



ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service **July 27.**

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

FOCUS: A Salute To the Schimsa Family

(This is the second in a series of articles which highlights a person or family who is or has been a vital part of the Ashland family. Articles are written by our Lay Leader Margaret Amick)

July is the month we celebrate our independence, our rights, and privileges as American citizens. There are many countries today that are fighting for such independence. The Schimsa family has experienced first-hand how fortunate we are to live in the United States of America and in South Carolina.

Dave Schimsa is an "army brat" and went to high school in Columbia when his dad retired from Ft. Jackson. He is a Citadel graduate (political science) and upon graduation was sent to Ft. Benning, Georgia, for Ranger School and Jump School. Numerous training courses and assignments followed. He has been deployed four times: the first was during the Gulf War when he was part of the training operation, next was to Haiti for the "Haiti Operation Uphold Democracy," then to Bosnia and retirement from the military in 1998. Like so many with military experience Dave was called back in 2004 for deployment to Iraq. He is in Civil Affairs, which helps rebuild the infrastructure in those countries. He has been stationed in such interesting places as Hawaii, Korea, and New Zealand.

Currently, Dave is Vice President of Sales for Bentley Carpet Company. Growing up in Columbia, Dave was a member of Virginia Wingard UMC and talks fondly of our own Ruth Westbury as the first adult at the church making a positive impact on him. With a big smile, Dave shares a series of major events that happened exactly one week apart: graduated from college, seven days later married Marthalyn, seven days later shipped to Ft. Benning. He and Marthalyn have shared thirty years together and happily looking to the future together.

Marthalyn is a Columbia native and graduated from Columbia College in English. She has worked for a research professor at USC and as a speech pathologist, after receiving a Master's degree in speech and linguistics. About four years ago, she opened the "Greek Store & More" (gifts, sorority and fraternity items) in Five-Points. However, she still works part-time as speech pathologist.

Along the way, Adam and Rebecca were born: Adam in Hawaii and Rebecca in Columbia, SC. Today Adam is the manager and buyer for the gift shop and Rebecca is beginning her second year in law school in Charleston.

Their involvement at Ashland UMC has included scoutmaster for Dave, choir and Disciple classes and MYF counselor for Marthalyn, Eagle Scout and church basketball and MYF for Adam, and, as the parents describe Rebecca, "she was active in everything!" Dave and Marthalyn are active in the Friendship Sunday School Class.

These are just a few of the many church activities where you will see them involved. Also, Dave is a runner and participates in 40-mile races---quite an accomplishment. They started the drive for coats, gloves, hats, for the Bosnians for the winter with great success and distributed names and addresses of soldiers who had not received care packages while serving in Iraq and asked for help in sending packages.

The Schimsa family truly embraces the Christian values of helping others and sacrificing for the freedom of others to worship and live in a safe environment.

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Living Out Our Faith

July 27, 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
Tim Leeming – Home from out-patient surgery
Elwyn Gary
Fred Schill – father of Judie Travis

OUR PRESENCE

Worship: 293 The Path: 93 Traditional: 200
Church School: 161

OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending: 7/19/08 \$ 11,149
Received Year to Date: 395,267
Spent Year to Date: 462,720

General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending 7/19/08 11,024
Received Year to Date: 358,354

Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 125
Driveway Project Total to Date: 27,065

OUR SERVICE

Crucifer: Tyler Jones
Acolytes: Sarah McCutchen, Taylor Bates
Lay Reader: Cindy Ward
Altar Stewards: Susan Dickinson, Harriet Conway
Ushers for July: Don Cantrell, Don Songer, Mylla Markland, Debbie Sandersfeld, Brell Foster, Bud Graczyk
Narthex Table for July: Dottie Shelly and Jean Smith
Greeters
The Path: Jean Jackson
Greeters: Sunday School and Worship:
John Calore & Steve Carroll; John Calore & Jane Westbury
Sound: Bill Bryan
Nursery:
The Path: Courtney Kelso & Vicki Bates
Infants: Valerie & Paige Railey, Trish Lockaby
Crawlers: Phil & Terri Miller
Toddlers: Amary Sox & Cheryl Means
Preschoolers: Bobby & Debra Keough
Children's Church: Doug & Tina Mastin
Sunday School Coffee for July: Stepping Stones
Last week's altar flowers are given for the glory of God in honor of our granddaughter, Leah Joyce Millians, by Rick and Wanda Millians.
The altar flowers this week are given to the glory of God in remembrance of my parent's anniversary by Gloria Shaw.

