Shandon’s Personnel Ministry is excited to report that all open staff positions have been filled with dedicated and talented personnel. As we enter Shandon’s next chapter, it seems a perfect time to give thanks for all of those who work to keep our church going.

**Administration and Operations**
- Robert Walker, who joined us in July as church administrator, oversees financial and operational functions as well as staff management. Since his arrival, Robert’s collaborative spirit and enthusiasm for his work and the well-being of our church has been evident. He works closely with our ministries and will be instrumental in facilitating upcoming renovations to the Education Building.
- Catherine Teal continues in her role as finance manager, responsible for overseeing the church’s accounts payable and receivable. A long-time church member, Catherine and her husband Dennis volunteer in countless ways behind the scenes at Shandon.
- Jessica Joyner, who joined us in August as office manager, brings a wealth of administrative experience. We are excited to have her welcoming presence in the church office, assisting pastors, Session, staff and visitors.
- Carol Ward, communications coordinator, continues to serve as a hub for gathering and disseminating information of interest to our congregation via weekly email and bulletin announcements, The Spire and other special event notifications.
- Sandie Stillinger, who joined us in September as bookkeeper, manages accounting and payroll for the Weekday School. Sandie manages operations at the S.C. United Methodist Foundation and pastors her own small church in West Columbia.
- Gerald Taylor, our maintenance supervisor, handles repairs and meeting and event setups, and prepares the building for weekly worship activities. He is a frequent presence on Sunday mornings behind our reception desk.
- Jane Gardner and Georgia Shaw, receptionists, always provide a smiling and welcoming presence at the church’s main entrance evenings and weekends, ensuring that our facilities are safe and secure and directing folks where they need to go.
- Lori White and Gracie Brown arrive bright and early each day, cooking nutritious meals for Weekday School

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**Rise Against Hunger**

**World Communion Sunday**

October 6

Shandon to pack meals for Rise Against Hunger

*Did you know 821 million people in the world don’t get the food they need to live a healthy life? (2018 U.N. stats/Rise Against Hunger)*

Please plan to spend a little extra time at church on World Communion Sunday, October 6. Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, Shandon volunteers - ages 3 to 93 - will pack meals for Rise Against Hunger.

Our goal is to pack 20,088 meals. Sign up online to volunteer: events.riseagainsthunger.org/Shandon2019.

Rise Against Hunger provides nutritious dehydrated meals for distribution in developing countries. The meal packaging program is a volunteer-based initiative that coordinates the assembly-line packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals.
Openings at Shandon Weekday School

SVS has openings in its school-age program for grades two through eight. Please call 803-799-8533 for more information.

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children, as well as church volunteers and staff.

- Our extended care program is manned each Sunday by loving and dedicated child care professionals, Carolyn Bennett, Doris White, Dondi Marfori, Lindsay Waltz, Georgia Shaw, Rethelle Roberts and Des Ford.

- And finally, we are grateful for Bonnie Smith, Timothy Belk and Amy Lavine, who made countless contributions during their service to the business office and have moved on to new and exciting next chapters.

In music

- We are thankful for the talent and weekly dedication of our Chancel Choir under the direction of our choir director Alicia Walker and for the individual contributions of our choir scholars, Johnnie Felder, Jennifer Mitchell, Ashley Poole and Kelley Powell.

- Dwight Dockery, director of youth and children’s music, inspires Shandon’s children to share their musical gifts with the congregation and is calleed our Chancel Choir from time to time.

- John Maynard, director of handbells and handbell choirs, opens our weekly worship service with a beautiful and solemn bell peal and lovely solos.

- Finally, we are thankful for the talents of Laura Rosier and Lucinda Shields, who have stepped in as guest organists as we await the arrival of our new organist and music director, Matt McCall, on October 31.

In education and programming

- On September 8, John Cook’s call as associate pastor for discipleship was unanimously approved. In addition to campus ministry, John’s leadership roles in outreach and congregational care have been formalized, and he has moved into the church’s main office. We are grateful for John’s enduring love and care for our church and community.

- On September 8, Molly Spangler’s call as designated associate pastor for children, youth and families, was unanimously approved, and she will continue directing children and youth programs with the same devotion and care which have been the hallmarks of her time with us to date. We are excited to incorporate Molly’s enthusiasm and leadership more fully into the mission of our church.

- Tinsley Moise and Caroline Maas work alongside our associate pastors as children and youth ministries assistant and UKIRK pastoral assistant, respectively, providing weekly education and fellowship opportunities for children, youth and young adults.

