



ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service August 2, 2009

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

FOCUS: SHAUN AND EVA ZARANDI (MARK AND KRISTIN)

Do you know who has the unofficial title of Ashland's "Mr. Salkehatchie"? Here is a hint: He started with Salkehatchie in 1995 at the Spartanburg camp. When Ashland decided to become the Columbia site, he was asked to head it up. Well, if you haven't guessed, it's Shaun Zarandi. But he's not alone in his commitment. Eva, Mark, and Kristin have all participated in Salkehatchie, as have many of our members.

Shaun was born in Iran and was in the Iranian Navy when he decided to come to America in 1976 to enroll at The Citadel, majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering. It was during this time in Charleston that he met Eva and fell in love. Because married cadets could not stay enrolled at The Citadel, Shaun left the Citadel and finished his degree at USC. Shaun got a job with Virginia Electric and Power. After two years, they came back to SC. Since 1982, he has been with SCE&G and is now a general manager at VC Summer Nuclear Station. Eva (who admits to being a Navy brat) works at Crossroads Middle School in the Assistant Principal's Office.

Along the way, they had two beautiful children, Mark has a degree in sociology from Winthrop and has lived a life focused on mission---AmeriCorp and Peace Corp. He knows at least three languages, in addition to English. Currently he is living and working in downtown Columbia. Kristin got married this June and is a graduate of Clemson. She teaches kindergarten. Her new husband, William Revell, is a graduate of the Naval Academy and attending graduate school at Georgia Tech afterwards he will pursue a career in naval aviation. The Navy tradition continues.

When trying to decide on a church, Eva met Jane Foster in an exercise class 23 years ago and was recruited to Ashland. The Zarandi's chose Ashland because it was a "family church" and was supporting and uplifting to its members. Through the years, all of them have been involved in many areas of the church: missions, youth groups, teaching Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, UMM, UMW, Boy Scouts, Disciple classes, just to name a few. We are so happy that Jane and Eva met and the Zarandi's became part of the Ashland Family.

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Missions

Annual School Supply Drive

We are collecting school supplies in the narthex from Sunday, August 2 – August 30th. The school supplies will go to Stewart Heights Elementary in Dillon, Sharing God's Love and Epworth Children's Home. Items needed: Backpacks (no wheels), small pencil boxes, crayons, Mead composition books (no spiral), colored pencils, glue sticks, notebook paper, Crayola markers, and pencils. Thank you for supporting this mission opportunity.

Red Bird Mission Trip September 13-19, 2009

Openings are still available for this trip. There are currently 16 signed up but we would like to have more to go. Call Debra Keough at 730-4869 if you have questions or need more information.

Seeds of Hope Farmer's Market

We are having a wonderful year! Thanks for getting the word out the Seeds of Hope Market, held in various locations around Columbia.

The Ashland Market takes place under our picnic shelter Saturdays from 8 - 12 noon. Produce ranges from potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers, peaches, watermelons, beans, squash, zucchini, corn and more. Thanks to the Friendship Sunday School class for coordinating this project and for Gerald Stevens for providing the vegetables.

Weekly Sharing God's Love Offering

Baskets are located in the narthex and in Ashland Hall for you to leave your canned goods and detergent during the week. Drop your gently used clothes in the wooden box near the Communications table.

Meals on Wheels

Spaces are available for new clients. If you know a senior citizen (60 or over) in Richland County who needs a hot nutritious meal, please contact the church office.

Habitat for Humanity

Central South Carolina Habitat for Humanity. Executive Director Roy Kramer shares the following news:

- ReStore raised more \$200,000 per year but the current location will not be available after 2010.
- We will acquire 15 new lots in West Columbia at the Bellemeade Subdivision.
- Within the next 6 months we plan to complete the subdivision in the Crane Creek area in Richland County.

To volunteer your time, please call Habitat for Humanity at 252-3570.

Celebrations and Remembrances

Birthdays August 2-8

2	Judy M., Wes B., Wade L.
3	Beth F., Denise Blackwell
4	Cynthia B., Danny M., Brandon C.
6	Bill T., Jason W.
7	Rev. Gene H., Bud G.
8	Cathy G., Todd K., Jeannette L., Jay L., K.

Additional July Birthday: Chris W., July 29th

Honorarium: David Fellows by Margaret Amick

Memorials:

DeFate Sanders by Greg & Glenn Kinberg

Wilbert Fisk by Jimmy & Margaret Smith, Brell & Jane Foster

Don Marshe, Haley Calore's father, by Bob & Mylla Markland, Mulkey Engineers & Consultants, Ray & Carolyn Adams

Anthony Platzer, Linda Durstine's father, by Tom & Beth Wilkinson, Brell & Jane Foster, Bob & Mylla Markland, Bob & Kim Crutchfield

Martha Roche, sister of a co-worker of Kim Crutchfield, by Bob & Kim Crutchfield

Acolyte Training

Young people in second grade through high school that are interested in acolyte training, please contact the church office 798-5350, ext. 10 or office@ashlandumc.com
Details on the class will be announced later.

Lemonade and Cookies On the Lawn

Lemonade and cookies are being served throughout the summer on Sunday mornings between Sunday School and the 11:00 AM Service. This is being done at the entrance nearest Ashland Hall and is for visitors and members to greet each other and to foster good fellowship. Visitors, please take an Ashland mug and church brochure.

Thank You

Dear Ashland Family,

Mom and I would like to thank all of you for your expressions of sympathy and comfort as we deal with the loss of Dad. Ashland is truly a church of abounding love and care and we feel very blessed.

