



# ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

*Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service* **December 19, 2010**

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Wed.-5 pm; Fri.-Noon

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

**Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up  
and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come.  
You wait and watch and work: You don't give up. Anne Lamott**

I have known Karin for nearly 9 years. She left for North Carolina 5 years ago to be with family, but an illness changed those dynamics and she returned to Columbia around Halloween.

Desperate for employment, she asked if Ashland could provide gasoline to keep her van running so she could drive to interviews as she sought employment. Lots of canned food and water were on the floorboard of her van. Nights were spent in parking lots.

Fast forward to this week – Her first week as a full-time cashier at Wal-Mart was going well and she hoped to have enough cash in 5 weeks to rent a small house.

In the meantime, she asked for another fill-up so she could get to and from work until her paycheck came in.

On this very Monday, she had been offered a second full time job in a family style restaurant. Laughing, she remarked, "*November was a difficult month – But I trust God. God knows I was trying to find work, and look at God's mercy and goodness. Not only do I have a job. I have another job offer as well.*"

Somehow I know Karin will have a blessed Christmas.

God of the poor,  
We long to meet you  
Yet almost miss you;  
We strive to help you  
Yet only discover our need.  
Interrupt our comfort  
With your nakedness,  
Touch our possessiveness with your poverty,  
And surprise our guilt  
With the grace of your welcome  
In Jesus Christ, Amen.

(by Janet Morley, Shine on, Star of Bethlehem. (Pilgrim Press))

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## Advent & Christmas At Ashland

Join us as we prepare for Christmas and anticipate the birth of Christ.



**December 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am** - Adult Choir Cantata  
(*Candles & Carols: A Service of Hope, Peace, Joy & Love*)

**6:30 pm** - "The Grumpy Shepherd"

Families are asked to bring a plate of cookies.

**December 24<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm** - Christmas Eve Worship

**7:15 pm** - Family Drop-in, Ashland Hall

Please bring sandwiches and cookies to share.

**December 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:45 am** - Sunday school

**11 am** - One worship service

**December 31<sup>st</sup>, 6 pm** - Watch Night Service

### Church Directories

#### Alternative Giving Booklets

Paper copies of the church directory and alternative giving booklets are on the back table in Ashland Hall and on the chests in the sanctuary.

If you would like electronic copies, please email [office@ashlandumc.com](mailto:office@ashlandumc.com) or call the church office (798-5350, x 10)

### Season of Generosity

Ashland has a brokerage account opened to allow gifts of securities. Such donations preserve the contribution of the donor in full while avoiding capital gains tax as Ashland is exempt from the tax. Contact Karen Zobel (798-5350, x 13) for more information.

### Enhancing Advent

Many Christmas customs began long ago from other traditions. Centuries ago, the Romans celebrated the festival of Saturnalia on December 25 and decorated with evergreens to remind them of Saturn, their harvest god. Christians adopted this tradition as part of their celebration.

The word Christmas comes from the Old English word *Cristes Maesse* meaning Christ's Mass. The first recorded observance was 360 AD in Rome, but the church did not fix Jesus' birth as December 25 until 440 AD.

### Christmas Gift Idea

A new class of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace will start January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in room 127.

This 13-week class is for those financially stable, for couples who have ever disagreed about money and for those who would like financial help/advice. Give this class as a gift to your adult or youth children or a friend.

Class cost is \$99 for couples or singles.

Attach payment to Ashland UMC

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

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

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

## Celebrations and Remembrances

### Birthdays - December 19-25

19	Robert, Chris, Will
20	Sheila
21	Merry
22	Ada, Sue, Margaret
23	Taylor
24	Marguerite
25	Matt

### Memorials

Helen Barham by Her Family

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Chance Zobel by Jim and Nancy Bradley

Eugene Bratton, brother of Margaret Hartis by Bob & Beverly Stallings

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE AS OF 12/15/2010

Proposed 2011 Budget	\$770,666
Pledges Received to Date	603,908
Percent of 2011 Budget	78%

***If you have not turned in your pledge card, please place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mail it to the church office to the attention of Karen Zobel.***

## Wednesday Suppers Return January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm!

Stay for a study of seasons at 6:30 pm  
**"They Happen Every Year" led by Rev Bob Borom**  
Join us January 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> for a look at the primitive calendar, Jewish calendar and Christian calendar years

### THIS SUNDAY December 19<sup>th</sup>

Sunday school at 9:30am

Worship at 10:30 am in the sanctuary

Join us for our annual cantata: *Candles & Carols*, complete with choir and instruments. Invite a friend to join you in worship as we prepare for Christ's birthday.

### *Thank You*

Catherine Gaulin expresses her appreciation to the Ashland congregation for all the prayers for her granddaughter, Sarah, during her recent hospitalization. Sarah is home and recuperating.



## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Connor Michael

Son of Chelsea McClive and Mike Wolfe  
December 12, 2010 at *The Path*



## *'Tis the Season*

### **A Special Thanks...**

to all of you who participated in our Christmas Giving Tree. We made Christmas brighter for lots of children and adults at Epworth Children's Home and Sharing God's Love.

God bless each one of you, and may your Christmas be bright!

### **Coats for Killingsworth**

Killingsworth residents desperately need winter coats/jacket. They need gently worn parkas – knee length. Hoods are great. SIZES 1X thru 4X are needed. Put coats in Searchers classroom.

