



# ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

*Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service* **February 21, 2010**

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Wed.-5 pm; Fri.-Noon

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

## HAVE A HOLY LENT

Therese J. Borchard writes a terrific blog on Beliefnet called *Beyond Blue*, and shared some insightful and challenging words on Ash Wednesday that we might heed as we begin the Lenten season.

*Lent, the 40 days preceding the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, is supposed to be a time of fasting, where we chocoholics take an "s" of out the word "dessert," and are left with "desert." I heard somewhere that Jesus wandered around in the desert for 40 days (and Moses for 40 years) because he is like every other man-he refused to ask for directions. Actually, the opposite is true. This liturgical season is all about asking for directions - going into the dryness so that we can show up transformed at the spring of new life.....For me Lent isn't about being somber or morose. I have enough of that in my life. It's about using everything in my life to better connect me with God.*

**Please note the opportunities below for enhancing your Lenten pilgrimage.**

### Almsgiving

Pick up a Lenten Box from the altar rail during the last hymn this Sunday. Bring these filled boxes with you Easter Sunday to place back on the altar rail. Your gifts will be split between two UM programs: Hungrief and One Great Hour of Sharing. We will talk about those via the newsletter throughout this season.

### Visuals

In the narthex a large wooden cross will have visuals added around it each week to help us mark our passage through these days as we get closer to Easter. The liturgical color purple will be visible on the outdoor cross as well as the cross in the sanctuary, and the vestments of the worship centers and stoles..

### Lenten Bible Study

Pastor Joel will lead a study of the book of Genesis based on the Mickey Eford series. (We begin this week on Chapter 4). Join us in Ashland Hall during the Wednesday evenings of February 24, March 3, 10, 17, and 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

### Holy Week/Easter

On Palm Sunday there will be one worship service at 10:30 am. Our children will process in with Palms and be blessed by our pastors. Afterwards, our choir will present a cantata entitled ***The Weeping Tree*** featuring a stringed ensemble. On Thursday, April 1, 7 pm, we will present ***A Living Portrayal of Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper*** in Ashland Hall, followed by a celebration of Holy Communion. An Easter Egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 3, from 10:30 – 12 noon.

Our Easter Services will be 8 a.m. (The Path), followed by our UM Men annual Pancake Breakfast, Sunday School and Worship at 11 am

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## Missions

### Aluminum Can Pop Tops

You may place your aluminum can pop tops in the jar on the Communications table. They go to the Ronald McDonald House.

### Haiti Health Care Kits

Haiti Kits are accepted on an ongoing basis. You may place the kits in baskets in Ashland Hall and the Sanctuary.

### Salkehatchie Registration Process for 2010

Salkehatchie registration forms are on the bulletin board across from the church office. Submit registration form along with personal check for \$100 (payable to: *Ashland UMC* and indicate it is for Salkehatchie) to the church office. The church will match this amount and send the registration form to the conference office. Get your form and check in as soon as possible as camps are filling up fast. Thank you!

### Salkehatchie Silent Auction – March 12th

#### *Don't miss*

Comedian Johnny NoCash Spurrier in his only Ashland appearance of the year at the auction to benefit the Columbia Salkehatchie Camp Friday, March 12 at 7 pm in Ashland Hall Admission is free!!

### Support our Youth – 30 Hour Famine

The Ashland UMYF group is participating in a 30 hour famine on Feb. 26-27 in order to raise funds for the World Vision Organization. The 30 hr. famine is an international youth movement to help fight hunger. It is a non-profit organization that offers help to all people, regardless of their age, race, gender or religious beliefs. Youth will be at tables on Sunday to collect donations. Thank you for helping us support this cause.

