



ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service **June 8.**

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

CHRISTIANITY FOR THE REST OF US

As a child, Diana Butler Bass worshipped at a UMC named St. John - where church was a building where we worshipped, a set of traditions we inherited but could never change. We were white glove Methodists all dressed up each Sunday sitting politely in our pews. Bass wrote, "I do not recall that anyone in church ever looked particularly happy. Church was a matter of duty." (p. 252 *Christianity for the Rest of Us*)

Why should the church change anyway? The New Testament teaches Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

With such a life denying mentality, mainline churches began losing hordes of members, while non-mainline, mostly evangelical, conservative churches grew in staggering numbers.

Butler-Bass notes that many of these new churches grew very loud, insisting their doctrine and politics were the true one. She struggled with that concept of "one party" Christianity in America where everyone thinks all the same way.

With that in mind, and with a grant from the Lily Foundation, she spent three years and hundred of hours going to mainline churches. She found many congregations daring to try new things, taking their cue from the Holy Spirit, God's breath that blows where it will and is always changing and recreating something.

The result of this research is a hopeful book about pursuing "Christianity for the rest of us." -A faith that is open and generous, intellectual and emotive, beautiful and just.

Christian life is a journey of change. I hope to share some more of her views with you in the coming months as we continue our work on Natural Church Development, as we continue to ask: *Who are we at Ashland and What is God calling us to do?*

Youth Concert This Sunday Evening in Ashland Hall

The Orange Park United Methodist Church's Teen's Loving Christ Student Choir will be at our church on Sunday, June 8th at 7:00 p.m. to sing for us. Forty middle & senior high school students from Jacksonville, Florida will share their music and drama program entitled, "Making History" under the direction of Dr. Mark Stallings.

Musical styles will range from traditional to contemporary. Their tour is a faith building mission with the goals of becoming a more caring Christian community to one another and being worthy ambassadors of Jesus Christ and strong representatives of the broad ministry of OPUMC. Come bring your entire family to this fun, different, yet poignant musical event.

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Living Out Our Faith

June 8, 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

David Gramling – Deployed
The mother of Connie Cashwell
Bud Graczyk – Providence Hospital
Our teachers and students as this year's school session is over.

In Memoriam: Freda Reid died on June 4, 2008. Services were held at Ashland UMC and interment at Bush River Memorial Gardens Mausoleum on June 6, 2008.

OUR PRESENCE

Sunday School: 210 Worship: The Path - N/A
Traditional Service – N/A

OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending: 5/31/08 \$ 13,090
Received Year to Date: 302,572
Spent Year to Date: 353,001

General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending: 5/31/08 12,343
Received Year to Date: 274,567

Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings 515
Driveway Project Total to Date: 27,065

OUR SERVICE

Crucifer: Frederick T.
Acolytes: Sarah M., Taylor B.
Lay Reader: Vicki Bates
Altar Stewards: Barbara Higgins, Amary Sox
Ushers for June: Wally Allen, Casey Allen, Jim Easterling, Hal Clarkson, Scott Peurifoy, Bud Graczyk
Narthex Table for June: Educational Ministries
Greeters
The Path: Jeanne Cothran
Greeters: Sunday School and Worship:
Hal & Susan Von Nessen
Sound: Doug Martin
Nursery:
The Path: David & Sarah Fellows, Amy Raynor
Infants: Caroline Harrelson
Crawlers: Vicky & Sarah P.; Debbie S.
Toddlers: Valerie Barham; Shelly & Madison H.
Preschoolers: Brian & Kathy Cannon
Children's Church: Robert & Linda Motley
Sunday School Coffee for June: Friendship Class

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are to the glory of God and in memory of Linda Carroll's birthday, June 9, from Dalene and Grant Gibson.

