



# ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

*Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service* December 13, 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

## ***The Festival of Lessons and Carols***

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a format for a service of Christian worship celebrating the birth of Jesus, which is traditionally followed at Christmas.

Based on an Order drawn up by Edward White Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury, for Christmas Eve 1880, it has since been adapted and used by other churches all over the world.

In the United Kingdom the service has become the standard format for schools' Christmas carol services. The best-known version is broadcast annually from King's College, Cambridge England.

During the service, we hear the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus, told in nine short Bible readings, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols and hymns.

Listed below are the participants in today's service:

Director: Don Kirkindoll  
Organist: Robert Neese  
Pianist: Martha Eastburn  
Scripture Readers: Rev. Joel Jones, Rev. Dr. Jim Nates, Dalene Gibson

Bells  
Jonathan Calore  
Lauren Lowery  
Fred Travis

Soprano  
Susie Bid Brown  
Jenny Edwards  
Ruth Graczyk  
Kriss Kirkindoll  
Wanda Millians  
Karen Moore-Spratt  
Joye Rush

Alto  
Dianne Berryman  
Sandra Calore  
Margaret Catledge  
Jean Jackson  
Mary Lightsey  
Margaret Smith  
Telka Weant

Bass  
Gene Allen  
Richard Brown  
Jim Burkhard  
John Higgins  
Gary Hodgins  
Bob Markland  
Jim Newcomb

Tenor  
Steve Carroll  
Gordon Farley  
Jack Holladay

Instrumentalists  
Haley Calore – Violin  
Katherine Flynn – Violin  
Chris Neely – Viola  
Vincent Washington – Cello  
Craig Butterfield – Bass Guitar

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Robert Neese  
*Organist*

Martha Eastburn  
*Pianist*



## 'Tis The Season!

...and the members of Ashland are going to make it brighter for a lot of people. Our *Christmas Giving Tree* had over 115 Christmas gift requests from the children at Epworth Children's Home and family members from Sharing God's Love. If you didn't get by the church to get a gift request off the tree, you can still bring a store gift card to be used to buy food for the families or for birthday gifts & clothes for the children at Epworth. **Remember the gifts and gift cards must be back by Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.** Leave the packages around the tree, but please leave any gift cards in the church office.

*Thanks for the great response!* Mission 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).

### **Sunday School for Young Adults**

Home from college for the holiday? Want to reconnect with friends? Meet Larry Durstine in the library December 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am for coffee and catching up

### **Festival of Lessons and Carols**

Join us Sunday at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary for the Festival of Lessons and Carols with string quartet, organ and handbells. We will all enjoy familiar hymns and carols along with some original compositions.

### **Stewardship Update – 12/10/09**

Proposed 2010 Budget	\$751,395
Pledges Received to Date	583,608
Percent of 2010 Budget	78%

- 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 Dir. of Financial Ministries office.

## **Celebrations and Remembrances**

### **Birthdays (December 13-19)**

14	Carol K., Tom O., Chuck S., Jack P., Carol H.; Lisa L.
15	Eric H., Buddy R.
16	Jean S., Harriett W.
17	Bob T., Patsy N., Valorie S., Jeff W., Kyle S.
18	Jimmy S.
19	Robert S., Chris M., Will S.

### **Honorarium**

Robert Smith by Jimmy Smith

### **Memorials**

Bud Anderson by John & Carolyn McCrea, Jim & Nancy Bradley

Larry Hodgkin by Gail Jordan

Martha Busbee, mother of Wes Busbee and Grandmother of Michael and Pam, by Bud & Donna, Jay & Jan, Ryan & Erin

## **Enhancing Advent**

°**The Jesse Tree** traces the spiritual family tree of Jesus. Ornaments on the Jesse Tree (located by the pulpit in the sanctuary) remind us of Biblical people and events.

°**Chrismons** mean monogram of Christ. They were first developed by Frances Kipps Spencer at Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia, in 1957 when she set out to create decorations appropriate for a church Christmas tree. The evergreen tree symbolizes eternal life. The lights speak of Christ, the light of the world. The monograms are white and gold and represent Christ or symbols of Christianity. Take a closer look at the tree this week and see how many symbols you recognize.

### **Within the Ashland Family**

Congratulations to Sara M. who was announced as *Outstanding 2nd Year Cadet* at the Irmo High Military Ball Saturday night.

Zack McCutchen's new address in Germany:  
A1CMcCutchenZacharyS  
PSC 9 Box 3617  
APO AE, 09123-0037

### **Thank you!**

°To confirmands, Sydney D., Drew M. and Patrick K. for helping in worship last Sunday

°Thanks to the Ashland family for all the visits, cards, flowers, and prayers during my recent surgery and recuperation. ~Jane Reichman

## **Caroling Anyone?**

We are going caroling on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. If you would like to join us, please sign your name on the sheet located on the bulletin board across from the church offices. We will be caroling at the home of some Ashland members.



