



# ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

*Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service* **September 20, 2009**

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

### "It is never too early or too late to care for the well-being of the soul." Epicurus

As a youth when asked "*Who has soul?*" images of a gyrating Elvis Presley, a passionate Aretha Franklin, and the incredible harmony of The Temptations came to mind as each had a passion, depth and genuineness in the presentation and delivery of their music.

Being part of Dennis Newcomb's Memorial service this week reminded me again of the soul's importance. Dennis had soul, grew his soul, and reveled in the good life in which he was fully alive in the present.

I think the question for us these days is not *do we have a soul*, but *are we making and growing our soul?* With the difficult days of recession hovering in and around us, this is a daunting task. Soul neglect is common problem and its bitter fruit is: anxiety, shame, acedia, loss of vision, toxic anger, to name a few.

When one is deeply attuned to God, the fruits of the spirit as mentioned in Galatians are seen at work: joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat in their 1994 book *100 Ways to Keep Your Soul Alive* shared these indications of soul.

- The soul savors the present moment. You don't find it hiding out in the past or waiting for you in the future. It says pay attention to what is happening to you right now.
- The soul savors simplicities – love that is true, wonder that is childlike, humility that is homegrown
- The soul is always on the lookout for fresh wonders. It likes to take the long way home. Be patient with its haphazard and zigzag meanderings.
- The soul reaches out to others through love, compassion and forgiveness. Let is music play through your words and deeds.
- The soul is a mystery and has a great respect for that which cannot be explained. Don't try to figure everything out. (p. xii – xv).

Growing a soul requires the work of a lifetime. In the meantime, start paying attention to your senses and see what they have to report at the end of this week.

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## Missions

### Successful School Supply Drive

Ashland collected the following items for our drive: 61 book bags, 142 packs of paper, 105 boxes of crayons, 75 boxes of pencils, 16 pencil holders, 30 glue sticks, 30 boxes of markers, 60 journal notebooks, 15 packs of scissors, 39 pocket folders, 12 binders, 15 packs of pens, 6 hand sanitizers, 10 packs of pencil sharpeners, 8 packs of erasers, 3 highlighters, and 75 spiral notebooks. Thank you for helping prepare these students for the school year! ~Missions Committee

### Salkehatchie Columbia Camp Opportunity

Are you downsizing or replacing *gently* used furniture and would like to donate it to the Columbia Salkehatchie Camp? For evaluation and pick-up, please call Sandra Calore (798-0876) or Mary Lightsey (781-5798).

### Inquirer's Class

This class is for visitors, non-members and members. Topics: The Christian Faith; United Methodism, and Ashland Church

Sessions I and II – September 27<sup>th</sup> and October 4, 9:45 am, room 124

Session III – October 11<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm, Ashland Hall  
Plan to attend!

### TANGO FOR THERAPY

Tuesdays, 6:00-6:45 pm, Still Hopes Retirement Community Wellness Center – Cost: \$35.00  
Contact Elizabeth Jones, 760-2005, if interested

### Ashland In the News

Please bring clippings from newspapers and publications on our members to be displayed on the bulletin board.

## Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews "Celebrating 20 years in Ministry"

Focus Class this week:

Dr. John Spurrier's Class

*The Science of Baseball*

Lunch: \$6.50 or bring your own bag lunch

Brochures available on bulletin boards

For more information, contact

Dr. Rebecca Swanson at 731-9394

## Celebrations and Remembrances

### Birthdays September 20-26

21	Heather Anne Nick R., Megan Nicole F.
22	Jerry S., Sarah Elizabeth J.
23	Vivian F., Ben D.
24	Robin A.

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**Honorarium:** Bob Borom by Don and Mary Ann Bleyle

### **Memorials:**

James Bradley, Jim Bradley's father, by Charles & Judy Mitchell

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Dennis Newcomb by Mac and Jean Smurthwaite

Dennis Newcomb by Bob & Mylla Markland

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

**Menu: Grilled hamburgers, homemade potato salad, baked beans and, of course, dessert.**

Sign up using the RED slips in Ashland Hall and in the pew pockets in sanctuary.