- Debbie Wells, interim parish associate, graciously stepped into the pulpit as needed over a year ago and has been instrumental in working with the Diaconate, extending love and care to Shandon families in hospital waiting rooms and sharing meals and fellowship with members who are residents of Presbyterian Community, Still Hopes and Laurel Crest.

- Bob Brearley, interim senior pastor and head of staff, has served as a mentor, friend, preacher, teacher and leader at a crucial time in the life of our church, encouraging all of us to speak truth in love and challenging Shandon’s leaders to step up and serve more. We are grateful for the presence of Bob and his wife, Maryann, in the life of Shandon as we prepare the way for a new senior pastor.

I would like to thank the members of the Personnel Committee and the Staffing Leadership Task Force – Gina Brinson, Frank Vail, Marcia Bacon, Linda McDonald, Dale Marshall, Sarah Smith, Jennifer Webb and Bob Brearley. In our many working sessions, we sought to prayerfully evaluate the church’s staffing needs and organizational chart with an eye toward the future. The outcome of our work and mission in determining Shandon’s needs vis a vis financial resources is fully represented in the hiring which has taken place in the past six months. Please take time to meet, greet and thank our dedicated personnel who give their best efforts for the work and ministry of Shandon every day.

~ Janet Hamilton
Personnel Ministry chair

STAFF NEWS

Sandy Stillinger joins Shandon’s business office

Sandy Stillinger joined Shandon’s staff as part-time bookkeeper in September. Sandy is the manager of office operations at the S.C. United Methodist Foundation and part-time financial secretary for Main Street United Methodist Church. She is also the pastor of Shiloh United Methodist Church in West Columbia. Sandy received her associate’s degree in business administration from Midlands Technical College and is currently attending the Weekend Course of Study for Pastoral Ministry at Duke Divinity School in Durham, N.C.

MEMBER NEWS

Kathleen McDaniel honored among ‘Women of Influence’

Kathleen McDaniel, a founding partner of Burnette Shutt & McDaniel, was among 25 leaders selected for 2019 Women of Influence honors. Presented annually by the Columbia Regional Business Report, the award recognizes professionals who are striving to make the Midlands a better place. Candidates are evaluated based on business accomplishments, community service and other qualifications.

McDaniel’s work focuses on environmental law and government law, and she is deeply involved in the community, serving in leadership positions in neighborhood groups and civic organizations.

Alicia Wilson wins teaching award

Alicia Wilson, a hydrogeology professor and groundwater researcher at the University of South Carolina, received a Michael J. Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Award. The Mungo awards are presented to innovative professors committed to excellence in teaching. Four undergraduate teaching awards and one graduate teaching award in the amount of $5,000 are presented.
Highlights from the stated Session meeting in August and congregational meeting September 8:

- Janet Hamilton reported the Personnel Ministry has filled all church staff positions.
- In addition, the Session and congregation have approved Molly Spangler as designated associate pastor for children, youth and families. Revising John Cook’s title to associate pastor for discipleship was also approved. He will divide his time between Shandon and Ukipk on a 75/25 basis and will assume greater responsibility for outreach, pastoral care and congregational engagement.
- Matthew A. McCall will fill the position of part-time music director/organist starting October 31, and Bob Brearley and Debbie Wells will continue with their contracts through the end of 2019.
- As we rejoice in commitment of these staff members, both Janet Hamilton and Frank Vail, chair of the Finance Ministry, stressed that congregation members need to increase their gifts of time and money in order for the church to thrive.
- Church administrator Robert Walker expressed his commitment to fulfilling his responsibilities effectively and to empowering elders and members of the church to accomplish their goals.
- The Session approved Personnel and Finance’s joint recommendation to set a maximum compensation package of $125,000 to $135,000 for senior pastor candidates.
- Jennifer Webb, Ministry of Education chair, shared information about new classes for adults, covered the fall theme for children’s and youth’s classes and listed several important dates for the education program including Breakfast with Mary and Joseph December 15. She also presented a motion that was approved by the Session that anyone working with children and youth be required to attend Safe Sanctuary training, which will be offered twice every quarter.
- D.B. Parr, chair of the Building and Grounds Ministry, reported that his committee has hired consultants to determine whether we need to replace the HVAC system in the Riddle Education Building and that Robert Walker is getting a proposal to replace trees that were removed from the parking lot at the corner of Woodrow and Devine Streets.
- The Stewardship Committee is planning for the fall stewardship campaign.
- The Session approved allowing the Boy Scouts to use Davis parking lot at the corner of Woodrow and Devine Streets.
- The Outreach Ministry has been involved in many projects over the summer, including Blessing of the Backpacks, the Migrant Ministry Dinner, summer donations for the Weekend Backpack Food Program (350 jars of peanut butter), and Family Promise host week with new partner, Gill’s Creek Baptist Church. In addition, the Harvest Hope Food Drive took place in September, and 21 people have signed up to participate in the mission trip to Fontera de Cristo. Rise Against Hunger is scheduled for October 6.
- The Worship and Music Ministry sponsored several exciting events, including a Bluegrass and Barbecue Sunday and Ukipk Sunday in September. Lewis Galloway is scheduled to preach in October.

