



ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service **March 23.**

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Mon, Tue, Thu- 3pm
Wed- 5pm, Fri-Noon

Worship services: *The Path*: 8:45AM Traditional: 11:00AM Sunday School: 9:45AM

"What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the creator calls a butterfly."

GOOD NEWS FROM A GRAVEYARD

During the Second World War there was a little Polish town called Wilma.

Wilma, Poland had very few Jews. And the people of the community, as best as they could, tried to hide their Jewish neighbors from the Nazis.

One hiding place after another was used up. The time finally came when they had exhausted all the possible hiding places, it seemed until a friendly grave-digger said, *"I will see to it that there are always several unused graves dug."*

And for some months that little group of frightened, hiding Jews lived in the bottom of graves. The day came, when one of the young Jewish women in the group had a little baby boy.

As that young mother hovered down in that six-foot pit with her newborn, the gravedigger was heard to say, *"Oh, dear Lord, could this be the Messiah? For who but the Messiah could be born in a grave?"*

That's the message why we are here on Easter Sunday. We say *"Indeed yes."* The Savior was born in a graveyard. And the best news, the joyous and hopeful news in all of human experience, is found in a cemetery. It is news from a graveyard. (This idea originally from Paul Tillich)

On this day, let us proclaim: We are resurrection people; we believe God's causes are never beaten.

On this day, let us proclaim: Despite the immediate evidence of today, love is stronger than hate.

On this day, let us proclaim: Justice will ultimately prevail over injustice.

On this day, let us proclaim: Peace will eventually defeat war.

We are the people who know it and believe it because of the reports from the followers of Christ on a morning on a hillside outside of Jerusalem a long time ago.

God is the source of all of this. God brings new life – new life beyond death, and new life even now.

On Good Friday.....our faith was born.....On Sunday it was confirmed.

Christ has died.....Christ has risen

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Living Out Our Faith

March 23, 2008 By

"I will be loyal to The United Methodist Church and uphold it with my PRAYERS, my PRESENCE, my GIFTS, and my SERVICE."

OUR PRAYERS

Billy Laney, Lexington Medical Center

Linda O'Neal

Beth Wilkinson – Home

In memoriam Evelyn B. Chacko, mother of JoAnne Day on March 15, 2008. Service will be held later in Pennsylvania.

OUR PRESENCE

Sunday School – 240 Worship: *The Path* - 106
Traditional Service - 289

OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending	3/15/08	\$ 11,714
Received Year to Date		129,497
Spent Year to Date		154,427

General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending	3/15/08	9,546
Received Year to Date		118,224

Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings	580
Driveway Project Total to Date:	25,905

OUR SERVICE

Crucifer: Brent R.

Acolytes: Jenny W. & Lauren L.

Lay Reader: Hal Von Nessen

Altar Stewards: Debbie Matthews, Jane Bryan, Barbara Higgins, Amary Sox

Ushers for March: Frank Ward, Jimmy Smith, John Calore, Joan Sanford, Linda Wilkins, Bud Graczyk

Narthex Table for March: Jean Jackson & Karen Moore

Greeters – *The Path*: Carrie Caudle

Greeters: Sunday School and Worship:

Steve Carroll & Janet Hatch; Steve Carroll & Jeanne Cothran

Sound: Bill Bryan

Nursery:

The Path – Courtney K. & Vicky B.

Infants: Valerie & Paige Railey; Trish Lockaby

Crawlers: Phil & Terri Miller

Toddlers: Amary Sox & Cheryl Means

Preschoolers: Bobby & Debra Keough

Children's Church: Denny & Colleen Daniels

Sunday School Coffee for March: Good News

Flowers: Easter Lilies – See insert.

The rosebud is to the glory of God in honor of the birth of Evan Patrick Brigmond born on March 16, 2008. Patrick is the son of Patrick and Kristen Brigmond who live in Bethlehem, Georgia and grandson of David and Cindy Robinson.

The Easter Paschal Candle is in loving memory of Joe Wolfe by Lou Wolfe.

Hymns & Scriptures for 11:00 am Service

Easter People, Raise Your Voices UMH No. 304

In the Garden UMH No. 314

The Day of Resurrection UMH No. 303

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

Missionaries We Support

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www.themissionsociety.org/missionaries/dalenburg

Family Ministries

No Wednesday Night Supper This Week March 26th

Suppers resume April 2nd with Rotisserie Chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes and dessert.

