



ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service **April 5, 2009**

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

Office Hours: Mon., Tues. Thurs. 9-3
Wed.-5 pm; Fri.-Noon

Christ has not only spoken to us by his life but has also spoken for us by his death.

Søren Kierkegaard

Some people called it a parade; others say it was a funeral procession.

That's the way it is about expectations - everybody sees something different in Jesus and everybody wants something different from Jesus.

No matter what version you may have of Jesus... He is so much more.

The large crowd on Palm Sunday in Jerusalem for the Passover celebration loved Jesus because he was their miracle man, and they were eager for more of the same.

The Pharisees were always in fear their way of life might be absorbed into the Greek influenced culture. By their emphasis on the many details that kept them distinctively Jewish, they wanted a Jesus of rules and rituals.

The radical, nationalistic Zealots wanted a Jesus of force, one who was ready to overthrow the Roman government machine.

There were hopes he would take up a sword and call his followers to arms. They wanted a military Jesus.

The Disciples were hoping this would be their greatest week of popularity and glory.

All these people gained a glimpse of Jesus of Nazareth on this day that begins Holy Week. Each had their viewpoint.

Many were excited because they were finally getting the Messiah of their dreams and expectations.

They were wrong.

Underneath those Palm Sunday cloaks were, as one writer puts it, "*the seeds of crucifixion.*"

By Good Friday Jesus had disappointed so many. But he never disappointed God.

What kind of Jesus are you looking for?

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Living Out Our Faith

April 5, 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

In memoriam, Sarah Young, former member who died March 17, 2009 in Robin, NC.

OUR PRESENCE

Worship: 301

Breakfast: 147

OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending 3/28/09 \$ 11,254

Received Year to Date: 158,509

Spent Year to Date: 157,143

General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending 3/28/09 9,279

Received Year to Date: 146,296

Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 252

OUR SERVICE

Sunday School Coffee for April: Friendship

Narthex Table: Missy Graczyk/Jean Jackson

Altar Stewards: Margaret Combs, Cheryl Means, Melissa Jones

Crucifer: Frederick T.

Acolytes: Natalie M., Becky M.

Ushers: Joe Suddeth, Kim Crutchfield, Bob Crutchfield, Tom

Wilkinson, Bob Taylor, Bud Graczyk

Greeters:

The Path: Jim Carson

Sunday School & Worship: Herman Lightsey & Trish Lockaby

Nursery: *The Path:* Karen M., Kristen M., Toni L. 11 am: I:

Karen McClive, Patti Montreuil, C: Kristen McClive, Nelda

Emerson; 2's & 3's: Dalene Gibson, Amary Sox

Flowers: The altar flowers are to the glory of God in memory of Jeannie McCrea on her birthday by her parents John & Carolyn McCrea.

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

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna UMH No. 278

All Glory Laud & Honor UMH No. 280

In the Cross of Christ I Glory UMH No. 295

Philippians 2:5-11

Missionaries We Support

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MISCELLANEOUS

Birthdays: (April 5-11)

5	Mollie H., Lib C.
6	Olivia W., Wiggie J., Jackson B.
7	Jeff S., Jeff N., Trey C.
8	Karen S., Gordon B.
9	Kalie C., Bill B., Sally L., Bucky S.
10	Kristen H.
11	Debbie B., Britt F.

Honorariums:

Harold Reid by Anonymous

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for John & Carolyn McCrea's wedding anniversary by Lloyd & Monetta Pitts

Memorials:

Tommy Mann by Danny & Nancy Johnson, Jonathan & Susan Johnson, Justin Johnson, Gordon & Susan Banks

Rubye Muckenfuss, Doreen Jenkins' aunt, by John & Carolyn McCrea, Gordon & Susan Banks

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Rubye Muckenfuss by Mac & Jean Smurthwaite, Don & Judy Graham

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Kevin Pitts by Lloyd & Monetta Pitts

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for William Brown, Cheryl Means' father, by Don & Judy Graham

No Wednesday Night Supper on April 8th.

Lenten Notes

Blessing of the Children On Palm Sunday

This Sunday our 11 a.m. worship service begins with our annual processional with the children. All children, infants thru elementary school, are invited to join us. Please meet in Ashland Hall at 10:45 am to receive your palm branch and walk with us to the sanctuary at the start of the 11 am service. After the processional, our children will be blessed by one of the ministers. Parents are invited to join the children in the processional.

At The Foot of the Cross

Jean Smith and Beverly Stallings have been responsible for placing visuals at the base of the cross in the Narthex and giving a written description in the bulletin on Sundays. Please take time to view this addition to our worship experience. Thank you Jean and Beverly for this meaningful addition.

Palms for Sanctuary

To the glory of God by Bill & Kaye Bradley, Jim & Nina Newcomb, Dottie Shelly

In honor of my nephew, Carson, & my niece, Kate, by Aunt Patti; Mrs. Mildred Griffith, my stepmother, by Debbie Matthews;

In memory of Frances & Hukate Elwood by Thom & Jane Bristow

Thank You!

I can express how much I appreciated the cards, prayers, and kindness during this difficult time. Michael enjoyed visiting Ashland and realized what a wonderful Ashland family I have. I am blessed to have each of you in my life. Thank you! Jennifer Minor and family.

