



# ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

*Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service* August 9, 2009

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

***Live in each season as it passes; breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit, and resign yourself to the influences of each. Let them be your only diet drink and botanical medicines.  
Henry David Thoreau.***

With the onset of August, one could sense the gears changing for a new season. While many of us are already lamenting the shortness of summer, we have come to depend on the rhythms and movements of the seasons as it gives our life a framework in which to live, move and have our being.

#### How do we know it is August?

- Television is all reruns, and movies that no studio would dream of releasing in June are now playing in a theatre near you.
- Teachers will be in their rooms this week, preparing for the new school year.
- Sounds of high school drums, brass and wind instruments pierce the hot evening summer air, competing with the sharp whistles from football coaches.
- Insects are noisier and more numerous this month than any other.  
Case and point: Spiders and gnats are both in hyper drive. Spiders can quickly spin a web after dusk. While I hope they can catch all the gnats possible, webs usually catch me each morning between the nose and the forehead.

#### How do we know it is August?

- Asbury Hills Summer Camp ends this weekend and the Salkehatchie Camps are over.
- Information has been received from Epworth Children's Home, reminding us of the Annual Work Day offering the first Sunday in September.
- The dates for the annual Charge Conferences have been set by our District Superintendent.
- Our work areas will be using this month as a time for meetings, setting budgets and making plans for 2010.
- Our Committee on Nominations meets this Sunday, as we carefully and prayerfully consider the leadership for 2010.

I hope August finds you well and happy to be alive in God's good world and am looking forward to seeing you this Sunday.

***"Our work is the role we play in the unfolding drama of the universe." Matthew Fox, theologian***

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# Missions

## Annual School Supply Drive

We are collecting school supplies in the narthex from Sunday, August 2 – August 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## 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

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.

## African Children's Choir Concert

Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 pm at Union United Methodist Church, Irmo. There is no admission or tickets to the concert. A free-will offering will be taken to support the choir's efforts in Africa.

## Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry

Thank you for your communion offering to this ministry last Sunday. If you were not here, you may still make a donation. Please make your check to Ashland UMC and note it for Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry.

## Handbell Choir

Handbells will be offered for youth and adults beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:15 pm in the sanctuary. You will find a sign up sheet on the small bulletin board outside the choir room. No experience necessary.

# Celebrations and Remembrances

## Birthdays August 9-15)

10	Bob M., Sara M., Kerry J.
11	Rebecca J.
13	Nancy M., Amary S., Marley T.
14	Ashli Caroline T.
15	Ron J., Austin H.

Additional August Birthday, Sherri Gantt, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Honorarium:

David Fellows by Peggy Smith

## Memorials:

DeFate Sanders by Frank and Harriet Ward

Wilbert Fisk by John & Pam Spurrier

Anthony Platzer, Linda Durstine's father, by Frank & Harriet Ward, John & Pam Spurrier, Hugh & Ruth Westbury

## 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](mailto: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.

## Grandparents Brag Board

Check out the Grandparents Brag Board beside the Searcher's Classroom. New baby pictures may be placed in the box outside Maria's office. Please include the baby's name, parent's and grandparent's names.

## Finance Committee Budget Requests

Work Area Chairs are reminded by Finance Chair, Bob Markland, that budget requests are due by Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Place the requests in the Finance Committee mailbox in the Church work room.

## Invitation to Sunday School Study

Like Martha we long to sit at the Lord's feet...but we have the daily demands of a busy world. Like Mary we love Jesus...but we want to serve. Come join the MARYS AND MARTHAS Sunday School class in Room 119 as we begin a 12 week study of the book, *Having a MARY HEART in a MARTHA WORLD*.

## Within the Ashland Family

- Richard and Susie Bid Brown are the proud grandparents of **Walker Woodrow Chiles**, born on July 29, 2009.
- Daniel and Deena Flessas are the proud parents of **Madeleine Amelia** born on August 4, 2009.
- **Britt Farr** received his Master of Arts in Christian Education from Pfeiffer University. Britt is the Director of Student Ministries at Mt. Hebron UMC.

## Ashland VIPs

Our 50+ group invites you to the final *Plant Earth* presentation on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Dinner will be Honeybaked Sandwiches (\$5.00 per person). The program will start at 6:30 pm. This is produced by BBC and is excellent on Ashland's big screen. Please join us for *Seasonal Forests*. Call Bob Taylor 798-5969 for dinner reservations.

## Think Christmas

Saturday, December 12th – Bus trip to Alabama Theatre Christmas Show – Cost: \$90.00 per person before September 30<sup>th</sup>. This cost includes lunch, ticket to the show and transportation.

