



# ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

*Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service* **March 30.**

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Those who have eyes, let them see. Those who have ears, let them hear.

The Lenten fast is over – the Easter season is here! I need a perspective on keeping the Easter joy alive by living in this world as Jesus intended. An article from a newsletter entitled *Psyche and Spirit* did that for me – sharing a good perspective about not being consumed by our modern culture and becoming a more aware individual.

The article asked us to recall times when we got away from the usual routine, – like traveling to a place very different from our values and practices.

I quickly remembered the 2006 ministerial exchange in England – our family gained a very different angle/perspective on life – more than simply driving on the other side of the road.

How powerful I remember the experience of working two summers at Asbury Hills UM Camp. We had no television or newspapers; cell phones and e-mails didn't yet exist. And we loved it! At summer's end, there was such a sense of serenity.

The article went on to challenge our perspective: When returning to our usual culture, we see things with fresh eyes and question things in new ways.

Do we really need such a large house? Do we really need a bigger TV?

Do we really need the latest style of cell phone?

Why are we living such frantic lives, as if these things really matter when, when we step away, we know they are of no ultimate consequence?

The author, Arden Mahlberg, suggested we might become more conscious and intentional with the radical values of God's kingdom by having a weekly fast from time to time from the dominant culture. No TV, no newspapers, movies or shopping. No discussion of politics or business.

And perhaps our attention would be turned by the Holy Spirit to God, nature, people, and creativity. And hopefully, with God's help, at the end of that Sabbath break, we see ourselves, each other, and our work with fresh eyes and fresh purpose.

### United Methodist Women Special Baby Mission Recognition March 30

Sara Beth W., daughter of Malinda & David Wendt, born March 22, 2007;  
Kathryn (Kate) Marie W., daughter of Jeff & Denise Williams, born May 14, 2007;  
Riley Camryn G., daughter of Jennifer & Marshall Gibson, born May 21, 2007;  
Carolyn Jennings C., daughter of Jonathan & Haley Calore, born on July 14, 2007;  
Shaylee McKenzie T., daughter of Kris & Kelli Tomes, born on October 3, 2007;  
Amelia Rose T., daughter of Matt & Lucy Turner, born on December 10, 2007

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## Missions

### Mission Wednesdays in April

What do they do? Who do they serve? **Can we help?** Join us for Wednesday Supper at 6 pm. Speakers from local mission agencies at 6:30 pm. Agency Speakers will be from:  
Killingsworth – April 9<sup>th</sup>  
Epworth Children's Home - April 16<sup>th</sup>  
Oliver Gospel Mission - April 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Preparing for Salkehatchie Summer Service Columbia Camp

Thanks to all who donated Bi-Lo "gas tokens" for the Salkehatchie Summer Service Columbia Camp. There were enough tokens donated to redeem for \$375 of Shell gas gift cards! This will be a tremendous help for the Columbia camp this summer.

### Recycling Opportunity Here at Ashland

Please note the blue recycling trash bins around Ashland. We ask that you place only aluminum cans and plastic bottles in there. No other trash, please.

### **money for missions**



Starting this Sunday our children and youth will be collecting their loose change for Hannah House, Epworth Children's Home, Killingsworth, & Oliver Gospel Mission. If you want to help, pick up an M&M container near library and coffee.

### Alternative Break Program

Chris Cantrell recently organized and led a group from Clemson University to Washington, D.C. as part of the Alternative Break Program. The group worked in soup kitchens and painted a shelter for the homeless and needy.

### Clemson Wesley Foundation Mission Trip

The following people from Ashland went to the Bahamas recently to help repair homes and buildings: Ryan Spurrier, Pam Spurrier, Paul Davidson, Katie Bickers

### Congratulations

Congratulations to our junior high girls basketball team who are the 2008 season runner up in the Midlands Girls Basketball League.

Will S. was honored March 27<sup>th</sup> as a winner in the youth talent category in the "6<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrating Your Gifts" award.

# U M Y F

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

### March – "The Ultimate Gift" Series

**30<sup>th</sup>** - 4:30pm – Ashland Lights

5:30pm – UMYF –#5 & # 6 –Problems and Learning

### April

**6<sup>th</sup>** 4:30pm – Ashland Lights

5:30pm – UMYF Gift #7 & #8 – Laughter and Dream

**Sat 12<sup>th</sup>** – HOMEWORKS- Sign-up on Bulletin Board near kitchen.

**13<sup>th</sup>** 5:15pm- Youth Explosion – Trenholm Rd UMC – Last one of the year! Bring school supplies for entrance fee.

