



The Spire

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Stewardship . . . out of season

National trends show that charitable giving in the United States is on the upswing. After hitting an all time high in 2007, charitable giving was down considerably in 2008 and 2009 during the recession, but it is beginning to turn around. The signs that charitable giving is on the rise are also evident in church giving. As of mid-January, for example, 133 of Shandon's approximately 450 giving units (meaning an individual, couple or family) had increased their pledges, and we have received 28 new pledges. These are hopeful signs of both growth in our membership and increased commitment to the ministry of the church.

Shandon has much to celebrate in the generosity of our members and growing membership. One of the interesting facts that came out of our feasibility study for the Centennial Campaign is that as a congregation we are younger! Forty-five percent of our confirmed membership is below the age of 44 years old. This membership statistic is evident in almost weekly baptisms, a full McDonald Youth Center every Sunday evening, a growing children's music ministry, and the fact that our fastest growing Sunday School class is the Companions class for young couples.

With all this good news, what's the stewardship challenge? We have a vision for mission and program that has been founded upon the generosity of tithers, people who have traditionally given according to the biblical mandate to offer 10 percent of their income to the Lord's work. Our PCUSA leadership now describes the "modern tithes" as being closer to 5 percent, but notes that fewer and fewer church members give based on a percentage of their income. If our congregation, which is growing younger, wants to continue to maintain the level of church vitality that we have enjoyed in the past, we have some stewardship work to do.

You can begin to be better educated about the church finances by attending the congregational meeting after the 11 a.m. worship service on Feb. 19 where the annual budget adopted by the session will be presented. You also can read the church budget, which is made available each month in the information rack at the reception desk and in the narthex. The Stewardship Committee has renewed its commitment to work year-round this year. I challenge all our members to pay attention to our corporate stewardship in 2012, to invest time and talent in understanding the finances of your church and to help envision a future ministry as vibrant as the one we enjoy today because of the generosity of those who came before us.

Grace and Peace,
Agnes



Valentine's dinner February 12
Details and reservation form, page 7. Proceeds benefit Middler missions.

Centennial Committee announces listening sessions in March

A heartfelt thank you to all of the church members who completed surveys and/or participated in an interview for the Centennial Campaign feasibility study. Shandon's campaign consultant, Branson Isley, of Cargill Associates presented the results of your input to Session and the committee in November. The feasibility study provided a fascinating snapshot of the Shandon community. The study also provided useful feedback and information on a possible campaign. We are eager to share this information with you.

The Centennial Campaign Committee will be hosting a series of listening sessions with the congregation. The purpose is to share the results of the feasibility study, update the congregation on the findings of the sanctuary renovation committee, organ committee and the broader Centennial Campaign Committee, and listen to your input now that we have more facts and information to share with you.

Agnes will be sending a letter to each member of the church inviting you to attend one of these sessions closer to the time, but we invite you to mark your calendar so that you can be sure to attend one:

Thursday, March 1, at 7 p.m.
 Friday, March 2, at 10 a.m.
 Sunday, March 4, at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Your participation in one of the four planned sessions will be an important gift to the process and ultimate recommendations from the Centennial Campaign Committee to the congregation.

Briefly . . .

Contemplative worship resumes Feb. 5

Sunday evening contemplative worship will resume on Feb. 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This series of Sunday evening services will continue through Palm Sunday.

Pastoral care

During this season of transition as we search for a new congregational care coordinator, please call the church office with any pastoral care concerns. You may speak with any one of the pastors if you are unable to reach Tom Glenn. Be aware that on weekends, one of the pastors on the staff is "on call." That number is (803) 730-3037. The number also is on the voice mail message of the church when the office is closed.

Don't toss that magazine

Bring your family publications to Shandon for an exchange. Leave them on the table in the reception area, and feel free to take one or two left there by someone else. Remember to remove or mark through address information before dropping off magazines. Questions: Contact Kay White, (803) 787-0872.

Arts event showcases Shandon's talent

Shandon member and outstanding soprano Angela Blalock will perform at Shandon at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17. She will be joined by baritone Tommy Watson from Anderson College and Kenneth Green from Allen University on trumpet, with accompaniment by our own Bill McNair.

This event is free. For more information about The Arts at Shandon, visit shandonpres.org, call (803) 771-4408 ext. 27, or Dave Quackenbush at (803) 790-4423.

The Arts at Shandon schedule for winter-spring 2012:

March 3	7 p.m.	Bert Ligon Jazz	free
March 23, 24	6:30 p.m.	Dinner theater: "Doubt"	\$18
March 25	6:30 p.m.	Dinner theater: "Doubt"	\$18
April 6	7 p.m.	Choral concert with orchestra	free
		"The Death of Jesus" by Graun	
June 3		Photo contest (details TBA)	

The mission of The Arts at Shandon, in its ninth season, is to provide quality arts-related events to enrich the lives of Shandon members and to reach out to the community by showcasing the artistic talents of Shandon members and others.



