



# ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

*Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service* **March 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 Death

**“How do geese know when to fly to the sun? Who tells them the seasons?**

**How do we humans know when it is time to move on?**

**As with the migrant birds, so surely with us, there is a voice within if only we would listen to it,  
that tells us certainly when to go forth into the unknown. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross**

Early in my ministry, I was perusing a used bookstore in Columbia. Upon checking out, the cashier, noting the books On Death and Dying by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross and A Funeral Manual said, “*Are you one of those morbid types who is obsessed with death?*”

People of non-Western cultures are often surprised to know that Americans do not think nor reflect much on death.

Anyone wishing to deepen their spirituality and their walk toward holiness will have to concentrate on this one certainty.

John Wesley had done this. If he had loved wealth he would have died an incredibly rich man. Instead, he gave not part of his income, but all that he had after taking care of the bare necessities of his own life. “*If I have more than 10 pounds when I die, people might call me a thief,*” Wesley once remarked.

In his will he disposed of his horses, carriage, books and money. Everything he owned could be gathered onto a table.

Deeply spiritual persons live in such a way that personal wealth and the attachments that come with it are a hindrance. Perhaps uncomfortable for many, it would be wise to have some focus on death to help us see our lives with clarity.

Such a focus would also reveal just how attached we are to our homes and our property. None of these attachments were ours in the first place – only on loan.

The scriptures say: *Knowing that Jerusalem for him spelled death; Jesus set his face straight towards it.*

Having passed the halfway point of Lent, the shadows will grow longer as Jesus gets closer to Jerusalem where he will encounter suffering and eventually death.

People of deep spirituality have a lot to teach us about living while they are facing death.

It is hoped that Jesus’ words and actions we will hear in the coming weeks will take us to a new level of meaning as we come face to face with our own death.

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## Living Out Our Faith

March 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

Vivian Fisk, Providence Hospital

### OUR PRESENCE

Worship: 357 The Path: 123 Traditional: 234  
Sunday School: 212

### OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending 3/14/09 \$ 11,047  
Received Year to Date: 134,890  
Spent Year to Date: 148,563

### General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending 3/14/09 10,543  
Received Year to Date: 126,250

### Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 400

### OUR SERVICE

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

**Narthex Table:** Judy Mitchell

**Altar Stewards:** Dottie Shelly, Barbara Higgins

**Crucifer:** Joe S

**Acolytes:** Will S, Ben G

**Lay Reader 11 am:** Gene Allen

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

**Greeters:** *The Path:* John Calore

Sunday School: Robert & Erin Harrelson

11 am Worship: Caroline Harrelson & Margot Johnson

**Nursery:** Courtney Kelso, Cheryl Means, Heidi Briggs, Janet Hatch, Lynda Mixon, Mac Credille, Kim Crutchfield, Cheryl McClay, Valerie & Paige R, Phil & Terri Miller, Bobby & Debra Keough

**Children's Church:** Tina Mastin

**Flowers:** The altar flowers are to the glory of God in memory of Tom's father, Tom Wilkinson, Sr., and in memory of Beth's brother, Woodward Culler, Jr., by Tom & Beth Wilkinson.

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

*When Morning Gilds the Skies* UMH No. 185

Psalm 107 UMH No. 830

*Living for Jesus* (stanzas 1 & 4) TFWS No. 2149

*What Wondrous Love Is This* UMH No. 292

Numbers 21:4-9

John 3:14-21

### 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

#### Helen Byholt Lovelace

General Board of Global Ministries  
Ukraine

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Birthdays (March 22-28)

22	Gail F
23	Terry C, Bobby K, Sherril F
24	Megan C, Ruth C
25	Chris M, Ada Riddle-M
26	Carrie C, Bud G, Sally M
27	Jim E, Sarah P, Mark P, Haley R
28	JoAnne D, Gary H

### Memorials

Tommy Mann by Jim & Nina Newcomb, Willow Winds Homeowners Association

Anita Gregory, Margaret Amick's sister, by Jim & Nina Newcomb

Rubye Muckenfuss, Doreen Jenkins aunt, by Jim & Nina Newcomb, Bob & Helen Barham, Danny & Lynda Mixon, Hugh & Ruth Westbury, John & Sandra Calore, Bob & Mylla Markland, Jimmy & Margaret Smith, Bud & Donna Gore

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Rubye Muckenfuss by Dale & Ruthanne Robbins, Joan Sanford

Henry Berryman, Marshall Berryman's father, by Peter & Karen Fallo, Jim & Nina Newcomb

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Henry Berryman by Jeff & Valerie Barham

Evelyn Linder, Anne Morse mother & Wiggie Jones sister, by Sunshine Circle

Ellis Koon, Harriet Conway's father, by Wes & Cynthia Busbee, Jim & Nina Newcomb

William Brown, Cheryl Means' father, by Jim & Nina Newcomb, Searchers Sunday School Class

Michael Hopper, Jennifer Minor's fiance', by anonymous donor

### Wednesday Night Supper – March 25th

The Susannah Wesley Circle will be preparing:

Ham, hashbrown casserole, green beans, rolls & dessert  
Red sign up slips are on the back table in Ashland Hall  
and in the pew racks in the Sanctuary

## Palmetto Mastersingers

in concert at Ashland

Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm,

Sanctuary

**Concert is free. Nursery will be provided.**

### Pictorial Directory Update

Since the company taking pictures has gone out of business we have gone to an alternative plan and need your help.

