



ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service **April 13.**

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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

Stephen Ministers Commissioned This Sunday

It has been a busy month of serving here at Ashland. Several of our Ashland Clemson students along with Pam Spurrier worked in the Bahamas on a mission project recently.

This weekend many of our youth and adults are roofing a home with the assistance of Homeworks, Inc., while our UMW are spending Saturday sewing and putting together sleep dolls and women's items for children and women of Zimbabwe.

Every Tuesday evening for the past months, Stephen Leaders Clare Allen and Margaret Smith were training four Ashland lay people. And this Sunday these folks are being commissioned as Stephen Ministers, the culmination of 50 hours of extensive training and preparation for caring ministry.



Our Stephen Ministers have studied and practiced skills in such areas as dealing with feelings, crisis intervention, asserting oneself with gentleness and firmness, and numerous other topics to prepare them to help people.

In the next few weeks, these Stephen Ministers will be assigned to minister in our congregation and community, working with people who are experiencing such life crises as hospitalization, retirement, financial setback, the loss of a loved one, or any of a number of other difficulties people face in daily living.

The Stephen Ministers commissioned this Sunday are: **Bob Crutchfield, Carolyn McCrea, Carolyn Traylor and Wanda Millians**. They join Ashland's Stephen Ministry Team, which was commissioned in 2006. It is made up of **Clare Allen and Margaret Smith**, Stephen Leaders; **Judy Graham, Kinsey Jenkins, Nina Newcomb, Sherry Ruschkofski, Jimmy Smith, Mary Nell Wilson**, active Stephen Ministers; **Cynthia Busbee, John Calore, Sandra Calore, Jim Wilson**, Stephen Ministers on leave after their initial two years of service; and **Ruth Westbury**, retired Stephen Minister. We thank God for their gifts of caring and listening. Their ministries will increase the overall ministry of Christ at Ashland. Please keep these people in your prayers as they carry the love of Christ to their care receivers. **If you or someone you know would benefit from having a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor Joel, Pastor Jim, Clare Allen, or Margaret Smith.**

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Missions



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.

Trip to Red Bird Mission

Ashland is sponsoring a mission trip to the Red Bird Mission on September 14-20, 2008.

An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, April 27th in Rm 138 after the 11:00 service. Deadline for sign-up is June 1, 2008.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like more info, contact Debra Keough at 730-4869, or visit www.rbmission.org. (Work camp).

Red Bird Mission is a non-profit agency located in the Appalachian mountains of South eastern Kentucky, providing educational, health, and community outreach ministries to area low-income residents.

We will be working to improve the housing for those in this low-income area.

Any skills are welcome, especially those with general construction skills.

There will also be opportunities for drivers, community store workers, cooks, etc.

Book Club

The Ashland Book Club will meet April 20th at 4:00 pm, Rm 111. Discussion will be on Diane Setterfield's debut novel, The Thirteenth Tale. Join us as we talk about this closely plotted, clever foray into a world of secrets, confused identities, lies, and half-truths.

Check www.ashlandumc.com for our upcoming books.

U M Y F

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

April

Sat 12th – 6:15am- 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 #7 & #8 – Giving & Gratitude

27th 4:30pm – Ashland Lights

5:30pm - UMYF Gift #9 & #10 – Laughter and Dream

May

4th – 5:30pm – UMYF Gift #11 & #12 – Love & A Day

11th – 5:30pm – Mother's Day – Mom's invited for some fun!!!!

Drop In This Sunday

We will honor Elwyn and Beckie Gary on the celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary Sunday at 12:15 p.m. in Ashland Hall

Ashland Building Update

Prayer Room

The refurbishing of the Ashland Prayer Room has recently been completed. The Congregational Care Committee expresses sincere appreciation to Margaret Smith, Cynthia Busbee, and Sandra Calore for their efforts in coordinating the redecoration of the room. Please stop by to see the results of their dedicated efforts!

The Prayer Room provides a worshipful and serene setting for individuals or groups to meet for various purposes. The room may be used for prayer, meditation, counseling, family gatherings before or after services, small group meetings, etc.

We respectfully request that no furnishings be moved from the room, and no food or drinks be taken into this room.

We hope that the Ashland Prayer Room will be a "sanctuary" that provides a peaceful setting within Ashland Church for individuals and small groups.

Driveway Project

CBG & Inc. will start on the driveway project between Ashland Hall and the Sanctuary by the end of April



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. Vivia Fowler is the speaker and her topic is "Biblical Sisters".

Events: **Susannah Wesley Circle** will on April 21st at the home of Mylla Markland. We will be collecting items for Sharing God's Love.

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.



United Methodist Men

Men on a Mission

Get your tickets to 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

*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.

VIP's

Please join a group of folks, 50+, on Saturday, April 19th at 1:30 pm and carpool to Dutch Square AMC theatre to see "Leatherheads". We will return to Ashland in time for the UMM BBQ. Everyone is welcome!

Music Ministries

Invite your family and friends to the Árpád Darázs Singers Spring Concert, Thursday, May 8th at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. A fellowship time will follow in Ashland Hall. Our organist, Robert Neese, is a member of this group. The concert is free.

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 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

Monday, April 14, 2008 – Psalm 1:1-3

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
 6:30 PM Disciple IV, #115
 6:30 PM Long Range Planning Committee, #138
 7:30 PM Girl Scouts, #108

Tuesday, April 15, 2008 – 2 Corinthians 4:8-18

9:00 AM Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews
 9:30 AM Conference Youth Groups
 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Class, #119
 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry, Prayer Room

Wednesday, April 16, 2008 – Ephesians 4:25-5:2

9:00 AM DOADAS, Ashland Hall & Classrooms
 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper
 6:00 PM Al 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 17, 2008 – 1 Corinthians 10:23-24, 31-33

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

Friday, April 18, 2008 – Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday, April 19, 2008 – Psalm 91
 3:00 – 7:00 PM UMM BBQ, Ashland Hall

Sunday, April 20, 2008 – Isaiah 43:1-7

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall
 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
 11:00 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary
 12:15 PM Earth Day Family Cookout
 4:00 PM Book Club, #111
 4:30 PM Ashland Lights
 5:30 PM UMYF

Devotions are from "The Upper Room".

The complete calendar can be found on the website at www.ashlandumc.com

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