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every **good** and perfect gift James 1:17

Celebrate our blessings, gratitude Nov. 6

To celebrate our campaign of "Every Good and Perfect Gift" (James 1:17), several special worship items and fellowship events are planned on Dedication Sunday, Nov. 6.

Nov. 6 also is All Saints' Sunday, and we will remember members of Shandon's congregation who have died this year and recall their names during communion. Their families are invited to join us in worship to celebrate Shandon's saints who have joined the Church Triumphant.

The anthem for this Sunday will be "Lord, We Bring our Gift of Music" and will include the Children's Choirs, Chancel Choir, flute and trumpet helping us to celebrate the beauty of the church eternal forever singing the praise of God. Part of the anthem includes the congregation singing the words to the familiar hymn tune "Hyfrydol."

Following the 11 a.m. worship service, the Stewardship Committee is sponsoring a lunch in the Activity Center. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and join us for the fellowship. A Mission Fair will present Shandon's seven ministries and provide information about how to share our good gifts of time and talent. Pick up a new and shortened Time and Talent form and consider a new involvement.

The Blessing Board in the atrium is being filled with expressions of gratitude. As members of Shandon Presbyterian Church, we have much to be thankful for. Drop by and share your blessings with all of us.

Shared on Shandon's Blessing Board

I am thankful for opportunities to serve with friends.

I would truly have been lost without my church family.

We are thankful for wonderful people who show God's love to our children.

I'm thankful for the love He gives me, and I will cherish it forever.



Shandon's church retreat is planned for March 9-11, 2012.

INSIDE
Information and retreat brochure.

Time to fall back



Remember to turn your clocks back one hour to standard time at 2 a.m. Nov. 6.

Midlands CROP Walk Against Hunger



November 6 - State House grounds
Registration starts at 1 p.m.
Walk begins at 2 p.m.

Participate in CROP Walk to help fight hunger

In the past 20 years, CROP Hunger Walks have raised more than \$294 million to help fight hunger and poverty locally and globally. Twenty-five percent of funds raised assist local food banks and other hunger-fighting initiatives. Shandon has for many years been a leader in raising money for this cause.

Hungry people in developing countries typically walk as much as six miles a day to get food, water and fuel and to take their goods to market. Those who participate in the CROP Walk do so because they want to help end hunger - one step at a time.

Please plan to join us in the CROP Walk on Sunday, Nov. 6, at the State House grounds. Registration starts at 1 p.m. and the walk begins at 2 p.m. If you cannot walk, consider signing up as a sponsor with our Senior High Youth. They will have a table at the Mission Fair on Nov. 6 in the Activity Center.

Outreach Briefly ...

Sistercare is requesting Shandon's help in providing **Thanksgiving baskets** to the women and children they serve in our community.



The baskets can consist of any or all of these items: gift card to grocery store (\$15-\$20), canned goods, dry goods (rice, stuffing, etc.), drink mixes, soda, paper products (plates, napkins plastic silverware).

A collection box will be located in the church hallway. For more information, contact Christi Cooper at ccooper@lottandsearcy.com or (803) 743-4309. Please drop off by Sunday, Nov. 13.

Mark your calendars! The **Alternative Gift Market** is coming Wednesday, Nov. 30, and Sundays, Dec. 4, 11, 18. This will be a great opportunity to get your Christmas shopping done by honoring friends and family with donations to a variety of local and global charities. There will be a few new features this year, so please plan to come.

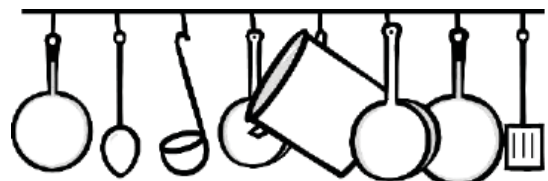


Look for the **Families Helping Families** Christmas tree that will go up the last week of November. Please plan to take a tag and buy a gift or two for someone in need this Christmas. Details will be coming soon.

Volunteer to feed the homeless Thanksgiving week

Many committed volunteers from Shandon have helped the Salvation Army serve meals for a week every other month during 2011. We will assist the Salvation Army again during Thanksgiving week. Please consider setting aside an evening to volunteer to serve the homeless guests this week.

We also encourage volunteers to donate food items needed by the Salvation Army. Needed items include corn, green beans, sugar, tea, cans of beans and peas, and small bags of flour. In addition, bags of fresh fruit, apples, oranges, etc., will be appreciated. Special desserts would be a great Thanksgiving treat.



