



ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service **March 8, 2009**

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Wed.-5 pm; Fri.-Noon

From the Outside Looking In at Lent

“Discipline is the creation of boundaries that keep time and space open for God...” Father Henri Nouwen

If you have been in denial thus far, it is time to note we are in a darkened economic climate. We do not have to be reminded that our investments have been in a state of free fall. The auto industry is failing, as are many large banks. Foreclosures are moving in for many folks who find themselves one of the increasing number of unemployed, while our school systems are set in “*survival mode*”. These are indeed, difficult days.

Last week, President Obama said: *“While our economy may be weakened and our confidence shaken; though we are living through difficult and uncertain times, I want every American to know this: We will rebuild, we will recover and the United States of America will emerge stronger than before.”*

The season of Lent also serves to remind us of difficult days ahead.

After proclaiming Jesus as the Christ at Caesarea Philippi, Jesus then shocked the disciples by telling them he would soon suffer and die but rise on the 3rd day. At first hearing they were neither prepared nor open to digest such a radical statement.

Lent is face up time - If we have been in denial about the state of the economy – it’s for real.

Lent is Spring Cleaning time – The concept of spring cleaning actually came from the 40 day discipline of Lent where one cleaned their physical and spiritual house.

Lent is time to stop the things that are keeping you busy but not soulful. How can our sins be uncovered unless we stop the things that detract and distract.

Lent is a season of soul searching and repentance as a preparation for the joy of Easter.

Lent says: *Let us look our lives to see what is causing pain and unhealth, so we can work to remove it and come through to a better day.*

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.
Hebrews 12: 1-3*

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Living Out Our Faith

March 8, 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

Vivian Fisk, mother of Mylla Markland
In memoriam William Brown, father of Cheryl Means, died March 4, 2009. Funeral plans to be announced.

OUR PRESENCE

Ash Wednesday: 87
Worship: 301 The Path: 128 Traditional: 173
Sunday School: 227

OUR GIFTS

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| Received Week Ending 2/28/09 | \$ 11,852 |
| Received Year to Date: | 107,446 |
| Spent Year to Date: | 122,897 |

General Fund Contributions

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| Received Week Ending 2/28/09 | 10,822 |
| Received Year to Date: | 100,965 |

Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 810

OUR SERVICE

Sunday School Coffee for March: Marys & Marthas

Narthex Table: Judy Mitchell

Altar Stewards: Amary Sox, Harriet Conway

Crucifer: Josh R.

Acolytes: Stuart N., Mason C.

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

Greeters: *The Path:* Vicki Bates

Sunday School: John Edwards & Janet Hatch

11 am Worship: John Edwards & Linda Franklin

Nursery: David & Sarah Fellows, Brian & Kath Cannon, Janet Hatch, Lynda Mixon, Mac Credille, Kim Crutchfield, Cheryl McClay, Susan Dickinson, Trish Lockaby, Vicki & Sarah Proctor, Debbie Sandersfeld, Valerie Barham, Caroline Harrelson

Children's Church: Robert & Linda Motley

Flowers: The altar flowers are to the glory of God with love and in honor of our grandson, Carson Wi.6th birthday, by his grandparents, Larry & Barbara Williams and Bob & Nelda Emerson.

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

Come, Christians, Join to Sing UMH No. 158

Lift High the Cross UMH No. 159

Jesus Calls Us UMH No. 398

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Mark 8:31-38

Missionaries We Support

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Helen Byholt Lovelace

General Board of Global Ministries
Ukraine

MISCELLANEOUS

Birthdays (March 8-14)

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| 8 | Paul D., Earline S., Dottie R. |
| 9 | J., Carson W. |
| 10 | Mason C., Matt M., Michael W. |
| 11 | Ruth W., Joe Tyler K. |
| 12 | Jeff B., Shelby B. |
| 13 | Chad R. |

Memorials:

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund in memory of Tommy Mann by Rosemary & DeFate Sanders

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Henry Berryman, David Lowery, Ellis Koon by Jim & Mary Nell Wilson

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Henry Berryman by Trish Lockaby, Dale & Ruthanne Robbins

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Michael Hopper by Dale & Ruthanne Robbins

Tommy Mann by Jeff & Valerie Barham, Jimmy & Margaret Smith, Jane Westbury

Henry Berryman by Gene & Clare Allen, Jimmy & Margaret Smith, Bob & Beverly Stallings, John & Pam Spurrier, Hugh & Ruth Westbury, Coyet & Sally Lowery, Virginia Combs

Anita Gregory by Jimmy & Margaret Smith

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday morning at 2 am. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed.

Wednesday Night Suppers

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

Menu: Roast beef, macaroni & cheese, green beans

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

Pictorial Directory Update

The company that took the pictures for the pictorial directory has gone out of business.

We have gone to an alternative plan and need your help. If you have an electronic copy of your family, please e-mail it to Maria, office@ashlandumc.com or Suzy, education@ashlandumc.com

More information to come on having pictures taken.

Your Lenten Offering at Work

Containers of lifesaving medicine and other supplies from United Methodists recently arrived in Zimbabwe. The United Methodist Committee on Relief is delivering 400 metric tons of milled maize throughout 12 United Methodist districts in Zimbabwe. The situation in Zimbabwe remains dire despite reports of improvement in recent days. More than 3,800 people have died in the cholera epidemic that has swept the country for months. Hyperinflation has led to economic collapse. UMCOR and the United Methodist Church in Zimbabwe are working together to provide health care and food and water in the most difficult situations.



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.

