



ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service **March 14, 2010**

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Wed.-5 pm; Fri.-Noon

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

FOCUS: RON AND MARGOT JOHNSON

By Margaret Amick, Lay Leader

How in the world could a “good ole boy” from Greenwood SC meet and marry a “northerner” from New Jersey? Oddly enough, they met in a Jacuzzi at the Christian Singles Fellowship swim party at the Harbison Rec Center in Columbia.

Margot’s father was transferred to Florence SC with Union Carbide. Member Mac Smurthwaite worked with Margot’s father and has known her since birth. Margot attended the University of Tennessee with a major in interior design; in fact, she was working for Chateau Interiors when she met Ron.

Ron had attended college in Electrical Engineering at Southern Tech in Atlanta when he decided to move back in with his parents and finish his degree from Piedmont Technical College in Greenwood. He accepted a job with Milertronics in Taylors, SC, (near Greenville) at a time when computers were very young. Subsequently, he went to work for NCR. Then NCR had a lay-off of 800 employees. “No problem,” says Ron, “I’m single, I’ll find something.” He was hired by a Texas company called Helena Labs (medical lab equipment) where he was the trouble-shooter, repairing equipment in North Carolina, South Carolina, and part of Georgia.

Around this time he met Margot. They exchanged daily letters and were married in 1982 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Columbia. They have three sons—Alex, who is a mechanical Engineer for a defense contractor near DC, Kerry, who lives in Columbia and works for the Veterans Administration as a claims adjuster, and Kirk, who lives in San Francisco, working with the theatre and directing plays. Kirk completed the theatre program at Coastal Carolina University. Theatre must run the family because Margot’s brother taught this at Penn State and Margot and Ron have appeared in “Fiddler on the Roof” in Chapin.

Margot is Accounting Manager with First Cellular (T-Mobile) and Ron has his own ISP computer support company, The National Support Center. The company supports wireless Internet at hotels and a division offers service for Hindus in the US and Canada to call their home country of India.

Ron was a Baptist and Margot was a Presbyterian. They were looking for a church that could bring them together in their Christian beliefs. Joining Ashland in 1983, they have been members of the Friendship Sunday School Class, and, now, the New Beginnings Class. Margot has been involved in the Serendipity Circle, Vacation Bible School, Cub Scouts, and Congregational Care. Ron has served on Church Council and currently is on the Long Range Planning Committee, and in the handbell choir. For six years the Johnson family were a host family for The Irish Children’s Summer Program. They have a yellow lab and two cats. Ron and Margot are active and go about without fanfare in their service to God and to our Christian family. Thank you.

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Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday

Do not forget to move your clock up one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

Within the Ashland Family

Riley is 4 years old and has Asperger's Syndrome. The Autism Society is having a Walk for Strides on May 15 at Finlay Park to raise money for the Autism Society here in Columbia. More information later.

Congratulations:

- Elizabeth Lowery who graduated from Clemson University with a B.S. in Nursing. She is a nurse at Greenville Hospital System on the Neuro Science floor.
- Herman Lightsey – Commissioned as a Men's Ministry Specialist in Nashville, TN. Herman is the only men's specialist in the SC conference.
- District IV – Teachers of the Year
Joye Rush – Irmo Elementary
Denise Williams – Oak Pointe Elementary

Acknowledgement

Dear Ashland Family,

Mother and I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, visits and well wishes while she recovered from her latest hip fracture. She has returned to her apartment at Agape Harbison and is doing well. Your prayers and encouragement helped her immensely and we are grateful to have such a caring church family. Vivian Fisk and Mylla Markland

Holy Week Activities

March 28

10:00 am – Blessing of the Playground, Picnic Shelter

10:30 am - Combined service to include: Palm Sunday processional, blessing of children by the ministers, and cantata entitled *The Weeping Tree* with full orchestra.

