



# ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

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

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

### FOCUS: MEMORIES

Where were you on this date twenty years ago? Were you at Ashland UMC for the BIG event? Many of our current members were. To continue membership for over twenty years is a strong indication of the loving, caring, nurturing church family we have at Ashland.

This Sunday, we are celebrating this historic event of moving into the new sanctuary. You will hear several members speak of their memories and thoughts surrounding that day. Our pastor then, Rev. Bob Borom, who has come back to Ashland to claim us as his home church, will talk about his memories leading up to, and including, that day. The architect, Alex James, son of charter members Pete and Musi James, designed symbolism into the light fixture representing the pillar of fire which led the Hebrews in the wilderness after leaving Egypt and the ceiling which represented the mobile tabernacle of the early Hebrews. The church's commitment was to "find a need and fill it; find a hurt and heal it."

A few people have shared their memories of the groundbreaking and the activities leading up to the processional to the new sanctuary.  
---Cindy Ward shared a picture of Joe holding Ben (as an infant) with his little blue plastic shovel ready for the groundbreaking. However, Ben is not happy and much to his parents chagrin.

---Beckie Gary remembers the custodian Malachi who was faithful in his care of Ashland Hall and the few classrooms we had then. He cared as if Ashland was his own church. Folding chairs were set up each weekend in Ashland Hall for services and Malachi was so fastidious that he extended a string so that the chairs would be exactly perfect. When Malachi died, his service was held at Ashland.

---Dianne Berryman remembers the exact music and hymns for the dedication service. She has a wonderful memory of that day and how beautiful the service was. I believe one of the songs was her own arrangement.

---Sandra Calore recalls the furniture committee (probably had another name that sounded more official) making decisions about the pews in the new sanctuary. The end of the pews had to have the same arch and cross as the outside of the sanctuary. Each pew was donated. Take time to read the brass plaques at the end of the pew. This is the same arch and cross on the pulpit and the fount and the marquee outside (although it was erected much later).

---Gene Allen served on the building committee and was the church lawyer, arranging and closing the mortgage. Also, as choir member and involved with the church music program, he realized just weeks before the grand opening that there was no organ or piano for the new sanctuary. They found a deal at Roberts Music, the committee agreed to borrow to cover the cost and the bank approved the additional loan. Thankfully, the instruments were installed just in time.

These are a few of the stories as members reminisce about our special day twenty years ago. We will hear more as the day unfolds. Be sure to view the historical items that Hugh and Ruth Westbury have collected and kept in mint condition.

~Margaret Amick

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# Living Out Our Faith

*August 24, 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

Elwyn Gary – Palmetto Heart Hospital

In memoriam Sekiniah Zarandi, mother of Shaun Zarandi who died on August 14, 2008 in Iran.

Abbey M., granddaughter of Gene Harper

Robin Price – daughter of Buddy & Linda Roberts

Melinda Bean – daughter of Pat & Barbara Murphy

Susan Bowers

Brandon Q.

## OUR PRESENCE

Worship: 326 The Path: 126 Traditional: 200

Church School: 210

## OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending: 8/16/08 \$ 12,210

Received Year to Date: 458,960

Spent Year to Date: 499,384

### General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending 8/16/08 11,818

Received Year to Date: 407,466

### Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 100

Driveway Project Total to Date: 27,065

## OUR SERVICE

Crucifer: Brent R.

Acolytes: Jenny W., Lauren L.

Lay Reader: Bob Markland

Altar Stewards: Debbie Matthews, Jane Bryan

Ushers for August: Rick Millians, Red Bonneau, Trish Lockaby,

Jerry Sandersfeld, Clare Allen, Bud Graczyk

Narthex Table for August: Lorraine Shaffer & Brookie Gomez

Greeters

Greeters: Sunday School and Worship:

Trish Lockaby & Sally Lowery

Sound: Bill Bryan

Nursery:

Infants: Valerie & Paige Railey; Trish Lockaby

Crawlers: Phil & Terri Miller

Toddlers: Amary Sox & Cheryl Means

Preschoolers: Bobby & Debra Keough

Sunday School Coffee for August: Faithwalkers

Children's Church: Doug & Tina Mastin

**Flowers:** The altar flowers are to the glory of God in honor of our 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by John and Barbara Higgins.

