



# ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

*Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service* **March 9.**

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Office Hours: M-F 9AM  
Mon, Tue, Thu- 3pm  
Wed- 5pm, Fri-Noon

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

### As We Near The End of Lent

Easter of 2008 will be the earliest one in our lifetime (March 23). We hope you are making plans to attend our joint Holy weeks services from Sunday – Wednesday at 7 p.m. We begin Sunday at Salem UMC, Ballentine, followed by worship at Grace UMC on Harbison, Virginia Wingard on Tuesday and Ashland on Wednesday evening. On Maundy Thursday, we will celebrate Holy Communion as well as participate in a Service of Tenebrae (shadows).

Thank you for your diligence in saving loose change and placing it in your Lenten Boxes. Bring them with you to worship on Easter and place on the altar rail at the conclusion of the worship service. Funds will go to UMCOR and Hungrief, which are sponsored by our denomination.

Worship will be at 8:00 a.m. (The Path) and 11 a.m. Easter, with Pancake Breakfast at 9 a.m

### Being there" is the priority of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. (UMCOR).

Wherever catastrophe strikes, UMCOR will be there.

Last October, when California wildfires destroyed thousands of homes and displaced nearly a million people, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (**UMCOR**) *was there*

Since 1990, Nicaraguans have been learning how to acquire clean drinking water and ensure basic sanitation for rural residents who live with unsafe water. **UMCOR is still there.**

As a new semester begins at the Magambe Vocational School in Zimbabwe, students orphaned by HIV/AIDS learn trades that promise a future of steady work. **UMCOR has been there.**

UMCOR works in more than 80 countries, providing hope for millions, suffering from a conflict, or natural catastrophe.

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### The Proposed Driveway

Several of you have asked about the status of the proposed driveway between Ashland Hall and the sanctuary. Your donations will pay for approximately half of the cost of this new addition. While the church will pay the remaining costs, you may still make a contribution to this project.

Architect Michael Haigler submitted upgraded plans last week and the Trustees approved these last Sunday afternoon. Haigler sent the plans out to contractors this week for bids. When the contractor is settled upon, we hope construction will begin soon thereafter.

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### The Jones Family Thanks You

On behalf of my family (brother Mark, mother Ruth, sister Nova); we thank you for so many kind expressions of sympathy during our time of grief over the death of Jason R Jones. Your gift of memorials, letters, hugs, phone calls and e-mails have meant so much to us.

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## Living Out Our Faith

March 9, 2008 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

Billy Laney – Home from the hospital  
Richard Brown – Home from surgery  
Linda O'Neal

In memoriam, Paul Reid, brother of Harold Reid, who died on February 28, 2008. Services were held on March 3, 2008 in Wichita, Kansas.

### OUR PRESENCE

Worship – 351 Sunday School – 226

### OUR GIFTS

|                       |         |           |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------|
| Received Week Ending  | 3/01/08 | \$ 11,143 |
| Received Year to Date |         | 102,075   |
| Spent Year to Date    |         | 136,581   |

### General Fund Contributions

|                       |         |        |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|
| Received Week Ending  | 3/01/08 | 9,732  |
| Received Year to Date |         | 94,681 |

### Special Offerings

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Memorials/Honorarium            | 865    |
| Driveway Project Total to Date: | 25,905 |

### OUR SERVICE

Crucifer: Chad S.

Acolytes: Rebecca J., Deanna C.

Lay Reader: Ed Hammond

Altar Stewards: Amary Sox, Harriet Conway

Ushers for March: Frank Ward, Jimmy Smith, John Calore, Joan Sanford, Linda Wilkins, Bud Graczyk

Narthex Table for March: Jean Jackson & Karen Moore

Greeters – *The Path*: Susan Von Nessen

Greeters: Sunday School and Worship:

Bob & Kim Crutchfield

Sound: Ladd Harrelson

Nursery:

*The Path* – David & Sarah Fellows; Amy Raynor

Infants: Caroline Harrelson

Crawlers: Vicky & Sarah P.; Debbie Sandersfeld

Toddlers: Valerie Barham; Shelly & Madison H.

Preschoolers: Brian & Kathy Cannon

Children's Church: Karen Nates

Sunday School Coffee for March: Good News

**Flowers:** The altar flowers are to the glory of God with love and in honor of our grandson, Carson Williams' 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, by Bob and Nelda Emerson and Larry and Barbara Williams.

