



ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service **March 7, 2010**

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

30 Hour Famine

We've all seen those infomercials of poor children in some third world country whose stomachs are swollen from want of food. Their bodies are disproportionately small. Flies buzz around their tired faces. When we see these images one word usually sums up the feelings we have: Guilt. We feel guilty that some could be so blessed while others so poor. We feel guilty for the food we've let go bad in our refrigerators. We feel guilty for worrying which TV has the best picture quality. What we view as sufferings are brought to light as mild annoyances. But thankfully we have ample distractions to unburden us from the guilt we feel.

This past weekend our youth and volunteers participated in the 30 Hour Famine to learn more about poverty and world hunger and to raise both money and awareness. Thanks to the generous giving of our congregation we were able to raise over \$1200 to send to WorldVision to aid them in their fight against hunger in Africa. Participants in the famine fasted for 30 hours to get a small taste of what it is like to be truly hungry.

One of the passages we studied during the Famine came from Deuteronomy 15. In this passage God's people are addressed as to how they should treat the poor in their community. Verse four says there should never be any poor among you. Verse 11 says there will always be poor in the land. The contradiction here has to do with what God's people do with their resources. It has to do with our response when we look poverty in the face. If guilt for what we have was replaced with compassion for other people, I wonder which verse the world would reflect. Would there always be poor, or never again?

-Hunter

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Salkehatchie Columbia Camp Fund Raiser Join the Friendship Sunday School Class

For a fun evening of
Food at our fabulous dessert bar...
Entertainment by comedian
Johnny NoCash Spurrier...
Shopping at the Live and Silent Auctions
All proceeds of the auctions will benefit the
Columbia Salkehatchie Camp
Admission is Free...Donations accepted



Friday, March 12th @ 7 pm

Ashland Hall

Be there – or be square!!!



Acknowledgements from Missions

Thank you for your continued support of Sharing God's Love. Anyone interested in taking a tour, call Barbara Kollman at 781-4057.

Thanks to all who bring in the hotel sized toilet articles. They are distributed to Oliver Gospel Mission and Hannah House on a monthly basis.

Within the Ashland Family

Riley Mack is 4 years old and has Asperger's Syndrome. The Autism Society is having a Walk for Strides on May 15 at Finlay Park to raise money for the Autism Society here in Columbia. More information later.

Holy Week Activities

March 28

10:00 am – Blessing of the Playground, Picnic Shelter

10:30 am - Combined service to include: Palm Sunday processional, blessing of children by the ministers, cantata entitled *The Weeping Tree* with full orchestra.

April 1

7:00 pm – A living portrayal of *The Last Supper* in Ashland Hall



**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 Gospel Mission

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

March 7-13

7	Evelyn
8	Earline, Dottie, Paul
9	Agnes, Jake, Carson
10	Matt, Michael, Mason
11	Ruth
12	Shelby, Jeff
13	Andrew, Chad

Memorials

Averie Frampton by Margaret Combs, John & Carolyn McCrea

Carl Shrontz by John & Carolyn McCrea

Betsy Stewart by John & Carolyn McCrea

Wofford Study Abroad Blogs

Wofford College has asked Kelli and Krista to keep blogs during their Study Abroad programs. Kelli is studying in Rome, Italy. Krista is posting a blog from Panama. 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.

Wednesday Supper

Lower Price! You can't beat our quality dining for this price.

Menu: Ham, hasbrown casserole, pineapple casserole, green beans, rolls, dessert

Sign up using the red slips in the pew or at back of Ashland Hall & return in offering plate. Cost Adults- \$5 Youth 10-18-\$3 Kids 9 & under- free.

Or call with reservations by Mondays at noon. 798-5350, ext. 14 or e-mail education@ashlandumc.com



Music, Art and Drama

The children of Ashland will present the musical "Table for Five...Thousand" on April 25th. Any children interested but not able to come Wednesdays see Miss Suzy.

Valet Parking To Begin March 7

The Outreach/Evangelism Committee is initiating a new service beginning Sunday. 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

Nieman

February 28, 2010

Parents: Michael and Kimberly Reen
Kimberly is the niece of Missy Graczyk

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 _____

Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews

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.

Brochures for spring session beginning March 23rd are located on some of the bulletin boards.