## Celebrations and Remembrances

### February 21-27

22	Patrick, Lorraine
23	Linda, Tom
24	Ladd, Jackson
25	Susan, Evan
26	Mark, Matt
27	Jason, Becky, Beth, Tyler

### Memorials

Carl Shrontz, by Dick & Annette Sanders, Barbara Wiedemann, Mary Lou Wingard

Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Jeannette Greaser by Bud & Donna Gore, David & Marthaly Schimsa

Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Carl Shrontz by Bud & Donna Gore  
Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Averie Frampton by the Gore Family; Bud & Donna, Jay & Jan, Ryan and Erin

Jennie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Joellen Cook by David & Marthaly Schimsa

Rosemary Tannert by Charlie & Debbie Matthews

Averie Frampton by John & Sandra Calore, Bill & Jane Bryan

### Wednesday Supper

**Menu:** Pulled pork, rice pilaf, vegetable medley and cake prepared by Searcher's Sunday School Class.

Sign up using the red slips in the pew or at back of Ashland Hall & return in offering plate. Cost Adults- \$6 Youth 10-18-\$3 Kids 9 & under- free.

Or call the church office with your reservation by Mondays at noon. 798-5350, ext. 14 or e-mail [education@ashlandumc.com](mailto:education@ashlandumc.com)

### Love to read?

Join us Sunday at 4 pm in room III to discuss: *The Last Time They Met* by Anita Shreve.

Upcoming books are listed on [www.ashlandumc.com](http://www.ashlandumc.com)



### Music, Art and Drama

Children 4 years old thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade Join us Wednesday @ 6:30 pm for music, games, crafts, and more

### PLAYGROUND

Have you seen it? It is here and installed. We ask you to wait till the cement is set before climbing and sliding. The last piece will be here next week. We will have a blessing of the playground in March.

### From the Worship Committee

During Lent no flowers will be used in the sanctuary. If you have a special occasion and want to place flowers at the church, please notify the church office. They will be used in the Narthex.

Lenten visuals will be used at the foot of the cross located in the narthex. Feel free to stop by and look at them each week.

## Within the Ashland Family

### Thank You

For the gifts in Carl's memory, the flood of uplifting cards, the hugs and genuine concern from the church family, I give heartfelt thanks. Your prayers have sustained my family with peace. May God's blessings be with each one of you. Mildred Shrontz

We would like to thank our Ashland family for the many acts of caring, support and especially your prayers for our family since Averie's birth and death. We have certainly been blessed by being members of such a loving and caring church. Olivia, Lori and Jef

### Confirmation Class is Off...

Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup> our Confirmation class will spend some time at Epworth Children's Home, touring, having lunch and talking missions. We will leave Ashland @ 10 am and return around 2 pm.

March 5-7<sup>th</sup> we are off to Lake Junaluska for our annual retreat. We will participate with other churches from Southeastern Jurisdiction in study, music and fun.

### The Upper Room Booklets

Booklets for the period March-April 2010 are on the rack across from the Cornerstone Class.

### UMM Annual Chicken BBQ

March 20<sup>th</sup> – 4-7 pm, Ashland Hall

1/2 chicken plate, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls & tea - \$7.50; Whole chicken - \$7.50

Tickets are available from UMM

### Upcoming Events

- **February 21<sup>st</sup>**, Valet Parking, 4 pm, #138
- **February 21<sup>st</sup>**, Outreach, 5 pm, #138
- **March 28<sup>th</sup>**, *The Weeping Tree*, 10:30 am, Sanctuary
- **April 1st**, *The Last Supper Drama*, 7 pm, Ashland Hall

### Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews

Entertainment during lunch: Opera Selections: Students of USC Professor Ellen Schlaefer

Call Becky Swanson at 731-9394 for lunch reservations.

Cost is \$6.50 or you may bring your lunch.

### Upcoming Bible Studies

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Genesis** – Lenten Study Continued – 5 wks Wednesdays @ 6:30 starting Feb 24<sup>th</sup>  
Cost for optional workbook: \$12

### Sign Me Up!

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

Sundays: 4:00 pm – Youth Praise Band

4:30 pm – Youth Choir

5:30 pm – Youth Group

The Souper Bowl collection (\$495.00) will go to Stillerstong Haitian School initiative to help provide temporary schools for Haitian youth displaced by the earthquake on January 12, 2010.

## SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY EVENING

Ashland will join Union, Chapin, Grace, Salem, Shady Grove and Virginia Wingard UM Churches Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m., for a worship service at Union UMC, Irmo, in which **Bishop Ken Carder will preach.**

The offering will go to Oliver Gospel Mission of Columbia, and you are invited to bring canned goods which will go to Sharing God's Love.