### **Scented Products**

Due to a lot of our worshipers experiencing severe allergies and sensitivity to such products due to chemotherapy, we ask you to refrain from perfumes, colognes and scented lotions.

### **From The Church Office**

The church office will be closed December 27-31. Messages will be checked on a regular basis.

### **The Upper Room For New Year**

The Upper Room booklets for January-February 2011 are in the communications rack across from the Cornerstone Class. They are available in large and regular print.

### **Chrismons Booklet**

Because of many requests, we have printed copies of the Chrismon booklet. They are on the wooden chest at the back of the sanctuary and on the table at the back of Ashland Hall. This booklet explains the symbols displayed on our Chrismon trees.

### **The Gift of Blood - Dec 22**

Ashland member Amy Jeffcoat is heading up a Red Cross blood drive Wednesday, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 2-7 p.m., at the Irmo Public Library. Please give Amy a call at 479-5512 if you are willing to donate.

### **Save the Date**

**Vacation Bible School – June 20-24, 2011**

*Shake It Up Café*

## **United Methodist Youth**

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

**No Youth Prayer Breakfast until January 12th**

<b>December 19<sup>th</sup></b>	4:30 pm, Youth Choir, Choir Room Attend Children's Christmas Play No Youth Group
<b>December 26<sup>th</sup></b>	No Youth Group
<b>January 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	No Youth Group

### **New Beginnings Class Christmas Project**

New Beginning Class is collecting items for Children's Garden. A wish list has been given to each class and is posted on the bulletin board across from the church offices.

### **Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews**

The Center is on break until Tuesday, January 11, 2011. Please check the bulletin boards for information on the upcoming Winter Session. Classes will include: Canada, the Neighbor Americans Don't Know; Archaeology and the Bible, Development of Europe from 600 AD to 1000 AD; Cookin' with Bob; Frank Lloyd Wright – Architect, Scoundrel?; Revisiting the American Short Story; Tickle Your Brain; Golden Age of Radio; Potpourri. More information is on the bulletin boards.

### **Flower Calendar for 2011**

The flower calendar for 2011 is on the bulletin board across from the church offices. The cost is \$43.00 per vase. Please put your name on the designated Sunday and note if you will be taking the flowers with you following the traditional worship service.

### **Congratulations to College Graduates**

- Sara - Clemson University
- Juliana - USC cum laude
- Caitlin - BS in Nursing from MUSC
- Kristin - Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Brenau University. Her husband, - Master's Degree in Aerospace Engineering from Georgia Tech.

**Living Out Our Faith**  
*December 19, 2010 By*

**OUR PRAYERS**

Caroline Harrelson – recent surgery - home  
Marty McClellan – recent surgery  
Erica Voiles, widow of Art Voiles – recent hospitalization  
Ann Moss Key, sister of Clare Allen  
Tom Spratt, brother of Jean Jackson & Ed Spratt, hospitalized  
In Memoriam: Claretta Chirp Dennis, mother of Jim Dennis (custodial service)  
Sarah Nagoda, granddaughter of Catherine Gaulin, home from hospital

**OUR PRESENCE**

12/12 Worship: 342 *The Path*: 137 Traditional: 205 SS: 197

**OUR GIFTS**

Received Week Ending	12/11/2010	\$ 24,655
Received Year to Date:		768,223
Spent Year to Date:		748,353

**General Fund Contributions**

Received Week Ending	12/11/2010	23,915
Received Year to Date:		653,631

**Special Offerings**

Memorials & Special Offerings: 941

**OUR SERVICE**

**Sunday School Coffee for December:** Friendship

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

**Crucifer:** Brooks **Acolytes:** Kelsey, Zack

**Altar Stewards:** Carol DeNisi, Cheryl Means

**Lay Reader:** Bill Tomes

**Greeters:** David Abernathy, Candy Cantrell, Bob Crutchfield, Gay Winter, Linda Franklin

**Valet Parkers:** John Calore, John Edwards

**Ushers for December:** Kinsey Jenkins, Sally Lowery, David Abernathy, Ed Wilkins, Jerry Sandersfeld, Bud Graczyk

**Nursery:** See posted schedule in nursery.

The wreaths at the entrances to the narthex have been placed in memory of my parents, Clark and Esther Sanford, by Joan Sanford.

**Missionaries We Support**

**Tim and Daina Datwyler**

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**This Week at Ashland**

**Sunday, December 19, 2010 – Luke 17:15-16**

9:30 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 AM	Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
4:30 PM	Youth Choir, Choir Room
5:30 PM	Disciple III, #115
6:30 PM	Children's Christmas Play, Ashland Hall

**Monday, December 20, 2010 – Psalm 139:4**

6:15 PM TOPS, #125

**Tuesday, December 21, 2010 – Romans 5:8**

**Wednesday, December 22, 2010 – 1 Thessalonians 5:17**

6:00 PM AI Anon, #127

**Thursday, December 23, 2010 – Luke 2:11**

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

**Friday, December 24, 2010 – Mark 1:38**

**Church Office Closed**

6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary
7:15 PM	Fellowship Drop-in, Ashland Hall

**Saturday, December 25, 2010 – John 10:10**

**Sunday, December 26, 2010 – Isaiah 58:10**

9:45 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

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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