



ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service **May 17, 2009**

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

Luminal Phases

Not long ago there was this boy. The boy turned thirteen years old and the father pulled him out of school for a year. The father and son spent that year traveling around the world. When they had finished their trip, the father affirmed the son that he was then a man.

I heard about that story in my Contemporary Youth Culture class at Columbia International University. We were talking about rites of passage. I don't know if I've ever had one. Is it getting your driver's license? A sweet sixteen party? A first date? Graduating high school? Graduating College? Getting a job? I've collected a lot of these things just in case, but I feel like none are particularly definitive. I can't look back and say, "That was it. That was my transition to adulthood."

What I can say is that no matter when you start viewing yourself as an adult, you never stop forming as a person. New experiences constantly reshape us. A former professor of mine refers to these times as "Luminal Phases." A time when new light is shown on the world or ourselves. Graduation from high school or college is such a time. It's a time to acknowledge accomplishment. It's a time to reflect on what was learned. It's a time to decide what's important to us.

Today we are honoring our high school graduates for a job well done. We are also affirming that as they continue to the next phase we will still love them and be there for them. Be sure to support these students through encouragement and prayer.~Hunter

Graduating from High Schools

Taylor B. – Dutch Fork
Kelsey B. - Irmo
Austin B. – Dutch Fork
Emily C. – Heathwood Hall
Jimmy C. - Irmo
Samantha E. - Irmo
John F. – Dutch Fork
Becky M. - Irmo
Tyler N. - Irmo
Josh R. – Dutch Fork

Graduating from Higher Education Schools

Julie Songer Belman – Candler School of Theology
Katie B. – Clemson
Gary B. – USC
Kelly Trout Dion – USC Medical School
Brooke G. – Midlands TEC
Kirk J. – Coastal Carolina
Caitlyn M. – College of Charleston
Kelly P. – Columbia College
Ben W. – Clemson
Katie W. – Newberry

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Pianist

Mission Opportunity

For the month of June, the Missions Committee is issuing a challenge to all the Sunday School classes to bring in either laundry detergent or any size sheets and towels that you are not using any more for Sharing God's Love. They are in great need of these items. Starting June 7th, Hal Clarkson will be coming around with a red wagon to collect items donated. Thank you for any help you can give **Sharing God's Love**.

During the Children's Sermon, the children will have an opportunity to make a donation to help **The Children's Garden**.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!!!!

Our team will be in the church library this Sunday (before and after both services) for you to pick up your book.

We have one book for each family pictured. If you were not pictured, a \$4 donation is requested.

CDs of the directory are available for \$1.

Attention Church Leaders

This is a reminder to check your mailbox in the workroom on a regular basis. A lot of the mail is time sensitive. If you do not know where your box is located, please call the church office.

Ashland Trustees at Work

--Work Day is Saturday, May 16, from 8 - noon. Work will include placing mulch on shrubs; pruning low limbs behind church, and repair the chain link fence in playground.

--New HVAC Heating and A-C unit for Ashland Hall area has been ordered and will be installed this month.

--Second phase of sprinkler system has been completed. We have a sprinkler system for the Ashland Hall area and front of sanctuary and down the driveway side of the sanctuary.

--New folding chairs have replaced some aging ones and are in the adult Sunday School classes and choir room.

--Thanks to Hal von Nessen for installing *The Path* worship time on the church marquee.

Celebrations and Remembrances

Birthdays (May 17-23)

18	Karen M., Patrick K.
19	Michael D., Maddy T.
20	Kimberly S.
21	Nancy K., Gordon F., Riley G.
22	Rebecca K., Mike M.
23	Jean W., Maria E., Don K., Shannon Elizabeth C.

Memorial/Honorarium: To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund in memory of Anita Gregory, Margaret Amick's sister, and to honor Margaret Gregory Amick for the gift of time and talent she gives faithfully to Ashland Church and all of us by Bud & Betty Anderson
To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for James Purcell, Kathy Cannon's grandfather, by Dale & Ruthanne Robbins

Confirmation Class

May 31st is Confirmation Sunday.
Start celebrating at our Fifth Sunday covered dish breakfast at 9:15am
We welcome our 6th graders as new members during worship at 10:30am.

Lemonade on the Lawn

A tent will be set up between Ashland Hall and the Sanctuary each Sunday to be used as an information center for visitors. Visitors please drop by after Sunday School or 11 am worship for cookies, lemonade and Ashland coffee mug.

Spring Trip to Mepkin Abbey

Thursday May 28th 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 around 5:30pm. Sign-up outside Suzy's office or contact her, ext. 14.

Congratulations

Michael Durstine and Anna Keith were married on May 2nd in the Columbia area.

Jim Carson received the Arnold School of Public Health Scientist of the Year Award at USC.

Emily C. – Member of the State championship track team at Heathwood Hall

Baptism

Jalin Amanda G.

May 10, 2009

Parents: Grant & Dalene Gibson

New Member

Carol DeNisi comes from certificate of transfer from Union UMC. She is employed at Colonial Life Insurance Company. Carol enjoys gardening and reading.



"Experience & Discover God Everywhere"

VB\$ Coming Soon: JUNE 15-19

Mon-Fri 9 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.

Contact Tina Mastin (358-9355) or Amy Raynor to volunteer or with questions.

Registration forms are available at church and online.

