



ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service **August 3.**

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

From The Outside Looking In at Prayer Time

I recently read a book by William Tenny-Brittian entitled: **Prayer for People Who Can't Sit Still**. (Chalice Press) As I read his opening paragraph, I laughed and laughed, because Brittian could have been speaking of Donna and myself: He writes: *"My wife is a contemplative. I watch her pray and wonder how she does it. Her eyes close; her face gets a serene, contented look on it, and she sits there. And sits there. She doesn't move. She doesn't speak. She just sits there listening and communing with God...Then there's me..... I don't think I've sat still to pray for more than five or ten minutes before something distracts me. I hear a door shut and I'm jolted out of my prayers and start to wonder who came home. The distant sound of an airplane flying sets me to fantasizing about vacationing. And when I get distracted, I know my prayer time is over."* (From Introduction, p. 1).

Like Brittian, there was a feeling I wasn't spiritual enough, or disciplined enough. Like him, I discovered ADHD is the cause of some of this confusion and static, so I slowly became aware that another angle on prayer would work better.

Over the past 15 years I have slowly learned that I pray and commune better with God when I move around, or am holding or rolling something around in my hands. The Catholics have it right with the rosary beads! Like Brittian, I tend to feel closer to God when I write, and when I walk.

Out of necessity of the ever-looming Sabbath, I have been writing sermons for 30 years. Out of the need for more prayer and a deeper spirituality, I have started walking more.

Seventeenth century monk Brother Lawrence had much the same problem that I did when it came to formal designated praying times. I appreciate Brother Lawrence's methodless method of prayer. How refreshing to hear him write these words to a nun: *"Do not burden yourself with rules of private devotions (but) get used to gradually offering God your heart whenever you can."*

Brother Lawrence writes that, finally, *"I gave up all devotions and prayers that were not required and I devoted myself exclusively to remaining always in His holy presence."*

He considered everything he did as an act of worship and prayer, even picking up a straw off the floor-- He wrote: *"I possess God as peacefully in the commotion of my kitchen, where several people are often asking me for different things at the same time, as I do when kneeling before the sacrament."*

If we can learn to do everything we do as a conscious act for God, perhaps it will become easier for us to cultivate an ongoing conversation with God at all times. This is no doubt what St. Paul had in mind when he wrote about "Praying without ceasing."

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Living Out Our Faith

August 3, 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
Dr. Carl Shrontz, son of Mildred Shrontz,
Robin Price – daughter of Buddy & Linda Roberts
Melinda Bean – daughter of Pat & Barbara Murphy
Bill Bryan – Lexington County Hospital
Charlie Cashwell – Home from out-patient surgery
Susan Bowers
Zack McCutchen, Palmetto Richland

OUR PRESENCE

Worship: 270 The Path: 86 Traditional: 184
Church School: 174

OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending: 7/26/08 \$ 13,930
Received Year to Date: 409,196
Spent Year to Date: 479,331

General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending 7/26/08 13,801
Received Year to Date: 372,155

Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 50
Driveway Project Total to Date: 27,065

OUR SERVICE

Crucifer: Joe Scott
Acolytes: Stuart Nates, Mason Cannon
Altar Stewards: Kaye Bradley, Barbara Higgins
Ushers for August: Rick Millians, Red Bonneau, Trish Lockaby,
Jerry Sandersfeld, Clare Allen, Bud Graczyk
Narthex Table for August: Lorraine Shaffer
Greeters
The Path: Pam Spurrier
Greeters: Sunday School and Worship:
Dorcas Giles and Peggy Smith
Sound: Ladd Harrelson
Nursery:
The Path: Karen & Kristen McClive
Infants: Nelda Emerson & Patti Montreuil
Crawlers: Karen & Kristen McClive
Toddlers: Dalene Gibson & Susan Dickinson
Preschoolers: Jeff & Denise Wilson
Sunday School Coffee for August: Faithwalkers

Flowers: One vase of flowers is to the glory of God in honor of Pat & Barbara Murphy and family by Buddy & Linda Roberts. The other vase of flowers is to the glory of God in honor of our daughters, Robin Price and Lisa Thompson by Buddy & Linda Roberts.

The rosebud on the altar is to the glory of God in honor of the birth of Lindsey Calahan Moore born on July 25, 2008. Parents are Missy & Jake Moore, Jr. and grandparents are Becky and Jake Moore, Sr.