Mission Opportunity

Candy Cantrell is going with the Carolina Children's Foundation to Honduras this month to assist Dr. Cross in fixing children's teeth. She is gathering children's underwear (boys and girls) and socks. You may bring items to the Cornerstone Classroom. Deadline is March 22nd.

VIP Event for March

March 26th, 5:30 pm, meet at Cracker Barrel on Bush River Road for dinner and afterwards to the Palmetto Mastersingers Concert at Ashland. Call the Bob & Judy Taylor at 798-5969 if you need transportation.

Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews B.I.G. SALE

SAT., MARCH 14 --- 7AM - 1PM
Book Sale, Baked Goods, Beautiful Plants
Seven Oaks Recreation Center
200 Leisure Lane

Meetings in March

- Trustees, March 9th, 6:30 pm in #138.
- Finance, March 11th 6:30 pm, #138.
- Communications, March 16^h, 6:30 pm, #138
- Church Council, March 18th, 6:30 pm, #138
- Education, March 23rd, 6:30pm, #138
- Music, March 29th, 12:15 pm, choir room

EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM

Each lily will cost \$12.00. Payment must accompany order. Please make check payable to Ashland UMC and note "Easter Lilies" on the check. Plants may be picked up after the 11 a.m. service on Easter Sunday. Deadline for orders is Sunday, March 22nd. Please print. Thank you.

_____ No. of Lilies
 _____ In Memory
 _____ In Honor

U M Y F

Love God. Love Others. Love Self.

Each Wednesday @ 8:15 am –
Youth Prayer Breakfast

Hot Dog Heaven, 7444 Broad River Rd.

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

March 15th

- 4:00-5:00 pm – Youth Praise Band Practice
- 5:30-7:30 pm – UMYF – Your Story, Chapter 4,
Transformed

March 22nd

- 4:00-5:00 pm – Youth Praise Band Practice
- 5:30-7:30 pm – UMYF – Game Night

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

Hospital Stays

We want to know when someone in our church family is in the hospital. But with today's privacy laws, we need your help. When you, or a family member enters the hospital, or is scheduled for surgery, please call the church office at 798-5350. Please let us know the name of patient as it is listed on the hospital records.

Palmetto Mastersingers in Concert At Ashland

Thursday, March 26th, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary
Concert is free. Nursery will be provided.



United Methodist Women

Meetings

Harmon Circle, March 9th, 10 am at the church, room 138.
Please bring items for Sharing God's Love.

Noontime Seekers Circle, Tuesday, March 10, at 12:30 at Carolyn McCrea's home, 118 Tranquil Trail, Irmo, 29063. Gloria Shaw is the co-hostess and a light lunch will be served. Carolyn will have the program and asks that each person bring a treasured cookbook to be used as part of the program. Members are also asked to bring household and personal items for people assisted by Good Works.

Directions to Carolyn's home are as follows: Take I-26 towards Greenville and take the Ballentine/White Rock Exit. Take Hwy. #76 towards Ballentine to Salem Church Road and turn left. Continue until you see the entrance to Courtyards at Salem Place, turn left and the house is the second one on the right. Note: Parking will be a bit limited, however, you may park immediately near the vacant lots as soon as you enter the Courtyards.

Faith Circle, March 10th, 6:30 pm in Ashland Hall. We will hear from Val Songer and Jane Foster how they followed Paul's footsteps.



United Methodist Men

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, TN

Do you know what our Safe Sanctuary policy says? Why Not?

- All volunteers with children, youth and vulnerable adults must have attended Ashland for a minimum 6 months.
- All volunteers must go through Ashland's screening process before working with children, youth or vulnerable adults

See the bulletin board outside the workroom and choir room for all the details and definitions

MAKE – UP SESSION

LAST CHANCE TO BE TRAINED

March 22nd @ 9:45am in Ashland Hall

Any volunteer who has not been trained must attend this Safe Sanctuary session

Ready for summer camp? Go to asburyhills.org to find out information about SC United Methodist summer programs at Asbury Hills. Be the first to stay in the new cabins at SC's beautiful mountain camp and retreat! Programs are available for elementary, middle school, and high school campers - as well as families. Ashland has partial scholarships available. Registration forms are on the bulletin board across from the church offices. For more information, contact Rev. Jones or Cindy Ward.

This Week at Ashland

Sunday, March 8, 2009 - Acts 16:10

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
 5:00 PM New Testament Study, #113
 5:30 PM UMYF

Monday, March 9, 2009 – Mark 12:44

10:00 AM Harmon Circle, #138
 6:30 PM Romans Study, #113
 TOPS, #125
 Trustees, #138
 7:30 PM Girl Scouts

Tuesday, March 10, 2009 – 2 Timothy 4:5

9:30 AM Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews
 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry, #125

Wednesday, March 11, 2009 – I Corinthians 11:24

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
 Genesis Bible Study, Ashland Hall
 Finance Committee, #138
 7:30 PM Worship Choir

Thursday, March 12, 2009 – Isaiah 53:6

9:30 AM Minister's Group
 10:30 AM Ladies Prayer Group
 7:00 PM Columbia Chess Club
 7:30 PM Arpad Darazs Singers

Friday, March 13, 2009 – Psalm 51:12

1:00 PM Shepherd's Center, Kitchen

Saturday, March 14, 2009 – John 1:14

Sunday, March 15, 2009 – John 21:9

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
 5:00 PM Disciple II, #115
 5:00 PM New Testament Study, #113
 5:30 PM UMYF

Devotions are from the *The Sanctuary for Lent 2009* by John E. Harnish. Upcoming events are on the website ashlandumc.com

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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