April 1

7:00 pm – A living portrayal of *The Last Supper* in Ashland Hall



Easter Egg Hunt April 3rd 10:30am

Join us for crafts, the BIG hunt and a light lunch. We'll provide the sandwiches, drinks and eggs. *You provide cookies or chips and the egg hunters.*

Eggs for Oliver Gospel Mission

Kids will be dyeing boiled eggs to take to Oliver Gospel Mission. If you can bring a dozen boiled eggs (in their carton), place slip below in offering plate or let Jean Smith know

____ YES! I will bring a dozen.

Name: _____

Celebrations and Remembrances

March 14-20

13	Andrew, Chad
16	Margie, Kaye, Clare, Brooke Tripp
17	Jane, Ian
18	Libby, Kathy, John, Mary, Maria
19	Susan, Amy, Gary
20	Mary, Don, Anne, Scott, Norma, Ashley

Memorials

Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Betsy Stewart by Jim & Nancy Bradley

Joellen Cook by Jim & Nancy Bradley

Carl Shrontz by Jim & Nancy Bradley, Charles & Judy Mitchell

Averie Frampton by Jim & Nancy Bradley

Wednesday Supper

Lower Price! You can't beat our quality dining for this price.

Menu: Marys & Marthas Class: Baked Spaghetti, bread, salad and dessert

Sign up using the red slips in the pew or at back of Ashland Hall & return in offering plate. Cost Adults- \$5 Youth 10-18-\$3 Kids 9 & under- free.

Or call with reservations by Mondays at noon. 798-5350, ext. 14 or e-mail education@ashlandumc.com

Music, Art and Drama

The children of Ashland will present the musical "Table for Five...Thousand" on April 25th
Any children interested but not able to come Wednesdays see Miss Suzy.



Join Us For UMW Mission Work Day

Can You Sew?

Can You Iron?

Can You Use Scissors?

All Ashland Women are encouraged to help with this project, even if it's only for an hour
Saturday, April 10, 2010

9-12:00 Noon

Room 138

We will be making colorful pillowcases for the Children's Hospital at Palmetto Health Richland
Call Ruth Graczyk (781-1817) and let her know the type of sewing machine you can bring.

Valet Parking Has Begun

Please drive to the circle driveway where the parking valets will drive your car onto the pavement area close to the church door. You will be assisted into the church and your car will be taken to a designated parking area, and keys placed in a secure location. After worship, cars will be brought back to the breezeway area by the church entrance and you will be assisted back to the car.

Easter Lilies Order Form

Cost: \$8.00 per plant. Please make check payable to Ashland UMC and note it for Easter Lilies.

Deadline: March 14th. Please print.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

By _____

Palm Tree Order Form

Five plants are available. Cost: \$10.50 per plant. Please make check payable to Ashland UMC and note it for Palm Tree. Please print.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

By _____

VIP Event

The VIP Senior Adults will be going to a concert at Union UMC on Friday, March 19, 7:30 pm. Paul Saik, Christian Recording Artist, will perform. Dinner prior to concert will be at Irmo Lizard's Thicket @ 5:45pm. Everyone is welcome. For transportation call the Taylor's @ 798-5969.

Help! If you have any mugs or goblets made of pewter, and are willing to let us borrow 2 of them for the Maundy Thursday, *Last Supper* play, contact Lou Wolfe and/or bring to church office.

Coming in April

Inquirer's Class – April 11th, 18th at 9:45 am

April 25th at 5 pm

More information soon

PLAYGROUND

- Remember our Safe Sanctuary policy states that no children or youth will be left alone on church property.
- This includes our new playground. Keep our kids safe by being there with your kids on the playground.

Upcoming Bible Studies

Disciple New Testament Study

8 wks--Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m. starting March 30th

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

March 21st – Small groups – Gross Lympics (come compete with your small group in the grossest games we can think of).

Sign up for the Breakout start March 14th. The Breakout is our Spring Retreat – April 9-11.

Eat More Pickles!

