



# ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

*Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service* **June 29.**

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

### FOCUS

FOCUS, beginning with this edition, will highlight a person or a couple who has been, and still is, a vital part of the Ashland family. You will learn about their activities and backgrounds and have a better appreciation for our communion with them in the fellowship of Jesus Christ.

How fitting that our first FOCUS couple is Mac and Jean Smurthwaite, charter members of Ashland. Mac is originally from Philadelphia, PA, and Jean is from Long Island NY. These two "Yankees" met at a small Southern college known as Duke University. She majored in English and he in Engineering.

After WWII, marriage, and the births of a boy and a girl, the Smurthwaites came to South Carolina, first Florence and then Columbia, for Mac's job assignments. Along the way they traveled to foreign lands for vacations. Jean received a Masters in Social Work, were fully involved in volunteer organizations, and became an integral part of Ashland Church. They participated in everything from teaching 4th grade Sunday School to Circle and UM Men.

Out of all the joy their children brought them, sadness followed the loss of both children (adults now) for different reasons. Their grandchildren bring them great joy and excellent reasons to brag. Their children now are their beloved cats.

After 60 years of marriage, Mac and Jean have found new ways to give back to the community through children. They share that commitment by volunteering and mentoring to children at Leaphart Elementary School through the L.O.V.E. program. They were on television recently sharing their involvement and the joy they receive by giving to the children their knowledge and experiences! Mac talks about their travels and Jean encourages and helps in the development of each student's genealogy.

For all that they have contributed to the church and to the community, you would think that they would not reflect on what others have done for them. But, you can't talk to them without hearing about how much the church and its people have meant to them. To quote Jean, "They've seen us through many crises like the deaths of our children and my operation and my three months in the hospital and rehab!" She also has to add that everyone was so good to them--feeding Mac and visiting her with cheer, flowers and gifts. However, her Methodist Revival Cake is *to die for!*

Mac and Jean Smurthwaite are in my Sunday School Class. They sit on the front row—on the right-hand side, and contribute with such thought provoking questions and statements. It is truly an empty spot when they are out-of-town or sick.

Please join me in letting them know how much they are appreciated and loved,  
Margaret Amick

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# Living Out Our Faith

June 29, 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

David Gramling – Deployed  
The mother of Connie Cashwell  
Jim Smith – Heart Catherization on 6/26, Lexington Med. Center

## OUR PRESENCE

Sunday School: 193  
Worship : 322      The Path: 167      Traditional: 155

## OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending:      6/21/08      \$ 14,173  
Received Year to Date:                      342,467  
Spent Year to Date:                              392,544

## General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending:      6/21/08      12,259  
Received Year to Date:                      310,045

## Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings                      1,880  
Driveway Project Total to Date:                      27,065

## OUR SERVICE

Crucifer: Jillian C.  
Acolytes: Clary H., Kelsey B.  
Lay Reader: Herman Lightsey  
Altar Stewards: Jane Bryan, Rosemary Sanders  
Ushers for June: Wally Allen, Casey Allen, Jim Easterling, Hal Clarkson, Scott Peurifoy, Charlie Matthews  
Narthex Table for June: Educational Ministries;  
July: Dottie Shelly  
Greeters: Sunday School and Worship:  
Bill Thomas & Mylla Markland; Scott & Rena Peurifoy  
Sound: Ladd H.  
Nursery:  
Infants: Karen M.  
Crawlers: Cindy R., Kristen M.  
Toddlers: Leslie Y., Cynthia B.  
Preschoolers: Linda F., Peggy S.  
Children's Church: Denny & Colleen Daniels  
Sunday School Coffee for June: Friendship Class  
Sunday School Coffee for July: Stepping Stones  
**Altar Flowers** – The flowers are given to the glory of God celebration of our 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Wally and Casey Allen.  
**Hymns and Scriptures for 10:30 am Service**  
*He Has Made Me Glad*  
*We Will Glorify the King of Kings*  
*Blessed Assurance*                                              UMH No. 369  
*Pass It On* (stanzas 1 & 3)                                      UMH No. 572  
Genesis 22:1-14  
Matthew 10:40-42

## Missionaries We Support

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# MISCELLANEOUS

## Memorials:

Freda Reid by Charlie & Debbie Matthews, Richard & Susie Bid Brown, Memory "Red" Phipps, John & Adair Long, Bob & Barbara Borom, Virginia Combs, Marian West, Nelson & Judie Travis, John & Carolyn McCrea  
To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Freda Reid by Rick & Wanda Millians  
Louise Johnson, Sandra Calore's mother, by John & Carolyn McCrea

## Birthdays (June 29-July 12)

	29	Kristen M., Jennifer W., John B., Lori T., Phyllis T.
July	1	Anna D., Lauren H.
	2	Billy C., Wade L., Jack W., Deidi W.
	3	Caroline H. Jerry L., Ed W.
	5	Janet H., Melissa K.
	6	DeLoris H., Daniel K.
	7	Jay B.
	9	Wayne B. Brian C., Mary L.
	10	David A., Roric R. Bob M.
	11	Christi A., Brook H., Michael S.
	12	Frank W.

