



# ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

*Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service* **February 14, 2010**

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Wed.-5 pm; Fri.-Noon

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

### Stepping Back and Taking A Long View

When Jesus went up on a mountain with Peter, James and John and was transfigured before their eyes, the "in awe" disciples desired to commemorate this luminous occasion with a monument. Meanwhile, Jesus, on this mountaintop retreat with Moses and Elijah, was setting his sight and vision toward Jerusalem, where all sorts of valleys, difficulties, suffering and death waited.

Sometimes we come to different conclusions on the mountaintop. Sometimes we don't all have the same long-term vision.

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In fits and starts, we have been working towards a long-range plan at Ashland, mostly in fits. Each work area now has a five-year rolling plan. Having a long and far reaching plan is more than taking a building down over there, and putting up a beautiful new one over here.

The Long Range Committee met this week for the first of what we anticipate will be numerous meetings in 2010-11, and we will keep you informed.

The prayer below from the late Bishop Oscar Romero speaks to us concerning a long-range vision, as well as sets the theme for Lent as Jesus sets his sights and vision on Jerusalem.

*It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.  
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts; it is even beyond our vision.  
We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.  
Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.  
No statement says all that should be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith.  
No confession brings perfection; no pastoral visit brings wholeness.  
No program accomplishes the church/ministries mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.*

*We water seeds already planted knowing that they hold future promise.  
We lay foundations that will need further development.  
We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.  
We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.  
This enables us to do something and do it very well. It may be incomplete but it is a beginning.  
A step along the way. An opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest.  
We may never see the result. But that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.  
We are the workers, not master builders. We are ministers, not messiahs.  
We are prophets of a future that is not our own." Amen.*

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## Missions

### Sharing God's Love

Sharing God's Love asks for you to support the Boy Scout Food Drive. The flyer is on the Missions Bulletin Board. Some of the needs are: canned fruits and vegetables, pork and beans, shampoo, bar soap, detergent, sheets, towels, etc.

Thank you! ~Missions Committee

### Keep Saving Campbell Labels

We covet the following labels: *Campbell's, Prego, Swanson, V8 and Franco American*. Place them in the container on the Communication Table. They go to the McCurdy Mission School in New Mexico, a United Methodist Advance Special, which began as a mission project in 1912, and provides a quality education with a Christian emphasis.

### Haiti

Haiti Kits are accepted on an ongoing basis.

You may place the kits in baskets in Ashland Hall and the Sanctuary.

### Salkehatchie Registration Process for 2010

Salkehatchie registration forms are on the bulletin board across from the church office.

Submit registration form along with personal check for \$100 (payable to: *Ashland UMC* and indicate it is for Salkehatchie) to the church office. The church will match this amount and send the registration form to the conference office.

Get your form and check in as soon as possible as camps are filling up fast. Thank you!

### Salkehatchie Auction Date Change

The date for the auction to benefit the Columbia Salkehatchie camp has been changed to Friday, March 12. Plan to join the Friendship Class for a "Spring Fling". There will be entertainment and our famous dessert bar. The price is right - admission is free. If you would like to contribute an item for either auction, contact Pam Spurrier at (803) 781-2340 or PamS@sc.rr.com.

### Support our Youth – 30 Hour Famine

The Ashland UMYF group is participating in a 30 hour famine on Feb. 26-27 in order to raise funds for the World Vision Organization. The 30 hr. famine is an international youth movement to help fight hunger. It is a non-profit organization that offers help to all people, regardless of their age, race, gender or religious beliefs. Youth will be at tables on Sunday to collect donations. Thank you for helping us support this cause.

## Celebrations and Remembrances

### Birthdays: February 14-20

14	Jonathan, Christopher W
15	Elizabeth , Kay , Linda
16	Blair
17	Jim , Jon , Bill , Wes , Bob
18	Wayne , Danny, Seth , Skylar
19	Karen , Dale , Jennifer
20	Dianne , Cassie, Lindsey, Drew

Honorariums: Margaret Hartis & Virginia Combs by Margaret Smith

### Memorials:

Betsy Stewart by Gloria Shaw, John & Sandra Calore

Juanita Lowery, mother of Coyet Lowery, by Bob & Barbara Borom, John & Sandra Calore

Jeannette Greasor, mother of Pam Spurrier, by Hal & Susan Von Nessen, Gloria Shaw, John & Sandra Calore

Joellen Cook by Hal & Susan Von Nessen

Rosemary Tannert, mother of Carol DeNisi, by Bob & Helen Barham

Averie Frampton by Joan Sanford, Bob & Mylla Markland, Jimmy & Margaret Smith

Carl Shrontz, son of Mildred Shrontz, by Martha Eastburn, Bill & Jane Bryan, Bill & Joanne Turner, Betty Anderson, Jimmy & Margaret Smith, John & Sandra Calore, Marguerite Raines, Sue Yarbrough

Herman Little, brother of Jerry Little, by Bill, Jane & Will Bryan

### Wednesday Supper

Menu: Suzy's baked chicken, vegetables, and dessert

Sign up using the red slips in the pew or at back of Ashland Hall & return in offering plate. Cost Adults- \$6 Youth 10-18-\$3 Kids 9 & under- free.

