



ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service **April 6.**

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Mon, Tue, Thu- 3pm
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Worship services: *The Path*: 8:45AM Traditional: 11:00AM Sunday School: 9:45AM

GOD NEVER RUNS OUT OF EASERS

Last Sunday afternoon in the heart of Horry County, the extended family of Bessie and Jacob R. Jones participated in the service of death and resurrection of Nancy Lynn, the youngest child of eleven. Living in Denver for many years, Nancy had requested her ashes be brought back home to the place of her birth. The event was truly a family affair. Everyone from aunts, uncles and cousins assisted. From arranging transportation for Nancy's children and grandchildren, organizing and leading the service to burying her ashes, it was an image of resurrection of life in the midst of death.

In 1998, two brothers ran the Cooper River Bridge 10K Race, the largest of its kind in the world with over 30,000 participants. They ran it in honor of their dad, who was dying in the local hospital. Borrowing a couple of hospital gowns from their father's ICU nurse for the race, they were cheered at their odd sight along the race path. "How'd you guys escape? The brothers laughed and said: "Our dad's in the hospital. This one's for him."

In the face of more death than these two brothers knew how to handle, they ran for life. They ran for their father's good life, and for a greater life, God's life in us. Resurrection life.

It is in the midst of failure, weakness, sickness and death that we are given the power to practice resurrection.

Might we remember these words from poet, farmer and prophet Wendell Berry:

So, friends, every day do something that won't compute.
Love the Lord. Love the world.
Work for nothing.
Take all that you have and be poor.
Love someone who does not deserve it . . .
Ask the questions that have no answers.
Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias. . . .
Expect the end of the world. Laugh.
Laughter is immeasurable.
Be joyful though you have considered all the facts.
Go with your love to the fields. . . .
As soon as the generals and politicians can predict the motions of your mind, lose it . . .
Practice resurrection.

Wendell Berry, *Collected Poems* (San Francisco: Northpoint Press, 1985), pp. 151-2.

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Living Out Our Faith

April 6, 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

Linda O'Neal
David Gramling – Deployed
Kristi Grant – Surgery on April 3rd at Carolina's Medical Center
In Memoriam: Peggy Jean Davis, sister of Dianne Berryman in Tennessee. Funeral was held on April 4th in Manchester, Tenn.

UMC General Conference, April 23-May 2, 2008 in Ft. Worth, Texas

OUR PRESENCE

Fellowship Breakfast - 120 Worship: Combined Service - 271

OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending	3/29/08	\$ 13,674
Received Year to Date		162,907
Spent Year to Date		225,343

General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending	3/29/08	11,400
Received Year to Date		147,359

Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings	675
Driveway Project Total to Date:	25,915

OUR SERVICE

Crucifer: Joe S.
Acolytes: Clary H. & Kelsey B.
Altar Stewards: Margaret Combs, Beverly Stallings, Melissa Jones
Ushers for April: Joe Suddeth, Kim Crutchfield, Bob Crutchfield, Tom Wilkinson, Bob Taylor, Bud Graczyk
Narthex Table for April: Judy Mitchell

Greeters

The Path: Ruth Graczyk
Greeters: Sunday School and Worship:
Brookie Gomez & Buddy Roberts; Kinsey & Doreen Jenkins
Sound: Ladd Harrelson

Nursery:

The Path: Karen McClive, Kristen McClive
Infants: Nelda Emerson & Patti Montreuil
Crawlers: Karen & Kristen M.
Toddlers: Dalene Gibson & Susan Dickinson
Preschoolers: Jeff & Denise Williams

Sunday School Coffee for April: New Beginnings

Altar Flowers: One vase of flowers is to the glory of God in honor of my parents, Melvin & Rosell a Crane, 60th wedding anniversary and in loving remembrance of Tom E. Gasque, Senior by Carol, Thomas & James Gasque. One vase of flowers is to the glory of God and in celebration of our 60th wedding anniversary by Elwyn and Beckie Gary.

Hymns & Scripture for 11:00 am Service

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"	UMH No. 133
"Abide With Me" (stanza 1)	UMH No. 700
"Open My Eyes, That I May See" (stanza 1)	UMH No. 454
"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"	UMH No. 671

Luke 24:13-35

Missionaries We Support

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Adam & Jennifer Dalenburg

www.themissionsociety.org/missionaries/dalenburg

Family Ministries

Wednesday Night Supper – April 9th

Meatloaf, squash casserole, fruit salad and dessert
Cost is \$5 (18 years old & up); \$3 (10-17 years old)
Free for children (9 years old and under)

Please sign up Sunday using the red slip on the information table in Ashland Hall or the pew pocket in the sanctuary.

