiphany Sunday, Dr. Michael Guffee

MUSIC: Chancel Choir

SERMON 13th: Rev. Julie Songer Belman

MUSIC: Chancel Choir

Ushers 6th: Gary Daves 13th: Jim Bogle
Ambassadors 6th: Julie Payne 13th: Heather Mitchell

11:05 a.m. LifeLine Worship

SERMON 6th: Epiphany Sunday, Dr. Michael Guffee

MUSIC: LifeLine Band

SERMON 13th: Dr. Michael Guffee

Nursery Opens at 8:30 a.m.

8:45 a.m. worship	January 6	January 13
Crib	Ashlee Buchanan	Robin Heaton
Toddler	Staff	Staff
Two-year-olds	Chappell Wilson/ Linda Suber	Monica McCutcheon
Three-year-olds	Staff	Staff

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

Crib	Katherine/Stephen Draffin	Frank/Sallie Manning
Toddler	Shannon/David	Carter/Elizabeth Jeffords
Two-year-olds	Mark/Robyn Lynn	Brian/Mandie Ingram
Three-year-olds	Rob/Casey Peele	Frank/Patty Lundy

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

Acts 2:21 (Bruner221): Ways to Help Epworth in Player Hall

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

Commitment (Knox205)

Foundation (Knox208)

Genesis (Knox214)

George Huggins (Knox209): Jay Latham

Project: Killingsworth Home for Women

Growing Disciples (Knox201)

JOY (Bruner220): Book of Romans, Harvey Allen

New Beginnings (Knox204):

Jan 6: Managing Change in the Church, Jonathan Roquemore

Jan 13: The Book of Esther, Steve Carter

New Generation (Bruner224):

Jan 6: Ways to Help Epworth in Player Hall

Jan 13: Hall French

Wesley Fellowship (WH): Proclaiming Christ, Beth Burnett

COMING UP AT SHANDON

Sunday: 8:45, 11:00 & 11:05 Worship; 9:45 Sunday School

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

Matthew 2:1-12

9:45 Safe Sanctuary Training - Conference Room
9:45 Ways to Help Epworth Children - Player Hall
4:00 Initiative 6 Information Meeting - Player Hall
4:00 Bella Voce - Bruner 206
4:00 Disciple II - Knox 209
4:30 Youth Choir - Bruner 206
5:00 Basketball - Gym

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

John 6:30-33, 48-51

4:00 Basketball - Gym
5:30 Wesley Ringers - Bruner 201

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

John 7:37-52

12:30 Lunch Bunch - Player Hall (Pre-Lunch Fun: 10:00 PH)
4:00 Basketball - Gym
7:00 Shandon Book Club - Bruner 221

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

John 8:12-19

6:45 Bovotions (Sr Highs) - Bojangles on Devine
9:00 Disciple II - Knox 209
9:30 P&K Chapel - Chapel
5:15 Wednesday Night Manna - Gym
6:00 Children's Choirs, Synago: Teen Studies - See Back Cover
6:00 Celebration Choir Rehearsal - Bruner 206
6:00 Wednesday Manna Second Helpings - Player Hall
7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Bruner 206

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

John 10:7-17

4:00 Basketball - Gym
6:30 Boy Scout Leaders - Bruner 216

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

John 14:6-14

4:00 Basketball - Gym

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

John 15:1-16

8:00 Basketball - Gym

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

9:45 The Elusive Young "Stig-Weard"- Knox 201
11:30 Brant Baptism Reception - Wesley Hall
12:15 Green Team Lunch- Player Hall
2:00 Basketball - Gym
4:00 Bella Voce - Bruner 206
4:00 Disciple II - Knox 209
4:30 Youth Choir - Bruner 206
6:00 Mentor Meeting - Player Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

Luke 2:21-32

4:00 Basketball - Gym
5:30 Wesley Ringers - Bruner 201
6:30 Themes of the New Testament - Knox 209

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

Luke 2:33-40

12:30 Lunch Bunch - Player Hall (Pre-Lunch Fun: 10:00 PH)
4:00 Basketball - Gym

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

Luke 7:1-10

6:45 Bovotions (Sr Highs) - Bojangles on Devine
9:00 Disciple II - Knox 209
5:15 Wednesday Night Manna - Gym
6:00 Children's Choirs, Synago: Teen Studies - See Back Cover
6:00 Wednesday Manna Second Helpings - Player Hall
7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Bruner 206

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

Luke 7:11-17

7:30 Bovotions (Jr Highs) - Bojangles on Devine
10:00 Thursday Women's Study - Parlor
4:00 Basketball - Gym
6:00 Leadership Team Orientation - Wesley Hall
7:00 Print, Visual & Web Leaders - Conference Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

Luke 7:18-23

4:00 Basketball - Gym

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

Luke 7:24-35

8:00 Basketball - Gym

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Doorways to God

WINTER STUDIES & SPECIALS
Registration Begins December 16!

