



# ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

*Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service* **January 10, 2010**

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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

### ***Gifts for the New Year***

In Mexico, the children eagerly await for Epiphany on January 6 where the Magi, not Santa delivers the gifts.

On the eve of Epiphany the children parade through town dressed as Wise Men Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. Then everyone gathers to *eat* a sweet bread in the shape of a wreath. In this bread is hidden a small clay doll representing the baby Jesus. Whoever gets the doll in their slice hosts the next year's party at the end of Christmas season. On the next day, January 6, children open little gifts as a reminder of the frankincense, gold, and myrrh given to baby Jesus.

What kind of gifts did you receive this year?

A few days before Christmas, the SC Highway Patrol handed me a gift through my front auto window and told me I needed to mail in my gift to them no later than January 11.

On December 26, a neighborhood dog saw my muddy Sunday dress shoes on the front porch and took his new Christmas gift with him home. While I discovered one of my new Hushpuppy shoes on Old Bush River Road near the cemetery, the other is still waiting on its Epiphany.

Gifts come in many forms and from many directions.

The gift of a new year finds many of us making resolutions. This tradition comes to us via the ancient Babylonians.

My standard joke on resolutions has always been: "Don't worry about keeping them. You only have to deal with them until mid February and then give them up for Lent!"

What kind of gifts will you share with others in 2010?

Let us make space in our lives for God, and listen to what God is saying to us so we can focus on what is truly significant. Listening to God clarifies so much.

Listen to the salutation of the dawn. Look to this day, for it is the very life of life.  
In its brief course lie all the realities and truth of existence: the joy of growth, the splendor of action, the glory of power.  
For yesterday is but a memory, and tomorrow a vision,  
But today well-lived makes every yesterday a memory of happiness  
And every tomorrow a vision of hope." (Sanskrit Poem, 2000 years old)

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## **Mark your calendars!**

**Save this date!!**

**Friday, February 12 - 6:30 pm**

Ashland Hall - Don't be late!

Benefit for the Columbia Salkehatchie Camp.

### **Stewardship Update – 1/6/2010**

Proposed 2010 Budget	\$751,395
Pledges Received to Date	617,348
Percent of 2010 Budget	82%

- 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**

### **January 10-16**

10	Jim B., Marianne V., Missy G.
11	Michael C., Brian M.
12	Todd C.
13	Ray C., Faye C., Paul W., Caitlin Y.
14	Dick S., Pierce C., Kelly P., Claire C., Kyle C.
15	Colleen D.

### **Memorials**

Bud Anderson by Yu-Fong and Karen Chong  
Bill Laird, David Laird's brother, by Searcher's Sunday School Class  
Inez Weeks, mother of Tommy Weeks, by Jeff & Valerie Barham

### **Wednesday Suppers Resume Jan. 13**

Any help you or a Sunday School class or Circle can give is appreciated!! Contact Suzy there are still open Wednesdays.

**Everyone join us January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**

**Menu:** Crossroad Sunday school class  
Chili both meat & vegetarian, cornbread, salad and dessert

Sign up using the red slips in the pew or at back of Ashland Hall & return to offering plate.

### **Baby Recognition Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

Please e-mail ([office@ashlandumc.com](mailto:office@ashlandumc.com)) or call the church office (798-5350, ext. 10), if you had a baby in 2009. Babies will be recognized at the combined service on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!

### *Confirmation Class*

Confirmation Class will leave from Ashland this Sunday at 8 am to experience worship at St. Peter's Catholic and Brookland Baptist Churches. We will return to the church at approximately 2:30 pm.

## **Within the Ashland Family**

### **Baptism**

Receiving the sacrament of Holy Baptism on December 27<sup>th</sup> was Aiden T., son of Jay and Kim Trout and grandson of Ron and Nora Trout.

### **New Great-Granddaughter**

Evelyn Grace Z., daughter of Tennyson and Ashley Zander. Great-grandparents: Joe & June Suddeth.

**Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews**  
**Winter Session Tuesdays at 9:30 am**  
 Check out the brochures on the bulletin board  
 or contact director,  
**Becky Swanson at 731-9394**

**Flower Calendar for 2010**

The flower calendar for 2010 is on the bulletin board across from the church offices. Please select a date and note beside your name if you will be taking the flowers with you. The cost for one vase is \$46.00 and \$81.00 for 2 vases.

**Books, Books and more Books**

Hope you have enjoyed some holiday reading. We will meet on January 17<sup>th</sup> for our next Book Club discussion. Start reading: Educating Alice: Adventures of a Curious Woman by Alice Steinbach. Join us in room 111 at 4pm.

**Ashland Cares**

For pastoral care, please notify the church office of illnesses, births, hospitalizations or deaths by contacting the church office (798-5350, x 10) or by e-mail [office@ashlandumc.com](mailto:office@ashlandumc.com).

For hospitalizations, please leave the name that is on the hospital register.