Coming in April

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

April 25th at 5 pm

More information soon

VIP Event

The VIP Senior Adults will be going to a concert at UMC on Friday, March 19, 7:30pm. Paul Saik, Christian Recording Artist, will be performing. Dinner before the concert will be at Lizard's Thicket in Irmo at 5:45pm. Everyone is welcome. For transportation call the Taylor's @798-5969.

PLAYGROUND

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.

Upcoming Bible Studies

Disciple New Testament Study

8 wks--Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m. 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

March 7th – DR lunch meeting at 12 noon
4 pm Council of the Illuminati Meeting

4 pm Youth Praise Band

4:30 pm Youth Choir

5:30 pm – Youth game night

March 20th – Small groups – Gross Lympics (come compete with your small group in the grosses games we can think of)

Eat More Pickles!

You know what the cows say about chicken - we need you to "Eat More Pickles for VBS." The perfect jar for a great craft for VBS this year is a 24oz Velask Zesty Bread and Butter pickle jar. Buy whatever brand you want but compare to the shape and size of the Velask.

We need 60 so start eating pickles!

UMM Annual Chicken BBQ

The annual United Methodist Men's chicken barbecue will be held on March 20, 2010. The price is \$7.50 for a whole chicken or an eat-in plate, which includes chicken, slaw, green beans, and bread. Plates will be available from 4-7 pm in Ashland Hall. Tickets can now be purchased from any member of UMM. Proceeds will go to UMM mission projects, so all members of Ashland are encouraged to support this activity. COOLERS NEEDED: For the chicken barbeque on March 20th, the UMM will need as many coolers as possible for storing the chickens. If anyone has a cooler that can be used, please notify Jimmy Smith (781-6944) or Curt Railey (781-8211).



United Methodist Men Events for 2010

- 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

Harmon Circle, March 8th, 10 am, room 138

Noontime Seekers Circle, March 9th, 12:30 PM at Peggy Smith's home, 161 Ridgmont Dr. , with Mary Lightsey serving as co-hostess. They will serve a light lunch. Please RSVP to Peggy at 407-6296 for the lunch. Patsy N. will have the program and has asked that everyone bring a special Bible. Also, please think about why it is special and if you have a special or meaningful verse that you would like to share with the group. Mission Project – Bring items for the Toy Box at Palmetto Richland Children's hospital.

Faith Circle – Saturday, March 20th – Day of missions and fun at Dalene's house.

Living Out Our Faith

March 7, 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 and Chile

Susan Dickinson, Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital

Berry Smith & Maria Ellison – MUSC, Charleston

Kathy Harrelson, Texas

OUR PRESENCE

2/28 Worship: 359 *The Path*: 157 Traditional: 202 SS: N/A

OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending 2/27/2010 \$ 13,964

Received Year to Date: 140,332

Spent Year to Date: 152,085

General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending 2/27/2010 11,451

Received Year to Date: 105,373

Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 2,200

OUR SERVICE

Sunday School Coffee for March: Stepping Stones

Narthex Table: Judy Mitchell

Crucifer: Matthew **Acolytes:** Haley, Daniel

Altar Stewards: Lou Wolfe, Cindy Robinson, Jane Bryan

Greeters: Annette Bonneau, Peggy Smith, Peggy Lynch, Red Bonneau, Margaret Combs

Ushers for March: Frank Ward, Jimmy Smith, John Calore, Joan Sanford, Scott Peurifoy, 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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General Board of Global Ministries

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This Week at Ashland

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

Monday, March 8, 2010 – Acts 12:1-11

10:00 AM Harmon Circle, #138
Staff Meeting
6:15 PM TOPS, #125
6:30 PM Long Range Planning, #125
6:30 PM Education, #138

Tuesday, March 9, 2010 – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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 10, 2010 – Hebrews 11:1-13

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 Finance, #138
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 (nursery provided)

Thursday, March 11, 2010 – Matthew 16:21-26

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

Friday, March 12, 2010 – Luke 10:25-37

7:00 PM Friendship Class, Ashland Hall

Saturday, March 13, 2010 – Mark 6:30-44

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

Sunday, March 14, 2010 – John 11:17-27

8:45 AM *The Path*, Ashland Hall
9:15 AM Greeter Training, Work Room
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
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Devotions are from *The Upper Room*. Other calendar events can be found on the website www.ashlandumc.com

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