PSA-Shandon Edisto mission trip

Join the Presbyterian Student Association for an intergenerational mission trip to Edisto during spring break (Friday, March 2, to Wednesday, March 7).

We will enjoy faithful fun and service, help with home repair work for four days and enjoy a Sabbath day on the beach. Cost is only \$100. Contact PSA, (803) 799-0212, for details and to sign-up.

Need a ride to the doctor or errands? Shandon's volunteer drivers can help.

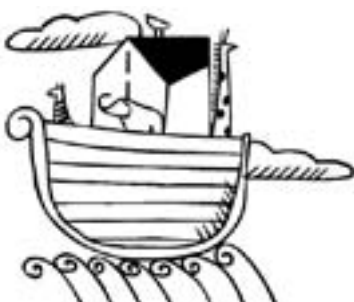
Please call as early as possible to schedule transportation (but at least 72 hours before your appointment.) (803) 771-4408 before 1 p.m.

SHANDON'S NEW ARRIVALS

John Rollins
Porter

December 14

Parents:
Troy and Meigs
Porter



Check your blood pressure

Screening available monthly at Shandon

Reminder: Blood Pressure Sunday is the first Sunday of each month.

This month: 9-9:45 a.m. Feb. 5 in Shandon's parlor. Stop by on your way to Sunday School or worship to take advantage of this easy disease prevention measure.

This service, provided by the senior Adult Care Team, is open to anyone in the congregation.



Tuesday, Feb. 7: Ann Humphries presentation with her guide dog Brego.

- Program begins at noon in Davis Hall.
- Sign up for lunch reservations at Shandon's front desk or call (803) 771-4408.
- Cost for lunch is \$5.

Presbyterian Women



CIRCLE MEETINGS

Circle One: 10:30 a.m. Feb. 13
Mary Fant's home

Circle Two: 10 a.m. Feb. 14
Jennifer Lott's home

Circle Three: 11 a.m. Feb. 14
Davis Hall

Circles Four and Six: 10:30 a.m.
Feb. 14, Shandon Atrium

Circle Five: 10:30 a.m. Feb. 14
Sig Hyman's home

Circle Seven: 7 p.m. Feb. 14
Julie Smoak's home

Circle Eight: 6:30 p.m. Feb. 12
Shandon Parlor

Circle Nine: Noon Feb. 16
Lisa Walker's home

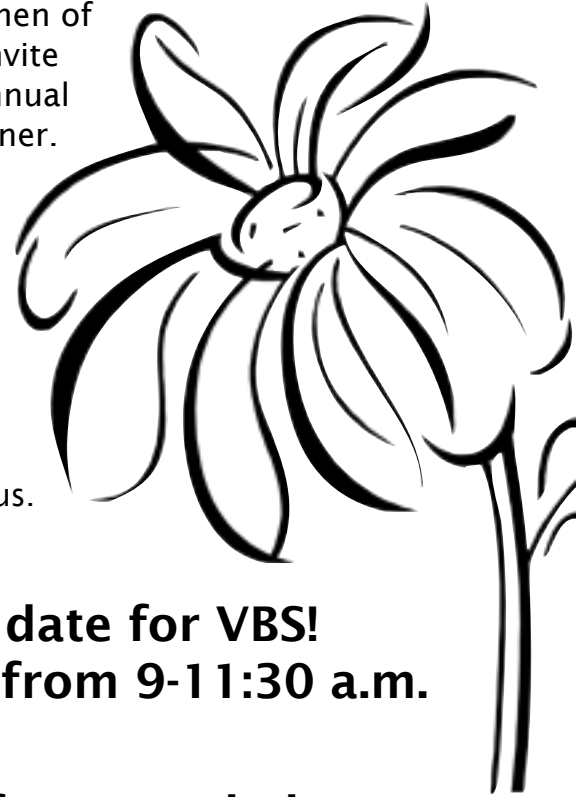
Circle Ten: 11 a.m. Feb. 16
Presbyterian Community

Attention: Women of Shandon

The Presbyterian Women of Shandon Presbyterian invite you to join us for the annual Friendship/Birthday Dinner.

All women of Shandon are invited, and we will recognize the women who have joined Shandon in the past year.

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, March 8, and plan to join us.



Save the date for VBS!
June 4-7 from 9-11:30 a.m.



Sign up for extended care

The schedule for April, May and June will be posted outside Deborah Goodwin's office from Feb. 1-22. Please come by and sign up for dates that work with your schedule.



