



# ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

*Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service* **April 26, 2009**

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Wed.-5 pm; Fri.-Noon

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

### Celebration of the Retirement of a Debt

For three months one summer during college I had the best job ever – working for the city of Barnwell

Some of those days, I rode shotgun on one of the garbage trucks. Most time was spent cutting the grass in the medians, city cemetery, and recreational parks.

My favorite part of that summer was every day around 8 a.m. where I worked on the “Circle” in Barnwell. A visual feast greeted me each morning as the daily rituals and routines of the locals unfurled before my eyes.

Pastors get a similar opportunity to be part of the daily routines and spiritual life of a church, as we learn and become part of the customs of a faith community.

While a student at Lutheran Seminary, I witnessed the building progress of what is now Ashland Hall. Some years later, while serving in Winnsboro, Donna and I would drive down Ashland Road and see a new sanctuary being built.

Shortly thereafter our Conference newspaper, The Advocate, noted Bishop Joseph Bethea would be on hand at Ashland for the dedication of the building on August 28, 1988.

Now, nearly twenty-one years later, we will retire the debt and burn the mortgage.  
(Don't worry – we will have an Irmo Firefighter beside us).

We are delighted for Ashland's beginnings and our past. A big thank goes you to former pastors Paul Harmon, Bob Borom, Sam Harmon and Thom Jones for their role in guiding and shaping the life of Ashland. And for all the hard work of those who served on building and finance committees and church councils, and served in the capacity of church treasurer.

The new chapters in Ashland's life are yet to be written. And you will be part of it. Thank you for your role in being part of the body of Christ and this church Ashland.

To quote from Natalie Sleeth's Hymn of Promise:  
*From the past will come the future; What it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see*

### 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 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.

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### Epworth Mother's Day Offering

On Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, you will have the opportunity to give to Epworth Children's Home.

### Don't forget to Recycle at Ashland

Please put your glass and plastic bottles, aluminum cans in the containers provided in the building.

### Spring at Mepkin Abbey

Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> we will leave Ashland at 8:30am. We will see The Gardens, Labyrinth, Noontime prayers, Firefighter Memorial and of course the shop. Lunch will be at a local restaurant around 1pm and will return home around 5:30pm. Sign-up outside Suzy's office or contact her, ext. 14.

### **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 Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> we will caravan from Ashland leaving at 10:30 am. A brief stop for lunch, and continue on to the new and renovated Asbury Hills facilities. Contact Cindy Ward or Suzy Speas if you wish to go. We will return around 6:30 p.m.

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 26-May 2

26	Cheryl C., Barry W., Ruth G., Matthew B., Brooks R.
27	Fred R., Jennifer W., Tom W., David J., Mark Z., Ryan S.
28	Craig H., Pamela H.
29	Daryl M., Henry M., Valerie B., Andrew K., Madison Y.
30	Mary Catherine N., Jennifer W., Bobby S., Jim D.
May 1	Erin G.
2	Walter C., Marthalyn S., Debbie W., Peggy (Margaret) S., Greg F., Evan D., Audrey K.

### Memorials:

Sarah Young by Jim & Nancy Bradley

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Henry Berryman by Kaye & Jim Easterling

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Jeannie McCrea by Mac & Jean Smurthwaite

### **Last One till the Fall!**

### **Wednesday Night Supper-April 29**

Menu: Trish's Pork Tenderloin, veggies, potatoes and dessert

### **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>.



Thank you for a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt April 11<sup>th</sup>. We had 60 kids on the hunt and approx. 200 in attendance. We couldn't have done it without those who provided crafts, food, or prizes. And of course thanks to our Easter bunny helpers.

### *Wedding*

*Kelly Trout & Joe Dion*

*April 18, 2009*

*Wedding held in Columbia area*

### *Baptism*

*Ava Elizabeth S.*

*April 19, 2009*

*Parents: Claud & Shawnee Sapp*

### **Welcome New Member - Betty Knapp**

We welcome Betty Knapp who comes on certificate of transfer from Chippewa UMC in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. Betty is retired and lives near Irmo HS.

