



# ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

*Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service* October 18, 2009

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

While eating lunch at Firehouse Subs in West Columbia Tuesday, my son and I watched a CNN report concerning a young teen near Ft. Lauderdale, who had been cruelly burned by a group of teens over a \$40 video game.

*"How do I get over being angry about this?" Tyler asked me. "You don't", was my answer. "Next week and the next something else will happen as ugly and heinous as this and it will be all over the airwaves." Silently I thought, "And I will say, Thank God it isn't someone I know."*

I was shocked and saddened by my scurrilous silent statement.

It reminded me of a quote from Kathleen Norris' book I read last winter ***Acedia and Me*** where she cited former preaching professor Fred Craddock's definition of acedia: *What we casually dismiss as mere laziness is the ability to look at a starving child... with a swollen stomach and say, 'Well, it's not my kid...' or to see an old man sitting alone among the pigeons in the park and say, "Well... that's not my dad... it is that capacity of the human spirit to look out upon the world and everything God made and say, "I don't care." P. 114-15).*

The temptation to stop caring and to stop making an effort is always there.

Being tuned in to the world's 24/7 news can leave us in a constant state of agitation as we are demanded to care about what is passing through the news at the time. Whether it is the suicide bombing on Wednesday in Pakistan, or Rush Limbaugh's failed attempt to be a minority owner of the St. Louis Rams – all of these can so fill our minds that we get so overloaded with issues and problems we become too flustered to care.

Turning off the media outlets for goodly periods of time is a good thing – turning our thoughts to this beautiful world and other people is a good thing.

As we begin our Stewardship Campaign this Sunday you will hear some of our Ashland folks share how they share their gifts with the world.

Come to worship Sunday and hear Beth Wilkinson share her experiences in Haiti as a United Methodist Volunteer in Mission, as she has assisted ophthalmologist Dr. Hal Croswell.

I am grateful for all of the Ashland folks who take the time to show compassion and caring, and hope this will continue.

***In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit. Albert Schweitzer***

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## MEGA Yard Sale for Joellen Cook

October 24<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 2 pm  
Bowers Nursery  
1124 Corley Mill Road

Proceeds from sale will assist her medical expenses as she has been in Houston since May. Her son, Pierce, has put his career on hold to care for her during this time. This event is sponsored by her friends.

## All Saints Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

We will celebrate All Saints Day on November 1<sup>st</sup> commemorating the lives of those who have gone before us. This banner will be placed in the narthex on October 18<sup>th</sup> for you to pin a bell on the banner to acknowledge a loved one. The banner will be brought into the sanctuary on November 1<sup>st</sup>. A candle will be lighted in memory of church members and immediate family of Ashland. Please call or e-mail (office@ashlandumc.com) with these names.

## Veterans Pictures for Narthex Table

We would like to display on the narthex table pictures of men and women in our church family who are in the military or have served in the military. You may leave the pictures in the box outside room 136. Please put the name of the person in the picture on back. You may pick the pictures up after the service on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

Lunch: \$6.50 or bring your own bag lunch  
For more information, contact  
Dr. Rebecca Swanson at 731-9394

## Charge Conference Thursday

Charge Conference led by Dr. Tim McClendon will take place in Ashland Hall, Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm. Church Council members are reminded to be present along with retired ministers and in extension ministers.

Trunk or Treat



Treat

Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

4-6pm

Wear your best costume! Decorate the trunk of your car, truck or van! Provide treats for the trunk-or-treaters!

WHO: Everyone with a car, children & youth

## Celebrations and Remembrances

### Birthdays - October 18-24

18	Gloria S., Jeannie B.
19	Ken M.
20	Jincy M.
21	Jane C, Betsy H., Margaret A.
22	Elizabeth B.
23	Wayne S., Steve R., John H.
24	Jane B.

