



ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service **November 29, 2009**

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Office Hours: Mon., Tues. Thurs. 9-3
Wed.-5 pm; Fri.-Noon

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

United Methodist Student Day

This Sunday we recognize the large number of Ashland young people who are presently attending schools of higher education. Many of them will be home this weekend. May our prayers be with them as they continue to prepare themselves for the future. Our students are listed below. If the information is incorrect or if a name was omitted, please contact the church office.

BUCKNELL

Jimmy C

CLEMSON

Kelsey B
Ryan B
Austin B
Sara B
James G
Elliott G
Elizabeth L
Tyler N
Josh R
Kristen R
Grayson W

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

Amy G
Sarah J

FURMAN

Caitlin M

MIDLANDS TEC

Emily C
Ryan C
Grayson H
Eric J
Tyler J
Juliana M
Brian M
Brittany M
Courtney S

SPARTANBURG METHODIST

John F

USC

Taylor B
Rebecca B
Anna D
Samantha E
Julie E
Meredith G
Kristen H
Olivia H
Sanford H
Bryan L
Rob M
Mary P
Aussemon R
Parissa R

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Megan C

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Organist

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Martha Eastburn
Pianist



'Tis The Season!

The *Christmas Giving Tree*, an Ashland tradition, is set up in the narthex, filled with Christmas requests. **YOU** can choose one or more of the "Angels"

which denote family members from Sharing God's Love, or "Cards" which represent some of Epworth Children's Home's children. **Be sure to fill in the sign-up sheet** when **YOU** take an "Angel" or "Card". Some requests are for gift cards, instead of actual gifts. **DO NOT WRAP** gifts for the children of Epworth; you can use gift bags or gift boxes. If you can't get by the church to get a request off the tree, bring a store gift card, and it will be used for someone whose name was not chosen. **The deadline for turning in gifts and gift cards is Dec. 13th!**

Sharing God's Love Current Needs

Current needs are: spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, soup, grits, jelly, all sizes of sheets and towels, deodorant, bar soap, dish detergent, toilet paper. Please check the mission bulletin board for the new flyer. Thank you for your continuing help.~Missions Committee

Cornerstone Class Christmas Dinner Party

Saturday, December 5th at 6 pm in the Youth building. Cornerstone members, visitors, and friends are invited to attend. Contact Cindy Ward at 781-7783 for more information.

Stewardship Update

Proposed 2010 Budget	\$751,395
Pledges Received to Date	539,948
Percent of 2010 Budget	72%

- You may place your pledge card in the offering plate or mail it to the church office to the attention of Karen Zobel.
- Blank pledge cards and time and talents sheets may be found on the back table in Ashland Hall and on the chests in the Sanctuary.
- Forms for electronic giving are in the box outside the Director of Financial Ministries office

YOU ARE INVITED This Sunday

What: Fifth Sunday Breakfast

Where: Ashland Hall

Why: Because we love to eat and fellowship. Help us celebrate the start of the Advent Season.

When: November 29, 2009 @ 9:15 am

How: Bring a breakfast dish to share

Celebrations and Remembrances

Birthdays (November 29-December 5)

Nov 29	Ruth B, Lee T
30	Jennifer M
Dec 1	Tammy J, Valerie R, Amy C
2	Jennifer H
3	Ann S, John C, Annette B, Barbara P
4	Alan H, Kinsey J, Bill B, Michael W
5	Kent B, Reece Marie M

Memorials:

Bud Anderson by Kaye & Jim Easterling, Lisa & Bob Head, Tyler & Brantley Mills, Wes & Cynthia Busbee, Jeff & Valerie Barham

Dennis Newcomb by Wes & Cynthia Busbee

Larry Hodgin by Wes & Cynthia Busbee

Martha Busbee by Good News Sunday School Class, Kaye & Jim Easterling, Dale & Ruthanne Robbins, John & Harriet Conway, Jim & Nina Newcomb

Valet Parking Coming Soon

We hope to offer valet parking soon for the members and visitors of Ashland who would benefit from this service. If you are interested in being a valet or would benefit from this service, please contact the church office @798-5350.