Memorials and Honorariums

Debt Retirement:
- In Memory of Zelle Burnside - Rowena Nylund; In Memory of Mary Cat Smith - Rowena Nylund

General Memorials:
- In Memory of Harriet Dubose – Lou Green; In Memory of Sally Gandy – Lou Green; In Memory of Zelle Burnside – Flynn and Anne Harrell, Hank and Elizabeth Alford, Dinah Rutland, Elizabeth Langley, Dennis and Catherine Teal, Ira Teine Henry, Generations of Irmo, Rev. Lib McGregor Simmons, Betty McGregor, Mary and Nick Papadea, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith, Mary G. Lewis, Foster “Billy” M. Rout III, Bill and Trish Sargent, Bob and Jewell Hill, Princa Wright and Ferissa Crocker, Margaret Utsey, Renee and Phil Burckhalter, Marion Burnside family, Doris Harrington; In Memory of Mary Cat Smith – Dinah Rutland, Barbara Gatlin, Dennis and Catherine Teal, John and Mary Anderson, Bill and Trish Sargent, Bob and Jewell Hill, Jean Weldon, Harriett and John Moore, Betty Jenkins; In Memory of Carolyn Crockett – Bill and Trish Sargent; In Memory of Tyler Williams - Doug Quackenbush and Cheryl Holland; In Memory of Andrew Bernard Fant - Doug Quackenbush and Cheryl Holland; In Memory of David Boyd Parr Sr. - Bob and Jewell Hill

J. Chappell Moore Scholarship Fund:
- In Memory of Edna B. and J. Chappell Moore - Linda Moore Gladden

Pastors Fund:
- In Memory of Zelle Burnside - Jim and Chae Thames, Shandon Presbyterian Circle 3; In Memory of Mary Cat Smith – Jim and Chae Thames; In Memory of Carolyn Crockett – Shandon Presbyterian Circle 3

Witneess to the resurrection

Members and friends of Shandon Presbyterian communicate their sorrow and the power of the resurrection faith to the friends and family of Zelle Burnside, to the friends and family of Mary Cat Smith, to Bruce LaFleur in the death of his stepfather Miller Glanzner, and to the friends and family of Gail Lord.

SESSION UPDATE

Serve

Assist with Sunday worship

The Worship Ministry is looking for a head usher or ushers to coordinate all usher duties. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Thom Mobley at thom1214@gmail.com.

Fulfilling our baptismal promises

Every time we baptize an infant, we promise to nurture that child in the Christian community. Fulfill that promise by volunteering to work with children or youth. The programming is planned, and Christian Education staff lead the events. But we need helpers! Youth meet 5:30-7 p.m. Sundays, and Children’s Bible Study is 6-7:15 p.m. Wednesdays during SOW. For more information, contact Molly Spangler, mspangler@shandon-presbyterian.org.

Sunday School counters

If you like counting money, we’ve got an opportunity for you. We’re looking for volunteers to join the team that collects the offering envelopes during Sunday School. For more information, contact Martha Bode at mbode@scana.com.
Finding joy in a circle of friends

Two weeks after joining Shandon, I received a phone call from a woman who would change my life. My husband, Eric, and I had recently moved from Boston. I was pregnant and didn’t know anyone in Columbia (or South Carolina, for that matter). Janet Burts, a Shandon Presbyterian Women circle chair, called to invite me to attend her circle the following Tuesday. Even though I had no idea what a circle was, other than a geometric shape, and I was due to give birth to our firstborn the following Friday, I said, “Yes.” Why not?

The following Tuesday I arrived at Shandon, very pregnant, and was immediately welcomed by members of the “Nursery Circle,” so nicknamed because it provided a nursery for the children of the attendees. Not only did I hear the word of God through the Bible study lesson, but I also heard God speak through the laughter of these women as they regaled each other with the latest tales of their babies, toddlers and older children.