**Honorarium:** Jim & Kaye Easterling by Robert & Peggy Smith

### Memorials:

Dennis Newcomb by Bud, Donna, Jay, Jan, Ryan and Erin Gore, Rich & Yvette Herring, Robert & Peggy Smith, William & Joanne Turner

Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Dennis Newcomb by David & Libby Laird

Larry Hodgkin by Bud & Donna Gore, Gene & Clare Allen, Don & Patricia Lemmons, Peggy Smith, Hugh & Ruth Westbury, Coyet & Sally Lowery, Linda Franklin, Margaret Amick, Bob & Beverly Stallings, Bill & Kaye Bradley, Martha Eastburn, Bob & Mylla Markland

Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Larry Hodgkin by Mac & Jean Smurthwaite

Jim Whitmire by Bud & Donna Gore, Gene & Clare Allen, Peggy Smith, Margaret Amick, Coyet & Sally Lowery

Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Jim Whitmire by Mac & Jean Smurthwaite

Barry Willing by Peggy Smith, Margaret Amick

Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Barry Willing by Mac & Jean Smurthwaite

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Menu: Ham, green beans, hashbrown casserole, dessert  
Meal by: Susannah Wesley Circle

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.

## Social Principles Study

A study of what the United Methodist church says on social issues will be from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm in Ashland Hall.



Oct 21<sup>st</sup>  
Oct 28<sup>th</sup>  
Nov 4<sup>th</sup>

Rev John Culp – World Community  
Rev Jim Nates – Political Community  
Rev Wiley Cooper – Nurture Community

## Thank You

Our family would like to express our sincere gratitude for all of the love and support shown by the Ashland congregation during Sabrina's hospital stay last week. We appreciate the visits, the food, the gifts, the kindness, and especially the prayers while Sabrina was in the hospital.

Doug, Sabrina, Elena, and Drew Martin

## Congratulations

Sheila Allen and Scott Vaughn who were married on October 16 at Wintergreen Woods.

Our Path Keyboardist and Youth Choir Director, Jack Holladay, who were married October 17<sup>th</sup> to Brooke Lindsay McKissick at First Baptist Church, Columbia.

## Join us for the MAD-ness

Wednesdays 6:30pm -7:45pm  
Kids 4 years old thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
join us in the fun of  
**Music, Art and Drama.**  
We are preparing for Christmas,  
spring and worship each month.



## Nursery Workers and Parents!

As we know this time of year is full of colds and flu, so we need parents' help in the nursery rooms when you drop off your children. Please do not enter the rooms unless necessary. Workers are to use the hand sanitizer when you enter and leave.

## Book Club

Come talk about Marilynn Robinson's book, *Home*, this Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in room 111.

## Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> Bead for Life Party

Come to the New Beginnings Sunday school class and see Jake Moore modeling a necklace made by single mothers in Uganda. Jewelry is made of recycled paper beads dyed by hand.

Come, help us do something out of our comfort zone and challenges us to think globally.

All monies will help eradicate extreme poverty.

Check out [beadforlife.org](http://beadforlife.org)

## Blessing of the Animals

Join us for this celebration in Ashland's Picnic Area.

Sunday, October 25 4:00 pm

All creatures are welcome: on a leash, in a cage, in a bowl, in a box, with a saddle, or otherwise safely secure.

Photos will also be blessed.

Donations for creatures less fortunate will be accepted (food, litter, blankets, toys, etc.), and will be taken to Project Pet.

## Poinsettia Flowers Order Form

The cost is \$10.50 for 6" plant. Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on December 6<sup>th</sup>. You may take your plants home after the Christmas Eve service.

**Payment (Ashland UMC) must accompany order.**

**Deadline for orders is November 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Please print how you would like the names to appear in the bulletin.

In Honor \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

## United Methodist Youth

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

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

The youth returned from our Back to Basics Retreat in Pisgah National Forest. While there, we learned about reconnecting with God through nature and reconnecting with one another through shared experiences.

October 18	4:30 pm	Youth Choir
	5:30 pm	Small Group Night
October 24	6:15 am	Homeworks Blitz
October 25	10 am	JDRF Walk to Cure Juvenile Diabetes
		No United Methodist Youth
November 1		No United Methodist Youth Come to Trunk or Treat 4-6 pm
November 8	4:30 pm	Youth Choir
	5:30 pm	Asgard Worship

## It is time for new and safer equipment

Thank you all for your support of our new playground. Your generosity is exciting. We are much closer to our goal.

