



# 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

***"If we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity." John F. Kennedy***

Thomas Jefferson once wrote: *"Difference of opinion is helpful in religion."* Case and point were the bookends of Rev. Rick Warren's invocation and benediction of Rev. Joseph Lowery at this week's inauguration ceremony.

Blogs and newspaper commentaries proved Jefferson's point as they ranged the gamut from "bland to racist" on Warren's opening prayer to "fiery brilliant" to "humorous and racist" on Rev. Lowery's sending forth. Warren is the pastor of the Saddleback Church in California and author of [The Purpose Driven Life](#). Lowery is a United Methodist pastor and co-founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther, King, Jr.

Following are short excerpts from both prayers. First is from Rev. Warren's invocation.

*Help us, O God, to remember that we are Americans, united not by race, or religion, or blood, but to our commitment to freedom and justice for all. When we focus on ourselves, when we fight each other, when we forget you, forgive us. When we presume that our greatness and our prosperity is ours alone, forgive us. When we fail to treat our fellow human beings and all the earth with the respect that they deserve, forgive us. And as we face these difficult days ahead, may we have a new birth of clarity in our aims, responsibility in our actions, humility in our approaches, and civility in our attitudes, even when we differ.*

*Help us to share, to serve and to seek the common good of all. May all people of goodwill today join together to work for a more just, a more healthy and a more prosperous nation and a peaceful planet. And may we never forget that one day all nations and all people will stand accountable before you. We now commit our new president and his wife, Michelle and his daughters, Malia and Sasha, into your loving care.....*

The first lines of Rev. Lowery's benediction (not mentioned below) can be found in our UM Hymnal No. 519.

*For we know that, Lord, you're able and you're willing to work through faithful leadership to restore stability, mend our brokenness, heal our wounds and deliver us from the exploitation of the poor or the least of these and from favoritism toward the rich, the elite of these.*

*We thank you for the empowering of thy servant, to inspire our nation to believe that, yes, we can work together to achieve a more perfect union. And while we have sown the seeds of greed -- the wind of greed and corruption, and even as we reap the whirlwind of social and economic disruption, we seek forgiveness and we come in a spirit of unity and solidarity to commit our support to our president by our willingness to make sacrifices, to respect your creation, to turn to each other and not on each other.*

*And now, Lord, in the complex arena of human relations, help us to make choices on the side of love, not hate; on the side of inclusion, not exclusion; tolerance, not intolerance.*

*And as we leave this mountaintop, help us to hold on to the spirit of fellowship and the oneness of our family. Let us take that power back to our homes, our workplaces, our churches, our temples, our mosques, or wherever we seek your will.....*

*Help us then, now, Lord, to work for that day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, when tanks will be beaten into tractors, when every man and every woman shall sit under his or her own vine and fig tree, and none shall be afraid; when justice will roll down like waters and righteousness as a mighty stream.....*

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# Living Out Our Faith

*January 25, 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

Ruby 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 – Recent surgery at MUSC  
Bobbie Laney – Recent surgery at Providence Hospital  
Caroline Harrelson in the recent loss of her aunt, Edna Jones of Kansas City, KS

## OUR PRESENCE

Worship: 291 The Path: 96 Traditional: 195  
Sunday School: 190

## OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending 01/17/09 \$ 14,213  
Received Year to Date: 24,062  
Spent Year to Date: 23,034

### General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending 01/17/09 9,065  
Received Year to Date: 22,773

### Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 709  
Driveway Project Total to Date 27,415

## OUR SERVICE

**Sunday School Coffee for January:** Good News

**Narthex Table:** Doreen Jenkins, Margaret Smith

**Altar Stewards:** Wiggie Jones, Lou Wolfe

**Crucifer:** Tyler J. **Acolytes:** Kelsey G., Sara M.

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

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

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH No. 400

*Jesus Calls Us* UMH No. 398

I Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

## Missionaries We Support

### Tim and Daina Datwyler

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The Dalenburg Family c/o The Freeman Centre  
P O Box 413, Kumasi, Ghana West Africa

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Birthdays (January 25-31)

26	Shaheen R.
27	Joshua R.
28	Mary C., Margaret H.
30	Bob D., Karen G., James S., Sabrina M., Lon M.
31	Justin C., Donnie H., Duncan M., Alex P.

**Honorarium:** Margaret Comb's birthday by Bud & Ruth Graczyk

### Memorials:

Mizelle Whitmire by Jim Whitmire

Sherry Ruschkofski by Bob & Barbara Borom, Bud & Donna Gore

Nola Caudler, Mary Lightsey's mother, by Tom & Beth Wilkinson, Bud & Ruth Graczyk, John & Sandra Calore, Linda Franklin, Peggy Smith

David Lowery, Coyet Lowery's brother, Tom & Beth Wilkinson, Brell & Jane Foster, Peggy Smith

## Wednesday Night Suppers

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

**Menu: honey baked ham & turkey, green beans,  
salad, dessert**

Red sign up slips are on the back table in Ashland Hall  
and in the pew racks in the Sanctuary

## **Thank You!**

To all our Ashland friends, we would like to thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers, and support during Sherry's illness and passing. We have been truly blessed to have friends such as you.

