



ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

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

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Wed.-5 pm; Fri.-Noon

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

Prayer And The Inauguration

Since 1937, presidential inaugurations have had prayer. Roosevelt had a Protestant and Catholic minister pray. Truman added a Jewish Rabbi. Eisenhower added a Greek Orthodox bishop. Jimmy Carter had a Protestant and a Catholic. Ronald Reagan had a Presbyterian for his first inauguration but on his second inauguration, he had two Protestants, a Catholic and a Jew. George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton had Billy Graham, with Clinton adding another Baptist in 1997.

President-elect Barack Obama has chosen pastor and The Purpose Driven Life author Rick Warren to give the invocation at his inauguration Jan. 20, and Joseph Lowery, an icon of the civil rights movement and co-founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is scheduled to pronounce the benediction at Obama's inauguration.

Following is a prayer written for this occasion by The Rev. Marilyn E. Thornton, pastor of Emery UMC in Murfreesboro, TN, and Lead Editor for African American Resources at the United Methodist Publishing House in Nashville. This prayer is found on the Worship Section of the General Board of Discipleship. Let us be in prayer for our incoming and outgoing presidents during this time.

You are the judge, O Lord. We beseech your blessings on the inauguration of President-Elect, Barack Obama.

We thank you that he is a man of integrity, who walks in wholeness, in your Shalom.

We trust you, O God. Surround him with wise counsel and prevent him from stumbling.

"Lead him and guide him along the way, for if you lead he cannot stray!"

We know that there will be many tests and temptations. Let the fire of justice and purity burn in his conscience and in his heart.

Give him discernment, Lord, as he keeps his eyes upon you, imitating your loving kindness toward the people,

as he walks and talks in your truth. "Let not his feet wander from the place where he met you!"

We thank you, God, for protecting him from those who would operate deceptively.

Keep him separated from those of the assembly who are corrupt.

"We have come treading a path through the blood of the slaughtered."

Give him the desire to keep his hands clean, to speak God's truth, to refrain from evil plots and plans, to do righteously by the people of this land and of the world, abstaining from murder and needless violence.

We praise you, O God, and we ask that you keep your praise in the mouth of this new president of these United States, acknowledging always that your love for him has made him whole.

*May his love for you be reflected in the ways he operates in the great houses of the world:
the White House, the Capitol, and the United Nations.*

May he forever be a man of integrity, who walks in wholeness, bringing your redemption to our lives and to our land. Amen.

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Living Out Our Faith

January 18, 2009 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

Beth Wilkinson – Mission trip to Haiti
Rubye Muckenfuss – aunt of Doreen Jenkins, Ascension
David Gramling – Deployed
William Burnett – Deployed to Ft. Wainwright, Alaska
Robin Price – daughter of Buddy & Linda Roberts
Melinda Bean – daughter of Pat & Barbara Murphy
Susan Bowers
Robert Neese, recent outpatient surgery

OUR PRESENCE

Worship: 331 The Path: 107 Traditional: 224
Sunday School: 243

OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending	1/10/09	\$ 14,213
Received Year to Date:		14,213
Spent Year to Date:		5,786

General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending	1/10/09	13,708
Received Year to Date:		13,708

Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings:	475
Driveway Project Total to Date	27,415

OUR SERVICE

Sunday School Coffee for January: Good News

Narthex Table: Margaret Smith, Doreen Jenkins

Altar Stewards: Harriet Conway, Debbie Matthews

One rosebud on the altar is to the glory of God in celebration of the birth of Jalin Amanda G., born January 9, 2009. Parents are Grant and Dalene Gibson.

One rosebud on the altar is to the glory of God in celebration of the birth of Nicholas Ryan K. born on January 12, 2009. Parents are Brian and Evelyn and brother, Patrick.

One rosebud on the altar is to the glory of God in celebration of the birth of Aleyah Lauren S. born on January 7, 2009 in Atlanta, Georgia. Parents are Trish Robinson and Brian Smith. Grandparent is Cindy Robinson.

Crucifer: Jillian C. **Acolytes:** Clark C., Dawson S.

Ushers: Bill Tomes, Mark Polk, Barbara Polk, Lane Peeler, Buddy Roberts, Bud Graczyk

Hymns and Scriptures for 11:00 a.m. Service

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah UMH No. 127

Be Thou My Vision UMH No. 451

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought UMH No. 128

I Samuel 3:1-10

John 1:43-51

Missionaries We Support

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MISCELLANEOUS

Birthdays (January 18-24)

18	Brooke C.
19	Katelyn B., Kelly C., Terry M., Mary Nell W., Perry A. Krista J.
20	Lauren L., Barbara W., Spencer M.
21	Allison C., James G., Tami K., Allison S.
22	Justin D., Traci F., Joshua L.
23	Grayson W., Marcia W.

