



ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service February 22, 2009

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Wed.-5 pm; Fri.-Noon

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

From the Outside Looking In At High Flights

As a child, I loved getting up around 6:55 a.m. Saturday mornings, turning on the old Admiral TV (*Back in those days, it took 20 seconds or so to warm up*), while the Test pattern was still on. And then, it appeared! A majestic sweep of orchestral music was followed by a plane soaring high through the clouds, and then the following words lifted me from my seat on the floor in front of a black box into an other-worldly realm:

*Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds, — and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.*

*Up, up the long, delirious burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or ever eagle flew —
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God. (by John Magee)*

One day Jesus took Peter, James and John with him on a mountain. In front of their own eyes, Jesus was transfigured and they saw him engaging in conversation with Moses and Elijah. Talk about a high flight!

The word, “transfigured” comes from a familiar Greek word that is known to us: “metamorphosis.”

It means to completely change or transform such as a cocoon transforms into a butterfly or a daffodil bulb morphs into a glorious tulip blossom.

But then as now, there are no true words to make sense of such high flights, of thin places where heaven and earth meet. Peter wanted to capture its essence by building three booths for Jesus, Moses and Elijah; Nineteen year old poet John Magee attempted the same after flying at 30,000 feet on a test flight of a newer model of the Spitfire V in 1941 in Canada.

But one thing they shared in common: On that mountain and soaring in that plane's high flight, Peter, James and John, and John Magee touched the veil between earth and heaven and found it to be gossamer thin, as they stood in the presence of transcendence.

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Living Out Our Faith

February 22, 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

Susan Dickinson – Palmetto Richland

In memoriam Thomas W. Mann, Sr. died February 16, 2009.

Services were held on February 19, 2009 at Ashland UMC.

In memoriam Michael Joseph Hopper, fiancé' of Jennifer Minor, died on February 16, 2009. Services were held February 21, 2009 at Remount Baptist Church in North Charleston.

The father of Marshall Berryman, hospitalized in Kentucky.

OUR PRESENCE

Worship: 342 The Path: 124 Traditional: 218

Sunday School: 237

OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending 2/14/09 \$ 20,738

Received Year to Date: 81,623

Spent Year to Date: 88,617

General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending 19,374

Received Year to Date: 77,210

Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 910

OUR SERVICE

Sunday School Coffee for February: New Beginnings

Narthex Table: Cynthia Busbee

Altar Stewards: Lou Wolfe, Wiggie Jones

Crucifer: Jillian C.

Acolytes: Clark C., Taylor B.

Lay Reader: Hal Clarkson

Children's Church: Kim Gordon

Ushers: Margaret Combs, Billy Laney, Ed Hammond, Nina

Newcomb, Ben Dusenbury, Bud Graczyk

Greeters: Sunday School: John Calore & Linda Abernathy;

11 am Worship: John Calore & Margaret Combs

Nursery: The Path: Courtney Kelso, Cheryl Means, Heidi Briggs

11 am: Valerie & Paige R., Phil & Terri Miller, Bobby & Debra Keough

Flowers: The altar flowers are to the glory of God in loving memory of my parents, Francis and Hannah Barkley and in loving memory of Lisa Bielaski and her nephew, Justin Anderson by Lorraine Shaffer.

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

Jesus Shall Reign UMH No. 157

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot UMH No. 703

Jesus Loves Me UMH No. 191

Shine, Jesus, Shine TFWS No. 2173

II Kings 2:1-12

Mark 9:2-9

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MISCELLANEOUS

Birthdays (February 21-28)

21	Franklin C.
22	Patrick F., Lorraine S.
23	Linda C., Tom M.
24	Ladd H., Jackson K.
25	Susan B., Evan G., Joey Von N.
26	Erick B., Mark G., Matthew R.
27	Jason A., Tyler J., Becky M., Beth W.
28	Jim N.