Missions

- o Krista Jones & Kelli Rush were in the Bahamas this week working on a Habitat for Humanity House with the Wofford Wesley Foundation.
- o Remember non-perishable food for Sharing God's Love. Baskets are in Ashland Hall and the sanctuary.

Pictorial Directory Update

We have received the DVD from the company. If you have received a call from us or did not have your picture taken, please submit a picture by **April 12th**. Pictures that have been submitted may be picked up in the box outside Maria's office in the coming weeks. Please let Peggy Smith (772-2531) know if you paid for pictures and did not receive them.

Thank you for your help with the pictorial directory!

Remember in Prayer this April

Susan Bowers; David Gramling; Zack McCutchen as he awaits his military orders; Robin Price, Melinda Bean, Marc Small, David Hurt, Jeremy Bessa, Don Bailey, brother of Sherril Ford, John Walker, Donna Gore's father.

Easter Worship

On Easter Sunday April 12, at 11 a.m. the Music Ministries of Ashland will present *The Rose of Calvary*, the companion piece to *The Winter Rose* presented December 2008. *The Rose of Calvary* continues the narrative beyond the manger to portray the life, ministry, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Rose of Sharon. The Worship Choir, soloists, narrators, liturgical dancers and chamber orchestra will join together to praise God in this unique way for this Easter Service.

Book Club! We will discuss "the Story of Edgar Sawtelle" by David Wroblewski. Join us April 19th at 4pm in room 111. Check out our complete list at www.ashlandumc.com

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 _____

UMYF

Love God. Love Others. Love Self.

Each Wednesday @ 8:15 am –
Youth Prayer Breakfast

Hot Dog Heaven, 7444 Broad River Rd.

April 5th

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

No Youth Prayer Breakfast on April 8th

April 12th – Easter – all youth activities cancelled

April 19th – 4:00-5:00 pm - Council of the Illuminati

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

5:30–7:30 pm - Your Story, Chapter 6,
Seek Self

April 25th - Homeworks

The Hunt is On!



Saturday April 11th at 10:30 a.m. all children 2 years old thru 5th grade are invited to the Great Easter Egg Hunt of Ashland. There will be crafts, EGGS, light snack and did I mention eggs? Sandwiches and drinks provided. Each family asked to bring a plate of cookies to share. Hoppy Hunting!

Lost and Found

A blue Verizon LG cell phone has been found and is in the church office. Please call 798-5350, x 10 if the phone belongs to you.

Sharing God's Love will have it's bi-annual yard sale Sat. April 25, 8 AM-12 Noon. The sale will be in the parking lot of Sharing God's Love at 147 Friarsgate Blvd. in Irmo. The proceeds will benefit Sharing God's Love to enable us to give assistance to those in need. Please no donations on Friday April 24, 2009.

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

Tuesdays through May 19, 2009 @ 9:30 am

Cost: \$25.00

See the Shepherd's Center bulletin board for brochure



United Methodist Women

Annual Work Day

April 25th – 8:00 am to 1 pm

Room 138



United Methodist Men

The Ashland U M Men will meet on Monday, April 6th at 6:30 in Ashland Hall. The meeting will begin with a home-cooked meal prepared by Charlie Matthews and Bud Graczyk. Hunter Price will then present a program about the youth activities here at Ashland. The meeting will conclude with a brief business session, which will include plans for the chicken barbecue on April 25th. All men are encouraged to attend--even those who have never been to a meeting before.

Columbia District UM Men Spiritual Retreat

President Herman Lightsey invites all men of the District to their annual spring retreat held this year on April 17-19, 2009, at Asbury Hills U M Camp.

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon, Columbia, District Superintendent will be preaching throughout the weekend on Putting Movement into Methodism.

The retreat begins with registration and a steak supper Friday afternoon/evening. There will be free time Saturday afternoon for relaxing, walking and taking in all the new facility upgrades at Asbury Hills.

Registration forms are on the bulletin board across from the Church office.

UMM Annual Chicken BBQ

April 25, 2009

4:00 pm-7:00 pm, Ashland Hall

One-half chicken plate w/baked beans, cole slaw, rolls & tea - eat in or take out - \$7.00

Whole Chicken - \$7.00

Purchase tickets from UMM.

It's Time For Asbury Hills 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 this beautiful place. 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, April 5, 2009 – Luke 19:40

Palm/Passion Sunday

8:45 AM *The Path* – Ashland Hall
9:45 AM Sunday School for all Ages
11:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
4:00 PM Youth Praise Band Practice
5:00 PM Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service Rehearsal
5:00 PM Disciple II, #115
5:30 PM UMYF

Monday, April 6, 2009 – Luke 20:2

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

Tuesday, April 7, 2009 – Luke 20:25

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

Wednesday, April 8, 2009 – Luke 21:4

6:00 PM Al Anon
6:30 PM Children's Choirs
7:30 PM Worship Choir

Thursday, April 9, 2009 – John 13:15

10:30 AM Ladies Prayer Group
6:30 PM Boy Scouts, Ashland Hall/Classroom
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary
7:00 PM Columbia Chess Club
7:30 PM Arpad Darazs Singers, Choir Room

Friday, April 10, 2009 – Luke 23:49 – Good Friday Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 11, 2009 – Romans 8:24

Sunday, April 12, 2009 – 2 Corinthians 1:20

Easter Sunday

9:00 AM Pancake Breakfast, Ashland Hall
10:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
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

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