Additional January Birthday: January 6 – Wanda M.

Memorials

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Nola Caulder, Mary Lightsey's mother, by Jennifer & Marshall Gibson & Family, Amy Lightsey, Dale & Ruthanne Robbins, Ashland Choir, Jay and Lisa Lindsay, Pat & Patsy Towery, Jim & Kaye Easterling, Good News Class

Freda Reid by Lloyd & Monetta Pitts

Sherry Ruschkofski by Lloyd & Monetta Pitts, Charles & Judy Mitchell, Gloria Shaw, Dr. & Mrs. Robb Mothershed

Myrtle Gore, mother of Bud Gore, by Lloyd & Monetta Pitts, Charles & Judy Mitchell, Art Voiles

Nola Caulder by Lloyd & Monetta Pitts, Richard & Susie Bid Brown, Virginia Combs, Jule & Jenny Freeman, Charles & Judy Mitchell, John & Carolyn McCrea

David Lowery, Coyet Lowery's brother, by Bob & Mylla Markland

Thank You

Ashland UMC is a loving and supporting congregation and the family of Nola K. Caulder would like to express their appreciation for all of your visits, phone calls, cards and prayers. A Special "thank you" to the Ashland Worship Choir and the Good News Sunday School Class. – Mary and Herman Lightsey

Wednesday Night Suppers

Join us at 6pm each week thru April for fellowship suppers

Menu: Roast Beef, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans and Dessert

Sign up slips are in the pew racks or back table in Ashland Hall.

The church office will be closed Monday, January 19th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Education Committee planning meeting is Saturday January 24th 10am –1pm at Epworth Children's Home. Let Jenny or Suzy know for lunch count.

Congratulations

Kimberly Annette Davis and William Alexander Burnett were married on December 12, 2008. Kimberly is the great-granddaughter of John Davis and William is the son of David & Sarah Fellows.

Holy Baptism

Sara Elisabeth "Beth" Harrelson
Parents – Robert & Erin Harrelson
January 11, 2009

Thanks for Feeding the Homeless

Thanks to all our Sunday School Classes (Friendship, Searchers, Good News, Cornerstone, Stepping Stones, New Beginnings - Fellowship Bible Class provided money for the paper products) that worked last week at Salvation Army purchasing and providing supplies and providing meals.

Safe Sanctuary Policy

Providing a safe and secure church is not just the job of our teachers and nursery workers. It takes everyone supporting the ministries of Ashland. We hope you and your Sunday school class join us as we hear the changes and updates to our policy. All volunteers with children, youth and vulnerable adults must attend one of the following training dates: Feb 8, 15, 22 or March 1 at 9:45am in Ashland Hall.

CPR & First Aid Training

CPR & First Aid training is being offered to our volunteers who work with children, youth and vulnerable adults. ALL volunteers should have received a letter concerning updating paper work and training dates. If you have not, contact Suzy (see newsletter front).

VIPs

Please join the VIP (older adult) group for dinner at Lizard's Thicket on Friday, January 23rd at 5:30 pm. Following dinner we will attend the "Dixieland and Jazz" concert at Union UMC at 7:30 pm. Fabulous Ron Biensen at the piano is joined by Dick Goodwin and friends. Concert is free – donations accepted.



Upcoming Meetings

January 19th 6:30 pm, Missions, #138
January 21st 6:30 pm, Church Council, #138
January 22nd 6:30 pm, Trustees, #138
January 24th 10:00 am, Education at Epworth Children's Home
January 26th 6:30 pm, Communications, #138
January 27th 6:30 pm, Worship, #138

Inquirer's Class Begins January 18th

Please join us if you are interested in joining the church or interested in more information about Ashland. The dates are: January 18th, 25th and February 1st at 9:45am in the library, room 120. Contact Rev. Jim Nates with questions (798-5350 x 25)

UMYF

Love God. Love Others. Love Self.