Birthdays (March 23-29)

23	Terry Carson, Bobby Keough, Sherril Ford
24	Megan Carraway, Ruth Cornell
25	Chris Mixon, Ada Riddle-Magaro
26	Carrie Caudle, Bud Gore, Sally McLeod
27	Jim Easterling, Mark Polk, Sarah Proctor
28	JoAnne Day, Gary Hodgins
29	Courtenay Gleaton, Joan Sanford, Katie Turner

Memorials:

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for of Paul Reid by Polly Turner

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for "Duck" Huey & Paul Reid by Bob & Beverly Stallings

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Rose Hammond & Hazel Davis by Jim & Nancy Bradley

"Duck" Huey, Rose Hammond, Margaret Credille, Hazel Davis, Paul Reid,

Lawrence Pitts & Jason Jones by Bud & Donna Gore

"Duck" Huey, Paul Reid, Margaret Credille by Jim & Nancy Bradley

Hazel Davis by Virginia Combs

Paul Reid & Hazel Davis by Yu-Fong & Karen Chong

Cleaning Up From Saturday's Tornadoes

South Carolina was hit by a reported seven tornadoes last Saturday. If you are interested in sharing your talents and helping others clean up from this storm, please contact Rev. Bruce Palmer at 803-321-5907 or email him at hbp4family@yahoo.com for directions on where to work. Bruce is serving at the UVMIM coordinator for this particular disaster.

Acknowledgement

Thank you from the Salvation Army. Your generosity will allow us to serve those most in need. We wish you God's blessings. Thank you for donating your time in the kitchen. We are grateful for volunteers like you all! God Bless ~ Kelley Cox

Registration Forms

Registration forms for Salkehatchie Summer Service and Asbury Hills Camp are on the bulletin board across from the church offices.

Lenten Boxes

Please bring your Lenten boxes this Sunday to either The Path or 11:00 a.m. worship service. There will be a time during the service to turn in the boxes.

NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 30TH

5th Sunday Breakfast

9:00 am Ashland Hall

Please bring a covered dish breakfast item to share.

Worship is at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary

**Altar Flower Procedure Effective
April 1, 2008**

Due to rising costs, Chapin Flower and Gift Shop has increased the cost of the altar flowers, the first increase in ten years.

2 Arrangements - \$75.00 if both ordered by the same person

1 Arrangement - \$45.00 each – if only 1 is ordered for that Sunday

1 Arrangement - \$37.50 each – if 2 are ordered but by different individuals

1 Rosebud Vase - \$10.00

Ashland UMC will invoice for altar flowers. Please note on your check that it is for altar flowers.

The altar flower arrangements are sometimes donated to be given to members of Ashland who are ill or unable to attend services. If any individuals or groups in the church would be willing to help with delivery of these flowers on an occasional basis, please call Maria at the church office (798-5350, ext. 10) or Mary Nell Wilson (345-3564). Thank you!

Recycling Opportunity here at Ashland

The Stewardship Committee has placed recycling containers throughout the building. Please place your aluminum cans and plastic bottles in these containers. Thank you for helping us with this project!

EDUCATION

Confirmation Class

Youth will receive the Scavenger Hunt this week. Mentors and youth, please work together and complete by April 6th. We will be attending, touring and eating lunch at Epworth Children's Home April 6th, mentors welcome to join us. Joel will meet with Confirmands Sunday, April 13th at 9:45am in the Sanctuary. Remember to mark your calendars: April 27th is Confirmation Sunday!

Safe Sanctuary Policy

Please keep our Safe Sanctuary team in your prayers as we update our policy to better reduce the risk of harm to our children, youth and vulnerable adults. We will be attending a workshop on April 5th.

**Special Music Sunday
May 4th**

**Combined worship service at 11:00 am
Music program presented by the choir**

U M Y F

Bible Study, Room 111 ~ Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm

March – "The Ultimate Gift" Series

Sat 22nd – 10:30am – Easter Egg Hunt

Sun 23rd – Happy Easter - No UMYF

30th - 4:30pm – Ashland Lights

5:30pm – UMYF – "4 & 5" – Problems and Learning

April

6th 4:30pm – Ashland Lights

5:30pm – UMYF Gift #5 & #6 – Laughter and Dream

Sat 12th – HOMEWORKS- Sign-up on Bulletin Board near kitchen.

13th 5:15pm- Youth Explosion – Trenholm Rd UMC – Last one of the year!

SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF ST. ANDREWS

Spring Session begins Tuesday at Ashland UMC!!