Ashland Celebrates:

- Sarah P, first runner-up Homecoming Queen at Dutch Fork High School
- The birth of Lorelei Joy Taylor who was born last week. Proud grandparents are Bob & Judy Taylor.
- Ben G for receiving the Eagle Scout Award last Sunday in the Ashland UMC sanctuary. Ben's accomplishments include: 27 merit badges, 57 nights camping, 123 miles hiking, 203 service hours. In addition he received the Order of the Arrow, and served as Patrol Leader for three years.

WHAT IS A JESSE TREE?

Roots are important parts of a tree. As people, we need to know our historical roots. In the chancel area of the sanctuary you will see The Jesse Tree, which provides a way for us to learn about Jesus' roots.

On this tree are ornaments which tell of Jesus' ancestors, and of the events leading to Jesus' birth. In Isaiah 11:1 we read, "A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots."

Jesse was the father of David, Israel's greatest king. And it was from David's lineage that Jesus came.

Moravian Love Feast

December 6th, 7:00 pm in Ashland Hall
Join us for a quiet time of scripture reading, meditation, and singing as we enter the Advent season.

A Note From the Jennie McCrea Scholarship Committee

We are thankful that the continuing generous support of the Ashland congregation will permit the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship's annual award to continue for many years to come.

At this time there are sufficient funds to support a contribution towards the youth/children needs identified by the pastoral and church staff.

When Jeannie died in 1989, her parents requested that memorial contributions be sent to the youth fund at Ashland and this evolved into the scholarship in Jeannie's memory.

The committee, after very careful consideration, and in accordance with the McCrea's wishes, determined that some of the financial resources available could be directed towards the playground equipment and benefit the children of Ashland. This contribution is dedicated to the Children of Ashland past, present and future.

The Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Committee

United Methodist Youth

Love God. Love Others. Love Self.

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

- Nov. 29 4:30 pm Youth Choir
- 5:30 pm Small Groups
- Dec. 6 4:00 pm Council of the Illuminati
- 4:30 pm Youth Choir
- 5:30 pm Asgard Worship
- Dec. 13 9:00 am DR Mission Trip Meeting - Youth Building - Please attend if you plan to go - trip dates: July 12-19
- Dec. 18 Youth Christmas Party at Robert & Erin Harrelson's home - time TBA

Ski Trip - January 16-18

Only 21 spots are available - Cost \$155.

Deadline for money and permission slip: January 3rd

Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews

Winter session begins January 5th

Check out the brochures on the bulletin board or contact director, **Becky Swanson at 731-9394**

Children's Play Practice

All children 4 years old and up join us as we learn the songs, learn our lines and get excited about Christmas.

M.A.D. on Wednesdays Dec 2, 9, 16 @ 6:30pm

Sunday Dec 13th at 9:15am Rm 125

Saturday Dec 19th Full Dress Rehearsal 10am-12pm in Ashland Hall

Sunday Dec 20th BIG DAY: Sing in worship 8:45am & 11am
Play at 6:30pm be here at 4:30pm
(Run through, dinner, dress in costumes)

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Happy Thanksgiving

On behalf of the staff, we would like to wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving! The church office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving.

PLAYGROUND

Thank you never seems enough, but because of you we will be ordering the new playground by Christmas. With the Children's bake sale and the Trustees continued support we are making plans to start construction in January. If you have been meaning to contribute now's the time, make checks to Ashland UMC, earmarked *Playground*.

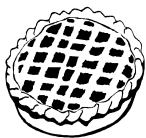
Thank you for generously giving: \$28,533

Balance needed: \$4743

Annual Soup Lunch December 13th

Soup lunch at 11:45am, Ashland Hall.