## Pictorial Directory Update

The directory is at the printer!

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



### **SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 15-19**

Vacation Bible 2009 is coming soon.

Make plans to volunteer and /or send your kids. We will meet Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Contact Tina Mastin or Amy Raynor to volunteer or with questions.

### Lost and Found

Some items we have on hand: a brown suede coat, Faith Partners Edition *Holy Bible*, sunglasses, and reading glasses. Contact the church office if you think any of these items may belong to you.



### UMM Monthly Meeting

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm  
Ashland Hall

United Methodist Men will meet on Monday, May 4, 2009, at 6:30 pm in Ashland Hall. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm with a home-cooked meal. The program will be about Home Works, presented by Hank Chardos. The meeting will conclude with a brief business session. All men are encouraged to attend--even those who have never been to a meeting before.

### **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 25<sup>th</sup>** – Home Works – Meet @ 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*

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** – All youth activities cancelled for Mother's Day

**May 17<sup>th</sup>** – Senior Sunday  
6-8 pm Senior Roast



### **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

Get your \$5 ticket for the **Belk Charity Day Sale** (proceeds for **Sharing God's Love**) before or after the worship service this Sunday. Sale is May 2, 6am-10am. Pre-buying begins Apr. 20.

### **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**

### **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

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## Living Out Our Faith

*April 26, 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

Maria Ellison – Recent hospitalization

**In Memoriam:** Angela Marie Nieman, sister of Missy Graczyk.

Died 4/19/09. Memorial service held April 21<sup>st</sup> at Ashland.

### OUR PRESENCE

Worship: 326 The Path: 114 Traditional: 212

Sunday School: 190

### OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending 4/18/09 \$ 19,236

Received Year to Date: 209,051

Spent Year to Date: 206,296

### General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending 4/18/09 16,487

Received Year to Date: 190,617

### Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 2,749

### OUR SERVICE

**Sunday School Coffee for April:** Friendship

**Narthex Table:** Missy Graczyk/Jean Jackson

**Altar Stewards:** Kaye Bradley, Wiggie Jones

**Crucifer:** Jillian C. **Acolytes:** Taylor B., Brooks R.

**Lay Reader:** Vicki Bates

**Children's Church:** Colleen Daniels

**Ushers:** Joe Suddeth, Kim Crutchfield, Bob Crutchfield, Tom Wilkinson, Bud Graczyk

**Greeters:** Sunday School & Worship: Charlie & Debbie Matthews

**Nursery:** 10:30 am: Infants: Caroline Harrelson, Paige Railey, Jean Cothran;

Crawlers: Phil & Terri Miller 2's & 3's: Bobby & Debra Keough

**Flowers:** The flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Louise Johnson and Orazio Calore by John & Sandra Calore.

## Missionaries We Support

### Tim and Daina Datwyler

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### Helen Byholt Lovelace

General Board of Global Ministries

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## This Week at Ashland

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

10:30 AM	Combined Worship, Sanctuary
12:00 Noon	Family Cookout
3:00 PM	Salkehatchie Steering Committee, #138
4:00 PM	Youth Praise Band Practice
5:00 PM	Disciple II, #115
5:30 PM	UMYF

### Monday, April 27, 2009 – Genesis 50:15-26

6:30 PM	TOPS, #125
5:00 PM	Boy Scouts, Ashland Hall
7:30 PM	Girl Scouts

### Tuesday, April 28, 2009 – Psalm 139:1-12

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

### Wednesday, April 29, 2009 – Isaiah 55:1-5

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

### Thursday, April 30, 2009 – Psalm 23

10:30 AM	Ladies Prayer Group
7:00 PM	Columbia Chess Club
7:30 PM	Arpad Darazs Singers, Choir Room

### Friday, May 1, 2009 – Ruth 2:1-13

### Saturday, May 2, 2009 – John 21:12-19

### Sunday, May 3, 2009 – 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

8:45 AM	<i>The Path</i> , 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	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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