Trip is half full already so call Capitol Tours 794-9661 or Suzy to make your reservation, 798-5350, x 14.



## Committee on Nominations

The process for developing the lay leadership of Ashland for 2010 will begin Sunday at 6 pm. Members of the committee are: Margaret Amick, David Laird, Hal Von Nessen, Krista Jones, Doreen Jenkins, John McCrea, June Suddeth, Ruthanne Robbins, Marilyn Gramling, and Mary Lynn Felsberg.

If you have an interest in a committee or wish to relinquish a position, please let Pastor Joel know.

## Coming Soon!!

**August 30<sup>th</sup> – Education Sunday**  
**9:15am Breakfast 10:30am Worship**  
**October 24<sup>th</sup> – Apple Butter Festival**  
**November 1<sup>st</sup> – Trunk or Treat 4pm-6pm**  
**December 12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Trip**

## Book Club

Join us August 16th in Room 111, 4 p.m. for *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](http://www.ashlandumc.com)

## United Methodist Youth

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

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

August 16 5:30-7:30 pm – Strategos – **Ashland Congregation** is invited for the presentation of the vision, purpose and goals of youth ministry for the coming year. "Seriously", everyone is invited. Bring a snack to share. Drinks will be provided.

August 23 5:30-7:30 pm – Youth – Snack Suppers resume. Worship Sunday.

## 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 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 16th so we can order supplies.

## United Methodist Women



### Killingsworth Gala 2009

Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

6:00-9:00 pm

Seawell's

Cost: \$45.00 –

Contact Gay Winter - 781-8096 for more information  
**Harmon Circle** – Meeting August 10 @ noon – 300 @ Canal & Senate Streets - Leave Ashland at 11:45 am – Call June Suddeth (772-3820) by Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and let her know if you will attend.

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

**Living Out Our Faith**  
*August 9, 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**

Marcelle Edwards, John Edward's mother, Salisbury, NC

**OUR PRESENCE**

Worship: 291 The Path: 107 Traditional: 184 Sunday School: 179

**OUR GIFTS**

Received Week Ending 8/1/09 \$ 9,485

Received Year to Date: 420,933

Spent Year to Date: 424,832

**General Fund Contributions**

Received Week Ending 8/1/09 8,953

Received Year to Date: 353,293

**Special Offerings**

Memorials & Special Offerings: 455

**OUR SERVICE**

**Sunday School Coffee for August:** Fellowship Bible Class

**Narthex Table:** Suzy Speas

**Altar Stewards:** Barbara Higgins, Harriet Conway

**Crucifer:** Matthew Anderson **Acolytes:** Kyle Cannon, Daniel Anderson

**Ushers for August:** Rick Millians, Billy Hollis, Joan Sanford, Jerry Sandersfeld, Don Songer, Jimmy Smith

**Greeters:** SS: Bob & Kim Crutchfield;

Worship: Linda Franklin & Margaret Combs

**Nursery:** 8:45: David & Sarah Fellows, Brian & Kathy Cannon; SS: Janet Hatch, Tara Hollis, Lynda Mixon, Mac Credille, Kim Crutchfield, Cheryl McClay; 11 am: Susan Dickinson, Tara Derrick, Vicki & Sarah P., Debbie Sandersfeld, Valerie Barham, Caroline Harrelson

**Flowers:** The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Tom's sister, Shirley Seng, and Beth's father, Woodard Culler, Sr., by Tom and Beth Wilkinson

**Missionaries We Support**

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**This Week at Ashland**

**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

**Monday, August 10, 2009 – Psalm 86:1-8**

6:15 PM TOPS, #125

**Tuesday, August 11, 2009 – Luke 22:14-23**

6:30 PM Stephen Ministry, #125

**Wednesday, August 12, 2009 – Mark 9:14-27**

6:00 PM Al Anon

6:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous

**Thursday, August 13, 2009 – Acts 2:42-47**

9:00 AM DAODAS, Ashland Hall

10:00 AM Breeze Follow-up, Youth Building

10:30 AM Ladies Prayer Group, Library

7:00 PM Columbia Chess Club

Boy Scouts, Ashland Hall & Classroom

**Friday, August 14, 2009 – John 15:1-11**

**Saturday, August 15, 2009 – Psalm 63**

8:00-Noon Seeds of Hope, Picnic Shelter

**Sunday, August 16, 2009 – Matthew 25:31-40**

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

5:30 PM United Methodist Youth, Ashland Hall

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

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