**20<sup>th</sup>** 4:30pm – Ashland Lights

5:30pm – UMYF Gift #9 & #10 – Giving & Gratitude



## United Methodist Women

This Sunday we will be recognizing the 2007 Special Baby Mission Recognitions during the combined worship service.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Please be reminded of our **Wednesday, April 2** meeting in Room 117 at 6:30 p.m. Circle leaders please come with a brief report from your Circle.

**Plan to attend the SC Conference UMW  
Spiritual Growth Retreat  
May 2-3 and 3-4, 2008  
Lake Junaluska, NC  
Registration forms  
are in the church office.**

**WE NEED ALL ASHLAND LADIES FOR  
UMW Mission Work Day/  
Prayer & Self Denial Service**

**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Ashland Hall**

It will be a day of sewing and sharing as we make necessary items for the women of Zimbabwe, Africa, and sleep dolls for their children. No sewing skill necessary! We do need sewing machines, sergers, and ladies willing to help. Please bring scissors. Please fill out the form & put it in the collection plate, or send it to the church office.

**HELP OUT WITH ASHLAND'S UMW  
Mission Work Day and Prayer & Self Denial Service  
Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Ashland Hall**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Will Attend **OR** \_\_\_\_ Will Not Attend  
\_\_\_\_ I Can Sew **OR** \_\_\_\_ I Cannot Sew

Can Provide: \_\_\_\_ Sewing Machine \_\_\_\_ Serger



## United Methodist Men Men on a Mission

Back by popular demand, the UMM Annual Chicken BBQ. Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> in Ashland Hall from 3:00 - 7:00 pm. Cost: \$7.00 per plate; \$6.00 for a whole chicken. See one of the UMM for tickets.

**UMM will be meeting on Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Ashland Hall.** Our speaker for this meeting is Ann Bethea, Director of Volunteer Services at Lexington Medical. If you have not been to a Methodist Men's Meeting, please consider joining us.

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.

## EDUCATION

### Confirmation Class

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

**April 27<sup>th</sup> is Confirmation Sunday!**

### Thank You

What a great Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday! Thanks to all those who helped hide eggs, create and guide children through the crafts, face painting and assisted. We had over 70 children and 150 plus family members.

### Letter from Paul & Tracey Johnston

A letter is on the bulletin board across from the church offices from Paul & Tracey Johnston to the Ashland Church Family. We wish them well as they return to Kutztown, Pennsylvania.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **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                          |

### **Monday, March 31, 2008 – Revelation 21:22-22:5**

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| 10:00 AM-Noon | Staff Meeting     |
| 6:30 PM       | Disciple IV, #115 |
| 7:30 PM       | Girl Scouts, #108 |

### **Tuesday, April 1, 2008 – Lamentations 3:22-26**

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

### **Wednesday, April 2, 2008 – Romans 12:17-21**

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| 6:00 PM | Wednesday Night Supper        |
| 6:00 PM | AI Anon, #127                 |
| 6:30 PM | UMW Executive Committee, #115 |
| 6:30 PM | Ties that Bind, #119          |
| 6:30 PM | Church Council, #138          |
| 6:30 PM | Wacky Wednesday               |
| 7:30 PM | Sign Language, #129           |
|         | Worship Choir, Choir Room     |

### **Thursday, April 3, 2008 – 1 John 4:7-12**

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| 9:00 AM  | DOADAS, Ashland Hall                      |
| 10:30 AM | Ladies Prayer Group, #119                 |
| 6:30 PM  | Sunshine Circle, #138                     |
| 7:00 PM  | Chess Club, #125                          |
| 7:30 PM  | Arpad Darzas Singers Practice, Choir Room |

### **Friday, April 4, 2008 – Jeremiah 28:4-14**

### **Saturday, April 5, 2008 – James 1:19-21**

### **Sunday, April 6, 2008 – 1 Corinthians 3:5-7**

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|----------|--------------------------------|
| 8:45 AM  | The Path, Ashland Hall         |
| 9:45 AM  | Sunday School for All Ages     |
| 11:00 AM | Traditional Service, Sanctuary |
| 3:00 PM  | Evangelism                     |
| 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](http://www.ashlandumc.com)

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