Or call the church office with your reservation by Mondays at noon. 798-5350, ext. 14 or e-mail [education@ashlandumc.com](mailto:education@ashlandumc.com)

### Love to read?

Join us February 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm in room 111 to discuss:  
*The Last Time They Met* by Anita Shreve.

Upcoming books are listed on [ashlandumc.com](http://ashlandumc.com)



### Music, Art and Drama

Will not meet next Wednesday

February 17<sup>th</sup> due to

Ash Wednesday service

Children 4 years old thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Join us for music, games, crafts, and more

### Children's Roadtrip

#### Sunday during Sunday School

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders are going to visit Brian

Center Nursing Care. We leave Ashland 10 am.

Please bring valentines and cookies to share.

Questions: Call Jean Smith 622.0758 or 422.5024.

### From the Worship Committee

During Lent no flowers will be used in the sanctuary. If you have a special occasion and want to place flowers at the church, please notify the church office. They will be used in the Narthex.

## Within the Ashland Family

### Thank You

Thanks so much for all your prayers, thoughts and visits during my recent fall and hospitalization.~Margaret Hartis

**Congratulations** to proud grandparents Ed and Jan Hammond as they celebrate the birth of their grandchild Lucy Hammond born on January 18, 2010. Parents are Clint and Rachel Hammond

### Senior Living

Gertrude Beaugh, NM; Elizabeth Christopher, The Oaks; Vivian Fisk & Virginia Combs, NHC, W. Cola; Mary Gabel, NHC, Northeast; Elwyn & Beckie Gary, Agape, Harbison; Brookie Gomez, Waterford; Margie Hodgins, Harborchase; Jean Smurthwaite, Brian Center; Mac Smurthwaite, The Lodge at Ascension; Polly Turner, Lowman Home; Bill Turner, Sterling House

### VIP Event on February 19th

Join us to attend the *Palmetto Mastersingers Concert* on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm at Union UMC. We will meet at the Olive Garden @ 5:30 pm for dinner. Contact Bob and Judy Taylor 798-5968 for transportation or more information.

### UMM Annual Chicken BBQ

March 20<sup>th</sup> - 4-7 pm, Ashland Hall  
1/2 chicken plate, baked beans, cole slaw,  
rolls & tea - \$7.50; Whole chicken - \$7.50  
Tickets are available from UMM

### Upcoming Events

- **February 17<sup>th</sup>**, Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary
- **February 21<sup>st</sup>**, Valet Parking, 4 pm, #138
- **February 21<sup>st</sup>**, Outreach, 5 pm, #138
- **April 1st**, *The Last Supper Drama*, 7 pm, Ashland Hall

### Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews

*The Palmetto Mastersingers* will perform a mini-concert in the sanctuary at 11:30 am this Tuesday (Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>)  
Ruth Gottlieb Moore will present *A Visit from Mary Todd Lincoln* during lunch.

Call Becky Swanson at 731-9394 for lunch reservations. Cost is \$6.50 or you may bring your lunch.

### Upcoming Bible Studies

Sign-up now for the winter/spring studies:

\_\_\_\_\_ **New Testament** - 8 wks- Tuesdays @  
6:30pm starting March 30<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ **Genesis** - Lenten Study Continued -  
5 wks Wednesdays @ 6:30 starting Feb 24<sup>th</sup>  
Cost for optional workbook: \$12 by Feb. 14th

### Sign Me Up!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

## United Methodist Youth

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

Youth Prayer Breakfast Wednesdays at 8 am  
Hot Dog Heaven, Broad River Road

Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm - Youth Praise Band 4:30 pm - Youth Choir 5:30 pm - Youth Group
Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	4:00 pm - Youth Praise Band 4:30 pm - Youth Choir 5:30 pm - Youth Worship

## SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY EVENING

Ashland will join Union, Chapin, Grace, Salem, Shady Grove and Virginia Wingard UM Churches Sunday evening, February 21, 6:00 p.m., for a worship service at Union UMC, Irmo, in which **Bishop Ken Carder will preach.**

The offering will go to Oliver Gospel Mission of Columbia, and you are invited to bring canned goods which will go to Sharing God's Love.

