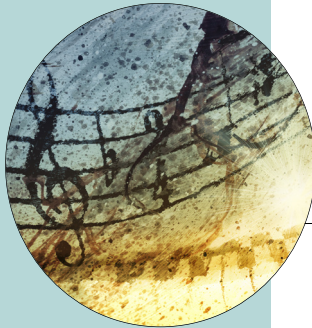


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A T S H A N D O N



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

OUR 9TH ANNUAL EDDIE HUSS & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT WILL BE THIS SUNDAY.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

DECEMBER 20

8:45 a.m.: Traditional
Lifting Up the Lowly
Luke 1:46-55
Rev. Smoke Kanipe

11:05 a.m.: LifeLine
Stories and Songs
The LifeLine Band will share the Story of Christ's Birth through song

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY TO THE GLORY OF GOD

December 20

- in loving memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Wade F. Ward, Sr.** by Harry and Jane Ward and family.
- in honor of **The Season** by Susan and Jim Brant.



Enjoying music and helping others.

The Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, and it will also be live-streamed on our YouTube Channel. The concert will be available to watch anytime after airing.

The concert music will include works for two pianos by Sergei Rachmaninoff and Franz Liszt performed by Annette Matthews, Eddie Huss, Debbie Bauer and Bradley Fuller. Anna Flynn, soprano, will also sing the popular Christmas song, "Gesù Bambino," by Pietro Yon. An offering will be taken to benefit the *Woodyard Fund* of the Salvation Army. The *Woodyard Fund* helps people in our community with their heating bills in the wintertime.

First begun in 2012, the Benefit Concerts have raised thousands of dollars for various non-profits throughout the city of Columbia. This year, more than ever, there is tremendous need in our community for food, housing, utility bills, and medical help for those less fortunate. Past beneficiaries of these concerts have been: The Family Shelter, Epworth Children's Home, The Cooperative Ministry, Med Needs of South Carolina and the South Carolina Alzheimer's Association.

Everyone is invited to attend this annual musical event at Shandon. You may give a donation to the *Woodyard Fund* at the concert or mail a check to the church payable to Shandon UMC with *Woodyard Fund* on the memo line. Or make a donation to The Salvation Army of the Midlands at P.O. Box 2786, Columbia, SC 29202 and designate *Woodyard Fund* on the memo line. For more information about the *Woodyard Fund*, visit:

<https://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/columbia/programs/woodyard-fund>

Wishing you a blessed and happy Christmas,
Rev. Eddie Huss

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Shandon's ministers and staff wish you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas filled with lots of love, great joy and the warmth of peace.





ADVENT AT SHANDON

■ SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

DECEMBER 20 – 8:45 Traditional and 11:05 a.m. LifeLine

In-person & Online live-stream... www.youtube.com/shandonumc

Celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent with us.

LifeLine Stories and Songs Service: The LifeLine Band will be featured as they share the Story of Christ's Birth through song.

■ CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT – EDDIE HUSS AND FRIENDS

DECEMBER 20 – in-person in the Sanctuary at 5:00 p.m.

Online live-stream... <https://youtu.be/uci5nl49Csk>

See cover article for more information about this event.

■ BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

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

Online live-stream... <https://youtu.be/2X2O-Tu2Kw8>

A service of healing and hope recognizing the holiday season may not always feel “merry and bright.”

■ COMMUNION ON THE GROUNDS

DECEMBER 24 – 2:00 p.m. on the Shandon east lawn

Please bring your own lawn chair and mask. Prepackaged elements will be used to ensure safety.

Also to help ensure safety, registration is required. To register, visit:

<https://onrealm.org/shandonumc/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=YWVjYzBhZjltNjRiMSooNjhjLTgwNzQfYWM4YjAwMGUwNTYo>

In the event of inclement weather, the service will be in the Dunn-Smith Center.

■ DRIVE-THROUGH BETHLEHEM

DECEMBER 24 – Shandon parking lot, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

An interactive Christmas nativity... including live animals.

From your car, talk with some of the lesser known characters who witnessed the miracle of Christ's birth. (Everyone in Bethlehem will be wearing a mask for this event.)

Please follow the police officer's directions and enter the church parking lot by turning only right from Devine Street. (No left turns into the parking lot will be permitted.) Prepare to follow the orders of the Roman soldier related to the census as well as Bethlehem's local ordinance of turning off your vehicle's headlights at the appointed location.

■ CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST WITH US

DECEMBER 24 – Two Recorded Online Worship Services

■ Children/Family Christmas Story with Nativity Characters

■ Traditional Candlelight Service with music by the Vocal Ensemble

The two services will be recorded and available on our YouTube Channel

Watch the services anytime during the day. Visit: www.youtube.com/shandonumc

Add to your Worship at Home celebration.... Stop by the church and pick-up glowsticks to light during Silent Night. Glowsticks are in a bin outside the Bruner Building door on the parking lot side.





HELPING
OTHERS

SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS CHRISTMAS

If you're looking for something different to add to your southern Christmas traditions this year, we have an idea for you.... Pick-up activity kits for assembling German Christmas pyramids.

Beginning this Sunday, December 20, the kits are available in a box in the portico at the Bruner Building door on the parking lot side. These kits provide materials and an online link for instructions on how to assemble the kit.

Thought to precede the German tradition of Christmas trees, these pyramids include helicopter like paddles that spin from heat currents when the tea light candles are lit. The light of the candles reminds us of Jesus, the light of the world, and his birth. This kit is available to persons of all ages, but please be mindful that adult supervision is required for children. Kits are available on a first come, first served, basis.

ANNUAL ADVENT OFFERING

This year has presented challenges for many of us and it has been especially difficult for our "neighbors" who experience food and housing difficulties. Let's spread the love of Christ through our Advent Offering as we give generously to one, two, or all three of these worthy organizations.

- **Habitat for Humanity** continues to develop neighborhoods with affordable housing for those willing to work hard to begin first-time home ownership.
- **Harvest Hope Food Bank** provides grocery items to those who have experienced job loss and other negative events. Starving families in our community is not acceptable.
- **Homeless No More** works to stabilize these families so they can return to acceptable living arrangements and productive lives.

MAKE YOUR GIFT ONLINE:

- **Give Online:** <https://onrealm.org/shandonumc/-/give/now>
- **Text-to-Give:** Text 73256 and enter Sumc.

You will receive a return text with a link to complete your gift.

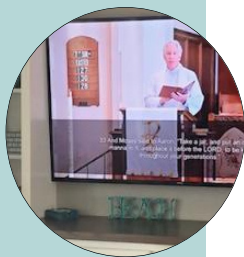
MAKE YOUR GIFT BY CHECK

- Make checks payable to Shandon. In the memo line, designate Advent Offering.
- If you choose, designate your gift for: Habitat, Harvest Hope, Homeless No More
- Mail your check to: Shandon Business Office, 3407 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205.

GIFT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CARDS

Send a Gift Acknowledgement Card to a special person to let them know you've made a gift to our Advent Offering in their honor. You may pick up cards on the cabinet in the Bruner Building hall.





IN-PERSON WORSHIP... 8:45 TRADITIONAL & LIFELINE

We would love to see you this Sunday!

It's a little different, with masks, social distancing, and for safety we're limiting attendance with reservations.

Simply follow the links to complete a reservation:

■ **8:45 a.m. Traditional – Sanctuary**

<https://onrealm.org/shandonumc/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MDC2MjE4ZmQtYmZyOSooYjRmLWJiMDAtYWM5MDAxNDIwOTgw>

■ **11:05 a.m. LifeLine – Dunn-Smith Center**

<https://onrealm.org/shandonumc/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MzE5YThmZjktNzIzZCooNmQ1LTk1ZDgtYWM5MDAxNDBjZTEz>

We'll continue to live-stream both our 8:45 and 11:05 a.m. services.

Please do not make a reservation or attend if you or any members in your household have:

Tested positive for Covid-19 in the past two weeks

Knowingly come in direct contact with someone who has tested positive within the past 10 days

Taken a Covid-19 test and are awaiting the results

Recently experienced any of the following symptoms: Fever. Cough. Shortness of breath

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP CHILDCARE is open for toddlers, twos, and 3-year preschoolers during both the 8:45 a.m. traditional and LifeLine services.

Protocols to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19 are in place along with our traditional Safe Sanctuary requirements. Space is limited for each age-group/classroom.

Please bring any necessities for your child (diapers, bottles, etc....) in a Ziploc bag. We are unable to accept traditional diaper bags as part of our safety protocols.

Simply follow the links to complete a reservation:

■ **8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Childcare**

<https://onrealm.org/shandonumc/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=Y2IzYmI5YmMtMDFmMyooOGNjLTk1MTQ1YWM5MDAxNDEyYjco>

■ **11:05 a.m. LifeLine Worship Childcare**

<https://onrealm.org/shandonumc/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ODUyNjYwNzctODYwYiooMjA2LTkoMzUtYWM5MDAxNDAxZGY1>

WORSHIP FROM HOME

JOIN US ONLINE... www.youtube.com/shandonumc

■ 8:45 a.m.: Live-stream Traditional service.