### A Note From the Jeannie 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

### Celebrate Christmas at Ashland

Christmas Eve Worship  
December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm

Followed by a Reception in Ashland Hall.  
Bring cookies or sandwiches to share.

### PLAYGROUND

Thank you never seems enough. But THANK YOU! For all your support. If you have been meaning to give now is the time.

Make checks to Ashland UMC, earmarked *Playground*.

Thank you for giving \$30,574

Balance needed: \$2702

### Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews

Winter session begins January 5<sup>th</sup>

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

### Annual Soup Lunch THIS Sunday

Soup lunch at 11:45am, Ashland Hall.

We will furnish the cornbread.

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.



### United Methodist Youth

Love God. Love Others. Love Self.

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

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| Dec. 13 | 9:00 am | DR Mission Trip Meeting - Youth Building - Please attend if you plan to go - trip dates: July 12-19 |
|         | 5:30 pm | Small Groups  |
| Dec. 18 |         | Youth Christmas Party at Robert & Erin Harrelson's home - 6-8 pm                                    |
|         |         | "Ugly Sweater Contest" - Bring white elephant gift  |
| Dec. 20 |         | No Youth Group - Come to Children's Christmas play  |
| Dec. 27 |         | No Youth group  |
|         |         | Ski Trip - January 16-18  |

Only 21 spots are available - Cost \$155.

**Deadline for money and permission slip: January 3rd**

### Children's Christmas Play

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

Sunday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am Room 125

M.A.D. on Wednesday December 16 @ 6:30pm

Saturday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Full Dress Rehearsal 10am-12pm  
in Ashland Hall

Sunday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 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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Everyone join us, December 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm for this fun Christmas tradition!



### United Methodist Men Events for 2010

- Jan. 4th, Ashland UMM
- State UMM Spiritual Life Retreat, February 26-28  
Radisson Hotel, Columbia
- March 20<sup>th</sup> - Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q



### United Methodist Women Events for 2010

- Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, Officers Training, Grace UMC
- Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, Day Apart Retreat, Francis Burns UMC

**Event:** Harmon Circle, Monday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12 Noon, 300 Senate Street

**Living Out Our Faith**  
**December 13, 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

Bill Turner – Brian Center

Mac & Jean Smurthwaite – Home from Mayo Clinic

**OUR PRESENCE**

Worship: 331 The Path: 120 Traditional: 211 Sunday School: 224

**OUR GIFTS**

Received Week Ending 12/5/09 \$ 14,374

Received Year to Date: 717,887

Spent Year to Date: 661,977

**General Fund Contributions**

Received Week Ending 12/5/09 13,517

Received Year to Date: 614,978

**Special Offerings**

Memorials & Special Offerings: 755

**OUR SERVICE**

**Sunday School Coffee for December:** New Beginnings

**Narthex Table:** Harriet Ward/Kaye Easterling

**Crucifer:** Jillian C. **Acolytes:** Clark C., Lauren L.

**Banner Carriers:** Curt Railey, Grant Gibson, Herman Lightsey

**Lay Reader:** Dalene Gibson

**Altar Stewards:** Barbara Higgins, Cheryl Means

**Ushers for December:** Nelson Travis, Red Bonneau, Mylla Markland,

Kinsey Jenkins, Ladd Harrelson, Bud Graczyk

**Greeters:** SS & Worship: Wes & Cynthia Busbee

**Nursery:** SS: Janet Hatch, Kim Crutchfield, Lynda Mixon, Mac Credille,

Cheryl McClay, Tiffany Lacy; 10:30 am: Haley Calore, Trish Lockaby, Vicki

Proctor, Debbie Sandersfeld, Caroline Harrelson

**Wreaths:** The wreaths in the Narthex entrances have been placed in memory of Clark and Esther Sanford by Joan Sanford.

**Missionaries We Support**

**Tim and Daina Datwyler**

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**Helen Byholt Lovelace**

General Board of Global Ministries

Ukraine

**This Week at Ashland**

**Sunday, December 13, 2009 – Romans 10:4-17**

9:00 AM Youth Group Mission Trip, Youth Building  
9:15 AM Children's Christmas Play Practice, #125  
10:30 AM Service of Lessons and Carols, Sanctuary  
12:00 Noon Soup Lunch, Ashland Hall  
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, #125, John #113

**Monday, December 14, 2009 – Psalm 34**

6:15 PM TOPS, #125

**Tuesday, December 15, 2009 – 1 Corinthians 12:4-7**

12:00 Noon Volunteer Lunch, Ashland Hall

**Wednesday, December 16, 2009 – Matthew 25:34-40**

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 17, 2009 – Genesis 1:26-28**

10:30 AM Ladies Prayer Group, Library  
7:00 PM Columbia Chess Club, #125  
Arpad Darazs Singers, Choir Room  
Cub Scouts, Ashland Hall

**Friday, December 18, 2009 – Luke 2:41-51**

**Saturday, December 19, 2009 – Isaiah 9:2-7**

**Sunday, December 20, 2009 – Titus 2:11-14**

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  
6:30 PM Children's Play, Ashland Hall

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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