



# ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

*Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service* July 12, 2009

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### The Health Care Crisis Is Affecting Us All

Twenty-seven years ago, a parishioner introduced me to the complexities of health care as he used the church copier each week to make extras of the receipts and bills for his spouse's ongoing and costly medical bills.

Health care issues have increased in complexity and cost as most of us are befuddled and bamboozled by all the co-pays, exemptions and pre-existing conditions.

We acknowledge our current health care system is failing many people, but we fear the thought of switching over to a new system, be it single pay or the one the current administration is pushing. We only have to remember the chaos that ensued for a few months when the new prescription drug program for elderly went into effect in 2006.

Approximately 80% of Americans have some kind of health insurance. While appreciative of the coverage, health insurance rates have doubled in the past 9 years. Because costs keep on skyrocketing, many employers have dropped their health insurance plans. Emergency rooms have become the uninsured's primary care physician. With the ever-increasing number of uninsured folks, hospitals and healthcare providers are making the "cost shift" at the expense of taxpayers and those who have insurance.

In a 2007 comparison by the Commonwealth Fund of health care of six nations: the U. S., Germany, Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada, the U.S. ranked last on measures of quality, access, efficiency, equity, and outcomes.

According to the 2007 CIA World Fact Book, our country ranks 42nd in the world for low infant mortality, 46th in life expectancy, between Cyprus and Denmark, and 37th in health system performance, between Costa Rica and Slovenia.

Most Christian denominations have been consistent over the years in their call for access to quality, affordable health care for all people. Groups ranging from Physicians for a National Health Program to The American College of Physicians support a single-payer system. And other groups want to leave the system as it is. This is a monumental issue facing our country.

The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, in our Social Principles states: *Health care is a basic human right. Providing the care needed to maintain health, prevent disease, and restore health after injury or illness is a responsibility each person owes others and government owes to all, a responsibility government ignores at its peril. In Ezekiel 34: 4a, God points out the failures of the leadership of Israel to care for the weak: "You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured." As a result all suffer. Like the police and fire protection, health care is best funded through the government's ability to tax each person equitably and directly fund the provider entities.....We believe it is a governmental responsibility to provide all citizens with health care. (Paragraph 162 V)*

While we find it easy to blame the current system for the problems we have, let us remember that all good change starts with an intentional, intensive look at ourselves. Our health progress will improve when we all take personal responsibility for improving our health. That involves regular exercise, proper diet, and living less stressful lives. These changes require a level of character and commitment.

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## Columbia Camp

Saturday, July 18 to Saturday, July 25

### **Salkehatchie Giving Trees Reminder:**

**Donated items are due by Sunday, July 12.**

- Be sure to mark your calendars for **Wednesday, July 22** when Ashland members are invited to attend a **Pot Luck Supper** to meet the campers and learn more about the homes that are being repaired.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!** After the Salkehatchie Camp ends on Saturday, July 25, classrooms will need to be set up and ready for Sunday morning. The campers will help clean the rooms (sweeping and vacuuming, etc.) before they leave. We will need YOUR help with putting the furniture (tables and chairs) back in each room.

Maybe one of the adult Sunday School classes or a group of church members would be willing to take on this project. The Faithwalkers Sunday School Class is helping set up the classrooms the week before camp. If you could help, please contact Shaun Zarandi (803/407-8698) or call the church office.

**Columbia Salkehatchie Camp Meal Servers** are still needed. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board across from the church offices.

Thank you from the Salkehatchie Steering Committee!

### **Salkehatchie Missioner Returning this week:**

Pee Dee: Rebecca Jones

### **Salkehatchie Missioners Leaving this week:**

Calhoun: Lauren Lowery, Sara Proctor, Timothy Byrd  
Santee: Austin Beachler, Jayne Beachler, Jenny Wilkins, Marilyn Gramling, Mark Gramling

### **Columbia Salkehatchie Camp Needs**

Window coverings; curtain rods, drapes, toppers, curtains and mini-blinds, couches, chairs, dressers, nightstands, dining/kitchen table & chairs; linens (full and twin); kitchen & bath towels; bath accessories; area rugs. Please contact Judie Travis (798-5479 (h) or 238-1401 (cell).