Each Wednesday @ 8:15 am –
Youth Prayer Breakfast

Hot Dog Heaven, 7444 Broad River Rd

January 16th – Leave for ski trip to Winter Place in West Virginia at 11:30 am from Trinity UMC in Blythewood – Return January 19th to Trinity UMC, Blythewood at 7:00 pm – The theme for the ski trip is *The Four Pillars of Community* – We will be traveling with Trinity UMC, Blythewood and Sandhills Community Church

January 25th – 5:30-7:30 pm UMYF – Game Day – Dress appropriately

February 1st – 5:30-7:30 pm UMYF - Your Story, Chapter I – Abiding
**Featuring the climatic return of the "Hot Stusic Experience"

Wednesday Nights at Ashland

Join us at 6:30pm on

“What makes us United Methodists?”

Jan. 21 - “History” – Rev. Roger Gramling

Jan 28 - “Beliefs”- Rev. Jim Nates

Feb 4 - “And Much More” – Rev. Joel Jones

Flower Ministry

Flower ministry guidelines and the 2009 altar flower schedule are on the bulletin board across from the church office. Please select date(s) you would like to put flowers in the church.



United Methodist Women

Church Women United Annual Meeting

Friday, January 23 -11:15 AM - 1 PM Brookland Baptist Conference Center, \$10.00 Reservation for the lunch due by January 14. Rev. Diane Moseley is the guest speaker.

Event:

Friendship Circle will meet on Thursday, January 22 at the home of Wanda Millians, 143 Wilkshire Drive. Directions: From St. Andrews Road turn onto Tram Road. Take the second left onto Brookshire Drive, third right onto Leton, and third left onto Wilkshire. #143 is seventh house on the left.



United Methodist Men

Columbia District Annual Men's Fellowship and Fish Fry

Monday, February 23rd at 6:00 pm
Dr. Tim McClendon, Guest Speaker
Rehoboth UMC

Located across from Best Buy on Two Notch Rd.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF ST. ANDREWS

Tuesdays – March 10th - 9:30am to 1:30pm

Cost for 10 week session: \$25.00

Classes; Catered Lunch (\$6.50)

Luncheon Speaker this week: Barbara Borom

"Your Dreams are Talking: Are you Listening?"

For more information call Becky Swanson @731-9394.

It is not too late to join!



"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

Youth have generated \$50 million for soup kitchens, food banks and other charities in communities across the country since its inception 19 years ago at Spring Valley Presbyterian Youth Group. Our youth will be holding soup pots at the exits after both worship services February 1, to collect your loose change that will go to the charity of their choice, which helps those who are hungry and hurting. Please continue to bring your food items and place in our designated collection boxes in the sanctuary and Ashland Hall.

Book Club Update

Book Club meets Sunday, January 18th at 4 pm in room 111. January's book discussion will be on *The Shack* by William Young. See Ashland's website for a complete list of upcoming books.

Upcoming Events at Ashland

Sunday, January 18, 2009 – Romans 8:31-39

8:45 AM	<i>The Path</i> , Ashland Hall
9:45 AM	Sunday School for All Ages Inquirer's Class, Library
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Book Club, #111
5:30 PM	Disciple II, #115
6:30 PM	New Testament Study, #113

Monday, January 19, 2009 – Romans 8:31-39 Church Office Closed

6:30 PM Missions, #138
Romans Study

Tuesday, January 20, 2009 – John 14:1-7

9:30 AM Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews
6:30 PM UMW Program Committee, #138

Wednesday, January 21, 2009 – Matthew 18:21-35

8:15 AM	Youth Prayer Breakfast, Hot Dog Heaven
6:00 PM	Wednesday Night Supper Al Anon
6:30 PM	Children's Choirs The Path Music Ensemble Adult Study Church Council, #138
7:30 PM	Worship Choir Youth Praise Band

Thursday, January 22, 2009 – 2 Corinthians 4:13-15

10:30 AM	Ladies Prayer Group
6:30 PM	Trustees, #138
7:00 PM	Columbia Chess Club
7:30 PM	Arpad Darazs Singers

Friday, January 23, 2009 – Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Saturday, January 24, 2009 – Matthew 11:7-15

8:00 AM	CPR & First Aid Training, Ashland Hall & Room 125
9:00 AM	Men's Basketball – Ashland vs. St. Andrews Presbyterian, YMCA, corner of Marion & Hampton Street
10:00 AM	Education Planning Session

Sunday, January 25, 2009 – Ephesians 3:14-21

8:45 AM	<i>The Path</i> , Ashland Hall
9:45 AM	Sunday School for All Ages Inquirer's Class, Library
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
5:30 PM	UMYF
5:30 PM	Disciple II, #115
6:30 PM	New Testament Study, #113

Devotions are from the *The Upper Room* devotion book. Upcoming events are on the website ashlandumc.com

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