I gave birth three days later, and several of these women, whom I had met only once, brought Eric and me food and smiles and a rose that had been placed on the communion table and booties knitted by women at the church. Never could I have imagined that such a family of friends would grow almost instantaneously. Maybe that’s why it is called a circle – women encircling each other in faith and friendship.

As the years have passed, though I am no longer in the “Nursery Circle,” I am in another circle of equally amazing women (some “graduated” with me), and the word of God is still heard through the same Bible study. Instead of meeting at the church where we could have a nursery, we meet for lunch at a circle member’s house, so that career women may join.

Our faith and friendship have strengthened through graduations, illnesses, weddings, births, deaths. We share our strengths with each other and the community. Whether we are gathering food for the Weekend Backpack Food Program, decorating the Christmas tree at the Presbyterian Home, attending an event to support Killingsworth, or making food for a funeral or to welcome a new baby, we are having fun and supporting one another.

Thank you, Janet Burts, for inviting me to your circle. It has made all the difference. To all women who are not in a circle, I am personally inviting you to find one that best suits you and your schedule.

~ Heather Powers

October programs:

• October 2 – Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah: What We Should Know with Rabbi Jonathan Case.
• October 9 – Pastor Nominating Committee listening session.
• October 16 – Shandon’s Outreach Ministry highlights our support of the Free Medical Clinic. Executive director Freddie Strange will share how, for 35 years, the clinic has provided health care and pharmacy services to those who would not have access. In 2018, the clinic served almost 1,500 patients from 19 Midlands counties. Information will also be available about other health initiatives that SPC supports: American Red Cross blood drive, Walk to End Alzheimer’s, Live Oak Counseling Center and the Free Dental Clinic for Children.
• October 23 – Make a trick-or-treat/grocery bag from an old T-shirt with Pamela Greenlaw, chair of Bachman Sierra Group. Bring an old T-shirt for each family member, and a good pair of scissors if you have one.
• Oct. 30 – Treats on the Street (see page 1).
• For more information, go to www.shandonpresbyterian.org.

Fellowship and study opportunities at SOW

Shandon on Wednesdays offers a weekly dinner as well as Bible study, choirs and educational programs for children, youth and adults.

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Discovery and Film and Theology class schedules

• Debbie Wells is teaching Short Stories of Jesus: Six Parables as seen from the perspective of Amy Jill Levine in the Discovery Class through October 20. Beginning October 27, Bob Brearley will teach on the Synoptic Gospels using modern Biblical criticism. The class meets in Room 209 during the Sunday School hour.
• The Film and Theology Class will discuss The Apostle October 13, and Dead Man Walking, October 27. Meeting time for the class, led by Karl Heider, has been changed to 5 p.m. in Davis Hall.

Synod gathering in October

The gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of South Atlantic is October 25-27 at Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia.

For more information or to download a registration form, go to www.pwsosa.com. Registration is $100 for three days; rooms range from $99 to $125 depending on occupancy.

Please consider joining us at this gathering at one of the most peaceful settings in our Synod.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

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Food and fellowship

Join your Shandon family for a potluck luncheon immediately following the worship service on Sunday, October 27. Bring a dish to share. The church will provide drinks and paper goods.
October 2019

To my fellow Shandon members: Thank you for your support and friendship for the last 29 years. You have been at the heart of all my efforts and joys. Thank you, too, for your sweet wishes and gifts to the Riddle Education Building Renovation fund, at my retirement.

Love to you all, dear friends, Bonnie Smith

Thank you to Shandon and Downtown Church for your enthusiastic response to the need for volunteers in the Weekend Backpack Food Program. In less than a week, you filled all 140 volunteer slots to pack bags, deliver food to A.C. Moore and Rosewood elementary schools and return empty containers.

If you want to volunteer but were unable to find an open slot, contact Rowena Nylund at 803-252-7752 or rnylund@sc.rr.com.

THANK YOU
THANK YOU

for your contributions to the community food drive. Along with our Shandon neighbors, we collected 536 pounds of staple foods and $1,405 for Harvest Hope.

MANY THANKS to the Shandon Retreat Band, who also provide music for special events such as Rally Day. From left, Gary Cannon, Chase Hicks, Connie Schultz, Marcia Bacon and John Arnold.

Quilters need men’s cotton shirts

The Shandon Quilt Group members have a great time creating quilts to share, and for an upcoming project, they want to make quilt tops from men’s shirts. If you’re clearing out your closets, please share your 100% cotton dress or business casual shirts—all colors and patterns. Leave them in the reception area, and watch for a beautiful quilt top fashioned from the many shirt fabrics.

For information or pick-up, call Joan Edwards 803-331-2018 or Elizabeth Kelbaugh, 803-794-6186.

