



# ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

*Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service* **April 19, 2009**

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

### **Religion is about ritual, faith is about relationships. Gandhi**

Each year my pity meter runs high for maligned Thomas, the highlighted disciple on the second Sunday of Easter. John's gospel notes that Thomas wasn't around when Jesus appeared before the disciples that first Easter. While time away is often good for the soul, let me also note that for faith to grow, it needs a fellowship of believers.

When there is to be a service of death and resurrection in the Ashland sanctuary, I encourage families to sing a congregational hymn.

While the grieving family may not feel like singing, they can still take comfort from the congregational singing behind them, and that support means so much.

Shortly after graduation from The Lutheran Seminary in Columbia, I remember president George Anderson leaving to become president of Luther College, Iowa. His beloved wife lost her battle with cancer shortly thereafter. On top of that, Anderson's adopted parents had died a few months earlier and he was now assuming the role as a single parent to two teenagers.

Dr. Anderson said, *"I went through a period of depression. I questioned my faith; I was mad at God. But I didn't stop going to church. I went to worship, but I couldn't sing the hymns, especially the joyful, happy ones. I couldn't even pray the prayers, but the congregation at Decorah Lutheran Church, and at the college chapel sustained me. I felt as if they were singing and praying for me, even though I could not."*

Time passed and Dr. Anderson's wounds healed, but he will never forget the power of being surrounded by the faith and voices of the congregation.

For a person to be brought to Christ, to be nurtured and to grow in faith, it takes personal relationships.

Martin Luther said **we are the priesthood of all believers**. That means faith is strengthened by our relationships and in our support of each other. We are all instruments of the Holy Spirit as we make faith happen.

I look forward to seeing you during these 50 days of Easter as we celebrate the risen Christ amongst us.

### **Ashland Mortgage Burning Service One Service Only April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am No Sunday School**

**Please bring a salad or dessert as you come to worship next Sunday  
The church will provide the hamburgers.**

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## Missions

### **HELP BETHLEHEM CENTER SET WORLD RECORD**

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center has registered with Guinness World Records to make an attempt to set a new world record on May 2 at Bolden Stadium in Columbia by forming the world's largest letter "B". Bring two non-perishable foods per person for Harvest Hope Food Bank also.

Gates open at 8:30 a.m., and the formation will begin at 10:00 a.m. Registration is \$3.50  
Call 931-8023 for more information.

### **Home Works Work Day – April 25th**

Home Works will have a one day blitz called "Christmas in Columbia" scheduled on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Forty homes will be repaired in the Greater Columbia area. Youth and adults: we will leave Ashland at 6:15 am on the 25<sup>th</sup>. A hammer is waiting for you. Together we will continue making a difference...**repairing homes and restoring hope!**

**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.

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### **APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> CHURCH COOKOUT**

After the burning of the mortgage worship service, join us in Ashland Hall for lunch.

Grilled hamburgers, drinks and baked beans will be provided.

Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Contact Ruth Cornell or Trish Lockaby if you can help with set-up or clean-up that day.

### **Children, Youth & Adults**

Come with us May 3<sup>rd</sup> as we caravan from Ashland leaving at 10:30 am. After a brief stop for lunch, we will see the new and renovated Asbury Hills facilities. Contact Cindy Ward or Suzy Speas if you wish to go. What a great opportunity for new/potential campers to see what to expect. Check out [asburyhills.org](http://asburyhills.org) for information about the summer programs at Asbury Hills. Partial scholarships are available. Contact Rev. Jones or Cindy Ward for information.

## Celebrations and Remembrances

### Birthdays April 19-25:

18	Ryan G.
19	Russ D., Larry H.
22	Billy H., Debbie T., Courtney K., Jenny W.
23	Jayne B., Anson H., Steve C., Jeffrey P., Taylor B.
24	Heyward B., Carole B., Kelsey B.
25	Charles C., David G.

### Memorial

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship fund for Henry Berryman by Jim & Nancy Bradley

### Congratulations

Maggie C. was elected president of the of Irmo High School student body for the 2009-2010 school year.

### **Wednesday Night Supper-April 22**

**Menu:** *Prepared by Joel – which will include homemade spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic bread, salad and dessert.*  
Please use the red slips on the back table in Ashland Hall or in the pew rack in the sanctuary. Deadline for reservations is noon on Monday.