Mylla Markland and Vivian Fisk

Communion Offering for August

This month's communion offering will go to Aldersgate Special Ministry, which assists developmentally disabled adults with housing needs. One home has 6 women and is located near Epworth Children's Home. The other home has 6 men and is located in Orangeburg at the Methodist Oaks retirement community.

Welcome Sherri Gantt

We welcome Sherri Gantt to Ashland, who has been a regular visitor since May 2008. Retired after 35 years at Westinghouse Nuclear Fuel in Columbia, Sherri was invited to Ashland by Sandy Mitchell.

She enjoys reading, traveling with her husband, spending time with family - especially the children and grandchildren and golfing. Sherri is a member of the New Beginnings Sunday School class.

**Lunch at
Miller's Bread Basket, Blackville
Thursday, August 6th**

We will leave the church around 10:30am, eat lunch, stop by the Healing Springs, and return to the church around 3pm. Let Suzy know so we can plan transportation. Cost is lunch and any souvenirs. You are invited!

Think Christmas

Saturday, December 12th – Bus trip to Alabama Theatre Christmas Show – Cost: \$90.00 per person before September 30th. This cost includes lunch, ticket to the show and transportation. Contact Suzy for more information.



Committee on Nominations

The process for developing the lay leadership of Ashland for 2010 will begin August 9th at 6 pm. If you have an interest in a committee or wish to relinquish a position, please let Pastor Joel know.

Children's Church Opportunity

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.

Book Club

We will not meet in July, but check out our upcoming reading list. Join us the third Sundays in room 111 at 4 p.m.

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

September: *Serena* by Ron Rash

*Complete list on the website www.ashlandumc.com

Upcoming news: One of our previous books *The Time Traveler's Wife* is coming to movie theaters in November. Want to read the book first. Check it out in the church library

United Methodist Youth

Love God. Love Others. Love Self.

Youth had a great time at the National Whitewater Center in Charlotte, NC on Monday where we kayaking and mountain biking. This was our final mystery trip of the summer.

July 31-August 2nd - Council of the Illuminati Retreat in Myrtle Beach, SC - Depart at 4:30 pm from Ashland - Return at 4:30 pm on Sunday

The retreat will be to plan the events calendar for 2009-2010 and to reevaluate the vision, purpose and goals of our ministry.

August 2 No youth praise band or youth group

August 9 5:00-7:30 pm – "Surprise Going Away Party" for Intern Michael Stewart at the Gustafson's house. Directions will be sent by e-mail and available in the box outside Hunter's office.

August 16 5:30-7:30 pm – Strategos – The congregation is invited for the presentation of the vision, purpose and goals of youth ministry for the coming year.



United Methodist Men

The annual UMM golf outing will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2009, at 2:00 pm at the Mid-Carolina Club. The format is captain's choice and the fee is \$25. A sign-up sheet is on the UMM bulletin board. The deadline for registering is Sunday, August 9, 2009. Call Jimmy Smith (781-6944) if you have questions. All men and ladies are welcome to join this fun afternoon.

Hands on Fun for Children!

Saturday, August 29th 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 16th so we can order supplies.



United Methodist Women

Killingsworth Gala 2009

Thursday, November 12th

6:00-9:00 pm

Seawell's

Cost: \$45.00 –

Contact Gay Winter - 781-8096 for more information

Faith Circle – Meeting August 11th – Topic: Book Discussion – "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant. Place: Suzy's House

Living Out Our Faith
August 2, 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

Memorial service for Wilbert Fisk was held July 29, 2009 at Agape' in West Columbia, SC.

OUR PRESENCE

Worship: 263 The Path: 93 Traditional: 170 Sunday School: 203
OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending 7/25/09 \$ 10,526
Received Year to Date: 411,448
Spent Year to Date: 404,198

General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending 7/25/09 9,741
Received Year to Date: 344,340

Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 785

OUR SERVICE

Sunday School Coffee for August: Fellowship Bible Class

Narthex Table: Suzy Speas

Altar Stewards: Kaye Bradley, Wiggle Jones, Cheryl Means

Crucifer: Frederick T. **Acolytes:** Billy C., Dawson S.

Ushers for August: Rick Millians, Billy Hollis, Trish Lockaby, Jerry Sandersfeld, Don Songer, Jimmy Smith

Greeters: SS & Worship: John Edwards and Dalene Gibson

Nursery: 8:45: Karen & Kristen M., Toni Little; SS: Karen McClive, Linda Franklin, Lynda Mixon, Mac Credille, Joanne Turner, Melissa Kneece; 11 am: Karen McClive, Patti Montreuil, Kristen McClive, Nelda Emerson, Dalene Gibson, Amary Sox

Flowers: The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Wade Luther by his grandchildren, Reece and Riley M. and Tripp L.

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This Week at Ashland

Sunday, August 2, 2009 – 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
No youth Praise band or United Methodist Youth

Monday, August 3, 2009 – Genesis 37:23-28

6:15 PM TOPS, #125

Tuesday, August 4, 2009 – Psalm 46

10:00 AM Shepherd's Center Committee, #114

Wednesday, August 5, 2009 – Luke 18:18-29

6:00 PM Al Anon
6:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous
6:30 PM Congregational Care, #138

Thursday, August 6, 2009 – Exodus 16:11-18

9:00 AM DAODAS, Ashland Hall
10:30 AM Ladies Prayer Group, Library
7:00 PM Columbia Chess Club
Boy Scouts

Friday, August 7, 2009 – Revelation 3:11-13

Saturday, August 8, 2009 – Psalm 19:1-6

8:00-Noon Seeds of Hope, Picnic Shed
9:00 AM Conference Lay Speaking Ministries

Sunday, August 9, 2009 – 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
5:00 PM United Methodist Youth – Gustafson's House
6:00 PM Nominations Committee, #138

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

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