Quilting-Art-Bridge-Gardening

Classes include Railroading-American Elections- Spanish

FREE CLASS 11am – Living Fully and Dying Well

Rev. Richard Holiday

Noon Lunches with Guest Speakers/Entertainers

For more information call Becky Swanson @ 731-9394

Information concerning the free class:

"Living Fully and Dying Well" by Bishop Reuben Job

"Living Fully and Dying Well" is designed to help us in making careful, wise and prayerful preparations for meeting life's most important moments. This study inspires us to talk openly about faith and mortality. Topics include Biblical and social perspectives on age, growing older, which practical legal decisions are important for everyone, what happens when we die, and how we can live each day to its fullest. This class is being taught by Rev. Richard Holiday, Minister for Senior Adults at Union UMC in Irmo.



United Methodist Women

CALLING ALL WOMEN!!!

Ashland's UMW annual Mission Work Day and Prayer & Self Denial Service will be Saturday, April 12th, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, in Ashland Hall. We need: sewing machines & sergers; as well as, Lots of Ladies With Willing Hands (sewing ability NOT necessary)! Start making your plans now to attend!!! Remember to bring terry cloth items to church for our Mission Work Day in April.

**Make plans to attend the SCUMW
Spiritual Growth Retreat**

May 2-3 & 3-4, 2008, Lake Junaluska, NC

Retreat Leader: Dr. Vivia Fowler

"Biblical Sisters"

Retreat registration forms are in the church office.



United Methodist Men Men on a Mission



Back by popular demand, the UMM Annual Chicken BBQ. Saturday, April 19th in Ashland Hall from 3:00 - 7:00 pm. Cost: \$6.00 per plate. See one of the UMM for tickets.

The men of Ashland are going to conduct a UMM Bowl-A-Thon to support Scouting. Six men will bowl three games each on March 29th and are seeking pledges on a per pin basis. For example, if you pledge 10 cents per pin and the bowler manages to knock over 100 pins, the pledge would be equal to \$10. Please make pledges to the following bowlers: John Calore, Ed Hammond, David Jones, Doug Mastin, Jim Newcomb, & Tom Wilkinson.

If you need help with a minor job around the house, please call the church office.

Mark your calendar to attend the "No Man Left Behind Conference", May 15-17, 2008 at Salem UMC. Information is on the bulletin board across from the church office.

MISSION Opportunities

Hope for the Homeless

There will be a discussion at Incarnation Lutheran Church on Devine Street, On March 25, 7 p.m.

All city council candidates have been invited to this forum, which will deal with the wide range of issues affecting the homeless, including housing, transportation and health care, and centralized service center.

Mission Wednesdays in April

What do they do? Who do they serve? How do they do it? Join us April 2nd to hear what Hannah's House is all about. On April 9, 16, and 23 we will host speakers from our other mission agencies in the area. Join us for dinner at 6pm and program at 6:30pm. Here is an opportunity to hear how we can give back.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 23, 2008 – Matthew 28:11-20

8:00 AM	<i>The Path</i> , Ashland Hall
9:00 AM	Breakfast in Ashland Hall
10:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 AM	Traditional Service, Sanctuary

Monday, March 24, 2008 – Isaiah 55:1-5

11:00 AM-Noon	Staff Meeting
6:30 PM	No Disciple IV, #115
7:30 PM	No Girl Scouts, #108

Tuesday, March 25, 2008 – Luke 24:13-35

9:00 AM	Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews
6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry Class, #119
6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry, Prayer Room

Wednesday, March 26, 2008 – 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

6:00 PM	No Wednesday Night Supper
6:00 PM	Al Anon, #127
6:30 PM	Ties that Bind, #119
6:30 PM	Education Committee, #138
7:30 PM	Sign Language, #129
	Worship Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, March 27, 2008 – Psalm 118:19-29

10:30 AM	Ladies Prayer Group, #119
7:00 PM	Chess Club, #125
7:30 PM	Arpad Darzas Singers Practice, Choir Room

Friday, March 28, 2008 – Isaiah 41:1-10

Saturday, March 29, 2008 – 1 Samuel 13:5-14

Sunday, March 30, 2008 – Luke 10:25-37

9:00 AM	Breakfast in Ashland Hall
10:30 AM	Combined Service in Sanctuary
4:30 PM	Ashland Lights
5:30 PM	UMYF

Devotions are from "*The Upper Room*".

The complete church calendar can be found on the church's website www.ashlandumc.com

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