Four to six volunteers will be needed each evening from 4:45-6 p.m. Nov. 22-29 at Ebenezer Lutheran Church. Please sign up to volunteer or to make food donations at the church reception desk. You may also volunteer by e-mailing Barbara Brunson at bbrunson8@sc.rr.com. If you have questions, please contact Barbara at (803) 834-4740.



Second Saturday this month will be on Friday, Nov. 11

We will prepare and serve a hotdog lunch at Transitions after the Veterans' Day parade. Transitions will be open to the community, and after feeding lunch to the homeless clients, the hotdog lunch will be sold for a nominal fee to visitors as a fund raiser.

- **Volunteers needed Thursday, Nov. 10, and Friday, Nov. 12.** We will need extra support for transporting tables, setup and food prep on Thursday afternoon, as well as volunteers to serve food, collect tickets or cash and return tables to Shandon on Friday from mid-morning through lunch hour.
- Look for a sign-up sheet at the reception desk or contact Gina Brinson at gina.brinson@gmail.com or (803) 240-7038.
- Please join in this effort in support of our veterans and our homeless.

Church Women United: 'Living Our Faith, Unlocking Action'

Church Women United in Columbia will celebrate World Community Day on Friday, Nov. 4, at Francis Burns United Methodist Church, 5616 Farrow Road.

Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. with light refreshments provided by the Women of the Church. Worship will begin at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.

The theme for this service is "Living Our Faith, Unlocking Action." Everyone is encouraged to bring canned items or monetary donations for Harvest Hope Food Bank.

Briefly ...

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 Eunice Youngblood, (803) 776-7207, or Kay White, (803) 787-0872.



Shandon Quilt Group. Join us for fun and fellowship on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m. in room 224. Information: Joan Edwards, (803) 647-1398.

Got socks? Put them in a box Oct. 16-Nov. 20

Shandon and Eastminster Presbyterian churches are teaming up to help those less fortunate by donating new pairs of white tube socks to be distributed in our local community.



Please help us by simply placing socks in our designated boxes, labeled "Socks in a Box," at the main entrances of the church. We will begin distributing socks to the homeless during Thanksgiving week.

More information: Daniel Lott, Shandon Presbyterian, (803) 767-7897, or Haynes Hill, Eastminster, (803) 767-5208.

Check your blood pressure Screening available monthly at Shandon

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

This month: 9-10:30 a.m. Nov. 6 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.

The Arts at Shandon presents annual coffeehouse

7:30 p.m. Friday

November 18

Shandon Presbyterian Church

The 1960s atmosphere coffeehouse allows guests to enjoy edible, musical and poetic treats, as well as a souvenir mug. Our entertainer will be Billy Sloan, who plays the guitar and sings favorites from the 1950s to 70s. Billy can be seen weekly at the Tombo Grill on Forest Drive.

Admission: \$5 per person.

More information: shandonpres.org

We need your help: *The Arts at Shandon needs to borrow card tables from the congregation for the coffeehouse. If you can loan us a table, please bring it to the church office by Nov. 16. Thank you!*



**Presbyterian
Women**



CIRCLE MEETINGS

Circle One: 10:30 a.m. Nov. 7
Jeanette Kimbrough's home

Circle Two: Nov. 8
Time/location to be announced

Circle Three: 10:30 a.m. Nov. 8
Presbyterian Community

Circles Four and Six: 10:30 a.m.
Nov. 8, Shandon Atrium

Circle Five: 10:30 a.m. Nov. 8
Leah Gore's home

Circle Seven: 10:30 a.m. Nov. 8
Barbara Brunson's home

Circle Eight: 6:30 p.m. Nov. 9
Shandon Parlor

Circle Nine: Noon Nov. 17
Karen Hook's home

Circle 10: 11 a.m. Nov. 10
Presbyterian Community

Congratulations!

Shandon members honored

Dr. Bob Williams, Shandon elder, was recently honored by the American Society for Information Science and Technology at its annual meeting in New Orleans.

The Watson Davis Award recognizes the work Bob has done over the past 20 years on the history of information science and technology, the history of the society and the early pioneers of information science and technology. Bob received a plaque and a standing ovation at the awards luncheon.

Dave Sennema was recently honored by his alma mater, Albion College, with a "Distinguished Alumni Award."