Cost of dinner is \$6 for adults. \$3 for kids 10-17yrs  
9 yrs and under free.

**A study of the United Methodist Social Principles will be held for adults beginning October 7-November 11 from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm.**

### Church Council Meeting September 23, 2009

Due to the Red Bird Mission trip, Church Council will meet Wednesday, September 23, at 6:30 p.m. in room 138. If you did not receive a notification of this meeting via e-mail, please let Mylla know your e-mail address.

### Thank You

We want to express our sincere appreciation to the Ashland family for the many kindnesses during our recent difficulties. We feel blessed to be a part of this congregation. ~Thom & Sue Jones



### **STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING**

You have seen the ministry of the Stephen Ministers here at Ashland. Have you thought that perhaps you would like to participate in this ministry? Your opportunity to do so has arrived. The next Stephen Ministry training class will begin in January 2010. If you would like to participate in this training and in this ministry, talk to Clare Allen (781-5804) or Margaret Smith (781-6944).



Join us for the MAD-ness  
Wednesdays  
6:30pm -7:45pm

Children 4 years old thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade invited to the fun of **Music, Art and Drama**. We are singing and preparing for our Christmas and Spring Musicals and worship each month.

## Ashland Birthday Party

Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
12:15 pm



Call Kim Gordon at 407-0263 if you will volunteer to bake a cake. Everyone bring sandwiches or salad to share. Drinks provided.

### Upcoming Events at Ashland

- Oct. 4 Flu Shots
- Oct. 11 Acolyte/Crucifer Recognition 11 am
- Oct. 22 Charge Conference, 6 pm
- Oct. 24 Apple Butter Festival
- Oct. 25 Blessing of the Animals, 4 pm
- Nov. 1 Fall Festival, 4-6 pm
- Nov. 22 Youth Sunday
- Nov. 22 Souper Sunday, 12:15 pm
- Nov. 29 Breakfast/Combined Service

## BIBLE STUDIES

Last week to sign up!

**32 - 34 week Studies:** \_\_\_\_\_ Disciple I – Full Overview  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Disciple II - Luke & Acts  
**DISCIPLE** \_\_\_\_\_ Disciple III - Prophets & Paul  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Disciple IV - Revelation Writings

### 9-12 week Studies:

\_\_\_\_\_ Gospel of John – 12 weeks – Sundays 6pm.  
 Orientation September 20<sup>th</sup> Rm 113.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 1 & 2 Corinthians, Ephesians & Galatians- 9 weeks  
 Sundays 6pm. Orientation Sept 13<sup>th</sup> Rm 115.  
 (Check one of the above)

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

## United Methodist Youth

*Love God. Love Others. Love Self.*

Youth Prayer Breakfast Wednesdays at 8 am  
Hot Dog Heaven, Broad River Road

September 20	4:00 pm	Youth Choir
	5:30 pm	Youth Worship
September 27	4:00 pm	Youth Choir
	5:30 pm	Dominican Republic Mission Trip Information Night

Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Sign up begins this week for

### *Back to Basics Retreat*

October 10-12

\*\*Sign up sheet for snack suppers is on the youth bulletin board.

Hunter's email contacts were lost during the change of internet servers. Please email him if you wish to receive youth updates.

## BOOK CLUB

Meet with us Sunday at 4pm, room 111, to discuss: Ron Rash's, *Serena*. Rash will be speaking at USC in October. Plan to attend "Caught in the Creative Act" with us. Sign up at:

<http://www.cas.sc.edu/cica/>

## Refugee Resettlement Project

All the abandoned ice chests that had made a home in our hallways have been temporarily relocated to Ashland House. Please call the church office to claim your lost item.