You know what the cows say about chicken - we need you to "Eat More Pickles for VBS." The perfect jar for a great craft for VBS this year is a 24oz Velask Zesty Bread and Butter pickle jar. Buy whatever brand you want but compare to the shape and size of the Velask.

We need 60 so start eating pickles!

UMM Annual Chicken BBQ March 20

The annual United Methodist Men's chicken barbecue will be held Saturday, March 20. Price is \$7.50 for a whole chicken or an eat-in plate, which includes chicken, slaw, green beans, and bread. Plates will be available from 4-7 pm in Ashland Hall. Tickets can now be purchased from any member of UMM. Proceeds will go to UMM mission projects, so all members of Ashland are encouraged to support this activity.

COOLERS NEEDED: For the chicken barbeque on March 20th, the UMM will need as many coolers as possible for storing the chickens. If anyone has a cooler that can be used, please notify Jimmy Smith (781-6944) or Curt Railey (781-8211).

Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews

Brochures for spring session beginning March 23rd are located on some of the bulletin boards.



United Methodist Men Events for 2010

- 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 10th – 9:00 am – Noon
Room 138

Faith Circle – Saturday, March 20th – Day of missions and fun at Dalene's house.

Living Out Our Faith

March 14, 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 and Chile

Susan Dickinson & Shelby Bingham, Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital

Bill Turner, Lexington Medical Center

Berry Smith, MUSC, Charleston

Kathy Harrelson, Texas

In Memoriam: Martha Blease, sister of Linda Wilkins, who died March 5, 2010. Graveside services were held on March 8, 2010.

OUR PRESENCE

3/7 Worship 314: *The Path*: 133 Traditional: 181 SS: N/A

OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending 3/6/2010 \$ 12,591

Received Year to Date: 158,167

Spent Year to Date: 182,006

General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending 3/6/2010 10,588

Received Year to Date: 122,398

Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 1,700

OUR SERVICE

Sunday School Coffee for March: Stepping Stones

Narthex Table: Judy Mitchell

Children's Church: Robert and Linda Motley

Crucifer: Jillian **Acolytes:** Clark, Lauren

Altar Stewards: Susan Dickinson, Melissa Jones

Greeters: Red Bonneau, Charlie & Debbie Matthews, Clare Allen & John Edwards

Ushers for March: Frank Ward, Jimmy Smith, John Calore, Joan Sanford, Scott Peurifoy, Bud Graczyk

Nursery: *The Path:* 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

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This Week at Ashland

Sunday, March 14, 2010 – John 11:17-27

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall
9:00 AM UMW Board Meeting, Library
9:15 AM Greeter Training, Work Room
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
5:30 PM Disciple I, #115
5:30 PM Youth Group
6:00 PM Psalms Disciple Study, #113

Monday, March 15, 2010 – 2 Chronicles 7:12-18

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

6:15 PM TOPS, #125

6:30 PM Trustees, #138

Tuesday, March 16, 2010 – Psalm 139:1-12

6:30 PM Stephen Ministry, #125

6:30 PM Disciple Old Testament Study, #113

Wednesday, March 17, 2010 – John 9:1-11

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 Church Council, #138

6:30 PM Handbells, #115

6:30 PM Genesis Bible Study, Ashland Hall

6:30 PM *The Path* Music Ensemble, Choir Room

7:30 PM Worship Choir, Choir Room (nursery provided)

Thursday, March 18, 2010 – Isaiah 43:22-25

10:30 AM Ladies Prayer Group, Library

6:30 PM Boy Scouts, Ashland Hall

7:00 PM Columbia Chess Club, #125

Arpad Darzas, Choir Room

Friday, March 19, 2010 – John 4:5-42

UMM B-B-Q Set-up

Saturday, March 20, 2010 – Psalm 18:30-36

4:00-7:00 pm UMM B-B-Q, Ashland Hall

Sunday, March 21, 2010 – John 17:6-26

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

5:30 PM Disciple I, #115

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

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