



ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service **February 28, 2010**

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Wed.-5 pm; Fri.-Noon

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

If any of you wish to come with me, you must forget yourselves, pick up your cross and follow me. Jesus

The experience of not responding to a friend in need late one autumn afternoon in October 1965 continues to haunt me.

Football practice for the 4th-5th grade team was mercifully over. For all the underachieving and underweight kids, it was like a governor's temporary stay of execution.

The coaches were no bunch of joys. Most were single men in their 30's who looked as if they had recently consumed a packet of Ex-Lax. My equally skinny, but taller friend, Dennis, walked home with me, both in our practice jerseys – that being our father's white tees.

Some of the larger, more aggressive team members, destined for a life of hot rods, fast women and dead end jobs, unilaterally chose Dennis as their evening stress relief. Blue eyes, blond hair and an unblemished complexion earned him the moniker *Babyface*.

Their taunts grew closer and eventually surrounded us. Soon they escalated into a pushing and shoving jamboree of Dennis. Thirty seconds later, Dennis' jersey was shredded and in ribbons. For all purposes, he might as well been naked. The tormenters bucked and skipped into the approaching sunset, abandoning us to the gathering gloom.

Crying as if his heart would leap from his throat, Dennis stood there humiliated and degraded. And then I accompanied him home. We never talked about the assault, nor did I do anything to assist him in his moment of crisis.

Like Saul of Tarsus, I once stood idly by while an innocent one was destroyed. Like Saul, this non response would carry a toll of its own.

There is a bit of the best and the worst of us. We fail God on a regular basis. Jesus knows this. Jesus understands this. Jesus longs to gather us all under his wings.

Jesus' pilgrimage took him to Jerusalem where he walked into the jaws of death. He experienced the absolute worst life had to offer. Even though we fail, even though we abandon, Jesus is still willing to entrust us with the kingdom.

Ponder with me the age old question: Are you willing to pick up a cross and follow me? Are you willing to proclaim my kingdom even if it means pain and suffering?

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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.

CELEBRATE ST. PATTY'S DAY EARLY!

Bring all your green to the
Live and Silent Auctions
To benefit the
Columbia Salkehatchie Camp
Friday, March 12 – 7 pm
Ashland Hall
You will love the dessert bar!
Admission is Free!



Candler Free Concert Sunday

The Candler Singers, the choir of Emory University's Candler School of Theology, will perform church music from all over the world - classical, contemporary, folk and spiritual - in a concert this Sunday, February 28, at Shandon UMC, 11 a.m. and at Wesley UMC on Gervais Street this Sunday at 4 p.m. You are invited.

Wofford Study Abroad Blogs

Wofford College has asked Kelli Rush and Krista Jones to keep blogs during their Study Abroad programs. Kelli is studying in Rome, Italy, and has already posted several. Krista leaves for Panama this Tuesday and will soon be posting a blog. If you would like to read their blogs here they are: http://blogs.wofford.edu/international_programs. Place this address in the top URL search box.



Easter Egg Hunt April 3rd 10:30am

Join us for crafts, the BIG hunt and a light lunch. We'll provide the sandwiches, drinks and eggs. *You provide cookies or chips and the egg hunters.*

Eggs for Oliver

Kids will be dying boiled eggs to take to Oliver Gospel Mission. If you can bring a dozen boiled eggs (in their carton), place slip below in offering plate or let Jean Smith know

____ YES! I will bring a dozen.

Name: _____

Celebrations and Remembrances

February 28-March 6

February 28	Jim
March 1	Rebecca, Dylan, Cierra , Skylar
2	Susan, Ryan B
3	Donna, Margaret, David, Patti, Robert
6	Beverly, Ann, Terri, Brent

Memorials

Averie Frampton by Tom & Beth Wilkinson, David & Linda Abernathy, Leon & Catherine Gaulin, Dale & Ruthanne Robbins, Susannah Wesley Circle

Rosemary Tannert, mother of Carol DeNisi, by Tom & Beth Wilkinson
Joellen Cook by Tom & Beth Wilkinson, Bob & Barbara Borom, David & Linda Abernathy

Carl Shrontz by Robert & Jane Marshall, Bob & Helen Barham, David & Linda Abernathy, Bob & Mylla Markland

Betsy Stewart by David & Linda Abernathy

Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Jeannette Greasor, mother of Pam Spurrier, by Mac & Jean Smurthwaite

Jeannie McCrea Scholarship Fund for Carl Shrontz by Mac & Jean Smurthwaite

Ruth Jones Daniel, aunt of Joel Jones, by Dale & Ruthanne Robbins

Wednesday Supper

Menu: Trish's Corned Beef, cabbage, pasta, veggies, bread 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

Music, Art and Drama

Children 4 years old thru 6th grade
Join us Wednesday @ 6:30 pm
for music, games, crafts, and more



Valet Parking To Begin March 7

The Outreach/Evangelism Committee is initiating a new service beginning March 7. Valet parkers will be available to assist members and visitors who need help getting from their cars into the church.

Please drive to the circle driveway where the parking valets will drive your car onto the pavement area close to the church door. You will be assisted into the church and your car will be taken to a designated parking area, and keys placed in a secure location. After worship, cars will be brought back to the breezeway area by the church entrance and you will be assisted back to the car.

Baptism

Christian McGowan Vaughn
February 21, 2010

Parents: Cliff & Laurie Vaughn

Grandparents: Frank & Harriet Ward

Easter Lilies Order Form

Cost: \$8.00 per plant. Please make check payable to Ashland UMC and note it for Easter Lilies.

