



ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service April 20.

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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

Welcome To Our New Youth Director, Hunter Price!

Hunter was born in Charleston, SC in 1985 and grew up in Summerville, South Carolina with his mother (Deborah), his brother (Will), and eventually his step-father (Jack Rose).

He finished high school at Summerville High School in 2004. During his high school career, Hunter experienced the love of Christ for the first time at the Summerville Church of Christ and soon after became a follower of Christ himself.

Having received such a life changing impact from his youth ministry experience in high school, Hunter decided to enter into youth ministry. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia International University after three and a half years, majoring in Bible and Youth Ministry with a minor in Outdoor Educational Leadership. While at CIU, he also volunteered at both Mt. Horeb UMC and Trinity UMC, Blythewood, and completed two internships: one at First Presbyterian Church in Ocean Springs, Mississippi and another with the Crecer Foundation in Boma, Dominican Republic.

After months of searching for the right place to begin his youth ministry career, Hunter finally found a church home here at Ashland UMC, where he hopes to lead students closer to Christ, so that they may live lives devoted to loving God, loving others, and loving themselves.

Hunter is very excited to be able to be a part of this congregation. If you meet him and don't know what to talk about just remember that Hunter loves comic books, the Boston Red Sox, the films of Wes Anderson, and being invited over for dinner.

General Conference Begins This Week: *A Future With Hope*

Nearly 1000 delegates will converge on the Fort Worth Texas Convention Center for the 2008 UM General Conference, the denomination's top lawmaking body from April 23 - May 2. General Conference is the top policy-making body of the international United Methodist Church, and is the only body that officially speaks for the 11.5-million member denomination, and it meets every four years in the month of April or May.

For the past few months, lay and clergy delegates have been studying some 1,564 pieces of proposed legislation they will consider during the 10-day legislative marathon, which is held once every four years.

General Conference delegates are elected from among the members of the church's annual (regional) conferences

Much of the proposed legislation involves the UM Book of Discipline, the church's book of law and also the Book of Resolutions, which outlines the church's positions on social-justice issues.

Other petitions deal with: Health Care, Abortion, Homosexuality, a proposed new hymnal for 2012; a denominational budget of nearly \$642 million for 2009-12, up 4.8%.

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Missions



Money for Missions

Our children and youth are collecting loose change for Killingsworth, Epworth Children's Home, Oliver Gospel Mission (Apr 23rd) and Hannah House (Apr 30th) Hear our speakers at 6pm on the Wednesdays listed above.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CONTAINERS APRIL 27TH.

Trip to Red Bird Mission

An informational meeting on this trip will be held on Sunday, April 27th in Rm 138 after the 11:00 service. Deadline for sign-up is June 1, 2008. Contact Debra Keough at 730-4869 for more information.

Ashland Driveway Update

The driveway project began last Monday and will take approximately a month to complete.

Book Club

The Ashland Book Club will meet this Sunday at 4:00 pm, #111. Discussion will be on Diane Setterfield's debut novel, The Thirteenth Tale. Join us for a discussion of this book.

U M Y F

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

April

20th 4:30pm – Ashland Lights

5:30pm – UMYF – Hunter's Testimony

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

Jeannie McCrea Scholarship 2008

Jeannie McCrea Scholarship applications for Ashland high school seniors are available from Donna & Bud Gore, 781-3827, Suzy Speas or Hunter Price at the church office. The deadline for submission of applications is Sunday, May 11th. Applications should be mailed or delivered by that date to the Gore's, (chairs, scholarship committee) at 1802 Cedarbrook Dr., Columbia, 29212. Phone contact: 781-3827 (home) or 429-1119 (cell). Presentation of the scholarship award will be on Sunday, May 18th.

Atlanta Braves Baseball Game Trip

Saturday, May 24th – Depart at 10:00 am Return at 11:00 pm

Cost \$40.00 each plus money for 2 meals

Sign up at Welcome Center at Virginia Wingard UMC



United Methodist Women

Thanks to PEGGY SMITH for orga nizing the event, JUNE SUDDETH and JUDIE TRAVIS for coordinating our Mission W ork Day and for Trish Lockaby who gave the World Prayer and Self Denial Program and offering last Saturday. The morning resulted in close to 100 feminine products and 2 dozen dolls for the women and children in Zimbabwe. Thanks to all who came and made this event such a productive, memorable time.

May 3rd is the annual Belk Charity Sale and our UMW is selling \$5 coupons to raise money for our mission giving projects this year. Coupons will be on sale the next two Sundays, April 20 & 27 in the Sunday Sc hool areas. The money stays in our unit an d the coupon is redeemable for a \$5 reduction on any purchase made from 6 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 3rd in any Belk store in the state.

Events: **Susannah Wesley Circle** will meet 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.

Friendship Circle will meet on Thursday, April 24th, 7:30 p.m., Val Songer's home. Our program is a presentation by Jane Foster and Val Songer on the "Journeys of Paul" trip they took to Greece and Turkey. Linda Motley will provide refreshments. April's mission project is to collect items for soldier care boxes. Suggested items: gum, mints, candy such as peanut M&Ms, Pringles, magazines, nuts, dried fruit, coffee, cookies, etc.

Mother's Day Recognition

On behalf of the UMW, Faith Circle invites you to recognize your mother or other special lady in a Mother's Day bulletin insert. Please complete the information below and make a donation In Honor of or In Memory of your loved one (**please print**). All donations will be used to further the positive work being done on behalf of the Bethlehem Center. Please attach your check payable to Ashland UMW, and place it in the offering plate by Sunday, May 4th. Thank you for your continued support! Faith Circle

Name _____ Phone Number _____

In honor of _____ In memory of _____



United Methodist Men

Men on a Mission

Thanks to all who helped with the annual BBQ dinner on Saturday.

*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.

All Ashland Women and teens are invited to Faith Circle's 10th Anniversary Celebration Saturday, April 26th 10-11:30 am, Ashland Hall Contact Dalene Gibson, dgibson@lex5.k12.sc.us or 749-3933 with questions or need childcare.

Music Ministries

Árpád Darázs Singers Spring Concert at Ashland

Invite your family and friends to this concert Thursday, May 8th at 7:30 pm. A fellowship time will follow in Ashland Hall. Our organist, Robert Neese, is the director 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 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

Monday, April 21, 2008 – Joshua 1:1-9

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

Tuesday, April 22, 2008 – Luke 8:4-15

9:00 AM Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews
6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Dinner, Ashland Hall

Wednesday, April 23, 2008 – Ephesians 6:1-4, 10-18

5:30 PM UMW 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 Children's Choirs
7:30 PM Sign Language, #129
Worship Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, April 24, 2008 – Acts 9:1-22

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

Friday, April 25, 2008 – Psalm 90

Saturday, April 26, 2008 – 1 Kings 8:56-61

8:00-Noon Faith Circle, Ashland Hall

Sunday, April 27, 2008 – 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary
12:15 PM Red Bird Mission Trip Meeting, #138
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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