## From the Church Office

- The newsletter will not be mailed next week
- Church office will be closed June 30-July 4<sup>th</sup>. Messages will be checked on a regular basis.
- Maria will be out July 7-11. You may go ahead and e-mail announcements for the July 13<sup>th</sup> newsletter.
- Hunter will be at YAC (Youth Annual Conference) July 7-11. Suzy will be at YAC July 8-9.
- Karen will be out July 28th-August 1<sup>st</sup>

## Time and Talent Forms

Forms have been distributed to adults, youth and children. If you have not received a form, please contact the church office. Please turn them in as soon as possible.

## Book Club

Book Club **will not** meet in July. The reading choices will move back a month. Next meeting will be August 17<sup>th</sup>, 4pm, Room 111 to discuss, John Grisham's, The Innocent Man.

## Sign up for Pictorial Directory

The dates are August 19-23 and August 26-28. Sign up sheets are on the table across from the

## Young Adults Class Update

This Sunday the class will attend the fellowship breakfast at 9:30 am in Ashland Hall.

We will resume class on July 6<sup>th</sup> with Patsy Nates as our leader. On July 13<sup>th</sup>, Wally Allen will lead the class.

## MISSIONS



The Salkehatchie Summer Service Columbia Camp will be held at Ashland UMC July 19-26, 2008. Approximately 55-60 campers will be attending. Rev. Scott Efrid of Tabernacle UMC in Lancaster, SC will be directing the camp.

*The "Salkehatchie Giving Tree" in the narthex contains ornaments with suggested needs for the Columbia Camp. Items include: gift cards, tools, and supplies that workers will need and use during the week. You may choose one or more ornaments, purchase the items suggested, and return your gifts to the Giving Tree location by Sunday, July 13th. The Columbia Camp Steering Committee thanks you for your generosity.*

### Salkehatchie Donations Needed

Bed frames and mattresses (any size), dressers, table & chairs, sofas, bookshelves, lamps, linens, curtains, drapes & towels. Please call Judie Travis 798-5479 (h) or 328-1401 (cell) for pick-up during the week of July 21-25.

### Upcoming Salkehatchie Goings...

We are very proud of our youth/adults who give a week of their time to work with those in need this summer.  
July 5-12: Calhoun Camp – Lauren Lowery and Sarah Proctor

### Seeds of Hope

#### Farmer's Market at Ashland

The Seeds of Hope Farmer's Market will be at Ashland every Saturday throughout the summer. The market will be open each Saturday from 8:00 am to noon in the covered picnic area. Make plans now to get produce that is fresher and cheaper than what you can find at local supermarkets while you are supporting South Carolina's small farmers. Please support this mission project of our church while you reward your family with the freshest and best tasting vegetables and fruit available in Columbia.

### Sharing God's Love

Canned goods are being collected for Sharing God's Love. Baskets for the canned goods are located in Ashland Hall and the sanctuary. Please drop them off as you come to worship.



## UMYF

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

Every Wednesday this Summer "Deep Search" – a study of the Gospel of John meets 6:30-7:30 pm in youth shed.

### June 29<sup>th</sup>

6:00-7:30 PM – Continue the "Big Picture" series.

### July 2<sup>nd</sup>

6:30-7:30 PM – "Deep Search" will meet today.

### July 6<sup>th</sup>

6:00-7:30 PM – UMYF Game Night

### July 13<sup>th</sup>

6:00-7:30 PM – Continue the "Big Picture" series.

