



# ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

*Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service* March 1, 2009

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Wed.-5 pm; Fri.-Noon

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

***Lent is a good moment for a spiritual stocktaking; a pause, a retreat from life's busy surface.***  
***Evelyn Underhill***

Lent has that burdensome quality that begins with ashes and ends with a tomb. It has the heavy feel of dark duty.

It is important to retreat from life's busyness, for more than one of us has learned that "Stress can kill us." There is an addiction to busyness, to doing things. As a result we are leaving the depths of our lives untouched.

There is risk in Lent, because we know that when we do finally stop, we will come face to face with God, who is holding up a mirror so that we can see ourselves more clearly. I pray we will all make that stop.

We had a marvelous crowd for our Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper - Yes, we cleaned out every piece of bacon and pancakes in the house and then began Lent with our Ash Wednesday service.

After you receive Holy Communion this Sunday, please pick up a Lenten Box and save your loose change daily during these 40 days of Lent. Bring back your Lenten Boxes on Easter Sunday and place on the altar rail. Our offering will be distributed 50/50 with One Great Hour of Sharing and Hungrief. You will be able to read about these two mission programs of the UMC during Lent.

Dear Ashland friends,

Once again it is time for me to count my blessings and say, "Thank you!" As always, members of Ashland Church are at the top of my list of those to whom I should express my gratitude.

Thank you for your many remembrances during the holiday season recently past. I am the world's worst about writing cards, but I am no less grateful to be so kindly remembered by so many of you.

Thank you for every thought and prayer for me after my recent surgery. I greatly appreciated calls and visits from both our ministers, many calls and cards from members of the congregation, a wonderful home cooked meal delivered to my house, meal certificates to a local restaurant from our wonderful choir, and a sweet note from the second, third, fourth and fifth graders letting me know of their prayers for me. Thank you to our precious Martha Eastburn. During my nearly eight years at Ashland, whenever I have needed help, Martha has always been ready to step in and do her usual professional job. I am deeply grateful. Also, I am very fortunate to have her so near by, so able, and so willing to help.

2009 is the thirty-sixth year in which I have served churches. Never before has any congregation been so kind and so caring as you. I have witnessed the love of Christ shared here in so many ways by so many people. Thank you for so graciously including me.

Robert Neese

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*Pianist*

# Living Out Our Faith

March 1, 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 – Home from hospital  
Missy Graczyk - Recent surgery  
Rev. Thom Jones – Home from hospital  
In memoriam, Henry Snowden Berryman, father of Marshall Berryman, died February 21, 2009 in Kentucky. Services were held on February 25, 2009.

## OUR PRESENCE

Worship: 330 The Path: 116 Traditional: 214  
Sunday School: 195

## OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending 2/21/09	\$ 13,946
Received Year to Date:	95,569
Spent Year to Date:	97,982

### General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending 2/21/09	12,882
Received Year to Date:	90,092

### Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 395

## OUR SERVICE

**Sunday School Coffee for March:** Marys & Marthas

**Narthex Table:** Judy Mitchell

**Altar Stewards:** Kaye Bradley, Rosemary Sanders, Cheryl Means

**Crucifer:** Tyler J.

**Acolytes:** Kelsey G., Sara M.

**Ushers:** Frank Ward, Jimmy Smith, John Calore, Joan Sanford, Linda Wilkins, Bud Graczyk

**Greeters:** Don & Candy Cantrell

**Nursery:** The Path: Karen & Kristin McClive, Toni Little

11 am: Karen McClive, Patti Montreuil, Kristen McClive, Nelda Emerson, Dalene Gibson, Amary Sox

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

<i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i>	UMH No. 61
<i>Have Thine Own Way Lord</i>	UMH No. 382
<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	UMH No. 618
<i>Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days</i>	UMH No. 269

Mark 1:9-15

## Missionaries We Support

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

### Helen Byholt Lovelace

General Board of Global Ministries  
Ukraine

# MISCELLANEOUS

## Birthdays (March 1-7)

1	Dylan B., Rebecca B., Skylar R., Cierra R.
2	Ryan B., Susan S.
3	David F., Donna G., Robert H., Patti M., Margaret S.
4	Jody Y.
5	Lani K.
6	Terri M., Brent R., Beverly S., Ashlyn S., Ann T.
7	Evelyn K.

**Honorarium:** Trish Lockaby's wonderful suppers by Dottie Shelly  
Joshua Rotureau L. and Ayden Grace L. by Larry & Barbara Williams

## Memorials:

Tommy Mann by Annette & Dick Sanders, Gene & Clare Allen, Jim & Nancy Bradley, Peggy Smith, Joye Rush, Trish Lockaby, Linda Franklin, Martha Easburn, John & Carolyn McCrea, Virginia Combs, Tim & Ann Leeming, Bill & Joanne Turner

Ellis Koon, Harriet Conway's father, by Tom & Beth Wilkinson

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Tommy Mann by Joan Sanford, Dale & Ruthanne Robbins, Trish Lockaby

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Edna Jones, Caroline Harrelson's aunt, by Jim & Nancy Bradley

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Ellis Koon by Jim & Nancy Bradley, Don & Judy Graham

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund in memory of Henry Snowden Berryman, Marshall Berryman's father, by Joan Sanford