### **Thank You**

Sharing God's Love made \$3,744.50 at their yard sale. Thanks to all that donated items or brought items. There are new Bi-Lo booster cards on the bulletin board across from the library.

A huge thank you to all the Sunday School classes and anyone else who participated in our missions challenge for the month of June. The response was phenomenal! Missions Committee

## **Celebrations and Remembrances**

### **Birthdays July 12-18**

12	Frank W.
13	Gail J., Carolyn T., Ken B.
14	Charlotte Elizabeth G., Rev. Joel Jones, Hudson S., Caroline C.
15	Rev. Jim Nates, Rick Millians
16	Jack Cohoon
17	Red Bonneau, John Hamilton, Jr.
18	Zachary Turner

### **Memorials:**

DeFate Sanders by Coyet & Sally Lowery, Linda Franklin, Jeff & Valerie Barham, John & Julia Baxter, Charles & Judy Mitchell, Pat & Patsy Towery  
Wilbert Fisk by the Fellowship Bible Class

Don Marshe, Haley Calore's father, by Jimmy & Margaret Smith  
Mary Hill, Sherri Gantt's mother, by Charles & Judy Mitchell

### **Piano Lessons**

Robert Neese is available to offer piano lessons at the church on Wednesday afternoons.

Please contact Robert for details at 926-7306.

### **Men's Slow-Pitch Softball Opportunity**

**Men (ages 18 and up) interested in playing on Ashland's slow-pitch softball team this fall, please contact Jarrod Stokes at 427-1102.**

### **Thank You**

Dear Ashland Family,

On behalf of the Sanders family, thank you for your cards, calls, food, prayers and presence during the past weeks. You have helped our family cope with the shock of DeFate's sudden death. Without a doubt, there is not a more caring congregation anywhere.

We will appreciate your continued support and prayers in the days ahead.

Peace to you,  
Rosemary

### **Ashland In the News**

#### **Congratulations, Jake Moore!**

The Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District awarded Jake Moore a "*Conservative Leadership*" award recently for his leadership in tree planting and enhancing Lexington County's quality of life. Jake was the driving force in the creation of the Irmo Arbor Day Corporation. He also chairs the West Columbia Beautification Foundation.

Congratulations to **Ryan and Kelsey B.** who received scholarships from the Lexington Medical Center Voluntary Auxiliary.

## Ashland Softball Team a Winner

Ashland finished the softball season in 2nd place during the regular season, but won the tournament championship last weekend vs. Palmetto Church of Christ by a score of 13-2! Ashland's record overall was 12 wins and 1 loss with the only loss coming to Union UMC.

Congratulations to the team, and thanks to Ed Wilkins for another year of organizing and coaching!

## Recycling at Ashland

There is a recycling tub in the workroom to receive office paper and bulletins.

All bulletins/ newsletters are taken from the sanctuary and Ashland Hall to the recycling location on Old Bush River Road.

Ashland has 3 locations for recycling your plastic/aluminum cans/bottles:

- (1) The blue metal can in Room 138,
- (2) Blue Metal Can by the Communications Table,
- (3) Yellow Garbage Container near the Coke machine in Ashland Hall. Thanks for your help.

## Sunday School on July 19<sup>th</sup>

This is the Sunday of Salkehatchie Camp. Children's classes Kindergarten thru Fifth grade will meet at the picnic shelter at 9:45am. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade will help at the picnic shelter.

Have you been Safe Sanctuary trained? Would you like to have 30 minutes of playtime and fun during the 11:00am service once every other month? If you would like the opportunity to help with children's church, please call Tina Mastin (358-9355) or email at [tmastin@sc.rr.com](mailto:tmastin@sc.rr.com).

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

Tuesdays: 9:30am to 11:20am

See brochure on the Shepherd Center bulletin board  
Call 731-9394 for information

## Book Club

Join us the third Sundays in room 111 at 4 p.m. We will not meet in July as we email and decide our upcoming books.

August: *Orpheus Lost* by Janette Turner Hospital (Distinguished Professor of English at USC).

