



# ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

*Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service* **August**

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

Office Hours: Mon., Tues. Thurs. 9-3  
Wed.-5 pm; Fri.-Noon

### From The Outside Looking In At Labor Day

*“Our work is the role we play in the unfolding drama of the universe” Matthew Fox*

We are a work driven culture, and we appear to define ourselves by our work. After being introduced to a stranger, this question soon emerges: What is it that you do? Some of us enjoy what we do while others tolerate a job as a paycheck.

To paraphrase Kahil Gibran, *No matter what our work is, when we do it well, it is an act of love,*

Kristin Swinson, assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University, wrote this last week in the Theolog Blog:

*When my dad worked downtown, he often took the bus to work. Several adults with Downs’ syndrome were also on their way to work. The work they did was menial, uninteresting and dead-end by our estimation, but he said that every morning they were cheerful, proud and delighted to participate as employees in the community.*

In letter to the Romans, St. Paul instructed them to cheerfully and humbly accept the particular task or role for which they’re suited, knowing that the body is healthy when each member serves according to her gifts.

Labor Day is seen by some as the kickoff to prime-time election season – While I do not and should not instruct persons on how to vote, you may find it helpful to note the United Methodist Church’s positions on many issues, ranging from environment, labor, science, and economy. We will try to highlight some in the coming weeks.

Others will note Labor Day as the last weekend to wear white dresses with matching shoes and handbags.

A few will use it as summer’s last weekend fling. Labor Day is also a national holiday created to insure that union workers and their families rested and enjoyed the end of the summer.

The soul needs to continue to do good work. Studies show that folks who continue to sharpen their minds, who volunteer, or find a hobby, live longer.

As disciples for Christ, we are asked to live for God always and remember Paul’s encouragement: *Do everything to the glory of God (1 Cor. 10: 31)*

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# Living Out Our Faith

*August 31, 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  
Kristie Frampton Grant  
Abbey Mills, granddaughter of Gene Harper  
Robin Price – daughter of Buddy & Linda Roberts  
Melinda Bean – daughter of Pat & Barbara Murphy  
Susan Bowers  
Grace Carson

## OUR PRESENCE

Worship: 314

## OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending: \$ 16,481  
Received Year to Date: 487,651  
Spent Year to Date: 521,703

## General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending: 11,374  
Received Year to Date: 418,839

## Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 5,055  
Driveway Project Total to Date: 27,065

## OUR SERVICE

Crucifer: Frederick T.  
Acolytes: Natalie M., Becky M.  
Lay Reader: Bob Crutchfield  
Altar Stewards: Amary Sox, Melissa Jones  
Ushers for August: Rick Millians, Red Bonneau, Trish Lockaby, Jerry Sandersfeld, Bud Anderson, Bud Graczyk  
Narthex Table for August: Lorraine Shaffer & Brookie Gomez  
Greeters

*The Path:* Ruth Graczyk

Greeters: Sunday School and Worship:  
Joye Rush & Lorraine Shaffer; Lorraine Shaffer & Jean Jackson

Sound: Doug Martin

Nursery:

*The Path:* Karen & Kristen McClive

Infants: Karen McClive

Crawlers: Cindy Robinson & Kristen McClive

Toddlers: Leslie Yasinsac & Cynthia Busbee

Preschoolers: Linda Franklin & Peggy Smith

Sunday School Coffee for August: Faithwalkers

Children's Church: Denny & Colleen Daniels

**Flowers:** The altar flowers are to the glory of God from the wedding of Karen Moore and Ed Spratt, and in memory of Willard and Peggy Moore.

The rosebud on the altar is to the glory of God in honor of the birth of William Stephen C. on August 27, 2008. Parents are Jack & Kiley Cohoon.