Memorials:

Tommy Mann by Fellowship Bible Class

Sherry Ruschkofski by Don & Judy Graham

Anita Gregory, Margaret Amick's sister, by Bob & Helen Barham, Bob & Beverly Stallings, Tom & Beth Wilkinson, Hugh & Ruth Westbury, Bob & Mylla Markland, Bill & Kaye Bradley, Fellowship Bible Class

Ellis Koon, father of Harriet Conway, by Bob & Beverly Stallings, Searcher's Sunday School Class, Hugh & Ruth Westbury, Yu-Fong & Karen Chong, Bob & Mylla Markland

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Sherry Ruschkofski by Rosemary & DeFate Sanders, Herman & Mary Lightsey

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Nola Caulder, mother of Mary Lightsey by Rosemary & DeFate Sanders

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Ellis Koon, by Mac & Jean Smurthwaite

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Anita Gregory, by Dale & Ruthanne Robbins, Mac & Jean Smurthwaite, Herman & Mary Lightsey

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Louise Johnson, Myrtle Gore & David Lowery by Herman & Mary Lightsey

Wednesday Night Suppers

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

Menu: Trish's Meatloaf, fixin's and dessert

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

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

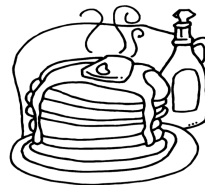
Tuesday, February 24th

6:00-7:00 pm

Ashland Hall

Proceeds will go to new

Playground Equipment



Interested in Joining

Ashland United Methodist Church

Please contact Joel Jones pastor@ashlandumc.com, Jim Nates parishminister@ashlandumc.com or call the church office, 798-5350.



Forms are in an envelope across from the church offices. Ashland will pay \$100 towards camp cost for the first 35 youth or adults to sign up. Let Suzy or Maria know if you plan to attend a camp.

Confirmation Class

Our Confirmation class will be attending a retreat March 6-8 at Asbury Hills. We will leave Virginia Wingard UMC March 6th at 5pm and return March 8th by 12:30pm.

CPR & First Aid Training

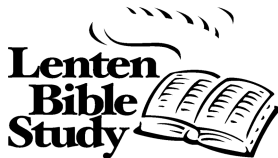
CPR & First Aid training is being offered to our volunteers who work with children, youth and vulnerable adults. The final date being offered at this time is, February 21st from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm for First Aid. CPR training is February 21st 8:30am – 12:30pm.



Praying for our Children
Thank you for praying for the children of Ashland. Remember to place your heart somewhere you will see it everyday.

Upcoming Events at Ashland

- February 24th – Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper
- February 25th – Ash Wednesday Service
- March 26th – Palmetto Mastersingers Concert
- April 11th – Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:30am
- April 12 – Easter Sunday – Combined Service @ 11 am
- April 26 – Ashland Mortgage Burning – Combined Service at 10:30 am followed by family cookout
- June 15-19 - Vacation Bible School



Rev. Joel Jones will be leading a study on Genesis. **Wednesdays, Mar 4th – Apr 1st**
6:30pm- 7:30pm. Sign up for Study Below:

Name: _____

Email: _____

(Please complete, tear off and put in offering plate if you plan to attend.)

UMYF

Love God. Love Others. Love Self.

Each Wednesday @ 8:15 am –
Youth Prayer Breakfast

Hot Dog Heaven, 7444 Broad River Rd.

February 22nd

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

5:30 pm – UMYF – Game Night

March 1st

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

5:30 pm – UMYF – Your Story, Chapter 2, *Receiving*

March 8th

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

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

5:30-7:30 pm – UMYF – Your Story, Chapter 3, *Empowered*

**Sign up now for the
Back 2 Basics Retreat – March 27-29th
Forms are in the youth building**

Lost and Found

A Coldwater Creek, size XL, ladies brown suede jacket has been turned into the church office. The jacket was found in Ashland Hall. Please e-mail or call the church office if the jacket belongs to you.