No stranger to awards, hav-

ing received the Order of the Palmetto in 1986, Dave continues to let his creative juices flow. During his career, Dave led the state's Museum Commission to establish and build the South Carolina State Museum, served as the first full-time executive director of the Columbia Music Festival Association, helped start the S.C. Philharmonic Orchestra and was the first executive director of the S.C. Arts Commission. He now spends time writing short stories and plays.

As a stalwart of the Shandon Chancel Choir for more than 20 years, Dave's beautiful tenor voice continues to be a vital part of our music ministry. Hats off to this gifted and giving friend.

Planning a meeting or event?

You can check Shandon's calendar on our website, shandonpres.org, for conflicts or available space. You may also print a building/event reservation form from the website. Just click on the calendar link in the right navigation bar.

PARENTS' EVENING OUT

Senior High fund-raiser for Guatemala mission trip

Bring your children, ages kindergarten and up, to Shandon's Activity Center on **Friday, Dec. 2, and/or Friday, Dec. 9.**

Shandon's Senior Highs will entertain and keep them safe from 6:30-9:30 p.m., so that you can have a night off or get some last-minute Christmas shopping done.

All donations will help Shandon's Senior Highs get to their mission trip in Guatemala next summer.



Special music for Thanksgiving

"A Song of Thanksgiving" was originally written in 1945 by British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, in thanks to God for liberation and victory over the forces of evil and oppression that threatened all of Europe and beyond.

With thanks to God for our abundance of blessings in our own time, the Chancel Choir, orchestra, soprano soloist, children's voices, and speaker will present this majestic work as a choral offering in worship on Sunday, Nov. 20.

Together in

A newly formed Prayer and Spiritual Formation Ministry Team is launching an initiative in the life of the church. We are dividing the congregation into 52 units (one unit for each week). At the contemplative worship service on Sunday evening (or a Sunday evening prayer service when the contemplative service is not held), we will offer a silent prayer lifting the families and individuals for that week.

Prior to the service a postcard will be sent to the families or individuals, so that they will know that they are being lifted in prayer. Every member of the church will receive a card at some time during the year. Anyone wishing to make a special prayer request when they receive the postcard may call any of the pastors on the church staff. That special request will be honored in the evening service.

In beginning this ministry, we are affirming our connections with one another within the congregation as well as our conviction in the power of intercessory prayer.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS AND WREATHS

Members of the congregation are invited to contribute to Shandon's seasonal decorations in honor of, or in memory of a loved one. If you are interested, please return this form to the church office. PLEASE use a SEPARATE order form for each honoree.

The **poinsettias** will be in the sanctuary Dec. 18 to Jan. 1. A list of the donors will appear in the Dec. 18 bulletin.

Poinsettia(s) x \$15 each. **Deadline:** Dec. 5.

I will pick up a poinsettia after the Dec. 25 service.

I do not plan to pick up a poinsettia. Please give to a Meals-On-Wheels recipient.

Contributions toward the **wreaths** on the front doors and in the Memorial Garden (on display Nov. 27 to Dec. 25). **Deadline:** Nov. 21. _____ x \$50

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

Advent workshop planned Nov. 20

On Nov. 20 there will be an Advent workshop for children and their parents during Wednesdays at Shandon (6-7:15 p.m.) in Davis Hall. The workshop will take place during the children's Bible study time; children's choirs will be at their regular times. This year we also will offer activities for Shandon's youngest children at 5:45 p.m..



Advent devotionals, wreaths and candles will be available beginning Nov. 20 in the reception area. Come by and pick up a devotional for your family to make the Advent season more meaningful.

First-graders complete worship readiness classes

From Sept. 11 until Oct. 16, our first-graders participated in a series of Worship Readiness classes. They learned about the different parts of the worship service and the sacraments and even had their first communion on World Communion Sunday with Christians around the world.

First-graders who participated in the Worship Readiness classes were given a book, "Come Worship with Me" at the conclusion of the classes. We hope that they are better prepared to become a part of our worship service.

Children receiving this book are Dixon Acker, Aiden Anderson, Carew Bates, Caroline Cadena, Sophia Eaton, Mira Lathren, Adella Mikell, Elizabeth Shifflett, Sophia Stephens, Mary Katherine Stricklin, Kate Patrick Thrower and Grace Woodham.

A special thank you to Jennie Rush, Janet McGrew, Agnes Norfleet and Christina Woodham for helping teach these classes.