Hymns and Scriptures for 11:00 am Service

God Will Take Care of You UMH No. 130
Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast UMH No. 616
For the Bread Which You Have Broken UMH No. 614
I Am Thine, O Lord UMH No. 419
Romans 8:31-39

Missionaries We Support

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www.themissionsociety.org/missionaries/dalenburg

MISCELLANEOUS

Birthdays (August 3-9)

3 Alivia B., Beth F.
4 Cynthia B., Brandon C., Danny M.
6 Bill T., Jason W.
7 Bud G., Gene H.
8 Cathy G., Todd K., Jay L.,
Jeanette L., Karen R.

Additional August Birthday: August 1st – Cindy Robinson

Honorarium: Mac & Jean Smurthwaite's 60th wedding anniversary by Peggy Smith

Memorials: Freda Reid by Joan Sanford, Tim & Ann Lee ming, Earline Shaw, Gloria Shaw

NURSERY SWAP

This week we moved our nursery rooms. Please be patient as we adjust to the new set-up. **Our infants are now in room 102 and two year olds are in room 101.** Because of the switch, our Two year olds that are potty training will no longer have to leave their room. Thanks to all who have helped in this transition.

Cooks Needed for Wednesday Night Suppers

We are setting our schedule for Wednesday suppers this Fall and need your help. Anyone interested in helping with meals, dessert or set-up, contact Suzy at 798-5350 x 14. Is your Sunday school interested? UMW Circle? UMM?

Reminder: Sign up for Pictorial Directory

Please take time to stop by the "sign-up" tables in the hall outside the Sunday school classrooms. For families of college students or if you and/or your family are unable to have your picture taken at the church, photos may be submitted. Please call Peggy Smith 772-2531 for details and restrictions. Hope to see you in our new directory.

COMING AUGUST 17TH – LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

Member of the Academy (Sunday school)? Not a member? Join us as we celebrate Education Sunday @ 9:45am in Ashland Hall. "UMMYS" (our version of the Emmys) will be given. Always wanted to be part of the paparazzi, here's your chance. More details in classrooms

Congratulations

The congregation and staff extends congratulations to Emily Claire Whitlock and Spencer Crosland Lindsay who were married on July 26th at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Groom's parents are Jay and Lisa Lindsay.

MISSIONS

Salkehatchie Thanks . . . Many thanks to all the meal helpers who pitched in to serve our workers last week—some at very early morning hours. We fed over 80 workers most meals. Special thanks to the Noontime Seekers, Friendship Class and the United Methodist Men for also providing and serving the food for three meals. ~Joan Sanford

Ashland Annual School Supply Drive

Ashland will be collecting school supplies from Sunday, August 3rd-August 31st. This year, Ashland will support Epworth Children's Home, Stewart Heights Elementary (Dillon SC), and Sharing God's Love. Donations needed are Book bags (no wheels), glue sticks, pencils, 24 pack crayons, spiral Notebooks, "floppy" one inch binders, and loose leaf paper. Epworth donations can be made with Walmart gift cards. These gift cards will be used by Epworth to purchase school supplies and clothing for back to school. Donations can be dropped off at the Giving tree in the narthex. Thank you for supporting this Mission opportunity to serve children in need.

Asbury Hills Summer Camp Winds Down

There are two more weeks of summer camp for 2008 at Asbury Hills. At the end of the summer we will have served around 1020 campers, an increase of 2.5% over last summer! Thank-you for allowing us to serve your camper this summer. Our prayer is that with God lives were changed this summer. It is an incredible ministry of which we are honored to participate. ~Your Camps and Retreat Ministries Staff, Jody, Darlene, Holly and Andrew
Note: Kelli Rush of Ashland has been one of the counselors this summer.

Canned Goods for Sharing God's Love

Please do not forget to bring your canned goods on Sunday and place them in the baskets in Ashland Hall and the sanctuary .

Fugitive Safe Surrender Program

Gay Winter's name was inadvertently left off of last week's list.

ATTENTION MEN!

If there are men (18 & up) who are interested in playing fall slow-pitch softball with Ashland, please contact Ed Wilkins at 932-9512 or by e-mail at ebwilkins@bellsouth.net. Games are on Tuesdays at 7, 8 or 9 pm at Irmo Middle School or the District Office field in Ballentine.