Guidelines for Memorial Giving

- Building Fund
- Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund (given to a high school senior in May)
- Music Ministries
- Missions
- Worship

United Methodist Women



Spiritual Growth – Days Apart
Saturday, March 7th – 9 am – 1 pm
Brookland UMC, Columbia

\$10 registration fee includes lunch

Speaker: Cathy Nelson, Director of Keepers of the Word, a Native American to Native American Community Outreach

Event: Friendship Circle will meet on Thursday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Ruthanne Robbins. Beth Wilkinson provide refreshments. Sally Lowery will provide a program from the United Methodist Women program materials. Our mission project this month is "cookies for soldiers." We will order Girl Scout cookies from Haley Sandersfeld which will be shipped to men and women serving in the military.

Directions to 108 Indian Ridge Ct. (781-2534): I-26 to Lake Murray Boulevard (Hwy 60) Exit East. Turn left at light onto Kinley Rd. Go straight at next light onto Kennerly Rd. Go about 4 miles; turn left onto Old Tamah Rd toward Dutch Fork High School. Turn right onto Old Brickyard Rd and then left onto Indian Ridge Ct. (a gravel cul-de-sac). #108 is the log cabin on the right.



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

Invites you to a special concert by
**Dr. Elisa Moskovitz, pianist and
Dr. John Bauer violin**
Tuesday, February 24th
1:15-1:45 pm in the sanctuary

Safe Sanctuary Policy

All volunteers with children, youth and vulnerable adults must attend one of the following training dates: Feb. 22 or March 1 at 9:45am in Ashland Hall. Those volunteers include: **Nursery, VBS, Sunday School, UMYF, Choirs**, and any other time you will be spending with children, youth or vulnerable adults. Contact Suzy if you're not sure if you need to attend.

NOTES FOR ASHLAND Regarding Safe Sanctuary:

- Parents need to fill out a form on each of their children telling Supervising adults who is authorized to pick up their children from activities.
- Additions and Updates include:
 - Vulnerable Adults
 - Acceptable Use Policy for using Electronic Media

This Week at Ashland

Sunday, February 22, 2009 – Psalm 27

8:45 AM	<i>The Path</i> , Ashland Hall
9:45 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
9:45 AM	Safe Sanctuary Training, Ashland Hall
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:15 PM	Lee Family, Ashland Hall
4:00 PM	Youth Praise Band Practice
5:00 PM	Disciple II, #115
5:30 PM	UMYF
6:30 PM	New Testament Study, #113

Monday, February 23, 2009 – 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

6:30 PM	Romans Study, #113
	TOPS, #125
7:30 PM	Girl Scouts

Tuesday, February 24, 2009 – Galatians 3:26-29

9:30 AM	Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews
1:15 PM	Concert, Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, Ashland Hall
6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry, #125
7:15 PM	Mortgage Burning Committee, #138

Wednesday, February 25, 2009 – Psalm 16:8-11

8:15 AM	Youth Prayer Breakfast, Hot Dog Heaven
9:00 AM	Pictorial Directory Committee, #138
6:00 PM	Wednesday Night Supper
	Al Anon
6:30 PM	Children's Choirs
	The Path Music Ensemble
	Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Choir

Thursday, February 26, 2009 – 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

10:30 AM	Ladies Prayer Group
7:00 PM	Columbia Chess Club
7:30 PM	Arpad Darazs Singers

Friday, February 27, 2009 – Psalm 46:1-7

Saturday, February 28, 2009 – Ezekiel 16:9-14; Ephesians 3:14-21

3:30 PM	Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet, Ashland Hall
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Sunday, March 1, 2009 – Luke 9:51-62

8:45 AM	<i>The Path</i> , Ashland Hall
9:45 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
9:45 AM	Safe Sanctuary Training, Ashland Hall
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Youth Praise Band Practice
5:00 PM	Disciple II, #115
5:30 PM	UMYF
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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