Earth Day Family Cookout

Sunday, April 20th at 12:15 pm

Birthdays (April 6-12)

6	Jackson B., Wiggie J., Olivia W.
7	Trey C., Jeff N., Jeff S.
8	Gordon B., Kalie C., Karen M.
9	Bill B., Sally L., Bucky S.
10	Kristen H.
11	Debbie B., Britt F.
12	Barbara H.

Honorarium:

Harold Reid by Larry & Margie Hodgkin

Memorials:

Paul Reid by Fellowship Bible Class, Helen Hilton

Paul Reid & Rose Hammond by Bob & Mylla Markland

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund in memory of Evelyn D. Chacko.

JoAnne Day's mother, by Mac & Jean Smurthwaite

Thank You

A very special "Thank You" to Peggy Smith (Mrs. Robert) for her donation of 24 Biblical dolls and their case to Ashland. These beautiful dolls are displayed in the Library and available for use by teachers and others who wish to use them for church programs or enjoy seeing them.

Sharing God's Love Annual Yard Sale

Sharing God's Love will have it's bi-annual yard sale Sat. April 26, 8 AM-12 NOON. Sale will be in the parking lot at 147 Friarsgate Blvd. in Irmo. Proceeds will benefit Sharing God's Love to enable us to give assistance to those in need.

SC United Methodist Advocate

The SC United Methodist Advocate is a publication that connects our denomination in South Carolina. There are extra copies of this month's publication in the classrooms. Please feel free to take one. Subscription rates are included in the publication.

Welcome New Members

We welcome Gordon and Diane Farley as new members at Ashland. Gordon comes to us by way of transfer of membership from Cannon's Camp Ground UMC in Spartanburg. He teaches at Dutch Fork Elementary School. Diane transfers to us from Tyger River Presbyterian Church in Moore. She works for a CPA firm, Elliott Davis.

Missions

Mission Wednesdays in April

What do they do? Who do they serve? **Can we help?** Join us for Wednesday Supper at 6 pm. Speakers from local mission agencies at 6:30 pm. Agency Speakers will be from:

Killingsworth – April 9th
Epworth Children's Home - April 16th
Oliver Gospel Mission - April 23rd
Hannah House – April 30th

Money for missions

Our children and youth are collecting loose change for Hannah House, Epworth Children's Home, Oliver Gospel Mission & Killingsworth. If you want to help, pick up an M&M container near library and coffee.



Homeworks Project Next Saturday

All youth and adults who plan to participate in roofing a house next weekend meet in parking lot at 6 am next Saturday. Bring your hammer and gloves.

EDUCATION

Confirmation Class

We will be attending worship at Epworth Children's Home April 6th, mentors are welcome to join us. Joel will meet with Confirmands Sunday, April 13th at 9:45am in the Sanctuary. Remember to mark your calendars: **April 27th is Confirmation Sunday!**

Library

Visit your Ashland Library. Six new books on a variety of subjects have been added. These new books also qualify for the 2008 UMW reading program. Some of them are:

- "End of the Spear" by Steve Saint
- "Who's Raising your Child? By Laura Buddenberg (A look at Marketers)
- "I Choose to Stay" by Salome Thomas-El

U M Y F

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

April

- 6th 4:30pm – Ashland Lights
5:30pm – WELCOME Hunter!! Our new youth director!
- Sat 12th – HOMEWORKS- Sign-up on Bulletin Board near kitchen.
- 13th 5:15pm- Youth Explosion – Trenholm Rd UMC – Last one of the year! Bring school supplies for entrance fee.
- 20th 4:30pm – Ashland Lights
5:30pm – UMYF Gift #9 & #10 – Giving & Gratitude
- 27th 4:30pm – Ashland Lights
5:30pm - UMYF Gift #7 & #8 – Laughter and Dream

The Congregation is cordially invited to attend a drop-in honoring Elwyn and Beckie Gary on the celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, April 13 2008 at 12:15 p.m. in Ashland Hall

AN INVITATION TO COMMISSIONING

On April 13, 2008, during the 11:00 worship service, our congregation will commission Ashland's second training class of Stephen Ministers. Throughout history, when God has called people to special ministry, members of their community have commissioned them for the important work they are taking on. You are now invited to help carry on that Biblical tradition by attending the short commissioning service for those who have responded to God's call to be Stephen Ministers. This commissioning service will be one way for all Ashland members to show support for Stephen Ministry. The following will have completed the 50 hours of training required for Stephen Ministers and will be commissioned during the worship service next week: **Bob Crutchfield, Carolyn McCrea, Wanda Millians, and Carolyn Traylor**. Please show support for this ministry and for these Ashland members by being present at the commissioning service. Let us thank God for all that they bring to this congregation in providing care to others, and let us promise them our daily prayers and support as we send them out to minister among us.