UMYF

Love God Love Others Love Self.

- Every Wednesday this Summer "Deep Search" – a study of the Gospel of John meets 6:30-7:30 pm in youth shed.
- Aug. 1-3 – Illuminati Retreat – Leave @ 3:30 pm on August 1st – Return @ 6:00 pm on August 3rd
- The Council of the Illuminati serves as our student leadership team or as I like to call it "Servantship Team". This weekend on our retreat we will be planning and programming our youth ministry for the year.
- Find out more about the Council of the Imminati and the youth program on August 17th at Strategos.
- **No UMYF on August 3rd**
- August 10th – Big Picture Series part 7 "Love Self".
- August 17th – 6:00 PM Strategos in Ashland Hall – The congregation is invited.

GO WOLVERINES!!!

Seeds of Hope

Farmer's Market at Ashland

Don't forget to stop by on Saturday mornings and check out the delicious fruits and vegetables. Our farmer is Jerald Stevens from Saluda

Career Crossroads Retreat

September 12-14, 2008

Lutheran Theological Seminary is sponsoring the Career Crossroads Retreat. This is a spiritual retreat for individuals to explore finding work that fits their gifts and mission in life. Brochures are available in the envelope on the bulletin board across from the church offices.

Committee on Lay Leadership

Nominations Committee (Comm. On Lay Leadership) will meet on August 12, 6:30 p.m. If you would like to chair, serve on a committee, or relinquish a position, contact the pastor before then.



United Methodist Women

Ashland UMW Executive Committee will meet on August 13 at 7:00 P.M. in Room 115 at the church. Mark your calendars now and we will plan the events for the remainder of this year.
Columbia District UMW Meeting at Trenholm Road UMC September 20th. The theme is "Called By Name" and the speaker is Jane Jenkins Herlong. Registration forms are in the church office.
The SC Conference Annual Meeting is to be held at Broad Street UMC in Clinton, SC on October 10 and 11. Registration forms are in the church office.



United Methodist Men
Men on a Mission

Please let the church office know if you need assistance with a small job around the house.



**Come Celebrate the 20th anniversary
Of our Sanctuary
August 24th**



This combined service will be at 10:30 am – We will reminisce and celebrate these years. And then after the service we will have a BirthDay Party at 12:00 pm in Ashland Hall

Cake bakers are needed to prepare a cake for each of the 12 months of the year. To volunteer, contact Ruth Cornell at 732-5763 or rcornellpchef@bellsouth.net.

The congregation is asked to bring sandwiches and/or salads to share. Beverages and ice cream are provided, as well as, the cakes that will be delightfully baked by our Ashland's best cooks.

DISCIPLE

Join us for this incredible journey. As you read this sign ups are going on. Our first class meeting will be the first week of September. If you are interested in "Becoming a Disciple of Christ" Talk with Ed Hammond or Suzy Speas. Check out the information on the magazine rack in the hallway. Disciple I (red), II(green), III(purple) and IV(yellow) are being offered.

NAME: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone #: _____
 Class Interested: I II III IV

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 3, 2008 – Luke 11:9-13

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall
 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
 11:00 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary
 No UMYF

Monday, August 4, 2008 – Matthew 7:7-14

11:00 AM Staff Meeting, #138

Tuesday, August 5, 2008 – Mark 6:30-34

Wednesday, August 6, 2008 – Luke 18:1-8

6:00 PM AI Anon, #127
 6:30 PM Congregational Care, #138
 7:30 PM Ladies Ensemble, Choir Room

Thursday, August 7, 2008 – Psalm 34:4-9

9:00 AM DOADAS, Ashland Hall
 10:30 AM Ladies Prayer Group, Library
 7:00 PM Chess Club, #125

Friday, August 8, 2008 – Hebrews 12:14-24

Saturday, August 9, 2008 – Genesis 16:6-16

8:00 AM Seeds of Hope Farmer's Market, Picnic Shelter

Sunday, August 10, 2008 – John 1:1-14

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall
 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
 11:00 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary
 6:00 PM UMYF

Devotions are from "*The Upper Room*".
 The complete calendar can be found on the website at www.ashlandumc.com



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