Belonging most often comes before believing. It is the process of belonging that helps you get your beliefs. - Leonard Sweet

REGISTER in the Bruner hall, Dunn-Smith lobby, or on the Shandon web site. **Deadline:** a week prior to start date.

TUESDAY NIGHT SERIES – FAITH MEETS FAITH PART 3

January 22: Rev. Dr. Ronnie Brailsford, Sr.; Bethel AME Church

January 29: Sallie Prugh, Clerk, Religious Society of Friends; Quakers

February 5: Dr. Dick Lincoln; Shandon Baptist Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR SPECIALS

Ways to Help the Children who call Epworth HOME – New Year, New Life!

Mitzie Schafer, Dir. of Development at Epworth; January 6 in Player Hall

For Young Adults & Younger Adult Classes: The Elusive Young “Stig-Weard” (Being a Steward)

Rev. Josh McClendon; January 13, 20, 27 in Knox 201

Methodist Matters

Rev. Julie Songer Belman; February 3, 10, 17 in Player Hall

Ways to Help the Family Shelter – New Year, New Life!

Rebecca Jacobson, Exec. Dir. of Family Shelter, February 24 in Player Hall

OTHER STUDIES & EVENTS

Themes of the New Testament

Alix Hay & Margaret Hays; Mondays, Eight Mondays January 14 - March 4, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Bible Stories Through New Eyes Part 2

Alix Hay & Margaret Hays; Three Mondays, March 11, 18, 25

The Book of Acts

Keith Phillips & Betty Ruff; Eight Mondays, Jan. 21-March 11, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

“Wild at Heart” Men’s Eight-Week Study

Begin January 28 week: Monday/Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday noon

Women’s Day Study (10 Thursdays)

Gessner Dunn: Women of the New Testament, January 17 - February 28;

Easter from the Backside, March 7, 14, 21

Experience Epworth! February 10 worship, tour, and lunch on campus.

Sponsored by our Connections Council for Shandon members who may want to be mentors.

Day Away Spiritual Retreat for Adults

Saturday, April 13, 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. – by bus to a beautiful nature setting/private home.

WAYS TO HELP THE CHILDREN AT EPWORTH

January 6 in Player Hall – 9:45 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Mitzie Schafer, Director of Development at Epworth

Come hear how we can build relationships with the children and grow Epworth's ability to provide comprehensive care that transforms their lives. The congregation and adult classes are encouraged to attend!

ATTENTION SHANDON MEN: JOIN THE GROUP

A New Fellowship "MAN GROUP" at Shandon

Wild at Heart

by John Eldredge

Doorways to God Study for Men

Join this 8-week small group book study on how men can recover their masculine hearts. It's simple: sign-up, receive your group assignment, get a copy of the book *Wild at Heart* and the study begins the week of January 27th. **Invite friends.** For questions or comments, contact Josh McClendon at jmccleendon@shandon-umc.org.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

Sunday, January 6 at 9:45 a.m.

Conference Room (1st floor, Bruner Building)

This training is required of all volunteers with children and/or youth. Please bring your driver's license and contact information for three references to the training.

Shandon's Child & Youth Abuse Prevention Procedures

Reminder of the Month: "Requirements Prior to Youth Overnight Off-Campus Trips"

Prior to overnight off campus trips, the sponsoring staff person will hold a Parent/Participant meeting for all counselors/chaperones as well as youth and their parents. At this meeting, expectations of conduct and Safe Sanctuary policies will be reviewed. A signed "Covenant of Conduct" is required of all adults and youth participating in any youth event/trip.

Copies of Policy Key Points, Reporting Procedures, and Report Forms, as well as a list of approved volunteer workers, are available in areas designated for children and youth.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS

New members are always welcome for wonderful fellowship, spiritual growth and service.

Augusta Beckman: Monday, January 14, 6:30 p.m., home of Marshanna Brown at 6748 Cary Lane

Bruner/Major/Richardson: Tuesday, January 8, 11:00 a.m., Room 223

Mary Campbell: Tuesday, January 15, 6:00 p.m., Player Hall

Mary and Martha: Monday, January 14, 12:45 p.m., Player Hall

Ola B. Taylor: Tuesday, January 8, 11:00 a.m., home of Marigene Simmons, 37 Summit Place

Susannah Wesley: Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 p.m., home of Mary Catherine Smith, 1327 Haynesworth Rd.

CONNECTIONS

- Fun networking with all ages & stages - for people 55+

LUNCH BUNCH: JOIN US ON JANUARY 8 – Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. in Player Hall. Cost is \$5.00 for lunch.

For lunch reservations, call the church office at 256-8383 by 12:00 p.m. on Monday of each week.