### Hymns and Scriptures for Combined Service

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* UMH No. 89

*How Firm a Foundation* UMH No. 529

*The Church's One Foundation* UMH No. 545

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

## Missionaries We Support

**Tim and Tina Datwyler**

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**Adam & Jennifer Dalenburg**

[www.themissionsociety.org/missionaries/dalenburg](http://www.themissionsociety.org/missionaries/dalenburg)

# MISCELLANEOUS

## Birthdays (August 24-30)

24	Beckie Gary
25	Stuart Nates
26	David Jones, Jim Whitmire
27	Wilbur Bingham, Judith Graham, Donna Jones
28	Deanna Coleman, Marilyn Gramling
29	Gene Allen, John Conway, Margaret Hartis, Kristina Motley Bennett, Bryan Sharpe, Lucy Turner
30	Chase Johnson, Ryan Plexico

## Memorials:

Freda Reid by Bill & Pat Swygert

Sekiniah Zarandi, Shaun Zarandi's mother by Martha Eastburn

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund in memory of Sekiniah Zarandi by Joan Sanford

## **DON'T FORGET LUNCH THIS SUNDAY**

Join us Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> with your lunch dishes to share at 12:00 noon. Birthday cakes are provided (so is the ice cream).

See you in Ashland Hall!

## Pictorial Directory

It's not too late to sign up to have your picture taken for our new pictorial directory. If you cannot make one of the sittings, there are guidelines for submitting pictures. Please call Peggy Smith – 772-2531 or 429-8455 to schedule a sitting or if you have questions.

## **ATTENTION PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS**

You will be contacted soon regarding his/her college mailing address and e-mail address. If you are not contacted, PLEASE let Suzy know 798-5350 ext 14 or [education@ashlandumc.com](mailto:education@ashlandumc.com). Ashland Church will keep in touch with your student in various ways throughout the school year.

## Please Let Us Know

Cost of mailing the weekly newsletter has almost doubled. If you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please let us know at [office@ashlandumc.com](mailto:office@ashlandumc.com).

## **TALENTS, TIME AND WILLINGNESS DESIRED**

Additional people are needed from time to time to help set up/adjust for *The Path* worship service. Would need to be present at 8 a.m. Contact Pastor Joel or Duncan McClive. Sound system operators for the 11 a.m. worship are needed. Training is available. Please contact Pastor Joel or Ladd Harrelson.

## **Welcome New Members!!**

: We welcome Bille Jean Strickland and her daughters, Denver :  
: Marie & Devin Lane. Billie Jean teaches at Caughman Road :  
: School. Her husband's name is Glenn and he is self employed :  
: with Real Estate Advertising.

: We welcome Stella Anita Owens who teaches at Piney Grove :  
: Elementary School. Her grandchildren, Tristan Allen Crawford :  
: and Shannon Elizabeth Coffey, were baptized last Sunday.  
: Bille Jean and Stella transfer from Shady Grove UMC.

# MISSIONS

## Ashland Annual School Supply Drive

Ashland is collecting school supplies through August 31<sup>st</sup>. 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. Donations can be dropped off at the Giving Tree in the narthex.

## Red Bird Mission Trip Update

We currently have 8 people signed up for the Red Bird trip to Beverly KY the week of September 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. There are spots still available. Please contact Debra Keough at 730-4869 if you are interested or visit their website at [www.rbmission.org](http://www.rbmission.org).

## 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.

Bi-Lo booster cards are on the Missions Bulletin board for you to use when you shop. One percent of your purchases will be donated to Sharing God's Love. Thanks again for all your support throughout the year.

## Interested in Tango Lessons??

Two classes are available: Tango for Therapy for those with Parkinson's Disease and Wanna Tango for everyone. Information is on the bulletin board across from the church offices.

**No Sunday School this week,  
August 24<sup>th</sup>**

# DISCIPLE

Join us for this incredible journey. Our first class meeting will be the first week of September. If you are interested in "Becoming a Disciple of Christ", talk 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

# UMYF

## Love God Love Others Love Self.

August 24th - 5:30-7:30 PM - UMYF - Supper provided.

Topic: Story - Prologue

August 27th - 6:30-7:30 PM - Only a few "Deep Search" sessions left.

August 31st - 6:30-7:30 PM - UMYF - Supper provided.

Topic: Story - Prologue

**For parents who missed Strategos:** Youth Ministries

Calendars are available in the box outside Hunter's office.