Hymns and Scriptures for 11 am Service

"Come, Thou Almighty King" UMH No. 61
"He Touched Me" UMH No. 367
"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS No. 2129
Genesis 12:1-9
Matthew 9:9-13; 18-26

Missionaries We Support

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Adam & Jennifer Dalenburg

Birthdays (June 8-14)

8	Wilbur Bingham, Jr., Wade Luther, II
9	Steve Felsburg, Karen McCauley, Haley Sandersfeld, Kelly Teague
10	James Carson, David Kyre, Owen Livingston, Mark Sox
11	Trish Lockaby, Whitney Ortiz, Linda Peeler, Courtney Smith, Ellen Smoak
12	Kari Burroughs, Charlie Matthews
13	Ben Ward
14	Tyler Little

Honorariums and memorials will be in next week's newsletter.

Congratulations, Billy

Billy C. received a medal for Grand Recognition at Duke University for his high score on the ACT.

Myanmar and China E-quake Relief

We are receiving money for the Myanmar Relief and Sichuan Earthquake Relief.

UMCOR is supporting the relief efforts of the Amity Foundation, a voluntary Chinese Christian organization and longtime partner of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries. Please make your check payable to Ashland UMC and designate which relief you wish to direct your money.

Ashland Teaching at Epworth Children's Home

Keep Lou Wolfe, Ann & Tim Leeming, Valerie & Curt Railey and Suzy Speas in your prayers this summer as they fill a need at Epworth Children's home teaching Wednesday night Sunday school through August 13.

College & Careers ...

Join us in room 114 this Sunday as we start a new journey together in Sunday school. If you are 18-25 years old we are talking to you! Hey if you're not there anymore we want you too! Help shape the direction, name, study and mission of this new class and ministry.

Our first study is called "Becoming People of God" we are looking at the Social Principles of the U.M.C. on "Caring for God's Earth" What is the church's view, our views, what's happening in the world and what can we do.

If you are a young adult and have not received a letter with upcoming events and information, contact Suzy 798-5350 or education@ashlandumc.com.

Book Club Meets June 22nd

Note a change to our regular meeting time. Book Club will meet June 22, 4 pm, Room 111 for discussion on "The Touch" by Colleen McCullough. Future books are on the website www.ashlandumc.com

MISSIONS

Reception for the Dalenburg's

Join us for refreshments after the 11:00 service on June 15th in Ashland Hall to wish them well on their upcoming ministry in Ghana. The Dalenburgs are departing to West Africa June 18th.

The **Salkehatchie Summer Service Columbia Camp** will be held at Ashland UMC from **Saturday, July 19-26, 2008**. Approximately 55 to 60 campers will be attending. Rev. Scott Efid of Tabernacle UMC in Lancaster, SC will be the director with assistance from Ashland's Salkehatchie Steering Committee.

Ashland members will be offered the opportunity to donate items for the camp. Look for information in future newsletters about our "**Salkehatchie Giving Tree**."

Be sure to mark your calendars for **Wednesday, July 23** when Ashland members are invited to attend a **Pot Luck Supper** to meet the campers and learn more about the homes that are being repaired.



Come to Vacation Bible School

June 16-20th 9am - 12:15pm

Registration forms available from Kathy Cannon, in the church office or online www.ashlandumc.com

Donations needed for VBS: beach towels, juice boxes/juice bags, empty 2 liter bottles with caps, 2 liter soft drinks for adult snacks, surfboards, boogie boards, beach mats, beach balls, beach chairs, fishing nets, seashells, child size sunglasses from dollar store. Any items that need to be returned should have the loaner's name plainly written on the item.

Adult snacks are needed. Please contact Melissa Kneece at 996-5768 if you can help.

Attention: VBS Volunteers

There will be a meeting with ALL volunteer staff on Wednesday, June 11th at 6:30 pm in Ashland Hall. We will have a quick group meeting for questions, answers and schedules. Afterwards we will have a decorating frenzy!!!



U M Y F

June 8th

6:00-7:00 PM - UMYF "Big Picture"

7:00 PM - Youth Concert in Ashland Hall

June 15th

5:00-8:00 PM - Joseph's Going Away Party at Pastor Joel's house. It is a pool party. Dinner will be provided.

Contributions accepted. Please wear modest swimwear.