PRE-LUNCH FUN: Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in Player Hall.

Join us for Bridge and other games before Lunch Bunch.



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

Twos: Jesus Grows. "The child Jesus grew." (Luke 2:40)

Threes-5th Grade: *Jesus teaches me how God wants me to live.*

January 6: John Baptizes Jesus (Matthew 3:1-6, 13-17)

January 13: The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:5-13)

6th Grade: **January 6:** Temptation (Jesus is tempted)

January 13: Being Called to Discipleship (Calling of Disciples)

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2013

Our preparation sessions for Confirmation 2013 will begin on January 27 Sixth and seventh grade students who are interested in participating in this traditional preparation for church membership may contact Lesli Wood, Director of Children's Ministries at lwood@shandon-umc.org for more information and registration.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Children's Sunday will be celebrated in all 3 services of worship on January 27. Our congregation will also present Bible storybooks to children in our 3-year-old Sunday school class on this day.



If you're 20s-30s, single or married without kids, seeking to join with people in similar places with similar needs and would like a spiritual place to "fit-in" and grow – join us. More information: Julie at jsongerbelman@shandon-umc.org



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. Get SMY REAL.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us at 9:45 a.m. in the Youth Zone.

SUPPORT SHANDON'S YOUTH: YOUTH FUNDRAISER

The Youth will be selling \$20 "coupon" cards to our congregation and the surrounding community at the end of November through December. The cards will be good for 1 year and each deal represented can be used once a day. Spread the word around! Each youth needs to sell at least 10 cards.

Growing Through Divorce Support Group

If you or someone you know is struggling through the lonely complications of separation and divorce, Shandon's support group can help. 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. Group leaders are caring individuals who have been divorced a good while and moved on to positive directions.

Often grief intensifies during the holiday season and a support group provides enormous encouragement. **The group will begin on January 22 and run for eight consecutive Tuesday nights, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Pre-registration is necessary with Anne Cox by January 16 at 256-8383 ext. 115.** A \$14 book fee is due at the first session. Participants are expected to attend all sessions.

JANUARY BOOK DISCUSSION

State of Wonder, by Ann Patchett

Tuesday, January 8

Book conversations always stretch our thinking about all kinds of life and faith issues. We laugh a lot and get to know each other on deeper levels. Anyone can attend any time. After the January 8 meeting, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Bruner 221, we'll resume meeting on the first Tuesdays of the month. To be on the Shandon UMC Book Club mailing list, contact Anne Cox at acox@shandon-umc.org or 256-8383, ext 115.

February 5 book discussion: 11/22/63, by Stephen King.



GOING GREEN

Additional Items Added to Curbside Recycling!

As a result of its expansion, Sonoco Recycling recently announced that it is accepting an expanded list of curbside recyclable items from local governments. The expanded items include:

- Clean yogurt containers and butter dishes
- Rinsed frozen dinner trays, plastic trays, and plastic baskets
- Envelopes with plastic windows
- Aluminum pie pans
- Paper bags
- Pizza boxes and cardboard cup holders
- Rinsed orange juice and milk cartons

The City of Columbia's website shows that they presently accept all these new items. Richland County's website shows that it now accepts glass containers and accepts all new items. Check with your recycling provider to see if they have added any or all these expanded items to their curbside pickup of recyclable items.

"Invest in recycling, it will pay you dividends for a lifetime."

YEAR-ROUND CHILDCARE INFORMATION SESSION

**This Sunday, January 6
4:00 p.m.**

This Sunday, January 6, we will hold an information session in Player Hall at 4:00 p.m. for everyone interested in **INITIATIVE 6** which is our church's full-time/year-round childcare initiative. An overview of the Initiative will be presented along with details about the changes in our weekday Preschool and Kindergarten ministry. If you need childcare during the information session, please make reservations in advance with Heather Corley, our Childcare Coordinator, at hdcorley123@yahoo.com.

Shandon's ministers and staff would like to thank everyone for their warm wishes and wonderful treats during the Christmas season.

In Memoriam

Jessie Juanita Thompson Prokity
December 23, 2012

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.

Treasurer's Update

DECEMBER 30, 2012

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	421
Worship	606

OPERATING BUDGET

December 23	December 30	Year-to-Date
Revenues	Revenues	Revenues
\$103,126	\$98,048	\$2,017,412
December 23	December 30	Year-to-Date
Expenses	Expenses	Expenses
\$22,192	\$90,467	\$2,027,249

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON JANUARY 6 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Marion and Rachel Knox** by their family

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ON JANUARY 13 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Jim McCue, Jamey McCue and Thomas P. Knox, Jr.** by Mrs. Thomas P. Knox, Jr.