## GO WOLVERINES!!!

## SHEPHERD'S CENTER of ST. ANDREWS at Ashland UMC

Tuesdays @ 9:30 am - September 16-November 18

Classes include: Bridge, Exercise, Quilting, Art, Gardening, Classic Movies, S. C. Archaeology, Creative Writing, Short stories, Spanish & more

Al McNeely's "My Oddball Interests"

History of Columbia by Dr. Belinda Gergel

Our Rev. Jim Nates is teaching a FREE CLASS 11:30am - "Clarifying the Constitution"

Noon Lunches with Guest Speakers/Entertainers

Questions: Call Becky Swanson, Director - 731-9394

\*Anyone 50+ are invited.



## Music Ministries

is **SEEKING:**

(On a level of 1-10, 10 being the most need):

**10 TENORS, 8 ALTOS,**

**7 BARITONES, 4 SOPRANOS**

The choir has great need of more voices, particularly tenors (as we have none!). Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. Nursery is available. Please serve God by joining us! Included: free singing lessons, a reserved seat each week, great fellowship!



## United Methodist Women

The UMW is looking for old dresses, shawls and bonnets for an upcoming event. Call Beth Wilkinson (345-0595) if you have one of these items that they can borrow.

**Event:** Friendship Circle will meet on Thursday, August 28th at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Judie Travis. This meeting is our salad supper pool party so everyone please bring a salad to share. Also, bring a swimsuit and towel if you would like to swim later. Bring school supplies for Ashland's Mission Project.

## I REMEMBER . . .

On that first Sunday in our new sanctuary I was moved as our architect, Alex James, son of charter members Pete and Musi James, revealed the symbolism he had designed into the sanctuary. Foremost was the light fixture representing the pillar of fire which led the Hebrews in the wilderness after leaving Egypt, and the shape of the ceiling representing the mobile tabernacle in which they worshipped. Alex had truly caught the spirit of this congregation. We were indeed a faith-filled congregation, led by God in unknown territories of mission and ministry. In a sense, we were mobile, having met in homes, in Seven Oaks School, Timmerman School, and in two previous building phases.

On that day I remembered the church's commitment to "find a need and fill it; find a hurt and heal it" and to make Ashland Church a base of operations for spiritual growth and Christian living. Because of that, new people flocked to Ashland so that our net membership gain was 100 per year for thirteen years. People came because church members invited friends, family members, and co-workers to come and share the excitement of a meaningful connection with God. I also remembered that, even with the cost of buildings, the faithful people of Ashland continued to send 10% (a tithe) of our income to missions beyond the local church. Twenty years ago I was filled with joy as I looked out to see the beautiful sanctuary filled to capacity. I was touched with the powerfully positive spirit we all felt. I was excited to realize that we dreamed a big dream of being God's people both inside and outside the walls of the building, and that together we had given generously of our time and money to build this extraordinarily beautiful place where all people would feel welcome and in which our people could connect with the inspiration and power to go out into the community as living examples of God's love.

So where are we now? The symbols that the architect designed for this place twenty years ago continue to serve as reminders that Ashland Church is not called to be a keeper of the status quo, but to follow God's guidance toward new avenues of mission and ministry and outreach in this community and beyond.

~Bob Borom

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, August 24, 2008 – Jeremiah 29:4-11

9:45 AM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:30 AM Combined Service, Sanctuary  
12:00 Noon Lunch/Birthday Party, Ashland Hall  
3:30 PM Church Council Planning Session, Ashford Clubhouse  
5:30 PM UMYF

### Monday, August 25, 2008 – I John 4:7-5:5

10:00 AM Staff Meeting, #138  
7:00 PM Girl Scouts, #125

### Tuesday, August 26, 2008 – Luke 18:15-17

9:00 AM Line Dancing, Ashland Hall  
6:30 PM Lay Leadership Committee (Nominations), #138

### Wednesday, August 27, 2008 – Isaiah 43:1-7

6:00 PM AI Anon, #127  
6:30 PM *The Path*, Choir Room  
6:30 PM Youth Bible Study, Youth Shed  
7:30 PM Worship Choir, Choir Room

### Thursday, August 28, 2008 – Luke 15:1-10

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

### Friday, August 29, 2008 – James 1:17-25

### Saturday, August 30, 2008 – Isaiah 41:9-13

### Sunday, August 31, 2008 – Hebrews 10:19-25

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall  
9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary  
5:30 PM UMYF

Devotions are from "*The Upper Room*".

The complete calendar can be found on the website at [www.ashlandumc.com](http://www.ashlandumc.com)

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