Deadline: March 14th. Please print.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

By _____

Confirmation Class Events

We are off to Lake Junaluska from March 5-7 for our annual retreat. We will participate with other churches from the Southeastern Jurisdiction in study, music and fun.

Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews

Entertainment during lunch: Linda Davis and her dog.
Call Becky Swanson at 731-9394 for lunch reservations.
Cost is \$6.50 or you may bring your lunch.

The Shepherd's Center B.I.G. (Baked Goods and Beautiful Items for the Garden) will be held at Seven Oaks Park on Saturday, March 13th from 7 am-11:30 am. There will be homemade baked goods and beautiful plants. The park is located at 200 Leisure Lane. For more information, contact Becky Swanson at 731-9394.

PLAYGROUND

Yes, it is up and ready to be used!

- Remember our Safe Sanctuary policy states that no children or youth will be left alone on church property.
- This includes our new playground. Keep our kids safe by being there with your kids on the playground.

Virginia Wingard Memorial UMC presents

The Benedict College Concert Choir

Sunday, March 21, 2010

5 pm in the Sanctuary

Catered meal following Performance

Cost: \$15 adults; \$10 children (12 and under)

For tickets: 772-0794

Lost and Found

A box of items is located on the Communications table near the Cornerstone Classroom. Please stop by and see if any of the items belong to you.

Upcoming Bible Studies

Disciple New Testament Study

8 wks--Tuesdays @ 6:30pm starting March 30th

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

The 30-hour famine begins Saturday at 5 pm and ends Sunday at 7:30 pm. During this time we will be fasting, praying, and learning about world hunger. Youth praise band will not meet on Sunday.

March 7th - DR Mission Trip Meeting at 12 noon, youth building. Lunch will be provided. Council of the Illuminati Meeting at 4 pm, youth building.

Coming in April

Inquirer's Class – April 11th, 18th at 9:45 am

April 25th at 5 pm

More information soon

Upcoming Events

- March 28th, *The Weeping Tree* Cantata, 10:30 am, Sanctuary
- April 1st, *The Last Supper Drama*, 7 pm, Ashland Hall

UMM Annual Chicken BBQ

March 20th – 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



United Methodist Men Events for 2010

- March 1st – 6:30 pm, Ashland Hall – Dinner and program by Hugh Westbury, *Experiences with the Carolina Bays*
- 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

Ashland UMW Work Day
Saturday, April 10th – 9:00 am – Noon
Room 138

All circle Presidents are asked to let Linda Wilkins (LWILKINS522@bellsouth.net) know the names of the people in their circle who have completed the Reading Program for 2009 and at what level. Linda needs this information before the end of February. Thanks

Living Out Our Faith

February 28, 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

Home from hospital: Julie Haltiwanger, Haley

Kathy Harrelson, Texas

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

Rick Maturi – In Iraq

OUR PRESENCE

2/21 Worship: 359 *The Path*: 132 Traditional: 227 SS: N/A

OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending 2/20/2010 \$ 11,220

Received Year to Date: 126,368

Spent Year to Date: 121,044

General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending 2/20/2010 8,563

Received Year to Date: 93,923

Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 2,597

OUR SERVICE

Sunday School Coffee for February: Friendship Class

Narthex Table: Cynthia Busbee

Crucifer: Chad **Acolytes:** Sara, Dawson

Altar Stewards: Linda Wilkins, Rosemary Sanders

Children's Church: Doug & Tina Mastin

Greeters: Vicki Bates, John Edwards, Sally Lowery, Todd & Jessica Carroll

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

Nursery: *The Path*: Courtney Kelso, Betsy Boozer, Cheryl Means; SS:

Janet Hatch, Kim Crutchfield, Lynda Mixon, Mac Credille, Cheryl McClay, Valerie Railey; 11 am: Valerie & Paige, Jayne Beachler, Phil & Terri Miller, Mollie McClellan

Missionaries We Support

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Helen Byholt Lovelace

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This Week at Ashland

Sunday, February 28, 2010 – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary
4:30 PM Youth Choir, Choir Room
5:30 PM Disciple I, #115
5:30 PM Youth Group
6:00 PM Psalms Disciple Study, #113

Monday, March 1, 2010 – 2 Timothy 4:1-7

6:15 PM TOPS, #125
6:30 PM UMM, Ashland Hall

Tuesday, March 2, 2010 – John 14:8-12

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

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 – Matthew 6:5-15

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper, Ashland Hall
6:00 PM Al Anon, #127
6:30 PM M-A-D Children's Activities
6:30 PM Handbells, Sanctuary
6:30 PM Genesis Bible Study, Ashland Hall
6:30 PM *The Path* Music Ensemble, Choir Room
7:30 PM Worship Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, March 4, 2010 – Galatians 6:1-10

10:30 AM Ladies Prayer Group, Library
6:30 PM Sunshine Circle, #138
6:30 PM Boy Scouts, Ashland Hall
7:00 PM Columbia Chess Club, #125
Arpad Darzas, Choir Room

Friday, March 5, 2010 – James 4:13-16

Saturday, March 6, 2010 – Psalm 92:12-15

9:00 AM Conference Spirit Singers Auditions,
Choir Room & #129

Sunday, March 7, 2010 – Romans 5:12-19

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 Disciple Study, #113

Devotions are from *The Upper Room*. Other calendar events can be found on the website www.ashlandumc.com

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