The rosebud on the altar is to the glory of God in honor of the birth of Whitaker William Markland on February 26, 2008. He is the grandson of Bob & Mylla Markland. Parents are Kevin & Kelly Markland.

### Hymns & Scriptures for 11:00 am Service

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

*Spirit of Faith, Come Down*

*Stand by Me*

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11: 1-45 (1-3, 17-27, 38-45)

UMH No. 62

UMH No. 332

UMH No. 512

UMH No. 848

### Missionaries We Support

#### Fred & Stacy Vanderwerf

(postal mail) a/c 7998, Lviv – 8, Ukraine 79008

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#### Tim & Daina Datwyler

(postal mail) c/o The Mission Society, P.O. Box 922637, Norcross, GA 30010

(email) [datfam4ecuador@gmail.com](mailto:datfam4ecuador@gmail.com)

#### Adam & Jennifer Dalenburg

[www.themissionsociety.org/missionaries/dalenburg](http://www.themissionsociety.org/missionaries/dalenburg)

## Family Ministries

### Wednesday Night Supper

Chili & Hot Dogs

Cost is \$5 (18 years old & up) \$3 (10-17 years old)

Free for children (9 years old & under)

**Red reservation slips are on the information table in Ashland Hall for *The Path*. Red slips are in the pew pockets in the sanctuary for the 11:00 am service.**

### Birthdays (March 9-15)

|    |                                   |
|----|-----------------------------------|
| 9  | Jake M., William C.               |
| 10 | Mason Cannon, Matt M., Michael W. |
| 11 | Ruth W.                           |
| 12 | Jeff B., Shelby B.                |
| 13 | Chad R.                           |

### Memorials

Duck Huey by Gene & Clare Allen, Hugh & Ruth Westbury, Bud & Ruth Graczyk

Rose Hammond by Tom & Beth Wilkinson, Hugh & Ruth Westbury, Carolyn Traylor, Bud & Ruth Graczyk, Charlie & Debbie Matthews, Brell & Jane Foster, Frank & Harriet Ward, Kinsey & Doreen Jenkins

Margaret Credille by Peggy Smith, Hugh & Ruth Westbury, Frank & Harriet Ward

Hazel Davis, Patsy Nates mother, by Peggy Smith, Trish Lockaby, Kinsey & Doreen Jenkins, Bill & Kaye Bradley, the Searchers Sunday School Class

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Hazel Davis by Dale & Ruthanne Robbins, Mac & Jean Smurthwaite, Joan Sanford, Trish Lockaby

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Rose Hammond by Trish Lockaby

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Duck Huey by Trish Lockaby

Jason Jones by Charlie & Debbie Matthews, John & Sandra Calore, Frank & Harriet Ward, Kinsey & Doreen Jenkins

Mollie Miller by Tom & Beth Wilkinson

Paul Reid, Harold Reid's brother, by Tom & Beth Wilkins, Bill & Kaye Bradley

Lawrence Pitts by Frank & Harriet Ward

Kinsey Jenkins, Sr. by Frank & Harriet Ward

Laura Inabinet by Kinsey & Doreen Jenkins

Billy Roberts, Jr. by Kinsey & Doreen Jenkins

### Thank You

Jim & Patsy Nates express their appreciation to the congregation for all the calls, cards, prayers, food and support during the recent death of Patsy's mother.

### Thank You

I am so blessed to be a part of such a caring church family. Your prayers, cards, calls, food and hugs have meant so much to me during the illness and death of my sister. I will always remember your many kindnesses. Love, Cynthia Busbee

### Blessing of the Children

On Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup> our annual procession with the children will take place. All children infants thru elementary school are invited to join us. Please meet us in Ashland Hall at 10:50am to receive your palm branch and walk with us to the sanctuary at the start of the 11am service. After we have processed our children will be blessed by one of the ministers. Parents are invited to join the children in the processional.

### Upcoming Events at Ashland

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| March 19 <sup>th</sup> : | Community Holy Week Service - 7 pm       |
| March 20 <sup>th</sup> : | Maundy Thursday, Tenebrae Service - 7 pm |
| March 22 <sup>nd</sup> : | Easter Egg Hunt, 10:30 am - Noon         |
| March 23 <sup>rd</sup> : | The Path Service - 8 am                  |
|                          | Breakfast - 9 am                         |
|                          | Traditional Service - 11 am              |

## MISSIONS/ Miscellaneous

### Mission Work Day Items Needed

The UMW needs towels, washcloths, bathrobes (anything with a terry cloth fabric) to be donated for our Mission Project this year. They can be **used** or **new**. Please leave them in the box at the information table in the hallway. Thank YOU!