## Hymns and Scriptures for 11 a.m. Service

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH No. 400

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH No. 140

*Living for Jesus* TFWS No. 2149

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UMH No. 127

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Romans 12:1-8

## Missionaries We Support

### Tim and Tina Datwyler

c/o The Mission Society, P.O. Box 922637,  
Norcross, GA 30010

[datfam4ecuador@gmail.com](mailto:datfam4ecuador@gmail.com)

### Adam & Jennifer Dalenburg

[www.themissionsociety.org/missionaries/dalenburg](http://www.themissionsociety.org/missionaries/dalenburg)

# MISCELLANEOUS

## Birthdays (August 31-September 6)

31	Vincent C., Jonathan D.
Sept. 1	Billie D., Stuart G., Tindal J., Alex J.
2	Bobby B., Emily P.
3	Vicki B., Ryan C., Mary F., Betsy L., Elena M.
4	Thom Bristow, Carolyn James, Cheryl Wolford
5	Paul Coleman, Melissa Jones
6	Michael Burdett

## Honorarium

Mac & Jean Smurthwaite by Jim & Nancy Bradley; Ashland's Music Staff: Martha Eastburn, Robert Neese and Don Kirkindoll by Clare & Gen Allen

## Memorials

Sekinah Zarandi, Shaun Zarandi's mother, by Gene & Clare Allen, Hugh & Ruth Westbury, John & Sandra Calore, Jim & Nina Newcomb, Bob & Mylla Markland

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship for Sekinah Zarandi by Dale & Ruthanne Robbins

## Wednesday Suppers Starting September 10<sup>th</sup>

That's right they're baaaaack!

Each Wednesday from 6:00-6:30pm we have a fellowship meal in Ashland Hall before children, youth and adult meetings and activities. Join us as Ashland members prepare, set-up and sometime even cook. Sign up slips are in the pew racks or call the office by Monday each week at noon to reserve your place that Wednesday.

## ATTENTION PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

You will be contacted soon regarding his/her college mailing address and e-mail address. If you are not contacted, PLEASE let Suzy know 798-5350 ext 14 or [education@ashlandumc.com](mailto:education@ashlandumc.com). Ashland Church will keep in touch with your student in various ways throughout the school year.

## Please Let Us Know

Cost of mailing the weekly newsletter has almost doubled. If you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please let us know at [office@ashlandumc.com](mailto:office@ashlandumc.com) or tear out form and put in offering plate.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_



Congratulations to Karen Moore and Ed Spratt who were married on August 30, 2008.

# MISSIONS

## Ashland Annual School Supply Drive

Ends this Sunday, August 31st

Donations needed: Book bags (no wheels), glue sticks, pencils, 24 pack crayons, spiral notebooks, "floppy" one inch binders, and loose leaf paper, and Wal-mart gift cards. Donations can be dropped off at the Giving Tree in the narthex.

## Red Bird Mission Trip Update

We currently have 8 people signed up for the Red Bird trip to Beverly KY the week of September 14<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup>. There are spots still available. Please contact Debra Keough at 730-4869 if you are interested or visit their website at [www.rbmission.org](http://www.rbmission.org).

## Canned Goods for Sharing God's Love

Please do not forget to bring your canned goods on Sunday and place them in the baskets in Ashland Hall and the sanctuary.

Bi-Lo booster cards are on the Missions Bulletin board for you to use when you shop. One percent of your purchases will be donated to Sharing God's Love. Thanks again for all your support throughout the year.

## Upcoming Offerings

**September 7<sup>th</sup>** – Next Week's Communion Offering - Katrina Relief Tropical Storm Fay left waterlogged states in its wake this week and Hurricane Gustav is approaching the Gulf states. Your free will offering next Sunday will go to help those who have been stricken by these storms. Work Teams are expected to be needed after the water recedes. To volunteer early, visit [www.flumc.org/disasterrecovery](http://www.flumc.org/disasterrecovery) and complete the online registration form.

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** – Epworth Children's Home – This is the Sunday when every United Methodist Church in South Carolina has an opportunity to participate in an offering for this wonderful ministry.

# DISCIPLE

**LAST WEEK TO SIGN UP.** We will be setting class time and ordering books this week. Contact Suzy and/or fill out form below. Join us for this incredible journey. Check out the information on the magazine rack in the hallway. Disciple I (red), II (green), III (purple) and IV (yellow) are being offered.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Interested: I            II            III            IV

# UMYF

## Love God Love Others Love Self.

August 31st - 5:30-7:30 PM - UMYF - Supper provided.