Dr. Carder served as bishop of the Mississippi area and the Nashville area.

He is the author of three books, *Sermons on United Methodist Beliefs*, *A Bishop's Reflections*, *Living Our Beliefs* and a study guide for *Who Are We? The Doctrine, Mission, and Ministry of the United Methodist Church*. Bishop Carder currently serves as a member of The United Methodist University Senate and chairman of the Senate's Commission on Theological Education.



### 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
- April – Vidalia Onion Sales
- April 30-May 2, 2010 – Columbia District Spiritual Retreat at Asbury Hills – See Herman Lightsey for information



### United Methodist Women Events for 2010

**Ashland UMW Work Day**  
**Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am – Noon**  
**Room 138**

**Event:** Friendship Circle will meet Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm at the home of Trish Lockaby, 311 Conrad Circle. Sally Lowery will provide refreshments. The program will be an overview of the religion of Islam. Our mission project this month is to provide monetary donations to the Woodyard Fund to assist those in need with home heating bills. Call Trish (407-8110) if you need directions.

## Living Out Our Faith

February 21, 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

People in Haiti

Kathy Harrelson, Texas

Jamie Towery, son of Pat & Patsy Towery – In Afghanistan

Rick Maturi – In Iraq

The Columbia District's newest church, Journey UMC, which will be chartered today at 3 p.m.

### OUR PRESENCE

2/14 Worship: 296 *The Path*: 108 Traditional: 188 SS: 189

### OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending 2/13/2010 \$ 18,567

Received Year to Date: 115,148

Spent Year to Date: 121,044

### General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending 2/13/2010 15,403

Received Year to Date: 85,360

### Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 2,865

### OUR SERVICE

**Sunday School Coffee for February:** Friendship Class

**Narthex Table:** Cynthia Busbee

**Crucifer:** Frederick **Acolytes:** Paig, Brooks

**Altar Stewards:** Margaret Combs, Debbie Matthews

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

**Greeters:** Linda Abernathy, Kinsey & Doreen Jenkins, Don & Candy Cantrell

**Ushers for February:** Margaret Combs, Billy Laney, Ed Hammond, Buddy Roberts, Ben Dusenbury, Bud Graczyk

**Nursery:** *The Path*: Shelly & Madison, Jack & Kiley Cohoon, SS: Karen McClive, Cindy Robinson, Lynda Mixon, Joanne Turner, Mac Credille, Billie Jean Strickland; 11 am: Diane Farley, Valerie Barham, Jeff & Denise Williams, Carol Gasque

### Missionaries We Support

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## This Week at Ashland

### Sunday, February 21, 2010 – 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall  
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
11:00 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary  
4:00 PM Youth Praise Band  
4:00 PM Book Club, #111  
4:00 PM Valet Parking, #138  
5:00 PM Outreach/Evangelism  
4:30 PM Youth Choir, Choir Room  
5:30 PM Disciple I, #115  
5:30 PM Youth Group  
6:00 PM Psalms Disciple Study, #113

### Monday, February 22, 2010 – Luke 10:38-42

6:15 PM TOPS, #125

### Tuesday, February 23, 2010 – Matthew 7:1-4

9:30 AM Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews  
6:30 PM Stephen Ministry, #125  
6:30 PM Old Testament Study, #113

### Wednesday, February 24, 2010 – Philippians 4:4-9

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper, Ashland Hall  
6:00 PM AI Anon, #127  
6:30 PM M-A-D Children's Activities  
6:30 PM Genesis Bible Study, Ashland Hall  
6:30 PM *The Path* Music Ensemble, Choir Room  
7:30 PM Worship Choir, Choir Room

### Thursday, February 25, 2010 – Jeremiah 29:4-7

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

### Friday, February 26, 2010 – Psalm 27

### Saturday, February 27, 2010 – 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

10:00 AM Arpad Darzas, Choir Room  
Youth 30 Hour Famine, Ashland Hall

### Sunday, February 28, 2010 – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall  
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
11:00 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary  
4:00 PM Youth Praise Band  
4:30 PM Youth Choir, Choir Room  
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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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