



ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service July 19, 2009

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

The higher goal of spiritual living is not to amass a wealth of information, but to face sacred moments

Abraham Heschel

While vacationing last week, pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber wrote for Theolog, a blog by Christian Century. Like so many pastors, she couldn't let go of her work and focus her attention on the vacation at hand. She was contacting her members via instant messaging to see how the church service had gone in her absence.

She realized that many pastors, she included, operated as if the kingdom of God could not happen without their help and input all the time.

She writes: *Pastors are notorious for overworking, and the church colludes with its clergy in this particular sin. When people say, "Pastor Bob is a total workaholic," we all know this is secretly seen as a pastoral virtue. To work 60+ hours a week is to show commitment and passion.*

And there's so much work to do, isn't there? How is the church supposed to function without us? Well-meaning friends smile and say that we must take a Sabbath and rest. But as a friend of mine once observed, rest is only part of the reason for taking a Sabbath. If the Sabbath were only for rest, we might be tempted to think it serves only to fuel us back up so we can do more work. After all, our work is very important. The world needs us.

"You have to take Sabbath," my friend told me, "if only to realize that God's redeeming work in the world actually goes on just fine without you."

God's redeeming work in the world might involve us but doesn't depend on us. Christ teaches and heals and makes himself known in our communities and churches even without us. Even—perhaps especially—when the pastor is on vacation.

This Sunday, come and hear how Jesus balanced work and honored the Sabbath.

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Columbia Camp

Saturday, July 18 to Saturday, July 25

POT LUCK SUPPER WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 – 6:30 P.M.

The Salkehatchie Campers look forward each year to Ashland's Pot Luck Supper! Please bring a well-filled basket of food for our fellowship supper for Ashland members and Salkehatchie missionaries. By your participation shows our support for this camp. After the meal, our six worksites will share the needs of the families on our worksites. Thank you from the Salkehatchie Steering Committee!

Salkehatchie Missioners Returning this week:

Calhoun: Lauren Lowery, Sara Proctor, Timothy Byrd
Santee: Austin Beachler, Jayne Beachler, Jenny Wilkins, Marilyn Gramling, Mark Gramling

Salkehatchie Missioners Leaving this week:

Columbia: Bonnie Stewart, Jimmy Smith, Nelson Travis,
Newberry: Paul Davidson
Huntersville, NC: Robert Motley

Columbia Salkehatchie Camp Needs

Window coverings; curtain rods, drapes, toppers, curtains and mini-blinds, couches, chairs, dressers, nightstands, dining/kitchen table & chairs; linens (full and twin); kitchen & bath towels; bath accessories; area rugs. Please contact Judie Travis (798-5479 (h) or 238-1401 (cell).

Weekly Sharing God's Love Offering

Baskets are located in the narthex and in Ashland Hall for you to leave your canned goods and detergent during the week. Drop your gently used clothes in the wooden box near the communications table.

Thank You from Sharing God's Love

Sharing God's Love is so grateful for the tremendous shower of linens that were donated recently. We cannot keep linens on the shelf. It's so exciting to have these items to share. This is a plus to have to offer the clients.

Ashland is so supportive of the work we do here. You always respond when we call. With your continue help and God's blessing, we will be able to continue the level of serve we have given in the past.

Celebrations and Remembrances

Birthdays July 19-25

19	Adair L., Danny D., Gabby J.
21	Becky M.
23	Pam S., Kathy W.
24	Monetta P., Lisa W., Madison H.
25	Barbara B., Julie H.

Memorials:

To the Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund in memory of Wilbert Fisk by Mac & Jean Smurthwaite, Dale & Ruthanne Robbins

Wilbert Fisk by Hugh & Ruth Westbury, Gene & Clare Allen, Virginia Combs

DeFate Sanders by Bill & Jane Bryan, John & Barbara Higgins, Bud & Ruth Graczyk, Stephen & Laura Hughs

Berry Smith, Sr., Berry Smith's father, by John & Barbara Higgins

Don Marshe, Haley Calore's dad, by Ed & Lisa Wilkins, Bob & Martha Blease, Gene & Sissy Polk, Janet Livingston, Aaron & Shannon Livingston, Jenny, Wil, Jake & Ally Jones, Lewis & Arlene Milligan, Hugh & Ruth Westbury, Dwight & Gertrude Frierson, Joseph & Sara Mills
Mary Hill, Sherry Gantt's mother, by David & Linda Abernathy

Ladies Prayer Ministry

The ladies prayer ministry welcomes ladies who have extra time on Thursday mornings from 10:30 am to noon. Stop by the library and see if you would like to be a part of this ministry!

Men's Slow-Pitch Softball Opportunity

Men (ages 18 and up) interested in playing on Ashland's slow-pitch softball team this fall, please contact Jarrod Stokes at 427-1102.



Piano Lessons

Robert Neese is available to offer piano lessons at the church on Wednesday afternoons.

Please contact Robert for details at 926-7306.

Grandparent's Brag Board

Check out the new grandparents brag board next to the Searchers classroom. Bring a picture of your grandchild(ren) to be displayed on the board. Pictures may be left in the box outside Maria's office.