United Methodist Women



Plan to attend the SC UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat, May 2-3 or 3-4, at Lake Junaluska, NC. Registration forms are in the church office. Dr. Vivian Fowler is the speaker and her topic is "Biblical Sisters".

Events: Noontime Seekers Circle will meet April 8th, 12:30 pm at the home of Kaye Easterling. Clare Allen has the program. Visitors are welcome.

The Body at Prayer Group will meet at 5:30 pm. (please note the change from 5:00) Wednesday, April 23 in Room #125 (Searcher's SS Class). Please come and join us as we learn to use our breath and movement in our prayer. Our study book is by Rev. Flora Wuellner.

WE NEED ALL ASHLAND LADIES FOR

UMW Mission Work Day/Prayer & Self Denial Service Saturday, April 12th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Ashland Hall

It will be a day of sewing and sharing as we make necessary items for the women of Zimbabwe, Africa, and sleep dolls for their children. No sewing skill necessary! We do need sewing machines, sergers, and ladies willing to help. Please bring scissors. Please fill out the form below & put it in the offering plate, or send it to the church office.

Mission Work Day and Prayer & Self Denial Service Saturday, April 12th – Ashland Hall

Name: _____
____ Will Attend OR ____ Will Not Attend ____ I Can Sew
OR ____ I Cannot Sew Can Provide: ____ Sewing Machine ____ Serger



United Methodist Men Men on a Mission

Back by popular demand, the UMM Annual Chicken BBQ. Saturday, April 19th in Ashland Hall from 3:00 - 7:00 pm. Cost: \$7.00 per plate; \$6.00 for a whole chicken. See one of the UMM for tickets.

UMM will meet Monday, April 7th at 6:30 pm in Ashland Hall. Our speaker for this meeting is Ann Bethea, Director of Volunteer Services at Lexington Medical. If you have not been to a Methodist Men's Meeting, please consider joining us.

A special thank you from Ashland Methodist Men to all church members who made pledges to the Bowl-A-Thon held March 29. The event was conducted to raise money for Scouting. Any persons who pledged but have not paid please make your check payable to ASHLAND METHODIST MEN and mail to Tom Wilkinson (treasurer), 642 Harborview Point, Chapin 29036, by April 6. As soon as all money has been received, a report will be presented on the total of money raised. Thanks again.

*Mark your calendar to attend the "No Man Left Behind Conference", May 15-17, 2008 at Salem UMC. Information is on the bulletin board across from the church office.

Music Ministries

Special Music Sunday

May 4th

"*Dona Nobis Pacem*"

**Combined worship service at 11:00 am
Music program presented by the choir**

Appreciation Dinner for Children & Youth Choirs

May 14th @ 6 pm, Ashland Hall

Cost: \$4.00 per person - maximum \$16 per family
(Please make checks payable to Tim Scott.)

Please tear out this form and put in the offering plate for reservations. The deadline for reservations is May 12, 2008.

Name _____

Number in Family _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 6, 2008 – 1 Corinthians 3:5-7

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary
3:00 PM Evangelism, #138
4:30 PM Ashland Lights
5:30 PM UMYF
5:30 PM Disciple I, #115

Monday, April 7, 2008 – Deuteronomy 4:27-40

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
6:30 PM UMM, Ashland Hall
6:30 PM Disciple IV, #115
7:30 PM Girl Scouts, #108

Tuesday, April 8, 2008 – Psalm 31:1-5

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 Communications Meeting, #138

Wednesday, April 9, 2008 – Matthew 25:31-46

9:00 AM DOADAS, Ashland Hall
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper
6:00 PM AI Anon, #127
6:30 PM Ties that Bind, #119
6:30 PM Children's Choirs
7:30 PM Sign Language, #129
Worship Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, April 10, 2008 – Jeremiah 30:1-22

9:00 AM DOADAS, Ashland Hall
10:30 AM Ladies Prayer Group, #119
7:00 PM Chess Club, #125
7:30 PM Arpad Darzas Singers Practice, Choir Room

Friday, April 11, 2008 – Matthew 28:16-20

Saturday, April 12, 2008 – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

9:00 AM UMW Mission Work Day, Ashland Hall
3:00 PM Family Gathering, Ashland Hall

Sunday, April 13, 2008 – Colossians 3:12-25

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary
12:15 PM Gary Anniversary Reception
4:30 PM Ashland Lights
5:30 PM UMYF

Devotions are from "*The Upper Room*".

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