Things we need to borrow: (will be returned)

- *Artificial Christmas trees (no decorations)
- *Large coolers

Things we need: (not returned)

- *Soup Cans (#1 or #2 - cleaned no labels)
- *Plastic restaurant take-out dishes (please no styrofoam)
- *Juice boxes (need for the week)

Leave donated items in room 117. Be sure name is on any items to be returned.



United Methodist Men

Onion Pickup – All onions that have not been picked up are in the hallway near the kitchen. Please pick them up as soon as possible. If you haven't paid for your order, please pay Tom Wilkinson.

VIPs – May 21st at 6:00 pm

Dinner will be lasagna, salad and dessert for \$5.00. The program will be *God's Planet Earth*, the first in a series of programs that will be presented over the summer. You do not have to be a senior to attend. Come and meet some new friends. Call Bob Taylor at 798-5959 to make a reservation for dinner.

Book Club

Sunday's discussion will focus on *Little Heathens: Hard time, High Spirits on an Iowa Farm During the Great Depression* by Mildred Armstrong Kalish. See you at 4pm in room 111. June's book is *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson & David Relin. We will be selecting our next books in July.

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.

Senior Recognition Sunday May 17th at Both Worship Services

We will be honoring our graduating seniors in both services. Our *Asgardian Wolverenic Orchestra* will be leading us in praise through music.

Come and support our youth as they lead us in worship.

Join us Sunday night from 6-8 pm for the Senior Roast.

Music Week at Lake Junaluska

June 21-25 activities for children, youth and adults

It is not too late to register and plan to attend this wonderful week of beautiful, spiritual music, dance, drama and last but not least worship. It has been a spiritual renewal for many over the years,

On the web:

http://fummwa.affiniscap.com/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticle_nbr=10; e-mail MusicArtsWeek@FUMMWA.org or call 800-952-8977

SOULfeast - July 12-16, 2009

"Show Me Your Ways, O Lord"

The Upper Room's spiritual formation event with Trevor Hudson. Enjoy five days of Sabbath rest and renewal, engaging workshops, challenging speakers, and uplifting worship. Visit

www.upperroom.org/soulfeast

Sponsored by Upper Room Ministries in collaboration with Lake Junaluska Ministry Events. Early registration fee if before June 1. For information contact: Sherry Elliott at 1-877-899-2780 Ext. 7250 or 1-800-972-0433

If interested in either of these events, contact Dianne Berryman 781-5314 for more information.



United Methodist Women

Additional Mother's Day Honorariums:

Mollie McClellan by Ian and Marty McClellan

Margaret Combs by Ian and Marty McClellan

Betsy Stewart by Ian and Marty McClellan

Thanks to all who participated in this project. ~ Faith Circle

Thanks to everyone for supporting the Ashland UMW Faith Circle. The total collected for the Mother's Day Recognition is \$660! All donations will be given to Killingsworth and Sharing God's Love.

Living Out Our Faith

May 17, 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

Rev. Bob Borom – outpatient knee surgery

Jessica Carroll

OUR PRESENCE

Worship: 360 The Path: 122 Traditional: 238 Sunday School: 211

OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending 5/9/09 \$ 19,888

Received Year to Date: 252,136

Spent Year to Date: 253,112

General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending 5/9/09 18,932

Received Year to Date: 227,452

Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 876

OUR SERVICE

Sunday School Coffee for May: Stepping Stones

Narthex Table: Dalene Gibson

Altar Stewards: Margaret Combs, Beverly Stallings

Crucifer: Jillian C. **Acolytes:** Clark C., Taylor B.

Children's Church: Kim Gordon

Ushers: John McCrea, Curt Railey, Lorraine Shaffer, Dalene Gibson, Grant Gibson, Bud Graczyk

Greeters: Sunday School: Rena' Peurifoy & Joye Rush;

Worship: Patsy Nates & Curt Railey

Nursery: 11 am: Infants: Joanne Turner, Molly McClellan; C: Jeff & Denise Williams, Carol Gasque; 2s, 3s, 4s: Casey Allen, Kathy Weeks

Flowers: The altar flowers are to the glory of God in honor of our granddaughter, Kate's second birthday, by Robert & Nelda Emerson & Larry & Barbara Williams.

Missionaries We Support

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This Week at Ashland

Sunday, May 17, 2009 – Luke 12:22-26

8:45 AM *The Path*, Youth Worship, Ashland Hall
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 AM Youth Worship, Sanctuary
4:00 PM Book Club, #111
5:00 PM Disciple II, #115
6:00 PM Senior Roast

Monday, May 18, 2009 – Psalm 104

6:15 PM TOPS, #125
7:30 PM Girl Scouts

Tuesday, May 19, 2009 – Deuteronomy 6:4-9

9:30 AM Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 – Psalm 103:1-5

8:15 AM Youth Prayer Breakfast at Hot Dog Heaven
6:00 PM AI Anon
6:30 PM *The Path* Music Ensemble
6:30 PM Church Council, #138
7:30 PM Worship Choir

Thursday, May 21, 2009 – James 2:14-26

9:00 AM Residency I – Ordained Ministry, #125
10:30 AM Ladies Prayer Group
6:00 PM VIPs, Ashland Hall
7:00 PM Columbia Chess Club
7:30 PM Arpad Darazs Singers, Choir Room

Friday, May 22, 2009 – 1 Peter 1:13-16

Saturday, May 23, 2009 – Luke 24:13-35

Sunday, May 24, 2009 – Proverbs 3:1-7

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
5:00 PM Disciple II, #115
5:30 PM UMYF

Devotions are from *The Upper Room*. Upcoming events are on the website ashlandumc.com

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