As of today we have:

Committed \$22,755

Balance needed of : \$10,521

We hope to have the new equipment by Christmas.

If you are willing to contribute, make your checks payable to Ashland UMC, earmarked for *Playground*.



## United Methodist Women

**Event:** Friendship Circle Meeting, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the home of Sally Lowery. Beth Wilkinson will give a program on her trip to Haiti.

## Apple Butter Festival @ Asbury Camp

Last day to sign up Sunday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>

Sign up outside Suzy's office

Leave at 9 a.m. and Return at 6:30 p.m.

Travel cost is \$6.00. Cost for lunches below.

Make check payable to Ashland UMC.

Remember to bring money for your Apple Butter.

Choice of Lunch: (Child is 7 years and under)

BBQ - \$9 /adult \$5 /child

Hot Dog - \$7 /adult \$4 /child

## Living Out Our Faith

October 18, 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

Helen Barham – Home from Providence Hospital

Jincy Myers – Home from Providence Hospital

Virginia Combs – HealthSouth - #214

In Memoriam: Jean Knight Hortop, grandmother of Carrie Caudle died October 9, 2009. Services were held in Kingsport, TN

In Memoriam: Inez Roberts, sister-in-law of Buddy Roberts, died October 12, 2009

### OUR PRESENCE

Worship: 329 The Path: 118 Traditional: 211 Sunday School: 205

### OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending 10/10/09 \$ 21,748

Received Year to Date: 576,535

Spent Year to Date: 561,244

### General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending 10/10/09 18,190

Received Year to Date: 493,293

### Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 3,070

### OUR SERVICE

**Sunday School Coffee for October:** Searchers

**Narthex Table:** Margaret Carson

**Altar Stewards:** Kaye Bradley, Carol DeNisi

**Crucifer:** Brent R **Acolytes:** Zack T., Ben G.

**Ushers for October:** Sally Lowery, Cynthia Busbee, Wes Busbee, Ed Wilkins, John Edwards, Bud Graczyk

**Children's Church:** Kim Gordon and Jennifer Thomas

**Greeters:** SS: Rena' Peurifoy, Joye Rush

Worship: Patsy Nates, Curt Railey

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

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

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

Barham, Jeff & Denise Williams, Carol Gasque

**Altar Flowers:** The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Martha Denise Eastburn by Martha Eastburn.

### Missionaries We Support

#### Tim and Daina Datwyler

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#### Helen Byholt Lovelace

General Board of Global Ministries

## This Week at Ashland

### Sunday, October 18, 2009 – Deuteronomy 8:11-20

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, #115  
4:30 PM Youth Choir, Choir Room  
5:30 PM United Methodist Youth, Youth Building  
5:30 PM Disciple I, #115  
6:00 PM Paul's Letters, #126, John, #113

### Monday, October 19, 2009 – Matthew 6:25-34

6:15 PM TOPS, #125

### Tuesday, October 20, 2009 – Psalm 51:1-12

9:30 AM Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews  
6:30 PM UMW Executive Committee, #138  
7:00 PM Arpad Darzas Singers, Choir Room

### Wednesday, October 21, 2009 – Luke 10:25-37

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

### Thursday, October 22, 2009 – Isaiah 43:1-4

10:30 AM Ladies Prayer Group, Library  
6:00 PM Charge Conference, Ashland Hall  
7:00 PM Columbia Chess Club

### Friday, October 23, 2009 – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

9:00 AM DAODAS, Ashland Hall

### Saturday, October 24, 2009 – Hebrews 10:19-25

### Sunday, October 25, 2009 – Psalm 103:1-14

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall  
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
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Devotions are from *The Upper Room*. Other calendar events can be found on the website [www.ashlandumc.com](http://www.ashlandumc.com)

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