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Shandon Presbyterian Youth

SENIOR HIGHS

Montreat deposits of \$100 are due before Thanksgiving break (Nov. 23). Montreat is June 10-16, 2012, and the theme is "Perfectly Imperfect."

Also ... Please remember the **babysitting fund-raisers** for our Guatemala Mission Trip on Dec. 2 and Dec. 9. We will host a Parents' Night Out from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Plan to be at the church by 6:15 p.m., and do not plan to leave until 9:45 p.m. If you are going international, plan to be at these two fund-raisers.

November dates

Senior Highs:

- 6** Crop Walk – 1:30-4 p.m. @ State House (bus from church if needed)
- 18** TBA activity
- 23** Montreat \$100 deposits due (after this day the cost goes up \$20)
- 27** No youth group
Happy Thanksgiving

Middlers:

- 6** Crop Walk
- 11-13** Trinity Presbytery
Black Mountain Retreat
- 27** No youth group
Happy Thanksgiving

December

- 4** Christmas Caroling

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 (Room 222)
5:30-7 p.m.
Middler Youth Group*
 - 6-7 p.m.
Senior High Choir (Room 222)
7-8:30 p.m.
Senior High Youth Group*
- *Groups meet in the McDonald Youth Center, unless otherwise noted*

WEDNESDAYS AT SHANDON (WAS)

- 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.

God smiled on us in many ways on Sept. 25 – with the weather, the great Shandon Presbyterian community and the cooperation among everyone in attendance. We received wonderful support by the people on the Arts at Shandon committee. Particularly, I wish to thank Tommy Fitzgerald, Julia Ramirez, Judy Hubbard and Jim Masek for their outstanding and consistent support throughout the process of putting together the Arts Carnival and those who stayed around for the cleanup.

Thanks to church members and neighbors, a wonderful Sunday afternoon was celebrated by all there. And the youth and their parents raised a lot of support for their mission trip. Congratulations to all.

*Dave Quackenbush,
Chair of the Arts at Shandon Committee*

To our dearest Shandon family and friends,
Thank you for being there for our father, Frank “Willie” Wiles, during his trying time and illness. Your kind words and cards of sympathy, the many prayers said privately and with him in person, the visits with him at both the Presbyterian Community Special Care Unit and in the hospital, and all the phone calls have been greatly appreciated. We also wish to thank the Women of the Church for the reception they provided after the Celebration of Life



Service.

It shows the closeness, support and love that our family has known to be a core value of Shandon Presbyterian Church for many years, and its light certainly has not diminished. God’s love, word and mission are alive and well at Shandon.

*In Jesus Christ,
Frank Jr., Henry and James Wiles*

To my loving Shandon friends,

I would like to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, cards, calls and food dishes during my string of accidents and sickness. It has been very comforting to know that you were there for me. May God bless every one of you.

Pete Tapp



The Spire

We welcome your news and events for Shandon Presbyterian’s newsletter.

December deadline: Nov. 12

Please send information to:
spire@shandonpres.org

Questions?

Call Carol Ward 803.771.4408, ext. 10,
or e-mail cward@shandonpres.org

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

Sign up for extended care

The Extended Care schedule for the next quarter (January, February and March) is posted outside Deborah Goodwin’s office from Nov. 6-23.

Please come by and sign up for dates that work with your schedule.

Need training?

Child Protection Policy training is held the first Sunday of each month at 9 a.m. in room 201.





NOVEMBER 2011 EXTENDED CARE SCHEDULE

8:45 a.m. service • Monthly coordinator is Ashley Thomas • 727-4460

Crib Room- 107B, Toddlers- Room 107, Three's/Four's/Five's- Room 105



DATE	CRIB	TODDLER/TWO'S	THREE'S/FOUR'S/FIVE'S
11/6/11	Danielle Fordham 260-6385 Ashley Thomas 727-4460	Clif Fordham 260-6385	Barry Thomas 727-4460 Trent Moss 255-0234
11/13/11	Brett & Terra Varner 345-1881	Kelli Anderson 420-1988	Mark Anderson 420-1988 RB Williamson 782-6130
11/20/11	Katie Mason 714-0454 Margaret Yeakel 865-1009	Catherine Kirkpatrick 695-7534	David Kirkpatrick 695-7534 John Mason 714-0454
11/27/11	Marie Maynard (864) 593-9448 Jessica Hall 783-8765	John Maynard (864) 593-9448	Patrick Hall 783-8765 Rowena Nylund 252-7752

