



# ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

*Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service* **May 31, 2009**

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## THE JOURNEY OF CONFIRMATION

An African proverb says, "Youth is a like stream. If it is not directed to its course, it meanders and swallows its tail."

In what ways have you been challenged by the streams of living water present in our youth?

Is the church willing to walk alongside these streams, even as they meander along rocks, hills, valleys and mountains of their own faith journeys and enjoy the refreshment they bring to the Body of Christ and the world?

Our 6th graders have taken the spiritual journey known as confirmation this winter and spring. Pastor Joel, Suzy Speas and our mentors have provided leadership and instruction in and outside the classrooms.

We celebrate what God has been doing in their lives and welcome them this Sunday as professing members of Ashland, as they step forward and respond to God's claim on their lives. After the worship service, we invite you to greet and congratulate them in the narthex.

**Kyle Patrick C.** (will be confirmed at a later date)  
**Preston David G.**  
**Haley Elizabeth R.**  
**Denver Marie S.**  
**Devin Lane S.**

## South Carolina Annual Conference Begins Sunday

The South Carolina Annual Conference begins this Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday, June 3rd at the Florence Civic Center beginning with laity and clergy sessions at 5 p.m., followed by the ordination service with Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor preaching.

Interspersed with the Conference business will be worship services in the evening, Bible studies in the morning, a memorial service Monday afternoon, and a service of recognition for retiring ministers on Tuesday. The members of Annual Conference will consider 32 amendments to the Constitution of The United Methodist Church on Monday. Twenty-three of the 32 amendments result from a 2005-2008 study by the Council of Bishops' Task Force on the Global Nature of the Church.

That report said the denomination's present structure makes it appear to be a U.S. church with appendages in Africa, Asia and Europe. At the same time, the number of United Methodists outside the United States is increasing and may soon be 40 percent.

Lay delegates to SC Annual Conference this year are: Margaret Amick, Herman Lightsey and Bob Taylor.

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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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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*.

**May 31<sup>st</sup> is Undie Sunday** – Bring your packaged socks, underwear and place them in the container under the communications table. Items will be taken to Oliver Gospel Mission.

A sending forth service for all Salkehatchie participants will be at *The Path* and 11 am services on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Red Bird Mission Trip Informational Meeting**, Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am in Ashland Hall. Please come if you are interested.

### **Farmers Market Coming to Ashland on June 6th**

*Seeds of Hope* begins a weekly market in the picnic shelter at Ashland on Saturday, June 6. Farmer Gerald Stevens from Edgefield County will provide fresh vegetables and fruit each Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Come support South Carolina's family farmers and enjoy fresh produce for your family.

If you have extra grocery bags (plastic or paper) to donate for use at this year's market, please leave them in the Friendship Sunday School classroom (#138).

### **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE**

- Pictorial directories may be picked up or purchased in the church office.
- CDs of the directory are available for \$1.

### **REUNION**

## **ASHLAND YOUTH ALUMNI**

**JULY 30, 31 – AUG 1**

**TWO GREAT NIGHTS TOGETHER  
& PARTICIPATE IN SUNDAY Worship Services**

- **ON FACEBOOK:**  
ASHLAND YOUTH ALUMNI GROUP
- **CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
contact Dianne Berryman (803-781-5314)  
[berryman.dtb@earthlink.net](mailto:berryman.dtb@earthlink.net)

## **Celebrations and Remembrances**

### **Birthdays: (May 31-June 6)**

June 31	Bob K., Bob Stallings, Kristin Z.
June 1	Barbara M., Dorothy S., Jo N., Amy G., Ethan S.
2	Wilburt F., Parker S., Jake C.
3	Don C., Will T.
4	Cathy B., Jan C., Terri P.
5	Sue., Chris J.
6	Hal C.

**Memorial:** Berry Smith, Berry Smith's father by Hugh & Ruth Westbury

### **Sunday is Confirmation Sunday**

Start celebrating at our Fifth Sunday covered dish breakfast at 9:15am  
We welcome our confirmands as new members during the combined worship service at 10:30am.

### **KIDS ON THE GO!**

Two (2) summertime events sponsored by Ashland's United Methodist Men. For Men of the Church and Children ages 6 thru 11  
(costs to be determined)

**Tuesday June 23rd—To the Zoo 9:30am– 12pm**  
**Thursday July 9th—Project Day 9:30am– 12pm**  
(building with wood)

Permission forms needed and available in Suzy's box. Deadline to return forms June 14th.

### **Within the Ashland Family**

- **Jillian C.**, member of Dutch Fork State Champ Girl's Track Team – 400m hurdles
- **Gene Allen** – 2009 List of SC Super Lawyers selected by the publication *Law & Politics*

### **Thank You**

Thank you to Ashland United Methodist Church for your support and encouragement during my three years in seminary. I graduated with my Master of Divinity Degree from Candler School of Theology at Emory University this month. I am now excited to return to Columbia to begin my ministry. Bishop Taylor will appoint me as Minister of Outreach and Evangelism at Shandon United Methodist Church.

I especially appreciate the support of Joel Jones, Staff Parish Relations Committee, and my friends at Ashland during my journey toward ordained ministry.

With sincere gratitude to my Ashland family for all your love and support.

Grace & Peace, Julie Dawn Songer Belman

**Kelli R. and Grayson W.** will be working at Asbury Hills UM Camp this summer. The address is: Asbury Hills Camp, 150 Asbury Drive, Cleveland, SC 29635.



**"Experience & Discover God Everywhere"**

**VB\$ Coming Soon: JUNE 15-19**

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

**Volunteer Meeting: June 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm in Ashland Hall. Talk about what to expect during the week, decorating and set-up**

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

Leave donated items in room 117.