Let us know what kind of soup you will bring. We will furnish the cornbread. Call or email Suzy Speas or Ruth Cornell (rcornellpchef@bellsouth.net)



Dessert provided by the children (and parents) of Ashland as they sponsor a BAKE SALE raising money for the playground. Support their efforts with your generous appetite.

(Leave in offering plate or Suzy's office)
YES I'll bring # _____ pot(s) of soup.
Name: _____



United Methodist Men Christmas Dinner

You are invited to the annual UMM Christmas Ladies Night Dinner on Monday, Dec. 7th at 6:30 pm in Ashland Hall. Cost is \$15.00 per person for a steak dinner prepared by Robert Smith, with entertainment by Lavon Stack. Payment can be made at the dinner, but reservations are required by this Sunday, November 29th. Please sign the tear-out below or call either the church office, Jimmy Smith (781-6944), or Tom Wilkinson (345-0595) to make your reservation.

Name _____
Number who will be attending _____

Living Out Our Faith
November 29, 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

Virginia Combs – NHC, West Columbia, #122B
Jane Reichman – Lexington Extended Care, Camilia Court
Bill Turner – Brian Center
Riley M – home from hospital

OUR PRESENCE

Worship: 345 The Path: 145 Traditional: 191 Sunday School: 207

OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending	11/21/09	\$ 19,181
Received Year to Date:		694,111
Spent Year to Date:		632,386

General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending	11/21/09	16,736
Received Year to Date:		594,205

Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 1,337

OUR SERVICE

Sunday School Coffee for November: Good News

Narthex Table: Harriet Ward/Kaye Easterling

Crucifer: Chad S **Acolytes:** Sara M, Dawson S

Altar Stewards: Dottie Shelly, Debbie Sandersfeld

Lay Reader: Jillian C

Ushers for November: Hal Von Nessen, Susan Von Nessen, Margaret Amick, Jerry Rushchkofski, Craig Hatch, Bud Graczyk

Greeters: Worship: Shaun Zarandi, Taylor B

Nursery: 10:30 AM Worship: Karen McClive, Margaret Combs, Cindy Robinson, Kristen McClive, Leslie Yasinsac, Evelyn Kirby

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given to the glory of God on the occasion of Lola C baptism. May Lola and her family feel God's presence and love today and always. Vern & Lou

Missionaries We Support

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Helen Byholt Lovelace

General Board of Global Ministries
Ukraine

This Week at Ashland

Sunday, November 29, 2009 – John 1:6-8, 19-28

9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast
10:30 AM Combined Service, Sanctuary
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, November 30, 2009 – Mark 12:41-44

6:15 PM TOPS, #125
6:30 PM Missions, #138

Tuesday, December 1, 2009 – Genesis 7

6:30 PM Education, #119
Staff Parish, #125
UMW Executive Committee, #138

Wednesday, December 2, 2009 – Psalm 112

6:00 PM Al Anon, #127
6:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous, #129
6:00 PM The Path Music Ensemble, Choir Room
6:30 PM M-A-D Children's Activities
7:30 PM Worship Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, December 3, 2009 – Romans 5:6-17

10:30 AM Ladies Prayer Group, Library
7:00 PM Columbia Chess Club, #125
Arpad Darazs Singers, Choir Room
Boy Scouts, Classroom
Woodland Hills Homeowner's Association,
Ashland Hall

Friday, December 4, 2009 – Proverbs 3:1-6

Saturday, December 5, 2009 – John 10:7-10

9:00 AM Christmas Work Day
3:00 PM Turner Family, Ashland Hall
6:00 PM Cornerstone Class, Youth Building

Sunday, December 6, 2009 – Romans 13:11-14

8:45 AM The Path, Ashland Hall
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
10:45 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary
4:30 PM Youth Choir, Choir Room
5:30 PM United Methodist Youth, Youth Building
5:30 PM Disciple I, #115
7:00 PM Moravian Love Feast, Ashland Hall

Devotions are from *The Upper Room*. Other calendar events can be found on the website www.ashlandumc.com

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