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY

Wayne Berry by Jeanne & Bert Gué
Jessie Clement by Harriet B. Bruner, Betsy & Wallace Taylor
Blake Jernigan by Karen & Basil Shaver
Bob March by Gary & Bea Daves, Jim & Kemper Zeigler
Bo Mullis by Meredith Dreibelbis, Ann & Mason Gibbes
Deanie O'Neal by Bruner/Major/Richardson Circle
LeGrand Rouse by Meredith Dreibelbis

IN HONOR

Pat Beckler by Joanne & Bill Walkup
Judy Coull by Lee & Jacqueline Mapletoft
MaryAnn & Jerry Frank Crews by Meredith Dreibelbis, Joanne & Bill Walkup
MaryAnn Crews by The Staff of Eubanks & Asso
Hal & Kathy Crosswell by Mary & Craig Davis, Jim & Sally Wiseman
Gessner Dunn by Bruner/Major/Richardson Circle
Mary & Luke Fant by Joanne & Bill Walkup
Caroline Freeman by Gary Lackey
Eddie Huss by Meredith Dreibelbis
Nancy Kelley by Meredith Dreibelbis
Kathy Lentz by Louise Munnerlyn Circle
Jean Miller by Joanne & Bill Walkup
Ann Philbeck by Meredith Dreibelbis
Ann & Ed Philbeck by Joanne & Bill Walkup
The Ministers & Staff of SUMC by Bill & Jeanne Metzger, Bobbie Moore
Ann Smith by Joanne & Bill Walkup
Jan Sowell by Biff Sowell
Bill Walkup by Ed & Ann Philbeck

SYMPATHY

Mike and Donna Salais on the death of his grandmother, Lydia Muhlenbruck on December 1, 2012 in Latimer, Iowa and to great grandchildren, Michael, Lydia and Daniel.
Margaret and John Hays on the death of her brother, Bob March, December 13, 2012 in Jackson, Tennessee.
Ned and Amy Nicholson on the death of his father, Dr. Benjamin (Ned) Edward Nicholson on December 15, 2012 in Edgefield, SC and to grandchildren, Ben and Taylor Nicholson.
Emily and Charlie May on the death of her father, Donald Edward Kiser on December 20, 2012 in Charlotte, NC and to grandson, Chaz May and granddaughter, Matty May.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Sims Radeker on the birth of a daughter Caroline Adams Radeker on December 19, 2012 in Columbia.
Russell Ryan and Kathryn Elmore Thomson on the birth of a daughter Anne Sawyer Thomson on December 26, 2012 in Columbia.

HOSPITALS

No church members in hospitals.

Senior Minister

Michael Guffee, Sr.

Minister of Evangelism and Outreach Ministries

Julie Songer Belman

Minister of Assimilation and Discipleship

Josh McClendon

Church Business Administrator

Michael Hart

Minister of Music and Arts Ministries

Eddie Huss

Director of Christian Education and Adult Ministries

Anne Cox

Director of Student Ministries

Travis Pearson

Director of Children's Ministries

Lesli Wood

Director of Preschool/Kindergarten

Bea Daves

Director of Kitchen Ministries

Timothy Scott

Director of Communications

Melanie Owen

Finance Administrative Assistant/Organist

Nancy Kelley

Administrative Assistant to the Senior Minister

Winifred Rodgers

Education Administrative Assistant

Samantha Apple

Administrative Assistant to Associate Ministers and Music

Debbie Rountree

Child Care Coordinator

Heather Corley

Sound Technician

Cindi Reid

Maintenance Supervisor

Bobby Douglas

Custodial Staff

Thomas Brunson, Eladio Cruz,

John Whetstone

Security

Wade Carlisle

Lay Leader

Jonathan Roquemore

Church Council Chair

Jan Bilton

Parish Nurse

Nancy Reynolds

Mission Statement

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

Wednesday Night Manna

NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED
Good food, warm fellowship & activities for everyone.

JOIN US ON JANUARY 9.

SERVING: 5:15-6:15 p.m. in the gym

COST: \$5 adults/youth over age 12 \$2.50 children age 2-12 under age 2 eat free

ACTIVITIES

- **Children's Activities & Bible Verses** for a prize: 5:30-6:00 p.m., gym (age 3-5th grade)
- **Second Helpings:** Most Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Player Hall
Simple ways to be of service. Set-up by a ministry area leader or staff member who needs help. Relax and enjoy talking with other church members while you make a big difference! Children not in choir are always welcome. Contact Anne Cox to reserve a Wednesday for your ministry area to receive help (e.g. make cards for homebound members, prepare mailings, UMW project, assemble care packages, sign birthday cards, idea swaps, appreciation to SS teachers, etc.)
- **Children's Choirs for K4-5th Grade:** 6:00-6:45 p.m., DuBose, 2nd fl.
- **Synago Bible Studies for Youth (6th graders, too):** 6:00-7:00 p.m., Youth Zone
- **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