Information is on their website [www.directoryinnovations.com](http://www.directoryinnovations.com)

If you have an electronic copy of your family, please e-mail it to Maria, [office@ashlandumc.com](mailto:office@ashlandumc.com) or Suzy, [education@ashlandumc.com](mailto:education@ashlandumc.com). We can scan a hard copy for you. If you do not have a picture, we will be retaking pictures on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

To my Ashland Family,

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers, food, visits, phone calls and cards during the illness of my sister Anita and then her death. If not for you, I would have had a more difficult time coping.

Bless you all, Margaret Gregory Amick

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Coconut Cake... Caramel Apple Cake...  
Hummingbird Cake... Trifle... Cookies...*

*Peach Blueberry Dump Cake*

*Hungry yet?*

*Enjoy the Dessert Bar at the  
Salkehatchie Stimulus Plan*

Friday, April 3, 7:00 pm in Ashland Hall

Join us for a fun evening featuring a live auction and a silent auction. All proceeds benefit the Columbia Salkehatchie Camp. No charge for this event, but donations accepted.

Special Entertainment

**Dr. Billy bob and His Amazing Feel Good Show**

Sponsored by the Friendship Sunday school Class

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

5:30-7:30 pm – UMYF – Game Night – 6<sup>th</sup> graders welcomed for this special game night!

**March 26<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm – Mandatory pack drop-off for all students attending Back2Basics Retreat

**March 27-29<sup>th</sup>** Back2Basics Retreat – Pisgah National Forest

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

5:30-7:30 pm – UMYF – Your Story, Chapter 5, *Seek God*, guest speaker: Michael Stewart

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** – Easter – all youth activities cancelled

**March 29<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Sunday at Ashland**

**9:15 am – Breakfast in Ashland Hall** – Bring covered dish to share – Jody Oates, Executive Director of Camps & Retreats at Asbury Hills will discuss the changes at the camp

**10:30 am – Combined Worship** in the Sanctuary

**Lenten Boxes**

The money from the Lenten boxes will go towards UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). This group assists areas with natural or civil disasters. Please bring your boxes on Easter Sunday.

**VIP Event for March**

March 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Day trip** with Virginia Wingard UMC to "The Terracotta Warriors" Exhibit, Atlanta, Ga., Leave 8 am on March 31 and return @ 9:30 pm. Cost: \$95.00 per person. Call Linda Dickerson at 781-3567 for more information.

**GOOD NEWS: HELPING HANDS**

Need help with any yard or household chores? The Good News Class is available to rake, prune, mow, declutter (inside, garage, yard), limited painting, limited repairs, install safety equipment or smoke detectors, replace light bulbs or batteries, etc. Call the church office, Mary Lightsey (781-5798), or drop the tear-out from below in the offering plate. We want to be your extra hands.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

TASK \_\_\_\_\_

**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



**United Methodist Women  
SC UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat  
May 1-2, 2-3, 2009, Lake Junaluska, NC**

Registration forms are available on line [umcsc.org](http://umcsc.org)



## 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?**

- Added the Acceptable Use of Electronic Media Policy
- Interactions between Adult Leaders and children/youth/vulnerable adults are to be within Line of Sight and Line of Sound

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

### **MAKE – UP SESSION THIS SUNDAY**

### **LAST CHANCE TO BE TRAINED**

**9:45am in Ashland Hall**

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

## Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews Spring Session at Ashland

Tuesday, March 24 – May 19, 2009 @ 9:30 am  
Cost: \$25.00

See the Shepherd's Center bulletin board for brochure

**Ready for summer camp?** Go to [asburyhills.org](http://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 22, 2009 – John 14:9

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  
 1:30 PM District Youth Leaders, Ashland Hall  
 4:00 PM Youth Praise Band Practice  
 5:00 PM Disciple II, #115  
 5:30 PM UMYF

### Monday, March 23, 2009 – 1 John 1:8

6:30 PM Education, #138  
 Missions, #127  
 TOPS, #125  
 Girl Scouts

### Tuesday, March 24, 2009 – 1 Corinthians 1:18

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

### Wednesday, March 25, 2009 – 1 Corinthians 1:23

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

### Thursday, March 26, 2009 – Matthew 20:18

10:00 AM DOADAS, Ashland Hall  
 10:30 AM Ladies Prayer Group  
 7:00 PM Columbia Chess Club  
 7:30 PM Arpad Darazs Singers, Ashland Hall  
 7:30 PM Palmetto Mastersingers Concert, Sanctuary

### Friday, March 27, 2009 – Psalm 103:12

5:00 PM Cub Scout Pinewood Derby

### Saturday, March 28, 2009 – 1 Corinthians 2:2

9:00 AM Cub Scout Pinewood Derby

### Sunday, March 29, 2009 – 2 Timothy 4:8

9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast  
 10:30 AM Combined Worship, Sanctuary  
 12:15 PM Music Committee, Choir Room  
 5:00 PM Disciple II, #115

Devotions are from the *The Sanctuary for Lent 2009* by John E. Harnish. Upcoming events are on the website [ashlandumc.com](http://ashlandumc.com)

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