Hymns and Scriptures for 11:00 am Service

From All That Dwells Below the Skies UMH No. 101
Seek Ye First UMH No. 405
The Gift of Love UMH No. 408
Genesis 29:15-28
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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MISCELLANEOUS

Birthdays (July 27-August 2)

27	Tracy A., Carl C.
28	Ben G., Judy J., Shelley K., Kristen R, Wendy S.
29	Dawn H., Vicki R., Christopher W.
30	Ed H.
31	Betty A. Julie S.
August 1	Mark H.
2	Emily A., Michael B., Judy M.

Memorials:

Peggy Davis, Dianne Berryman's sister, and Louise Johnson. Sandra Calore's mother, by the Worship Choir
Freda Reid by Bud & Betty Anderson

Fugitive Safe Surrender Program

The following people attended the workshop and worked the week July 8-12 on the Fugitive Safe Surrender Program:
Rev. Joel Jones, Jean Smith, Anne Smoak, Linda Franklin, Peggy Smith, Gayle Roudabush, Jim Newcomb, Jim Smith

Cooks Needed

We are setting our schedule for Wednesday suppers this Fall and need your help. Anyone interested in helping with meals, dessert or set-up contact Suzy at 798-5350 x 14. Is your Sunday school interest? UMW Circle? UMM?

Reminder: Sign up for Pictorial Directory

Please take time to stop by the "sign-up" tables in the hall outside the Sunday school classrooms. For families of college students or if you and/or your family are unable to have your picture taken at the church, photos may be submitted. Please call Peggy Smith 772-2531 for details and restrictions. Hope to see you in our new directory.

It's your time to Shine!!

August 17th, 9:45am in Ashland Hall
Everyone celebrate what makes yours a
"Class Act"

All Sunday school classes, ages
3 – adult invited to decorate a table
telling us who you are.

We'll provide the table; you provide the fun
BE CREATIVE! THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

Let us know if you need :
a whole table _____ or half table _____
Class Name: _____
Contact person: _____
Phone number: _____
(Turn into to Suzy's box)



What a grand week! Sixty-six campers from Socastee, Fort Mill, Lancaster County, Charlotte, N.C., Mt. Pleasant, and a lot of Ashland folks made this fourth Salkehatchie chapter at Ashland a tremendous success.

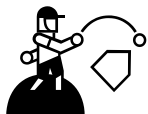
Thanks to: our Salkehatchie Steering Committee for their year long planning of this camp, those who arrived at 4 a.m. to assist with breakfast, and those who cleaned up after breakfast, those who delivered supplies to our five worksites, ranging from Chapin, W. Columbia, Eau Claire and Irmo, all who donated gift cards, furniture, draperies, and those who cleaned up all the rooms on Saturday after our missionaries headed for home.

Salkehatchie Returns

Returning July 26th: Kingstree Camp: Matthew A.; Columbia Camp: Jimmy Smith, Nelson Travis, Jane Foster, Wendy Strite, Randy Strite; Huntersville Camp: Rob Motley

Coming Next Week...

Information on collecting book bags and school supplies for Stuart Heights Elementary School and Epworth Children's Home will be in next week's newsletter.



Attention Men!

If there are any men (18 & up) in the church who are interested in playing fall slow-pitch softball with Ashland or who have any questions about possibly playing, please contact Ed Wilkins at 932-9512 or by e-mail at ebwilkins@bellsouth.net. It appears that we have 8 or 9 returning players who are interested in playing in the fall but we will need more to fill out the roster. We need at least 3 or 4 more players that can play every Tuesday during the fall from late August to mid-October. Games are 7, 8 or 9 o'clock at Irmo Middle School or the District Office field in Ballentine

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.