The Spire

We welcome your news and events for Shandon's newsletter.

March deadline: Feb. 17

Please send information to:
spire@shandonpres.org

Questions?
Contact Carol Ward
(803) 771-4408, ext.10
cward@shandonpres.org

Find more news and events on our website: shandonpres.org

Home Helpers lend a hand

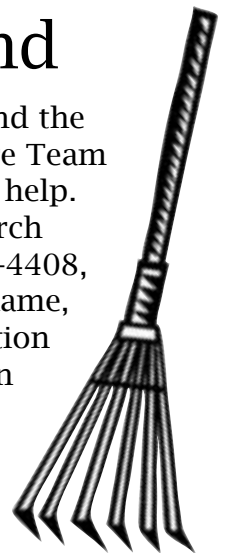
The Senior Adult Care Team is pleased to announce a new program to provide assistance around the house for anyone who might need a little help.

Do the air filters in your house need changing, but you can't get to them like you used to? Do the batteries in the smoke alarm need to be switched out, but that cast on your leg prevents you from even looking at your ladder? Limbs or leaves in the yard seem like a little more than you can manage this year?

Home Helpers and the Senior Adult Care Team might be able to help.

Just call the church office, (803) 771-4408, and leave your name, contact information and a description of your request.

Someone from the team will call you back and see if we can be your Home Helpers. (Oops, we don't do electric or plumbing . . .)





Shandon Presbyterian Youth

February

Senior High

- 5** Souper Bowl of Caring
(8:45 and 11 a.m. worship)
Super Bowl party, 7-9 p.m.
(location tbd)
Ski trip money due (\$250)
- 12** Summer Montreat money due
(\$150 – payment 2)
No youth choir
- 17** Depart for ski trip after school 6 p.m.
- 24** Depart for Trinity Presbytery 4:45 p.m.
Senior High Retreat @ Montreat

Middlers

- 12** No youth choir
Valentine's Day supper
(4:30-8:30 p.m. – setup 4:45 p.m.,
appetizers 5:45 p.m., dinner 6 p.m.)

Regular Youth Schedule

SUNDAYS

- 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Middler and Senior High Sunday School*
Confirmation
- 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Middler Youth Choir (Choir room)
- 5:30-7 p.m.
Middler Youth Group*
- 6-7 p.m.
Senior High Choir (Choir room)
- 7-8:30 p.m.
Senior High Youth Group*

*Groups meet in the McDonald Youth Center unless otherwise noted.

WEDNESDAYS AT SHANDON

6:15-7:15 p.m.
FLICs (Faithfully Looking Into Cinema), grades 6-12. After the WAS supper, we'll walk over to the McDonald Youth Center to continue our video/discussion series. FLICs explores Christian themes in some favorite movies and television shows.



Middler Valentine's Dinner

- ♥ *Appetizers at 5:45 p.m. in Davis Hall*
- ♥ *Dinner following in the Activity Center*



Appetizers: Caprese salad, mini quiche, pinwheels and Valentine's Day punch
Dinner: Caesar's salad, rosemary pork loin, bourbon sweet potato casserole, croissant
Dessert: Ice cream with fresh fruit

Proceeds benefit Middler missions.
Please make reservations by February 8.

Reservations

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Reserve _____ seats for dinner (\$15 each)

I will need child care for _____ children (\$4 per child)*

*No dinner will be provided for children.

Please return this form to the offering plate or the church office by Wednesday, February 8.





February 2012 EXTENDED CARE SCHEDULE

8:45 a.m. service • Monthly coordinator is Kelli Anderson • 420-1988

Crib Room – 107B, Toddlers/Twos – Room 107, Threes/Fours/Fives – Room 105



DATE	CRIB	TODDLER/TWOs	THREES/FOURs/FIVEs
2/5/12	Danielle Fordham 260-6385 Kelli Anderson 420-1988	Clif Fordham 260-6385	Mark Anderson 420-1988 Lori White 787-2766
2/12/12	Jennifer and Parker Webb (864) 423-5824	Janet Hamilton 695-9237	Scott Hamilton 695-9237 Rowena Nylund 252-7752
2/19/12	Marie Maynard (864) 593-9448 Bonney Whitecross 785-3077	Catherine Kirkpatrick 695-7634	David Kirkpatrick 695-7634 John Maynard (864) 593-9448
2/26/12	TJ Wallace 234-2434 Cathy Hazelwood 779-5954	Lauren Phelps (252) 904-2337	Joey Wallace 234-2434 Kenny Phelps (252) 904-2337

11 a.m. service • Monthly coordinator is Heather Oana • 256-4998

Crib Room – 107B, Toddlers – Room 107, Twos – Room 104, Threes – Room 102, Fours/Fives – Room 105