### **Jeannie McCrea Scholarship – 2009**

Applications for Ashland UM High School Seniors are available from Donna and Bud Gore or Suzy Speas. Deadline for submission of applications is Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Applications should be mailed or delivered by that date to Bud & Donna Gore (Chairs, Scholarship Committee) at 1802 Cedarbrook Drive, Columbia, SC 29212. Contact Bud & Donna at 781-3827 (home) or 429-1118 (cell). Presentation of the scholarship award will be during Senior Recognition Service on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Friendship Class Thanks You!**

The Friendship Class Salkehatchie Stimulus Plan event held April 3<sup>rd</sup> raised \$835.00 to benefit the Columbia Salkehatchie camp housed at Ashland. Thanks to everyone who donated or purchased items from the silent and live auction. (See bulletin board for all those who helped.)

### **Pictorial Directory Update**

If you brought your picture to the church, it may be picked up in the box outside of Maria's office.

### **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**

## **Book Club: April 19th**

We will discuss The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski. Join us at 4pm in room 111.

Check out our complete list at  
[www.ashlandumc.com](http://www.ashlandumc.com)



## **UMM Annual Chicken BBQ**

April 25, 2009

4:00 - 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.

**COOLERS NEEDED:** The UMM will need as many coolers as possible for storing the chickens. If anyone has a cooler that can be used, notify Jimmy Smith (781-6944) or David Jones (749-3629).

## **TO THE MEN OF ASHLAND:**

Did you know you are a member of United Methodist Men? Our **GOALS** include: Spiritual growth, Service, Fellowship, and Support of the local church. On April 25<sup>th</sup> we will work on all of these at one time. Join us and find out how.

The chicken barbeque is our major fund-raiser for the year. In the past money from the BBQ has gone to help: Salkehatchie, mission trailer, window shades in Ashland Hall and so much more. **Part of this year's receipts will help purchase new playground equipment.**

We appreciate your support of United Methodist Men and our missions throughout the year.

### **UMM Vidalia Onion Sale Order Form**

\$10.00 for 10 lb. bag

Please make check payable to Ashland UMM and attach with order form. You may give to a UMM or place in the offering plate.

Delivery date: Saturday, May 9th

Deadline for orders: **May 1st**

Number of Bags \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Attached \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

# **UMYF**

## **Love God. Love Others. Love Self.**

Each Wednesday @ 8:15 am –  
Youth Prayer Breakfast

Hot Dog Heaven, 7444 Broad River Rd.

**April 19<sup>th</sup>** – 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 25<sup>th</sup>** – Home Works – leave Ashland @ 6:15 am

**April 26<sup>th</sup>** – 4:00-5:00 pm – Youth Praise Band Practice  
5:30-7:30 pm – Game Night

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>** – 4:00-5:00 pm – Youth Praise Band Practice  
5:30-7:30 pm – Your Story, Chapter 7,  
*Vantage Point*



## **United Methodist Women**

### **Annual Work Day**

**April 25<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 am to 1 pm**

**Room 138**

If you haven't already signed up for the Reading Program this year, please do so. We have many of the books in our library. Please see your Circle leader for more details or call Linda Wilkins 772-5593.

### **UMW Mission Project**

Sharing God's Love will benefit from the sale of Belk Charity Day tickets this year. Get your \$5 ticket from a UMW member or between worship services and Sunday School Apr. 19 & 26. Sale is May 2, 6am-10am. Pre-buying begins Apr. 20.

**Events:** Friendship Circle will meet on Thursday, April 23 to visit shut-ins. Meet in the Ashland parking lot at 6:30 p.m. After the visits, we will meet at Val Songer's home at approximately 7:45 p.m. for a short meeting and fellowship. Jayne Beachler will provide refreshments. Our mission project this month is to support the UMW Work Day project. Bring a contribution toward the purchase of flannel material and supplies for this project.

**Directions to 430 Lydgate Drive (798-7309):**

From St. Andrews Road turn into Whitehall subdivision on Tram Road. Take the 2nd left onto Brookshire Drive. Follow Brookshire until it ends at Lydgate. Turn right, #430 is 2nd house on the left.