ASHLAND CARES

For pastoral care, please notify the church office of illnesses, births, hospitalizations or deaths by contacting the church office at 798-5350, ext. 10 or office@ashlandumc.com.

Guidelines for Memorial Giving

Ashland has designated five areas of giving:

1. Building
2. Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund (given to a high school senior in May.)
3. Music
4. Missions
5. Worship

Green Living Tip

Switch from incandescent bulbs to Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFL's) as 80%.

90% of the energy consumed by incandescent lighting is wasted through heat.

CFL's will also save you money in electricity.

Sunday School on July 19th

This is the Sunday of Salkehatchie Camp. Children's classes Kindergarten thru Fifth grade will meet at the picnic shelter at 9:45am. 6th and 7th grade will help at the picnic shelter.

Have you been Safe Sanctuary trained? Would you like to have 30 minutes of playtime and fun during the 11:00am service once every other month? If you would like the opportunity to help with children's church, please call Tina Mastin (358-9355) or email at tmastin@sc.rr.com.

Book Club

We will not meet in July, but check out our upcoming reading list. Join us the third Sundays in room 111 at 4 p.m.

August: *Orpheus Lost* by Janette Turner Hospital (Distinguished Professor of English at USC).

September: *Serena* by Ron Rash

*Complete list on the website www.ashlandumc.com

United Methodist Youth

Love God. Love Others. Love Self.

July 19th Youth Praise Band
United Methodist Youth

July 26th Youth Praise Band
United Methodist Youth
Led by Michael Stewart

July 27th Mystery Trip
Applications are available in Hunter's box for Council of the Illuminati (student leadership team)
Council of the Illuminati Retreat – July 31-August 2nd

Ashland Youth Alumni Gathering

Saturday August 1st starting at 7pm
Bring your pics, memories and fun time. Contact Dianne Berryman for information.

School District Five Golden Pass Information

If you will be turning 60 during the 2009-10 school year, you are eligible to receive a permanent School District Five Golden Pass.

Information on this program is on the bulletin board across from the church offices.



United Methodist Men

The annual UMM golf outing will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2009, at 2:00 pm at the Mid-Carolina Club. The format is captain's choice and the fee is \$25. A sign-up sheet is on the UMM bulletin board. The deadline for registering is Sunday, August 9, 2009. Call Jimmy Smith (781-6944) if you have questions. All men and ladies are welcome to join this fun afternoon.

Hands on Fun!

Saturday, August 29th 9:30a.m. – 12p.m.
Wood project to take home and a hot dog lunch.
Contact Suzy Speas or Jimmy Smith to register your child, 6 thru 11 years old. Let us know by August 16th so we can order supplies.

Living Out Our Faith

July 19, 2009 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

Donna Jones and Alice Sealy – home from the hospital

Pat Murphy – outpatient surgery

In memoriam Anthony Platzer, father of Linda Durstine, died recently.

Memorial service will be held July 25th in Ohio.

Congratulations to Annie Wilson Holmes, daughter of Matt and Amy Holmes born on July 10th. Grandparents are Jim and Mary Nell Wilson.

OUR PRESENCE

Worship: 271 The Path: 91 Traditional: 180 Sunday School:

OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending 7/11/09 \$ 13,839

Received Year to Date: 384,550

Spent Year to Date: 384,972

General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending 7/11/09 13,379

Received Year to Date: 332,907

Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 265

OUR SERVICE

Sunday School Coffee for July: Crossroads

Narthex Table: Dottie Shelly, Jean Smith

Altar Stewards: Rosemary Sanders, Beverly Stallings

Lay Reader: Trish Lockaby

Crucifer: Jillian C. **Acolytes:** Taylor B., Brooks R.

Children's Church: Robert & Linda Motley

Ushers: Don Cantrell, Clare Allen, Jim Smith, Kaye Bradley, Brell

Foster, Jimmy Smith

Greeters: SS & Worship: Wes & Cynthia Busbee

Nursery: 11 am: Infants: Joanne Turner, Molly McClellan; C: Jeff &

Denise Williams, Carol Gasque; 2s, 3s, 4s: Casey Allen, Kathy Weeks

Flowers: The altar flowers are to the glory of God by the Gustafson family.

Missionaries We Support

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This Week at Ashland

Sunday, July 19, 2009 – Ephesians 3:14-21

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
4:30 PM Youth Praise Band
6:00 PM UMY

Monday, July 20, 2009 – Psalm 8

6:15 PM TOPS, #125

Tuesday, July 21, 2009 – Romans 12:4-18

Wednesday, July 22, 2009 – Ephesians 6:10-20

6:00 PM Al Anon
6:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous
6:30 PM Congregational Pot Luck Supper, Ashland Hall

Thursday, July 23, 2009 – 1 Samuel 3:1-10

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

Friday, July 24, 2009 – Genesis 1:28-31

Saturday, July 25, 2009 – Romans 10:8-17

8:00-Noon Seeds of Hope, Picnic Shed

Sunday, July 26, 2009 – 1 Samuel 16:1-13

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
4:30 PM Youth Praise Band
6:00 PM UMY

Devotions are from *The Upper Room*. Upcoming events are on the website ashlandumc.com

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