DATE	CRIB	TODDLER	TWOs	THREEs	FOURs/FIVEs
2/5/12	Cappy Boswell 799-2547 Chris Boring 269-4039	Shane Boring 269-4039	Emily Mikell 787-3501 Cheryl Dodds 733-5820	Lee Mikell 787-3501 Doug Dodds 733-5820	Madolyn Thorpe 783-4101 Darcie Jones 445-4321
2/12/12	Carmen Thomas 422-1252 Laurie Taylor 381-1523	Paul Taylor 381-1523	Linda Tapp 787-1614 Christina Woodham 695-2184	Debby Johnson 422-9246 Zac Thomas 422-1252	Wes Johnson 422-1252 Leslie Woodham 695-2184
2/19/12	Katharine Dragner 212-8534 Lindsay Kemp 622-7852	LJ Dragner 212-8534	Matt Kemp 622-7852 Kinsley Wentzky 960-3013	Patty Lawrence 260-1983 Suzanne Hampton 779-4585	Charlie Wentzky 960-3013 Julia Ramirez 413-6253
2/26/12	Cheryl Rogers 376-4559 Meredith A'Hern 479-3142	Melissa Sanderson 254-9951	Steve Crosby 776-0660 Peggy Alford 771-7148	Jay Rogers 376-4559 Tim Alford 771-7148	Jay A'Hern 479-3142 English Crosby 776-0660

Milestones

In Memoriam:

Evelyn H. Sharpe
August 14, 1925 - December 25, 2011

Hazel F. Woods
April 1, 1915 - January 9, 2012

The sympathy of Shandon reaches out to the family of:

Kent Parsons in the death of his father, George S. Parsons of Columbia; Joan Young in the death of her mother, Freda Ramsey of Columbia; the family of Phyllis Gill in the death of her son, Douglas Cockrell of Raleigh, NC; and Gene and Elsie Rogers in the death of Elsie's sister, Virginia Davis of Columbia.

Memorials & Honorariums

General Memorial Fund

In Memory of James "Jim" J. Kilgore - Linda McDonald, Ruth Sanders; **In Memory of Joseph William "Billy" Douglas** - Mr. and Mrs. A. Crawford Clarkson, Jr., Jean Ingram, Bess Gayle, Kessel and Carol Stelling, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leath, Lewis and Charles Ballington, John and Nancy Turner, Nancy and Gene Sykes, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Morris, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James L. Hook, Millie and Roland Lide, Ruth Truesdale, National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 233, Nonie Price, Carolyn S. Johnson, Wayne Bryan and Mimi Parrott, Sylvia McDonald, Linda McDonald, Marion and Palmer McArthur, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Dewitt, Sue Jacobs, Frederick Jefferson, Ronald C. Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Strasburger, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sturkie, Michael and Melanie Baker; **In Memory of Ed Buddin** - Wayne and Denise Whittington

Hazel Woods, a longtime member of Shandon who had for many years helped assemble this newsletter for mailing, died on Jan. 9. Just before her death, Hazel reluctantly stopped working on The Spire, and she submitted this brief note to acknowledge her fellow volunteers.

I want to thank all the volunteers and Lori White for being my Spire buddies. And I want to thank Joan for bringing goodies to my house. I'm so glad to have had such a long time working on The Spire since Carolyn Crockett asked me to do it many years ago.

I love you all, *Hazel Woods*

Lewis F. Galloway Community Outreach Endowment Fund

In Memory of Joseph William "Billy" Douglas - Luke and Mary Fant; **In Memory of Evelyn Sharpe** - Luke and Mary Fant

J. Hayne Witherspoon CDC Scholarship Fund

In Memory of Anne Scott Cuddy - Mike and Lori White, Harold and Carol Secord, Members of the Social Survey Club, 5th Grade Girls Basketball Team, Betty and Fred Auld, Jr., John and Susannah Cook, Doug Quackenbush and Cheryl Holland

Cooperative Ministry

In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Darin Lawrence - Dave and Marty Sennema

Gene Lindler Memorial Music Fund

In Memory of Wave Josey Parks - Betty and Fred Auld, Jr.

Centennial Campaign

In Memory of Willie Wiles - Doug Quackenbush and Cheryl Holland; **In Memory of Margie Sollee** - Doug Quackenbush and Cheryl Holland



To my church family,

I want to thank each one for all the prayers, visits, cards and phone calls I received when I fell and broke my left hip on Nov. 21 and was in Providence Hospital and then in rehab for five weeks. I came home two days before the new year, and now I'm ready to get back to my real self.

Thanks again with love,
Carolyn Harley