### Getting Ready for Salkehatchie Columbia Camp

Ashland is collecting tank tokens for the Salkehatchie Columbia Camp. Turn in your tank tokens by Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> to the church office. We will handle redeeming the tokens for the gift cards with Bi-Lo.

### Altar Flower Procedure Effective April 1, 2008

Due to rising costs, Chapin Flower and Gift Shop has increased the cost of the altar flowers. This is the first increase in ten years.

2 Arrangements - \$75.00 if both ordered by the same individual

1 Arrangement - \$45.00 each – if only 1 is ordered for that Sunday

1 Arrangement - \$37.50 each – if 2 are ordered but by different individuals

1 Rosebud Vase - \$10.00

Ashland UMC will invoice for altar flowers. Please note on your check that it is for altar flowers.

The altar flower arrangements are sometimes donated to be given to members of Ashland who are ill or unable to attend services. If any individuals or groups in the church would be willing to help with delivery of these flowers on an occasional basis, please call Maria at the church office (798-5350, ext. 10) or Mary Nell Wilson (345-3564). Thank you!

### Stephen Ministers— What They Are and Are Not

Stephen Ministers give Christian care through a structured, **confidential** relationship. They meet privately with **one** care receiver of the same gender. They are trained and supervised lay volunteers who care in the name of Christ by ministering to those who are experiencing grief, hospitalization, divorce, terminal illness, job loss, loneliness, aging, or other life difficulties. They are caring Christian friends who listen, support, encourage, understand, and pray for and with care receivers who are working through a crisis or a tough time.

Stephen Ministers are more than casual friends or visitors, but they are **not** professional counselors, therapists, pastors, or physicians. Their role is to listen and care—not to give advice or counsel. Nor are Stephen Ministers “evangelists” who teach and preach the gospel.

For more information, contact Clare Allen (781-5804) or Margaret Smith (781-6944).

## U.M.Y.F.

Bible Study, Room 111 ~ Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm

### March – “The Ultimate Gift” Series

9<sup>th</sup> - 4:30pm - Ashland Lights

5:30pm – UMYF “Gift #1 & #2” – Work and Money

16<sup>th</sup> - 4:30pm – Ashland Lights

5:15pm – UMYF- “Gift #3 & #4” - Family and Friends

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10:30am – Easter Egg Hunt

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> – Happy Easter - No UMYF

30<sup>th</sup> - 4:30pm – Ashland Lights

5:30pm – UMYF – “4 & 5” –Problems and Learning

### April –

6<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm – Ashland Lights

5:30pm – UMYF Gift #5 & #6 – Laughter and Dream

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> - HOMEWORKS

### BOOK CLUB

Hope that you have been enjoying the reading. Check out our upcoming selections and complete list online at [www.ashlandumc.com](http://www.ashlandumc.com). Next month is “Nineteen Minutes” by Jodi Picoult an intense novel, dealing with a school shooting. Join the group on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm for the discussion.

## United Methodist Women



### CALLING ALL WOMEN!!!

Ashland's UMW annual Mission Work Day and Prayer & Self Denial Service will be Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, in the fellowship hall. It will be a fun morning of sharing & sewing feminine products for the women at Africa University and sleeping dolls for the children from the Fairfield Orphanage, both in Zimbabwe. We need: sewing machines & sergers; as well as, Lots of Ladies With Willing Hands (sewing ability NOT necessary)! Start making your plans now to attend!!! Remember to bring terry cloth items to church for our Mission Work Day in April.

The Legislative Event of the SC Conference UMW was a great success last Monday in Ashland Hall. Over 200 participants, speakers and legislators attended. A great big word of appreciation for our local UMW Planning team of Margaret Amick, Barbara Borom, Kaye Bradley and Doreen Jenkins assisted by Judy Graham. What a great team for a statewide event advocating the needs of children in our state!!!

The Body in Prayer group will meet Wednesday, March 12 at 5:00 in the Searcher's SS classroom. We will use body movement to express The Lord's Prayer. All are welcome to attend.