Dr. Carder served as bishop of the Mississippi area and the Nashville area.

He is the author of three books, *Sermons on United Methodist Beliefs*, *A Bishop's Reflections*, *Living Our Beliefs* and a study guide for *Who Are We? The Doctrine, Mission, and Ministry of the United Methodist Church*. Bishop Carder currently serves as a member of The United Methodist University Senate and chairman of the Senate's Commission on Theological Education.

### The Upper Room Booklets

Booklets for the period March-April 2010 are on the rack across from the Cornerstone Class.



## United Methodist Men Events for 2010

- February 22 - Fish Fry @ Rehoboth UMC, 6 pm
- February 26-28 State UMM Spiritual Life Retreat, Radisson Hotel, Columbia
- April - Vidalia Onion Sales
- April 30-May 2, 2010 - Columbia District Spiritual Retreat at Asbury Hills - See Herman Lightsey for information



## United Methodist Women Events for 2010

**Change of Date: A Spa for the Lady's Soul**  
October 2, 2010

- February 20<sup>th</sup> - Day Apart Retreat - Francis Burns UMC
- March 18<sup>th</sup> - Legislative Day - Mt. Horeb UMC

## Living Out Our Faith

*February 14, 2010 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

People in Haiti

Kathy Harrelson, Texas

Jamie Towery, son of Pat & Patsy Towery – In Afghanistan

### OUR PRESENCE

2/7 : Worship: 352 *The Path*: 136 Traditional: 216 SS: N/A

### OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending 2/6/2010 \$ 10,408

Received Year to Date: 95,396

Spent Year to Date: 77,693

### General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending 2/6/2010 8,441

Received Year to Date: 68,772

### Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 1,650

### OUR SERVICE

**Sunday School Coffee for February:** Friendship Class

**Narthex Table:** Cynthia Busbee

**Crucifer:** Jillian **Acolytes:** Clark, Rebecca

**Altar Stewards:** Margaret Combs, Beverly Stallings

**Ushers for February:** Margaret Combs, Billy Laney, Ed Hammond, Buddy Roberts, Ben Dusenbury, Bud Graczyk

**Nursery:** *The Path:* David & Sarah Fellows, Jennifer Thomas SS: Janet Hatch, Kim Crutchfield, Lynda Mixon, Mac Credille, Cheryl McClay, Tiffany Lacy; 11 am: Vicki Proctor, Caroline Harrelson, Debbie Sandersfeld

**Altar Flowers:** The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of Blair's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday by her parents and sister.

### Missionaries We Support

#### Tim and Daina Datwyler

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The Dalenburg Family BP 278, Thies, Senegal

#### Helen Byholt Lovelace

General Board of Global Ministries

Ukraine

## This Week at Ashland

### Sunday, February 14, 2010 – Exodus 17:8-13

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 Praise Band  
4:30 PM Youth Choir, Choir Room  
5:30 PM Disciple I, #115  
5:30 PM Youth Group  
6:00 PM Psalms, #113

### Monday, February 15, 2010 – Romans 8:17-25

6:15 PM TOPS, #125

### Tuesday, February 16, 2010 – 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

9:30 AM Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews  
6:30 PM Stephen Ministry, #125  
6:30 PM Old Testament, #113

### Wednesday, February 17, 2010 – Romans 3:21-26

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper, Ashland Hall  
6:00 PM AI Anon, #127  
6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary  
6:30 PM No Children's Activities  
6:30 PM *The Path* Music Ensemble, Choir Room  
7:30 PM Worship Choir, Choir Room

### Thursday, February 18, 2010 – Ephesians 1:3-14

10:30 AM Ladies Prayer Group, Library  
7:00 PM Columbia Chess Club, #125  
Arpad Darzas, Choir Room

### Friday, February 19, 2010 – Psalm 46

### Saturday, February 20, 2010 – Matthew 6:19-21

10:00 AM Arpad Darzas, Choir Room

### Sunday, February 21, 2010 – 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

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 Praise Band  
4:00 PM Book Club, #111  
4:00 PM Valet Parking, #138  
5:00 PM Outreach/Evangelism  
4:30 PM Youth Choir, Choir Room  
5:30 PM Disciple I, #115  
5:30 PM Youth Group  
6:00 PM Psalms, #113

Devotions are from *The Upper Room*. Other calendar events can be found on the website [www.ashlandumc.com](http://www.ashlandumc.com)

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