Topic: Story - *Prologue*

Prayer Breakfast each Wednesday mornings at 8:15 am

McDonald's, 7417 St. Andrews Road

September 3rd - Last Deep Search 6:30 - 7:30 pm in youth shed

September 5th - Tailgate Party - Irmco High School

September 7th - 5:30-7:30 PM - Topic: Story - Chapter I

Youth Ministries Calendars are available in the box outside

Hunter's office.

Go Wolverines!

## SHEPHERD'S CENTER

### of ST. ANDREWS

### here at Ashland UMC

Tuesdays @ 9:30 am - September 16-November 18

Classes include: Bridge, Exercise, Quilting, Art, Gardening, Classic Movies, S. C. Archaeology, Creative Writing, Short stories, Spanish & more

Al McNeely's "My Oddball Interests"

History of Columbia by Dr. Belinda Gergel

Our Rev. Jim Nates is teaching a FREE CLASS 11:30am - "Clarifying the Constitution"

Noon Lunches with Guest Speakers/Entertainers

Questions: Call Becky Swanson, Director - 731-9394

\*Anyone 50+ is invited.

## Thank You

Thank you for your continued support to Good Works. With your generous donations, it helps us to reach out to the needy and less fortunate to our community. ~Sue Madden, Director of Good Works



## United Methodist Women

The UMW is looking for old dresses, shawls and bonnets for an upcoming event. Call Beth Wilkinson (345-0595) if you have one of these items that they can borrow.

**Upcoming Events:** September 4, Sunshine Circle, 6:30 pm, room 138. Columbia District UMW Meeting, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Trenholm Rd. UMC SC UMW Annual Meeting, October 10-11, Broad Street UMC, Clinton. More information and registration forms are in the church office.



**Conference Youth Choir,  
"The Spirit Singers" are coming!**

September 14<sup>th</sup> youth from all over the state will lead our worship at 8:45am and 11am. They will be here Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup> for rehearsal. We will need to provide dinner Saturday night and need families to house at least 2 youth that evening. If you are willing to house youth fill out slip below or call Suzy at 798-5350 x 14.

\_\_\_ Yes I will house youth \_\_\_ # willing to take  
\_\_\_ Yes I will help with dinner on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

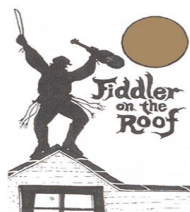
**Inquirer's Classes**

Inquirer's Classes will be held Sundays, September 21, 28 and October 5.

We will meet in the library during the Sunday school hour, 9:45-10:45 am.

The purpose of the classes will be to help people who are inquiring about Ashland Church as their church home to learn about our mission, ministries and activities.

All are invited to attend.



**Join us for a night  
of fun and music!**

On Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, the VIP Group will attend The Workshop Theatre production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

The play begins at 8:00 pm. Group rate tickets are \$16.00 per person and tickets are limited. Deadline for tickets is September 4. For tickets, contact Bob or Judy Taylor (798-5969).

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, August 31, 2008 – Hebrews 10:19-25**

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall  
9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary  
5:30 PM UMYF

**Monday, September 1, 2008 – Matthew 25:31-46**

Labor Day – Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, September 2, 2008 – Romans 8:26-27**

9:00 AM Line Dancing, Ashland Hall  
6:30 PM Communications, #138

**Wednesday, September 3, 2008 – Isaiah 55:1-5**

8:15 AM Youth Prayer Breakfast, McDonald's in Irmo  
6:00 PM AI Anon, #127  
6:30 PM *The Path*, Choir Room  
6:30 PM Youth Bible Study, Youth Shed  
7:30 PM Worship Choir, Choir Room

**Thursday, September 4, 2008 – Luke 14:12-24**

9:00 AM DOADAS, Ashland Hall  
10:30 AM Ladies Prayer Group, Library  
6:30 PM Sunshine Circle, #138  
7:00 PM Chess Club, #125  
District Boy Scouts, Ashland Hall

**Friday, September 5, 2008 – Romans 12:3-8**

**Saturday, September 6, 2008 – 2 Corinthians 1:3-6**

**Sunday, September 7, 2008 – John 14:1-3**

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall  
9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary  
12:15 PM Music Committee, Choir Room  
5:30 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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