



# ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

*Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service* August 16, 2009

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

### ***A Look at Underage Drinking***

After completing a walk along Riverfront Park Sunday evening, and walking to my car, I overheard a group of college students. "Tubing down the river was fun. Now let's go back to the apartment and play beer pong. "

This drinking game is popular at bars, tailgating events, etc, and it involves ping pong balls, 16 ounce cups partially filled with beer, set up in equilateral triangles.

These students leaving the river Sunday may or may not have been 21, but it started me thinking about the recent discussions to lower the drinking age from twenty one to eighteen.

On July 17, 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed into law increasing the legal drinking age to 21. Dr. Morris Chafetz, a psychiatrist who was on the presidential commission that recommended raising the drinking age to 21, wrote that this action was "*the single most regrettable decision*" of his career. He says: "Legal Age 21 has not worked. To be sure, drunk driving fatalities are lower now than they were in 1982. .... But the law has resulted in 'collateral, off-road damage' such as binge drinking that occurs in underage youth and crims like date rape, assaults and property damage. (LA Times, 7-27-09)

During my college years (*when the legal drinking age was 18*) binge drinking was rampant, beginning Thursday evening and lasting throughout the weekend. That appears still to be the case. Two years ago, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention conducted a comprehensive survey of 15,240 students at public and private high schools and found that binge drinking is strongly associated with sexual activity, violence and other high-risk behaviors.

College leaders have found it impossible to stop the underage drinking, and are doing their best to contain it. Last year, college presidents from some of the best-known U.S. universities called on lawmakers to consider lowering the drinking age from 21 to 18, citing current laws actually encourage dangerous binge drinking on campus. They were rebuffed by the organization M.A. D. D. (Mother's Against Drunk Driving)

Over the years studies have been consistent showing that the earlier one begins drinking the higher the rate of alcohol dependence at some time in their lives. So the debate goes on, and I suspect you will be hearing more about it in the coming months.

The United Methodist Church has an historic support of abstinence from alcohol as a faithful witness to God's liberating and redeeming love for persons, and a strong pastoral concern...Since the use of illegal drugs, as well as illegal and problematic use of alcohol, is a major factor in crime, disease, death, and family dysfunction, we support educational programs as well as other prevention strategies encouraging abstinence from illegal drug use and, with regard to those who choose to consume alcoholic beverages, judicious use with deliberate and intentional restraint, with Scripture as a guide. (The UM Social Principles)

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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

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.

## Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews

"Celebrating 20 years in Ministry"

Here at Ashland United Methodist Church

Begins September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am

Registration fee: \$25.00

Lunch with Guest Speakers/Entertainers: \$6.50

Classes include: The Science of Baseball; Bible

Women, African History, Southern Fiction,  
Basic Digital Photography, Art, Bridge, Exercise,  
Quilting, Spanish

For more information, contact Dr. Rebecca  
Swanson at 731-9394

# Celebrations and Remembrances

## Birthdays August 16-22

|    |                                   |
|----|-----------------------------------|
| 16 | Jane R., Tim M., Grace C.         |
| 17 | Adam S.                           |
| 18 | Alice S., Linda M.                |
| 19 | Shawncee S., Sydney D., Kelsey G. |
| 20 | Jan H.                            |
| 21 | Rev. Yu Fong C., Jenny E.         |
| 22 | Linda F.                          |

Additional August Birthday: Betsy S. – August 12th

## Memorials:

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Don Marshe, Haley Calore's dad, by Mac & Jean Smurthwaite

DeFate Sanders by Henry & Frieda Black

## 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)

## 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.

## 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.

## Music Ministries Opportunities

### Singers Needed for The Path

If you can serve God by singing with The Path singers once a month, rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm.

Please contact Dianne Berryman ASAP (781-5314 or [berryman.dtb@earthlink.net](mailto:berryman.dtb@earthlink.net)) Rehearsals begin August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the choir room

### 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.

## Welcome New Member

We welcomed Kyle Patrick Cannon to Ashland United Methodist Church on August 9, 2009. Kyle was a member of this year's confirmation class.

## 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 in Myrtle Beach

Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – 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.



## Upcoming Events!!

August 30<sup>th</sup> – Education Sunday  
9:15am Breakfast 10:30am Worship  
October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Charge Conference, 6pm  
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 Sunday 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)

## DISCIPLE

Coming this Fall are the long and short studies of the Bible. Interested in a full overview? Then Disciple I is for you. Have you already taken the First then how about studying Luke & Acts (Disciple II) or Prophets & Paul (Disciple III), or Revelation Writings (Disciple IV). A short study on the book of John may be more your interest. Call, email or fill out form below with your preference. Days and Times coming soon:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

## United Methodist Youth

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

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.