## **MOTHER'S DAY RECOGNITION**

The Ashland UMW Faith Circle invites you to recognize your mother or other special lady in a Mother's Day bulletin insert. This will be mailed with the regular church bulletin. Please complete the needed information below and make a donation In Honor of or In Memory of your loved one. *Donations will be given to Killingsworth and Sharing God's Love.* Make checks payable to Ashland UMW, and place it in the offering plate by Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for your continued support to our missions.  
~Faith Circle

**PLEASE PRINT:** Given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

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## Living Out Our Faith

April 19, 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, Agape Rehab, room 209

Bob Taylor – home from knee outpatient surgery

Susan Dickinson

### OUR PRESENCE

Worship – Easter 09: 651 Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae: 65

Sunday School: 251

### OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending 4/11/09 \$ 21,223

Received Year to Date: 173,475

Spent Year to Date: 187,055

### General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending 4/11/09 2,150

Received Year to Date: 153,786

### Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 650

### OUR SERVICE

Sunday School Coffee for April: Friendship

Narthex Table: Missy Graczyk/Jean Jackson

Altar Stewards: Jean Smith, Amary Sox

Crucifer: Tyler J. Acolytes: Paige R., Rebecca J.

Lay Reader: Danny Dilworth

Children's Church: Tina Mastin

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

Jerry Sandersfeld, Bud Graczyk

Greeters: The Path: Bob Crutchfield

Sunday School & Worship: John McCrea & Mylla Markland

Nursery: 11 am: I: Joanne Turner, Molly McClellan, C: Jeff & Denise

Williams, Carol Gasque; 2's & 3's: Casey Allen, Kathy Weeks

Flowers: One vase is to the glory of God in memory of Claire Wilkinson by

Tom & Beth Wilkinson. One vase is to the glory of God in honor of the

baptism of Ava Elizabeth S. by Claud & Shawncee Sapp, Berry & Liz

Smith, Mars & Gail Sapp

## Missionaries We Support

### Tim and Daina Datwyler

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### Helen Byholt Lovelace

General Board of Global Ministries

Ukraine

## This Week at Ashland

### Sunday, April 19, 2009 – Matthew 13:10-17

8:45 PM *The Path*, Ashland Hall  
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
4:00 PM Book Club, #111  
4:00 PM Youth Praise Band Practice  
4:00 PM Council of the Illuminati  
5:00 PM Disciple II, #115  
5:30 PM UMYF

### Monday, April 20, 2009 – Philippians 2:12-16

10:00 AM Evangelism, #138  
6:30 PM TOPS, #125  
6:30 PM Boy Scouts, Ashland Hall  
7:30 PM Girl Scouts

### Tuesday, April 21, 2009 – Hebrews 12:4-11

9:30 AM Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews  
6:30 PM Education, #138  
6:30 PM *The Path* Design Team, Ashland Hall

### Wednesday, April 22, 2009 – Genesis 2:8-15

8:15 AM Youth Prayer Breakfast at Hot Dog Heaven  
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper  
6:00 PM AI Anon  
6:30 PM Children's Choirs  
6:30 PM *The Path* Music Ensemble  
7:30 PM Worship Choir

### Thursday, April 23, 2009 – Romans 8:5-11

10:30 AM Ladies Prayer Group  
7:00 PM Cub Scouts, Ashland Hall/Classroom  
7:00 PM Columbia Chess Club  
7:30 PM Arpad Darazs Singers, Choir Room

### Friday, April 24, 2009 – Isaiah 43:1-7

6:30 PM UMM BBQ Set Up

### Saturday, April 25, 2009 – Genesis 9:8-17

8:00 AM UMW, #138  
8:15 AM Leave for Home Works  
4:00-7:00 PM UMM BBQ, Ashland Hall

### Sunday, April 26, 2009 – Psalm 40:1-5

10:30 AM Combined Worship, Sanctuary  
12:00 Noon Family Cookout  
4:00 PM Youth Praise Band Practice  
5:00 PM Disciple II, #115  
5:30 PM UMYF

Devotions are from *The Upper Room*. Upcoming events are on the website [ashlandumc.com](http://ashlandumc.com)

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