### July 14<sup>th</sup>

Wolverines vs. Atlantic Ocean – Come help us battle the Atlantic Ocean at Folly Beach. Bring lunch money. Leave at 8 am and return at 6 pm

**GO WOLVERINES!!!**

### We Need Your E-Mail Address

A central distribution center to notify members of Ashland UMC information is being developed. If you would like your e-mail address included in this distribution, please e-mail your current address to [office@ashlandumc.com](mailto:office@ashlandumc.com)



## United Methodist Women

JUNE 24th was a DAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE with the children at Bethlehem Community Center and six Ashland members responded to that opportunity. A great day of music, story telling, crafts, games and sharing God's love with the children brought a day they will remember. The Vacation Bible School offering provided \$100 worth of breakfast food and paper products and the leftover VBS craft supplies were given for future use this summer. Another \$150 will be given for their program expenses. Other donations were made.

A great BIG THANK YOU to Melissa Cornell, Dalene Gibson, Caroline Harrelson, Peggy Smith, Barbara and Bob Borom for sharing God's love at Bethlehem Community Center as they are transitioning their location and program this summer. How did you Make a Difference for someone on June 24th?



# United Methodist Men

## Men on a Mission

### ASHLAND UMM GOLF OUTING

**Attention all golfers!** The Ashland UMM Golf Outing is scheduled at the Rawl's Creek Golf Course on Saturday, July 12, 2008 starting at 9:00 am. A "Captain's Choice" format will be used, so golfers of all skill levels are welcome. The fee for playing will be \$26, and box lunches with a soft drink are also available for an additional \$5.50. A sign up sheet for the golf outing is posted on the UMM bulletin board. Please sign up and indicate your skill level (A, B, C or D player), not later than Wednesday, July 2, 2008. For additional questions about the golf outing, please call Bob Markland at 732-6065 (home) or 777-5035 (work), or send an e-mail message to [bobbym@sc.rr.com](mailto:bobbym@sc.rr.com).

## Combined Worshipships

### This Sunday - June 29<sup>th</sup>

**9:30 am – Fellowship Covered Dish Breakfast in Ashland Hall**

**10:30 am – Combined service in sanctuary**

### August 24<sup>th</sup>

**10:30 am – Combined service celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our sanctuary at Ashland.**

**Family Birthday Party at 12:15 pm in Ashland Hall**

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

Summer Session meets Tuesday at 9:30 am  
 Lunch: July 1<sup>st</sup> at Flight Deck followed by tour at Lexington County Historical Museum:  
 "Antebellum Lifestyle Tour"  
 (\$3.00 per person)  
 Lunch: July 8<sup>th</sup> at Al-Amir followed by tour at New Irmo Police Department and Irmo Park  
 Call 731-9394 for more information

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, June 29, 2008 – Luke 15:11-32

9:30 AM Fellowship Breakfast, Ashland Hall  
 10:30 AM Combined Service, Sanctuary  
 4:00 PM Trustees, #138  
 6:00 PM UMYF

### Monday, June 30, 2008 – Jeremiah 18:1-4

**Church Office Closed**

### Tuesday, July 1, 2008 – Psalm 77:11-19

**Church Office Closed**

9:30 AM Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews

### Wednesday, July 2, 2008 – I Samuel 16:6-13

**Church Office Closed**

6:00 PM Al Anon, #127  
 6:30 PM Youth Bible Study, Youth Shed

### Thursday, July 3, 2008 – Mark 5:25-34

**Church Office Closed**

7:00 PM Chess Club, #125

### Friday, July 4, 2008 – Jeremiah 31:31-34

**Church Office Closed**

### Saturday, July 5, 2008 – Isaiah 49:1

8:00 AM Seeds of Hope Farmer's Market, Picnic Shelter

### Sunday, July 6, 2008 – Psalm 150

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall  
 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
 11:00 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary  
 6:00 PM UMYF

### Monday, July 7, 2008 – I Corinthians 2:9-16

### Tuesday, July 8, 2008 – Matthew 9:35-38

9:30 AM Shepherd's Center of Andrews  
 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry, #125

### Wednesday, July 9, 2008 – 2 Chronicles 20:1-13

### Thursday, July 10, 2008 – 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

### Friday, July 11, 2008 – Hebrews 12:1-3

6:30 PM Kemple/Bennett Wedding Rehearsal

### Saturday, July 12, 2008 – 2 Timothy 4:1-2

8:00-12 Noon Seeds of Hope Farmer's Market, Picnic Shelter  
 5:00 PM Kemple/Bennett Wedding

### Sunday, July 13, 2008 – Matthew 12:33-37

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall  
 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
 11:00 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary  
 6:00 PM UMYF

Devotions are from "*The Upper Room*".

The complete calendar can be found on the website at [www.ashlandumc.com](http://www.ashlandumc.com)

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