### Events:

**Harmon Circle** will meet at the home of June Suddeth, Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

**Faith Circle** will meet on Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30pm in the Faith Walkers Sunday School room. We will have an Easter devotion and program and make cards to go with our Easter baskets for the children at Hannah House. Please call Dalene Gibson for information about the baskets at 749-3933. We'd love for you to join us!

**Noontime Seekers** circle meeting will be at the home of Clare Allen on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 12:30 pm. Peggy Smith has the program. Visitors are invited to join us for our meeting and one of Clare's yummy desserts.

## EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM

Each lily will cost \$11.50. Payment must accompany order. Please make check payable to Ashland UMC and note "Easter Lilies" on the check. Plants may be picked up after the 11 a.m. service on Easter Sunday. Deadline for orders is **this Sunday**. Please print. Thank you.

\_\_\_\_\_ No. of Lilies

\_\_\_\_\_ In Memory

\_\_\_\_\_ In Honor



## United Methodist Men Men on a Mission

The men of Ashland are going to conduct a UMM Bowl-A-Thon to support Scouting. Six men will bowl three games each on March 29th and are seeking pledges on a per pin basis. For example, if you pledge 10 cents per pin and the bowler manages to knock over 100 pins, the pledge would be equal to \$10. Please make pledges to the following bowlers: John Calore, Ed Hammond, David Jones, Doug Mastin, Jim Newcomb, & Tom Wilkinson.

If you need help with a minor job around the house, please call the church office.

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### EDUCATION

**Fifth Sunday Breakfast March 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am, in Ashland Hall. Please bring a covered dish breakfast item to share. Worship is at 10:30am**

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**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Saturday March 22, 2008  
10:30am – 12pm  
Please bring cookies to share.  
Enjoy the crafts to take home and  
the **BIG HUNT**

All children 3 years old thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, March 9, 2008 – Matthew 22:15-22

|          |                                |
|----------|--------------------------------|
| 8:45 AM  | <i>The Path</i> , Ashland Hall |
| 9:45 AM  | Sunday School for All Ages     |
| 11:00 AM | Traditional Service, Sanctuary |
| 4:30 PM  | Ashland Lights                 |
| 5:30 PM  | UMYF                           |
| 5:30 PM  | Disciple I, #115               |

### Monday, March 10, 2008 – Matthew 22:23-33

|               |                           |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| 11:00 AM-Noon | Staff Meeting             |
| 6:30 PM       | Disciple IV, #115         |
| 6:00 PM       | Safe Sanctuary Team, #138 |
| 7:30 PM       | Girl Scouts, #108         |

### Tuesday, March 11, 2008 – Matthew 22:34-40

|         |                                  |
|---------|----------------------------------|
| 9:00 AM | Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews |
| 6:30 PM | Stephen Ministry Class, #119     |
| 6:30 PM | Stephen Ministry, Prayer Room    |
| 6:30 PM | Faith Circle, #111               |

### Wednesday, March 12, 2008 – Matthew 23:23-28

|         |                            |
|---------|----------------------------|
| 6:00 PM | Body & Prayer Group, #125  |
| 6:00 PM | Wednesday Night Supper     |
| 6:00 PM | Al Anon, #127              |
| 6:30 PM | Ties that Bind, #119       |
| 6:30 PM | Lenten Study, Ashland Hall |
| 6:30 PM | Children's Choirs          |
| 7:30 PM | Sign Language, #129        |
|         | Worship Choir, Choir Room  |

### Thursday, March 13, 2008 – Matthew 23:37-39

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| 10:30 AM | Ladies Prayer Group, #119                 |
| 7:00 PM  | Chess Club, #125                          |
| 7:30 PM  | Arpad Darzas Singers Practice, Choir Room |

### Friday, March 14, 2008 – Matthew 24:3-13

### Saturday, March 15, 2008 – Matthew 24:36-51

### Sunday, March 16, 2008 – Matthew 25:1-13

|          |                                  |
|----------|----------------------------------|
| 8:45 AM  | <i>The Path</i> , Ashland Hall   |
| 9:45 AM  | Sunday School for All Ages       |
| 11:00 AM | Traditional Service, Sanctuary   |
| 4:00 PM  | Book Club, #111                  |
| 4:30 PM  | Ashland Lights                   |
| 5:00 PM  | Maundy Thursday Reader Rehearsal |
| 5:30 PM  | UMYF                             |
| 5:30 PM  | Disciple I, #115                 |

Devotions are from "*The Sanctuary for Lent 2008*"

The complete church calendar can be found on the church's website

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