■ 11:05 a.m.: Live-stream LifeLine service.

Services will remain online after airing to watch anytime.



DOORWAYS TO GOD

Winter 2021 Studies...

Are you ready to start 2021 with an intentional effort to grow closer to God?

Check out these 5 opportunities which begin the week of January 4, 2021 and join others as you seek to follow Christ.

- The Question of God
- Praying With Others
- The Study of Philipians
- The General Letters of The New Testament
- The Christ-centered Woman

All Doorways classes will be held via Zoom. The class leader will email you with the link to access the Zoom meetings prior to class.

Take a look at the studies and register at: <http://bit.ly/doorways21>



HOLIDAY DIFFICULTIES?

Are you excited about the holidays?

Or are you, like so many others this time of year and especially this year, feeling overwhelmed and maybe missing your family because of Covid-19 separations?

This year is presenting many new challenges for holiday stress.

A Stephen Minister can help. Stephen Ministers are trained listeners to ease your stress and struggles during this wonderful but extremely stressful and busy time of year. Stephen Ministers will gladly meet you safely and listen to give support and comfort.

If you feel a Stephen Minister is the answer for you during the "Joyful" holiday season, contact Rev. Shannon Bullion at sbullion@shandon-umc.org or 256-8383, ext. 102.

All contact is completely confidential.

Shandon's trained Stephen Ministers here to help you are: Susan Brant, Rita Dorrah, Meredith Dreibelbis, Sue Kanipe, Jennifer Parker, Butch Roberts, Rosi Swan and Frances Tompkins.



SHANDON UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

Shandon United Methodist Preschool and Kindergarten

2020-21 Registration Information

Deadline for Church Member Priority on Waiting List: December 31, 2020

Church members receive priority status for preschool and kindergarten enrollment for the 2020-21 school year only if the child's name is added to or confirmed on the waiting list prior to December 31, 2020. Registration for the 2020-21 school year will be held in February 2021. To add/confirm your child's name to the waiting list by December 31, please call 256-1498.

IN SYMPATHY

- **Mark and Susan Hall and their family** in the death of his father, James M. Hall, 89, in Kingsport, TN on December 7.
- **Jeannie and Bill Metzger** in the death of her father, Wally Robertson, of Spartanburg, SC, on December 15; and to **grandsons William and Christopher**.
- **Wendi and Dana Wolfe and their children, Taylor, Brian and John** in the death of Wendi's niece Chandler Elizabeth Merck, 28 years old, in Florence, SC on December 15.

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY

- **Mary Frances Barber** by the Wesley Fellowship Sunday School Class
- **Bud Foy** by Clare and Peyre Scurry
- **Edsel McCutchen** by Kevin and Rami McCutchen
- **Rosalyn Rast** by the Wesley Fellowship Sunday School Class
- **Sue Scott** by Kevin and Rami McCutchen

MEMORIAM

Mary Frances Barber – December 14, 2020

Melinda Harley Ruff – December 16, 2020

HOSPITALS

Prisma Baptist: Judy Allen



THIS WEEK AT SHANDON

Sunday, December 20

8:45 AM	Traditional Worship Service – Live Stream / In-person – Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Virtual Sunday School - All Ages – Online
10:00 AM	Kids Rock Virtual Children's Sunday School – Via Facebook Live & YouTube
10:00 AM	Youth Sunday School – Youth Zone, The Lounge
11:05 AM	LifeLine Worship Service – Live Stream / In-person – Gym
3:00 PM	Benefit Concert Rehearsal – Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Eddie Huss & Friends Christmas Benefit Concert – Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, December 21

	No Basketball This Week (2nd Grade - 9th Grade)
11:00 AM	Staff Meeting – Via Zoom
6:00 PM	Blue Christmas Service – Sanctuary & Live Stream

Tuesday, December 22

10:00 AM	Tuesday Prayer Group – Via Zoom
5:45 PM	Saine D Group Meeting – Knox 208

Wednesday, December 23

Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

Available All Day	Christmas Eve Children's / Family Service – Via Shandon's YouTube Channel
Available All Day	Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Service – Via Shandon's YouTube Channel
2:00 PM	Christmas Eve Communion Service – East Lawn/ Fountain Area
5:00 PM	Drive-thru Live Nativity – Shandon Parking Lot

Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Saturday, December 26

GIVE ONLINE

Our online giving services through our secure Realm/ACS database may be useful to you:

- **Give Online:** <https://onrealm.org/shandonumc/-/give/now>
- **Text-to-Give:** Text 73256 and enter Sumc.
You will receive a return text with a link to complete your gift.