July 27th

4:00 PM - Youth Counselors Meeting - Youth Building

6:00 PM - UMYF continues Big Picture Series. Applications and money for Council of the Illuminati retreat are due today!

Aug. 1-3 - Illuminati Retreat - Leave @ 3:30 pm on August 1st - Return @ 6:00 pm on August 3rd

No UMYF on August 3rd

Special Thanks

Several youth designated as the Aesthetic Awareness Team have been hard at work this past week renovating the youth building. I would like to personally thank all involved for their time and effort. On Sunday, August 17th, as part of Strategos, the youth building will be open for the congregation to have a look at the work that has been done. ~ Hunter

GO WOLVERINES!!!

Seeds of Hope

Farmer's Market at Ashland

Don't forget to stop by on Saturday mornings and check out the delicious fruits and vegetables. Our farmer is Jerald Stevens from Saluda.

Practicing Good Stewardship

Forty percent of bottled water comes from city water supplies, while the rest is from springs and artesian wells.

Tap water supplies are regulated by the EPA for hazardous products but the FDA doesn't mandate testing for bottled water. Water trucked cross-country burns fossil fuels. Suggestion: Use tap water and affordable carbon filters that can be purchased at most stores. (from National Geographic Green Guide, Summer, 2008)



United Methodist Women

Ashland UMW Executive Committee will meet on August 13 at 7:00 P.M. in Room 115 at the church. Mark your calendars now and we will plan the events for the remainder of this year.

Columbia District UMW Meeting at Trenholm Road UMC September 20th. The theme is "Called By Name" and the speaker is Jane Jenkins Herlong. Registration forms are in the church office.

The SC Conference Annual Meeting is to be held at Broad Street UMC in Clinton, SC on October 10 and 11. Again registration forms are in the church office.



United Methodist Men
Men on a Mission

Congratulations to our UMM unit for being the top at the Bowl-a-Thon. Funds from this helps the scouting ministry.

Recycle Cans @ Ashland

There is a large recycling canister for your cans in Ashland Hall and Room 138 across from the church office. Please use these instead of regular trashcans.

Book Club

The next meeting will be August 17th, 4pm, Room 111 to discuss, John Grisham's, The Innocent Man. Check the Ashland website www.ashlandumc.com for future books.

Combined Worship & Birthday Fun

August 24th

10:30 am – Combined service celebrating our 20th anniversary of our sanctuary at Ashland.

"Birthday Party at 12:00 pm in Ashland Hall"

Cake bakers are needed to prepare a cake for each of the 12 months of the year. To volunteer, contact Ruth Cornell at 732-5763 or rcornellpchef@bellsouth.net.

The congregation is asked to bring sandwiches and/or salads to share.

Beverages and ice cream are provided for the cakes that will be delightfully baked by our Ashland's best cook!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 27, 2008 – Psalm 127:1-2 and Ezekiel 20:8-20

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary
4:00 PM Youth Counselors – Youth Building
6:00 PM UMYF

Monday, July 28, 2008 – John 20:24-31

11:00 AM Staff Meeting, #138
6:30 PM Missions Committee, #138

Tuesday, July 29, 2008 – 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Wednesday, July 30, 2008 – Matthew 25:31-46

6:00 PM Al Anon, #127
7:30 PM Ladies Ensemble, Choir Room

Thursday, July 31, 2008 – Ephesians 2:4-13

10:30 AM Ladies Prayer Group, Library
7:00 PM Chess Club, #125

Friday, August 1, 2008 – Matthew 14:25-33

Saturday, August 2, 2008 – Philippians 3:10-16

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

Sunday, August 3, 2008 – Luke 11:9-13

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary
No UMYF

Devotions are from "The Upper Room".

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



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