The Ruschkofski Family, Jerry, Dorie, and Amy

## Inquirer's Class to Meet Sunday

Join us Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> in the Library at 9:45 am Information will be provided on Ashland United Methodist Church. Contact Rev. Nates at 798-5350, x 25 for more information.

## **How To Become a Member of Ashland**

**By Profession of Faith** – for those who desire to profess their Christian faith for the first time, or after a long absence from any church involvement.

**By Profession of Faith with baptism** – same as above with the sacrament of baptism for those who have never been baptized.

**By Transfer from another denomination** – for those who have a current church membership in a denomination other than the United Methodist Church.

**By Transfer from another United Methodist Church** – for those who currently have their membership in another United Methodist congregation.

## **Feeding the Homeless**

*"Thank you to everyone that helped prepare, serve and contribute money for our week of feeding the homeless."*

*The Mission Committee at Ashland*

## **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. Volunteers should have received a letter concerning updating paper work and training dates. If you have not, contact Suzy (see newsletter front).



## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Are you feeling pressure in your life right now? Is it affecting your health, your attitude, or your relationships with your family and friends? Would you like to have someone to talk to, just to help you get through the next few months? Our Stephen Ministers can help. To get more information, contact one of the following:

Pastor Joel (798-5350, x 15)

Clare Allen (781-5804)

Margaret Smith (781-6944)

## **Upcoming Events at Ashland**

March 26

Palmetto Mastersingers Concert

June 15-19

Vacation Bible School

# **UMYF**

## **Love God. Love Others. Love Self.**

Each Wednesday @ 8:15 am –

Youth Prayer Breakfast

Hot Dog Heaven, 7444 Broad River Rd.

### **January 25<sup>th</sup>**

\*Starting Sunday Youth Praise Band Practice will meet 4:00-5:30 pm each Sunday (unless noted) – All interested youth are welcome!

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

### **February 1<sup>st</sup>**

4:00-5:30 pm – Youth Praise Band Practice

5:30-7:30 pm UMYF - Your Story, Chapter I – Abiding

\*\*Featuring the climatic return of the "Hot Stusic Experience"

### **February 8<sup>th</sup>**

4:00-5:00 pm – Council of the Illuminati

No Youth Praise Band Practice today

District Youth Explosion at Red Bank UMC – Meet at Ashland at 5:00 pm

## **Wednesday Nights at Ashland**

Join us at 6:30pm for:

“What makes us United Methodists?”

Jan 28 - “Beliefs”- Rev. Jim Nates

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

Feb 11 – Valentine’s Celebration

Feb 18 – Old Fashion Sing Along

## **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

The UMW Executive Committee will meet Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. in room 127.



## United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men will meet on Monday, February 2, 2009, at 6:30 in Ashland Hall. The meeting will begin at 6:30 with a home-cooked meal, followed by the program, which will be presented by Bob Crutchfield, and a brief business session. All men are encouraged to attend--even those who have never been to a meeting before.

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 10<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am to 1:30pm  
Cost: \$25.00

Dr. James Bradley will be the speaker in the  
choir room at 9:30 am on Tuesday

For more information call Becky Swanson @731-9394.

**It is not too late to join!**



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.

Twenty-two Columbia churches participated the first year of Souper Bowl of Caring, for a total of \$5,700 for local non-profit organizations.

That was 1990. Since then, youth have generated \$50 million for soup kitchens, food banks and other charities in communities across the country. Thank you Ashland Youth!

## Upcoming Events at Ashland

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

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall  
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
Inquirer's Class, Library  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary  
4:00 PM Youth Praise Band Practice  
5:30 PM UMYF  
5:30 PM Disciple II, #115  
6:30 PM New Testament Study, #113

### Monday, January 26, 2009 – Matthew 4:18-22

10:00 AM Staff Meeting, #138  
6:30 PM Romans Study, #113  
Communications, #138

### Tuesday, January 27, 2009 – Joshua 1:1-9

9:30 AM Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews  
6:30 PM Worship, #138  
Stephen Ministry, #125  
UMW Executive Committee, #127

### Wednesday, January 28, 2009 – Colossians 1:9-14

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 – United Methodist Beliefs  
7:30 PM Worship Choir

### Thursday, January 29, 2009 – Ephesians 5:8-20

10:30 AM Ladies Prayer Group  
7:00 PM Columbia Chess Club  
7:00 PM SS Basketball, Ashland vs. Shandon Presbyterian  
YMCA, Corner of Marion and Hampton Streets  
7:30 PM Arpad Darazs Singers

### Friday, January 30, 2009 – Exodus 16:1-8

**Saturday, January 31, 2009 – Genesis 1:24-31**  
8:30 AM CPR Training, Ashland Hall

### Sunday, February 1, 2009 – Galatians 3:1-14

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall  
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
Inquirer's Class, Library  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary  
4:00 PM Youth Praise Band  
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Devotions are from the *The Upper Room* devotion book. Upcoming events are on the website [ashlandumc.com](http://ashlandumc.com)

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