Every Wednesday this Summer "Deep Search" - a study of the Gospel of John meets 6:30-7:30 pm in youth shed.

GO WOLVERINES!!!

Combined Worship

June 29th

9:30 am - Fellowship Covered Dish Breakfast in Ashland Hall

10:30 am - Combined service in sanctuary

August 24th - Combined service at 10:30 am celebrating our 20th anniversary of our sanctuary at Ashland.



United Methodist Women

Mission Work Day - Tuesday, June 24th at Columbia Bethlehem Community Center - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

We will lead activities including games, arts & crafts, story telling, singing, etc. All members of the church, including Youth are invited to come and participate in this event. Volunteers, who would like to assist in the planning, please leave a message for Barbara at 750-7379.

Event: Faith Circle will meet Tuesday, June 10 at 6:30pm for dinner at Wild Wing's Cafe on Bower Parkway, off of Harbison Blvd. Please come join us for good food and good fellowship! Call Dalene Gibson at 749-3933 if you have any questions or need directions

Father's Day Recognition

On behalf of the UMW, Faith Circle invites you to recognize your father or other special man in a Father's Day bulletin insert. Please complete the information below and make a donation In Honor of or In Memory of your loved one (**please print**). All donations will be used for the Columbia Salkehatchie Camp. Please attach your check payable to Ashland UMW, and place it in the offering plate by **this Sunday, June 8th**. Thank you for your continued support! Faith Circle

Name _____ Phone _____

In honor of _____ In memory of _____



United Methodist Men Men on a Mission

Call the church office if you need a small job done around your house.

Seeds of Hope Market

Don't forget to get your fresh produce at our Seeds of Hope Market each Saturday morning this summer!



The Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews

Summer Session begins this Tuesday at 9:30 am

Classes: Aspects of Archaeology, Book Talk,
Quilting, Bridge

Lunch at a local restaurant followed by a tour of interest

Call 731-9394 for more information

General Conference News

The Rev. Susan Henry-Crowe is the new president of the Judicial Council, becoming the first woman to lead the denomination's nine-member "supreme court." She is dean of Cannon Chapel and religious life at Emory University in Atlanta.

She is a member of the SC Annual Conference, and former pastor of Shady Grove UMC, Irmo.

--General Conference approved a full communion agreement with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, in which each church recognizes the other's ministry and mission, the authenticity of the other's baptism and Eucharist (Holy Communion), and the interchangeability of ordained ministers. The ELCA's assembly will act on the agreement in 2009.
(From UM Nexus)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 8, 2008 – Matthew 25:31-46

8:45 AM	<i>The Path</i> , Ashland Hall
9:45 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 AM	Traditional Service, Sanctuary
6:00 PM	UMYF (Note change in time)
7:00 PM	Youth Choir Concert, Ashland Hall

Monday, June 9, 2008 – Galatians 3:26-29

Tuesday, June 10, 2008 – Luke 2:25-38

9:30 AM	Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews
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Wednesday, June 11, 2008 – James 1:2-5

6:00 PM	Al Anon, #127
6:30 PM	Ties that Bind, #119
6:30 PM	Youth Bible Study, Youth Shed
6:30 PM	VBS Volunteer Meeting
7:30 PM	Sign Language, #129
	Worship Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, June 12, 2008 – Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

10:30 AM	Ladies Prayer Group, #119
7:00 PM	Chess Club, #125

Friday, June 13, 2008 – Isaiah 43:1-7

Saturday, June 14, 2008 – Luke 13:6-9

8:00 AM	Seeds of Hope Market, Picnic Shelter Vacation Bible School Set-up
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Sunday, June 15, 2008 – 1 John 3:1-3

8:45 AM	<i>The Path</i> , Ashland Hall
9:45 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 AM	Traditional Service, Sanctuary
12:15 PM	Reception for Dalenburg Family, Ashland Hall
5:00 PM	UMYF @ Pastor Joel's Home

Devotions are from "The Upper Room".

The complete calendar can be found on the website at www.ashlandumc.com



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