11 a.m. service • Monthly coordinator is Debby Johnson • 422-9246

Crib Room- 107B, Toddlers - Room 107, Two's - Room 104, Three's - Room 102, Four's & Five's - Room 105

DATE	CRIB	TODDLER	TWO'S	THREE'S	FOUR'S/FIVE'S
11/6/11	Cappy Boswell 799-2547 Chris Boring 269-4039	Shane Boring 269-4039	Linda Tapp 787-1614 Emily Mikell 787-3501	Lee Mikell 787-3501 Joanne Williams 782-4238	Darcie Jones 445-4321 Susan Kay 783-0460
11/13/11	Christina Woodham 695-2184 Cheryl Dodds 733-5820	Kim Byrd 765-0918	Doug Dodds 733-5820 Suzanne Hampton 779-4585	Elizabeth Ponder 254-0256 Troy Byrd 765-0918	Leslie Woodham 695-2184 Catherine Teal 771-7979
11/20/11	Katharine & LJ Dragner 212-8534	Kinsley Wentzky 960-3013	Laurie Taylor 381-1523 Norma Weldon 256-2953	Roger Sawyer 256-2763 Charlie Wentzky 960-3013	Madolyn Thorpe 783-4101 Mary Beth Sawyer 256-2763
11/27/11	Jay & Meredith A'Hern 479-3142	Cheryl Rogers 376-4559	English Crosby 776-0660 Angela Griffin 779-4662	Jay Rogers 376-4559 Wes Hodgkin 779-4662	Steve Crosby 776-0660 Julia Ramirez 413-6253



- All programs begin at noon in Davis Hall
- Sign up for lunch reservations at Shandon's front desk or call the church office, (803) 771-4408.
- Cost for lunch is \$5.

Tuesday, Nov. 1: Shandon's Larry Arney, executive director of the Midlands Housing Alliance, will brief us about Transitions, a center to serve the homeless. The primary goal of Transitions is to move people from homelessness to permanent housing.

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Music by Ben Broughton on guitar with singing by his wife Katie Broughton.

Celebrating Anne Walkup

The Session received a letter of resignation at the October meeting from Anne Walkup, congregational care coordinator.

We are grateful that Anne has effectively and faithfully worked in this job for the past six years. She has expressed a desire to have more time for home and grandchildren.

The Personnel Committee will be talking with key lay leaders in the area of congregational care with the hope of expanding this job in the coming year.

Anne's last day will be Nov. 30. We will celebrate her ministry with us at a reception after the 11 a.m. service on Nov. 13.

Milestones

The sympathy of Shandon reaches out to the family of:

Carol Cleaveland in the death of her sister, Mary Booker of Winder, GA; Betsy Bradley in the death of her mother, Carolyn M. Holderman of Columbia; Bill Lamb in the death of his mother, Elizabeth B. Lamb of Columbia; Cheryl Spencer in the death of her sister, Mary Katherine "Kathy" Speorl of Birmingham, AL; Linda Rayl in the death of her mother, Helen Pace of Columbia; Dolly Patton in the death of her father, Philip A. Gibson of Hartsville; and Bill Sargent in the death of his brother in law, Chuck Bixel of Fort Walton Beach, FL .

Memorials & Honorariums

General Memorial Fund

In Memory of Frank H. "Willie" Wiles - Ray Riddle Sunday School Class, Carolyn Crockett, Bob and Sally McKenzie; **In Memory of Meredith Baum** - Debby and Robert Cely

Pastors Fund

In Memory of J. William "Bill" Pitts, Jr. - Roger and Cynthia Holliday, Sam and Kathryn Key, Leann and Carl Wise, Dinah Rutland, Dr. and Mrs. William R. McWilliams, Jr.; **In Memory of Frank H. "Willie" Wiles** - Sam and Kathryn Key; **In Memory of Betty Lamb** (mother of Bill Lamb) - Bob and Jewell Hill, **In Memory of Kathy Speorl** (sister of Cheryl Spencer) - Bob and Jewell Hill

Margaret H. Davis Organ Endowment Fund

In Memory of J. William "Bill" Pitts, Jr. - Chester and Lillie Woodward

Centennial Campaign

In Memory of J. William "Bill" Pitts, Jr. - Generations Sunday School Class

Gene Lindler Memorial Music Endowment Fund

In Memory of Carolyn Holderman (mother of Betsy Bradley) - Herb and Runette Louthian

Capital Fund

In Memory of Harriet Todd - Barbara Anderson