**PLAYGROUND REMOVAL**

**CHANGE OF DATE**

Any men/youth willing and able, we will be removing the old equipment January 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

*We need your help.*

Playground to be shipped January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming Bible Studies**

Sign-up now for the winter/spring studies:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Psalms**- 11 wks – Sundays @6:00pm starting January 17<sup>th</sup>

Orientation for OT & NT January 26<sup>th</sup> @6:30pm

\_\_\_\_\_ **Old Testament** – 8 wks – Tuesdays @ 6:30pm starting February 2<sup>nd</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ **New Testament** – 8 wks- Tuesdays @ 6:30pm starting March 23<sup>rd</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ **Genesis** – Lenten Study Continued – 5 wks Wednesdays @ 6:30 starting Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

**Sign Me Up!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**United Methodist Youth**

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

*Prayer breakfast resumes Jan. 13*

Youth Prayer Breakfast Wednesdays at 8 am

Hot Dog Heaven, Broad River Road

Jan. 10 4:30 pm - Youth Choir  
 5:30 pm - Small Groups  
 Ski Trip - January 16-18

Meet at Trinity UMC, Blythewood at 11 am on January 16<sup>th</sup>.  
 Return 6:30 pm on January 18<sup>th</sup>

No UMY on January 17<sup>th</sup> due to the ski trip.

Jan. 24 4:30 pm - Youth Choir  
 5:30 pm - Youth Worship Night

**Upcoming Events**

- Trustees, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, #138
- Wednesday suppers start back January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm
- M-A-D Children's Activities will resume on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm
- Finance Committee Meeting, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, room 138
- Family Ministry Meeting, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm room #138



**United Methodist Men Events for 2010**

- February 22 – Fish Fry @ Rehoboth UMC, 6 pm
- February 26-28 State UMM Spiritual Life Retreat, Radisson Hotel, Columbia
- March 20<sup>th</sup> – Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q
- April – Vidalia Onion Sales



**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**

**Events:** Harmon Circle, January 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am at the home of June Suddeth. Program by Beth Wilkinson.

Noontime Seekers' Circle, Tuesday, January 12, at 12:30 at Margaret Smith's house.

Faith Circle, Tuesday, January 12, in Room 111. Our mission: Please bring books and/or games for the church library.

## Living Out Our Faith

January 10, 2010 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

Betsy Stewart, Palmetto Baptist Hospital  
Mary Caldwell, mother of Margaret Smith, NHC, W. Columbia  
Rosemary Tannert, mother of Carol DeNisi, Palmetto Baptist Hospital  
Jeannette Greason, mother of Pam Spurrier, who is in the hospital  
In Memoriam: Inez Weeks, mother of Tommy Weeks, funeral on January 2<sup>nd</sup> in Charleston.

### OUR PRESENCE

Christmas Eve Service: 610; New Year's Eve Service: 64  
12/27: Worship: 282 *The Path*: 83 Traditional: 199 SS: 136  
1/3: Worship: 304 *The Path*: 127 Traditional: 177 SS: N/A

### OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending	1/2/2010	\$ 22,580
Received Year to Date:		807,611
Spent Year to Date:		788,166

### General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending	1/2/2010	20,789
Received Year to Date:		693,475

### Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 2,301

### OUR SERVICE

**Sunday School Coffee for January:** Marys & Marthas

**Narthex Table:** Lorraine Shaffer

**Crucifer:** Joe S. **Acolytes:** Stuart N., Hannah N.

**Lay Reader:** Bob Taylor

**Altar Stewards:** Dottie Shelly, Jean Smith

**Ushers for January:** Bill Tomes, Mark Polk, Barbara Polk, Lane Peeler, Nina Newcomb, Bud Graczyk

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

**Nursery:** 8:45 am: David & Sarah Fellows, Jennifer Thomas; SS: Janet Hatch, Kim Crutchfield, Lynda Mixon, Mac Credille, Cheryl McClay, Tiffany Lacy; 11 am: Haley Calore, Trish Lockaby, Vicki Proctor, Debbie Sandersfeld, Caroline Harrelson

### Missionaries We Support

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#### Helen Byholt Lovelace

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## This Week at Ashland

### Sunday, January 10, 2010 – Joshua 1:1-9

8:45 AM	<i>The Path</i> , Ashland Hall
9:45 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
10:45 AM	Traditional Service, Sanctuary
4:30 PM	Youth Choir
5:30 PM	United Methodist Youth, Youth Building
5:30 PM	Disciple I, #115

### Monday, January 11, 2010 – 1 Corinthians 1:3-6

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

### Tuesday, January 12, 2010 – Ephesians 2:4-10

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

### Wednesday, January 13, 2010 – Proverbs 9:7-12

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

### Thursday, January 14, 2010 – Isaiah 43:16-10

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

### Friday, January 15, 2010 – 2 Samuel 12:1-14

### Saturday, January 16, 2010 – Psalm 103:1-6

9:00 AM	Old Playground Removal
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### Sunday, January 17, 2010 – Matthew 16:13-20

8:45 AM	The Path, Ashland Hall
9:45 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
10:45 AM	Traditional Service, Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Book Club, #111
5:30 PM	Disciple I, #115

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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