Would you like to receive home communion?

Anyone can request home communion the first Sunday of each month when the sacrament is observed at church. Contact John Cook, jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org, the week prior to the first Sunday to be added to the in-home schedule. Upcoming Sundays for home communion are October 6, November 3 and December 1. We look forward to serving home communion for all.
Fall at Shandon: fellowship, worship and stewardship

Every month at Shandon Presbyterian Church seems to have a special emphasis. August was marked by the news of staff changes as we announced some faithful servants retiring and many new people coming to join our team. September was a month of gatherings as we rallied for Sunday School, celebrated Bonnie Smith’s retirement with a reception, and then tapped our toes together on Blue Grass Sunday with a concert and barbecue on the lawn.

The special emphasis for October will be stewardship as we make financial commitments to next year’s mission budget. I love it when stewardship is home grown, and it surely is this time around at Shandon Presbyterian. Elder Jennifer Webb was getting ready for bed one evening, and all of a sudden this year’s theme came to her: “At Shandon we’re all IN . . . INvested, INvolved and INvigorated!” Those words will lead us through worship this coming month as members of the church speak to us about being invested and involved and invigorated by our life together in the faith. Come as often as you can.

I am hoping that we will be ALL IN when it comes to supporting our church in 2020. And I am hoping that we will all be in the sanctuary on Sunday, October 27, as we dedicate our pledges and hear the gospel proclaimed by our former pastor Lewis Galloway. God bless us all.

Love,  
Bob

**BIRTHS**

**Grace Cadman Moore**  
*September 13, 2019*  
Daughter of Beth and Brian Moore

**Quinn Louise Killen**  
*September 17, 2019*  
Daughter of Erin and Rivers Killen

**Mary Oliver Hall and George Herrick Hall**  
*September 22, 2019*  
Daughter and son of Meghan and Trevor Hall

- **Shandon team to participate in Walk to End Alzheimer’s**
  
  Did you know that Alzheimer’s is the only disease among the top 10 causes of death in America that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed? Please join us at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 26, for the Walk to End Alzheimer’s. The walk, roughly two miles in length, will be held at Segra Park, 1640 Freed Drive in Columbia. Go to bit.ly/spcalzwalk2019 to register to walk or to make a donation in support of our Shandon Presbyterian team. For more information, please contact Sara Hartsell at sarachristine9822@gmail.com.

- **Thanksgiving needs for Sistercare**
  
  Presbyterian Women are collecting non-perishable goods and retail grocery store gift cards for Sistercare for Thanksgiving.
  
  Please place food donations in the bin near the reception desk by Nov. 13. Gift cards in the amounts of $10 to $50 can be dropped off with Jessica Joyner in the church office.

  **Needed items:**
  - Boxed stuffing mix (such as Stovetop) and cornbread mix.
  - Instant mashed potatoes, rice, dried beans and boxed macaroni and cheese.
  - Canned yams, canned vegetables (green beans, corn or peas), cranberry sauce and fixings for green bean casserole (cream of mushroom soup, canned green beans and french fried onions).
  - Canned pumpkin or fruit pie filling, pie crust mix, cake or brownie mix, canned frosting, Jell-o or pudding mix.
  - Salt and pepper, vegetable oil, sugar, mayonnaise.
  - Powdered drink mixes, instant coffee, boxes of tea bags, dried coffee creamer.
  - Peanut butter, jelly and graham crackers.
  - Boxed cereal.
  - Crackers and spray cheese.
  - Foil baking pans, paper plates, napkins, plastic utensils, paper towels.
  - Trash bags dishwashing liquid.

  For more information, please contact Chae Thames, chaethames@gmail.com or 803-730-5289.

- **Hurricane Dorian disaster relief**
  
  Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is delivering aid and deploying teams to assist in relief efforts in areas affected by Hurricane Dorian. Shandon’s Outreach Ministry has designated the Peace and Global Witness Offering, which will be collected on World Communion Sunday, October 6, to support PDA’s work.

  Donations also can be made online at pda.pcuusa.org or by phone at [800] 872-3283. Checks may be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Designate all gifts to DR000194.

- **Weekend Backpack Food Program**
  
  Food storage and weekly packing for the Weekend Food Backpack Program has moved into the room across from the church reception desk. For more information, contact Rowena Nylund, nnylund@sc.rr.com or 803-252-7752.

  **October donation item: shelf-stable white milk (8 ounces).** Please place donations in the designated bin near the church office reception desk. Your donations help us stretch our food dollars further. Thank you for giving generously.