September: *Serena* by Ron Rash

## **United Methodist Youth**

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

**July 12<sup>th</sup>** 4:30 pm – Youth Praise Band Practice  
6:00-7:30 pm - UMY

## VIPs – July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm

Join us for the second in our series "Planet Earth". This program will be "Mountains" and will last one hour. Don't miss the beauty of God's earth shown on Ashland's big screen. Dinner is chicken salad plate and dessert for \$5.00. Call Bob Taylor (798-5969) for reservations. Or, you can come at 6:30 pm for the program!

## Electronic Transfer from Member's Bank Accounts

Think about setting up an electronic transfer to make contributions to Ashland. This will allow members to avoid check writing and help the church keep a regular flow of income. Contact Karen Zobel ([finance@ashlandumc.com](mailto:finance@ashlandumc.com) or 798-5350, ext. 13) for more information.



## **United Methodist Men**

The UMM will be serving a steak supper for the Salkehatchie Columbia Camp Missioners on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. They would like to serve homemade ice cream. If you have an electric ice cream churn that they could borrow, please contact Tom Wilkinson at 345-0595.

## *Hands on Fun!*

Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 9:30a.m. – 12p.m.  
Wood project to take home and a hot dog lunch.  
Contact Suzy Speas or Jimmy Smith to register your child, 6 thru 11 years old. Let us know by August 16<sup>th</sup> so we can order supplies.



## **United Methodist Women**

Harmon Circle will meet Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 Noon at Zorba's Restaurant in Seven Oaks Shopping Center.

## Living Out Our Faith

July 12, 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

John Edwards – Providence Hospital

Larry Hodgkin – Brian Center

Linda Canady, Linda Roberts, Donna Jones – Home

In Memoriam: Don Heyward Marshe, father of Haley Calore, died July 1, 2009. Services were held in Columbia on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In Memoriam: Wilbert Fisk, husband of Vivian Fisk and father of Mylla Markland died July 4, 2009. Services will be held at Agapé in West Columbia at a later date.

### OUR PRESENCE

Worship: 227 The Path: 77 Traditional: 150 Sunday School: 164

### OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending 7/4/09 \$ 8,774

Received Year to Date: 370,711

Spent Year to Date: 372,094

### General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending 7/4/09 8,637

Received Year to Date: 309,528

### Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 137

### OUR SERVICE

**Sunday School Coffee for June:** Crossroads

**Narthex Table:** Dottie Shelly, Jean Smith

**Altar Stewards:** Margaret Combs, Melissa Jones

**Lay Reader:** Peggy Lynch

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

**Children's Church:** Robert & Linda Motley

**Ushers:** Don Cantrell, Don Songer, Jim Smith, Kaye Bradley, Brell Foster, Bud Graczyk

**Greeters:** SS & Worship: Red Bonneau & Vicki Bates

**Nursery:** 11 am: Infants: Trish Lockaby C: Vicki & Sarah P., Debbie

Sandersfeld; 2s, 3s, 4s: Valerie Barham, Caroline Harrelson

**Flowers:** The altar flowers are to the glory of God in honor of our

Ashland Family by Elwyn and Beckie Gary.

### Missionaries We Support

#### Tim and Daina Datwyler

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## This Week at Ashland

### Sunday, July 12, 2009 – Hebrews 13:1-8

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall  
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
4:30 PM Youth Praise Band  
6:00 PM UMY

### Monday, July 13, 2009 – Luke 11:5-13

6:15 PM TOPS, #125

### Tuesday, July 14, 2009 – Exodus 4:10-16

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

### Wednesday, July 15, 2009 – Psalm 119:7-20

6:00 PM Al Anon  
6:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous

### Thursday, July 16, 2009 – Mark 6:45-51

6:00 PM VIPs, Ashland Hall  
7:00 PM Columbia Chess Club

### Friday, July 17, 2009 – 1 Samuel 7:2-12

### Saturday, July 18, 2009 – Isaiah 65:17-25

8:00-Noon Seeds of Hope, Picnic Shed  
Salkehatchie Summer Service Missioners Arrive

### Sunday, July 19, 2009 – Ephesians 3:14-21

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall  
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
4:00 PM Book Club, #111  
4:30 PM Youth Praise Band  
6:00 PM UMY

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

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