August 30 5:30-7:30pm – Small Group Study.

## ATTENTION PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

As your student begins this school year, make a note of his/her college mailing address and e-mail address. Someone will soon be calling you for that information. If we do not have your student on our list, PLEASE let Suzy know 798-5350 ext 14 or [education@ashlandumc.com](mailto:education@ashlandumc.com). Ashland Church will keep in touch with your student in various ways throughout the school year.

## How Have You Served Others This Summer?

I didn't take off *all* summer but isn't that what they asked us in school? For 10 weeks this summer I, (Suzy), had the privilege to teach with Lou Wolfe at Epworth Children's Home. Each Wednesday night we had the opportunity to share with 20 girls about God. On the other side of the hall was Curt Railey with 20 boys. We were also pleased to have Jerry Sandersfeld join Curt for a few weeks. What would you write about your summer? Let us know how you have been serving or how you have seen others served this summer. Email me at [education@ashlandumc.com](mailto:education@ashlandumc.com)



## United Methodist Men

*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 16<sup>th</sup> 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

**Living Out Our Faith**  
*August 16, 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**

In Memoriam: James Bradley, father of Jim Bradley died 8/9/09. A Memorial service was held at First UMC, Lancaster, on 8/13/09.

**OUR PRESENCE**

Worship: 295 The Path: 103 Traditional: 192 Sunday School: 197

**OUR GIFTS**

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Received Week Ending 8/8/09 | \$ 15,094 |
| Received Year to Date:      | 436,026   |
| Spent Year to Date:         | 430,669   |

**General Fund Contributions**

|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Received Week Ending 8/8/09 | 13,909 |
| Received Year to Date:      | 36,202 |

**Special Offerings**

Memorials & Special Offerings: 1,125

**OUR SERVICE**

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

**Narthex Table:** Suzy Speas

**Altar Stewards:** Jane Bryan, Debbie Sandersfeld

**Crucifer:** Jillian C. **Acolytes:** Clark C., Rebecca J.

**Ushers for August:** Rick Millians, Billy Hollis, Trish Lockaby, Jerry Sandersfeld, Don Songer, Bud Graczyk

**Greeters:** SS and Worship: John Calore and Dorcas Giles

**Nursery:** 8:45: Shelly & Madison H., Jack & Kiley Cohoon SS: Billie Jean Strickland, Lynda Mixon, Mac Credille, Joanne Turner, Connie McCutchen; 11 am: Joanne Turner, Molly McClellan, Jeff & Denise Williams, Carol Gasque, Casey Allen, Kathy Weeks

**Flowers:** The altar flowers today are to the glory of God in celebration of their 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Joe and June Suddeth.

**Missionaries We Support**

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**This Week at Ashland**

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

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| 8:45 AM  | <i>The Path</i> , 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 |

**Monday, August 17, 2009 – Psalm 27:1-10**

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| 6:15 PM | TOPS, #125         |
| 6:30 PM | Staff Parish, #138 |

**Tuesday, August 18, 2009 – Job 19:23-27**

**Wednesday, August 19, 2009 – 1 John 4:16-21**

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| 9:00 AM | DAODAS, Ashland Hall                 |
| 6:00 PM | Al Anon                              |
| 6:00 PM | Overeaters Anonymous                 |
| 6:30 PM | <i>The Path</i> Ensemble, Choir Room |
| 7:30 PM | Worship Choir, Choir Room            |

**Thursday, August 20, 2009 – Jeremiah 29:11-13**

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| 10:30 AM | Ladies Prayer Group, Library |
| 6:00 PM  | VIPs, Ashland Hall           |
| 7:00 PM  | Columbia Chess Club          |
| 7:30 PM  | Arpad Darzas, Choir Room     |

**Friday, August 21, 2009 – Luke 15:11-14**

**Saturday, August 22, 2009 – 2 Samuel 9:1-13**

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| 8:00-Noon | Seeds of Hope, Picnic Shelter |
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**Sunday, August 23, 2009 – Romans 8:28-39**

|          |                                      |
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| 8:45 AM  | <i>The Path</i> , Ashland Hall       |
| 9:45 AM  | Sunday School for All Ages           |
| 11:00 AM | Traditional Worship, Sanctuary       |
| 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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