## United Methodist Men

Check out the UMM bulletin board for pictures of the golf outing and Kids On the Go activities

### **Next UMM Meeting**

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm Ashland Hall  
All Men Are Invited to Attend



## United Methodist Women



**Event:** Friendship Circle will meet on Thursday, September 24 to visit shut-ins. Meet in the Ashland parking lot at 6:30 p.m. After the visits, we will meet at Val Songer's home (430 Lydgate Dr.) at approximately 7:45 p.m. for a short meeting and fellowship. Debbie Sandersfeld will provide refreshments.

**Living Out Our Faith**  
*September 20, 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:

Memorial Service held at Ashland on 9/16/09 for Dennis Newcomb who died 9/12/09.

Memorial Service held 9/17/09 at Mouzon UMC, Charlotte, NC for Karolen Shaw, sister of Beckie Gary who died 9/15/09.

Jim Whitmire – Wildewood Downs Rehabilitation Center

**OUR PRESENCE**

Worship: 283 The Path: 109 Traditional: 174 Sunday School: 168

**OUR GIFTS**

Received Week Ending 9/12/09 \$ 21,122

Received Year to Date: 501,756

Spent Year to Date: 513,625

**General Fund Contributions**

Received Week Ending 9/12/09 20,525

Received Year to Date: 427,952

**Special Offerings**

Memorials & Special Offerings: 532

**OUR SERVICE**

**Sunday School Coffee for September:** Cornerstone Class

**Narthex Table:** Terry Carson **Altar Stewards:** Harriet Conway, Jane Bryan

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

**Crucifer:** Tyler J. **Acolytes:** Kelsey G., Sara M.

**Ushers for September:** John Burnside, Don Cantrell, David Abernathy, Barbara Murphy, Pat Murphy, Bud Graczyk

**Greeters:** SS & Worship: Sally Lowery & Peggy Lynch

**Nursery:** 8:45 am: Shelly & Madison Hutchinson; Jack & Kiley Cohoon

SS: Karen McClive, Cindy Robinson, Lynda Mixon, Joanne Turner, Mac

Credille, Billie Jean Strickland; 11 am Worship: Diane Farley, Valerie

Barham, Jeff & Denise Williams, Carol Gasque

**Flowers:** The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by John and Harriet Conway.

**Missionaries We Support**

**Tim and Daina Datwyler**

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**This Week at Ashland**

**Sunday, September 20, 2009 – 1 Peter 4:10-11**

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, Youth Building  
 6:00 PM Bible Studies – Disciple I, #115;  
 Paul's Letters, #126; John, #113

**Monday, September 21, 2009 – Ephesians 2:1-10**

5:30 PM Stewardship, #127  
 6:15 PM TOPS, #125  
 6:30 PM Finance, #138

**Tuesday, September 22, 2009 – Luke 18:1-8**

9:30 AM Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews  
 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry, #125

**Wednesday, September 23, 2009 – Malachi 3:6-12**

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper, Ashland Hall  
 6:00 PM Al Anon, #127  
 6:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous, #129  
 6:30 PM Handbells, Sanctuary  
 6:30 PM *The Path* Ensemble, Choir Room  
 6:30 PM M-A-D, Children's Activities  
 6:30 PM Church Council, #138  
 7:30 PM Worship Choir, Choir Room

**Thursday, September 24, 2009 – Psalm 119:9-16**

9:00 AM DAODAS, Ashland Hall  
 10:30 AM Ladies Prayer Group, Library  
 7:00 PM Cub Scouts, Ashland Hall  
 7:00 PM Columbia Chess Club  
 7:00 PM Arpad Darzas Singers, Choir Room

**Friday, September 25, 2009 – Mark 8:14-21**

**Saturday, September 26, 2009 – 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18**

**Sunday, September 27, 2009 – 1 John 4:13-21**

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall  
 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
 9:45 AM Inquirer's Class, #124  
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
 5:30 PM United Methodist Youth, Youth Building  
 6:00 PM Bible Studies

Devotions are from *The Upper Room*. Other calendar events can be found on the website [www.ashlandumc.com](http://www.ashlandumc.com)

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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