Anita Gregory, Margaret Amick's sister, by Peggy Smith, Margaret Combs, Sue Yarbrough, Linda Franklin, Bud & Ruth Graczyk, John & Carolyn McCrea, Virginia Combs

Evelyn Linder, Anne Morse & Wiggie Jones sister, by Peggy Smith

Edna Jones by Peggy Smith, Linda Franklin

Michael Hopper, Jennifer Minor's fiancé, by Peggy Smith, Joye Rush

Henry Snowden Berryman by Joye Rush, Margaret Combs, Bob & Mylla Markland

## Wednesday Night Suppers

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

**Menu: Suzy's chicken in wine sauce, glazed carrots and dessert**

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

## Communion Offering to Sharing God's Love

March's Communion offering will go to Sharing God's Love. It is a non-profit organization that works with community families in the Irmo, St. Andrews and Ballentine areas who are facing emergencies related to their basic living needs. Sharing God's Love has experienced a 54% increase from 2007 in the number of families coming for the first time for assistance, and an 82% increase from 2007 in families seeking assistance with a power bill.

They are located behind the Kroger Shopping Center in Irmo at 147 Friarsgate Boulevard.

## Baptisms

Joshua Rotureau L.

Ayden Grace L.

February 22, 2009



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 6<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and return March 8<sup>th</sup> by 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.

**Why Stephen Ministry?**

We have many needs for care in our congregation: people experiencing divorce, grief, illness, job loss, empty nest, relocation, retirement, hospitalization, loneliness, and many other stresses and challenges. Often people with needs suffer silently or do not request or receive the level of care they need. No pastor can meet every single need of every single person in a congregation. Stephen Ministry expands the care Ashland can offer by equipping and organizing members to provide Christian care. This gives us a larger pool of people with gifts, skills, and calling to bring Christ's love and care to those who need it most. If you or someone you know could benefit from the trained, caring presence and listening ear of a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor Joel, or one of our Stephen Leaders, Clare Allen (781-5804) or Margaret Smith (781-6944).



Rev. Joel Jones will be leading a study on Genesis. **Wednesdays, Mar 4<sup>th</sup> – Apr 1<sup>st</sup>** 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.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

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

**March 8<sup>th</sup>**

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 27-29<sup>th</sup>**  
Forms are in the youth building

**From the Marys and Marthas**

The Marys & Marthas Class want to express our appreciation to Hunter Price, our youth director, for visiting our class last Sunday to share his personal testimony and to inform us about Ashland's youth program. A donation to the youth library has been given in honor of Hunter. (Hunter is glad to visit any group.)

Congratulations to **Kim Gordon** who received her associate degree in December 2008 in Public Service with a concentration on Early Child Care and Education.

**Children!! Children!! Hear all about it!**

Wacky Wednesday this week March 4<sup>th</sup>. Ages from 3 thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please join us in room 115 at 6:30 pm.

**Stewardship of the Church Building**

Please remember to cut off all lights and make sure doors are locked when you are leaving the church during non-work hours. Thank you.



**United Methodist Women**

Spiritual Growth – Days Apart  
Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – 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



## United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men will meet on Monday, March 2nd, at 6:30 in Ashland Hall. The meeting will begin with a home-cooked meal, prepared by Herman Lightsey and Bob Taylor. Hank Chardos will present a program about Home Works, and conclude with a brief business session. All men are encouraged to attend--even those who have never been before.

See Herman Lightsey for information on the following upcoming UMM events:

- o Columbia District UMM Spiritual Retreat, April 17-19 at Asbury Hills
- o National Gathering of UMM, Belmont University, July 10-12, Nashville Tennessee

**During the month of March**, please remember the following in prayer: Susan Bowers, William Burnett, David Gramling, Zack McCutchen, Robin Price, Melinda Bean, family of Tommy Mann, Gus Malarcher, families of fallen Special Forces heroes, Marc Small, David Hurt and Jeremy Bessa

### Safe Sanctuary Policy

The last scheduled training date for all volunteers with children, youth and vulnerable adults is 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:

- DMV will be completed on anyone driving our children or youth for events and trips
  - Register Sex Offender Participation Resolution is included
  - 5 year rule
- See the bulletin board outside the workroom and choir room for all the details and definitions

## This Week at Ashland

### Sunday, March 1, 2009 – Luke 9:51-62

8:45 AM *The Path*, 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

### Monday, March 2, 2009 – Romans 1:8-17

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

### Tuesday, March 3, 2009 – 1 John 2:1-6

9:30 AM Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews  
 Art Class, #114  
 6:30 PM UMW Executive Committee, #138

### Wednesday, March 4, 2009 – Luke 5:17-20

8:15 AM Youth Prayer Breakfast, Hot Dog Heaven  
 9:00 AM Pictorial Directory Committee, #138  
 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper  
 AI Anon  
 6:30 PM Children's Wacky Wednesday Activities  
 The Path Music Ensemble  
 Genesis Bible Study, Ashland Hall  
 7:30 PM Worship Choir

### Thursday, March 5, 2009 – Matthew 25:31-40

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

### Friday, March 6, 2009 – Psalm 119:10-16

### Saturday, March 7, 2009 – 1 Corinthians 12:4-20

### Sunday, March 8, 2009 - Luke 12:22-32

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall  
 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary  
 4:00 PM Youth Praise Band Practice  
 4:00 PM Council of the Illuminati  
 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](http://ashlandumc.com)

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