Be sure name is on any items to be returned.

**Things we need:** (not returned)

- \*Soup Cans (#1 or #2 - cleaned no labels)
- \*Juice boxes (need for the week)

### Singular Sensations

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm – Columbia area middle adult singles gather for *CAFÉ' Nite* featuring Jenna McSwain on piano at Trenholm Rd UMC. Coffee, Tea and Desserts provided. RSVP if childcare is needed by June 7<sup>th</sup> to Suzy-798-5350 x 14

### Asbury Hills Camp Openings

Spaces are still available for summer campers at Asbury Hills United Methodist Camp, and Ashland still has camperships to help with camp tuition. If you read a camp brochure, please note: Fusion camps are NOT just for groups attending together. You may attend as an individual, and the camp will provide counselors.



### **United Methodist Men**

There will be no "eat and meet" programs during June, July, and August.

Activities are planned during the summer; a trip to the zoo with the Ashland children on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and "project day" on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Save these dates and more details to follow.

Suzy will conduct "Safe Sanctuary" training on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm for men who wish to participate in the programs with the children. Safe Sanctuary training is mandatory for adults who will participate in these activities.

## **U M Y**

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

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** No Praise Band Practice  
5:30-7:30 pm UMY – Your Story, Chapter 9, *Do Good*

**June 7<sup>th</sup>** \*Deadline for Breeze sign-up  
12 Noon-3:30 pm– UMY - Slip-n-Slide-Kick-ball-Summer-Kick-off (lunch provided)

**Congratulations to Michael Stewart on his marriage on May 30<sup>th</sup> in Lexington, NC**

### **The Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews**

Summer Session - June 9 - July 14, 2009

Tuesdays 9:30am to 11:20am

See brochure on the Shepherd Center bulletin board

Call 731-9394 for information

### **Notes From the Worship Committee**

- Thanks to Donna Gore for making the flame that has been added to the cross for Heritage and Pentecost Sundays. It serves as a visual reminder of the United Methodist Church.
- In an attempt to "go green," only the "Order of Worship page " will be distributed beginning Sunday, June 7. Newsletters will continue to be mailed or emailed as it is currently. Additional copies will be available from the ushers for visitors and at the Welcome Table with the cookies and lemonade.



### **United Methodist Women Father's Day Recognition**

The Faith Circle of Ashland UMW, invites you to recognize your father or other special men in a Father's Day bulletin insert that 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. All donations will be used to support this year's Saikhatchie Camp and the Oliver Gospel Mission. Please attach your check, payable to Ashland United Methodist Women, and place it in the offering plate by **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your continued support in our missions.

(PLEASE PRINT YOUR INFORMATION BELOW)

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

## Living Out Our Faith

May 31, 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

Linda Hodgin – Agape' Rehab, room 303

Terri Miller – outpatient surgery

### OUR PRESENCE

Worship: 279 The Path: 99 Traditional: 180 Sunday School: 177

### OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending 5/23/09 \$ 7,832

Received Year to Date: 270,887

Spent Year to Date: 278,663

### General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending 5/23/09 7,473

Received Year to Date: 246,456

### Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 295

### OUR SERVICE

**Sunday School Coffee for May:** Stepping Stones

**Narthex Table:** Dalene Gibson

**Altar Stewards:** Jane Bryan, Rosemary Sanders

**Crucifer:** Josh R. **Acolytes:** Stuart N., Mason C.

**Lay Reader:** Bill Hutson

**Children's Church:** Tina Mastin

**Ushers:** John McCrea, Curt Railey, Lorraine Shaffer, Dalene Gibson,

Grant Gibson, Bud Graczyk

**Greeters:** Worship: Linda Franklin & Peggy Smith

**Nursery:** Infants: Karen McClive & Margaret Combs C: Cindy Robinson & Kristen McClive; 2s, 3s, 4s: Leslie Yasinsac & Evelyn Kirby

**Flowers:** One vase is to the glory of God in celebration of the 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary of Larry and Margie Hodgin. The other vase is to the glory of God by Sam and Cathy Gustafson.

### Missionaries We Support

#### Tim and Daina Datwyler

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#### Helen Byholt Lovelace

General Board of Global Ministries

Ukraine

***Wear red this Sunday to celebrate the  
day of Pentecost***

## This Week at Ashland

### SC United Methodist Conference

Florence Convention Center

May 31-June 3, 2009

#### Sunday, May 31, 2009 – Acts 2:1-11

9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast  
10:30 AM Combined Worship, Sanctuary  
4:00 PM Youth Praise Band  
5:00 PM Disciple II, #115  
5:30 PM UMY

#### Monday, June 1, 2009 – Isaiah 55:6-7

6:15 PM TOPS, #125

#### Tuesday, June 2, 2009 – Luke 6:27-36

10:00 AM Shepherd's Center Committee, #115  
6:30 PM UMW Executive Committee, #138

#### Wednesday, June 3, 2009 – I Timothy 6:17-19

6:00 PM Al Anon  
6:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous  
6:30 PM *The Path* Music Ensemble  
7:30 PM Worship Choir

#### Thursday, June 4, 2009 – John 12:44-50

10:30 AM Ladies Prayer Group  
6:30 PM Boy Scouts  
7:00 PM Columbia Chess Club

#### Friday, June 5, 2009 – Genesis 18:1-8; 1 John 1:1-3

#### Saturday, June 6, 2009 – Matthew 7:7-11

8:00-Noon Seeds of Hope, Picnic Shed  
10:00 AM Carroll Family - Playground

#### Sunday, June 7, 2009 – Isaiah 40:1-8

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall  
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
12:00 Noon Youth Cookout  
3:00 PM VBS Volunteer Training  
5:00 PM Disciple II, #115

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

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