



ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

Joining Together on a Christian Journey of Love and Service

January 22, 2012

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

The enemy is fear. We think it is hate; but it is fear. Gandhi

- Answer me quickly, O Lord, my spirit fails, do not hide your face from me. **Psalm 141: 7**
- I am worn out calling for help; my throat is parched. My eyes fail, looking for my God. **Psalm 69:3**
- I waited patiently for the Lord; The Lord turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. **Psalm 40: 1-2**

Perhaps you have read these Psalms of lament in their entirety, either devotionally or as an Act of Praise during worship.

Such psalms were merely background and vague words in my theological landscape until I entered a turbulent and stressful first year in seminary.

Suddenly, they pulsed with life as the pain and fear of real people in real situations begged and pleaded with God for help. There was no cover up, no hiding of anything. None of this "I'll get a handle on this - it's not too bad. " Simply a cry: "Help me Lord, I'm scared!!"

I learned a lifelong lesson - one I am still trying to incorporate- it is OK to admit that we are weak and need help, for it sets us on the road to healing and wholeness.

In a recent devotional William Green wrote: "Nothing undermines strength more than a denial of weakness. That's the first principle of recovery groups today; it's also timeless wisdom. I am weak. I need help."

Sooner or later this is the first step all of us must take to find healing and hope.

Nothing is more generous than fear. In fact, fear is pretty addictive. And once that faucet comes on, look out! So take a look around the arena of your life.

What area of your life does fear control?

It is amazing what God can do with just a few who dare to let weakness out of the closet.
William C. Green

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Fifth Sunday Breakfast - January 29

Please note on fifth Sunday, January 29, we will have *The Path* (Contemporary) worship at 8:45 a.m. and Traditional Worship at 11 a.m. Breakfast will be held at 9:45 a.m. (no Sunday School on 5th Sundays) so please bring your breakfast goodies with you to worship. If you come to *The Path*, we have a large warming tray for your dishes. Come and enjoy this time of food and fellowship!



Music, Art and Drama

All children 4 years old thru 6th grade are invited to join us.

We have started practicing the Spring Musical, "A Tale of Three Trees" and will sing at the 11 am service on January 29th.

See you Sunday, 5 pm, in room 125.

January Meetings

- Jan. 22nd, 6:30 pm, Permanent Endowment Committee, #138
- Jan. 23rd, 6:30 pm, Worship, #138
- Jan. 24th, 6:30 pm, Staff Parish, #138
- Jan. 24th, 6:30 pm, Education, #111
- Jan. 29th, 3-5:30 pm, District Staff Parish Meeting Washington Street UMC
- Jan. 30th, 6:30 pm, Missions, #138

How Does One Become a Member of Ashland

- **By Profession of Faith** – for those who desire to profess their Christian faith for the first time, or after a long absence from any church involvement.
- **By Profession of Faith with baptism** – same as above with the sacrament of baptism for those who have never been baptized.
- **By Transfer from another denomination** – for those who have a current church membership in a denomination other than the United Methodist Church.
- **By Transfer from another United Methodist Church** – for those who currently have their membership in another United Methodist congregation.

Contact Joel 798-5350, ext 15 or Jim Nates 798-5350, ext 25.

Celebrations and Remembrances

Birthdays January 22-28

22	Traci, Joshua, Justin
23	Marcia, Grayson
26	Shaheen
27	Joshua
28	Zachary, Mary

Memorials

Susan Banks, by Guy & Susan Rogers, Virginia Freeman, Strib & Barbara Barton, Mary Pruitt, Dan, Martha, Robert, Michael, Dennis, Joy and Linkin Harris
Marge Calore, by Jimmy & Margaret Smith, Johnadee White, Peggy Smith, Hugh & Ruth Westbury, Jeff & Valerie Barham, Bob & Mylla Markland, Jim & Mary Nell Wilson, Ginny Womack, Don & Val Songer, Bill & Kaye Bradley, Barbara Wiedemann, Lewis & Arlene Milligan, Harold Reid
Leon Gaulin, by Hugh & Ruth Westbury, Bill & Kaye Bradley, Harold Reid, Martha Eastburn
Jeannie McCreia Scholarship Fund for Marge Calore, by Jean & Mac Smurthwaite
James Mixon, by Harold Reid

Wednesday Supper this week:

MENU: Beef & Macaroni, vegetables, salad, rolls & dessert

Use the red slips on the back table in Ashland Hall, pew pocket in the Sanctuary or call the church office by noon on Monday.

We have 5 Wednesdays open if you can help cook.

Contact Suzy at 798-5350 x 14, or education@ashlandumc.com

"A Thrill of Hope:

The Christmas Story in Word and Art"

January 25 at 6:30 pm in Ashland Hall

We will look at the last painting of John August Swanson's art work, titled: *Flight to Egypt*.

Congratulations – Jack Cohoon

Jack Cohoon is the 2011 recipient of the Ellen Hines Smith Legal Services Attorney of the Year Award. This award is given by the SC Bar Foundation and the Access to Justice Commission.

Thank You!

A special thanks to the Ashland church family, especially Mary and Martha's Sunday school class, for their prayers and support during our time of grief.

~Catherine Gaulin and family

Welcome New Members Paul & Connie Wessler

They come from certificate of transfer from Bulverde UMC in San Antonio, Texas. Paul is retired from the Army where he was an Aviation Warrant Officer (pilot). He works part-time at Home Depot and enjoys woodworking, cooking, knitting and yard work. Connie is a homemaker and custodian of 5 parrots and two dogs. Connie enjoys taking care of parrots, dogs, knitting and church activities. They enjoy having their granddaughter, Destiny Kendrick, live with them.

Columbia Salkehatchie 2012 Camp Needs

Gently used furniture/household items are being collected for this year's camp. Contact Sandra Calore (798-0876) or Mary Lightsey (781-5798) for coordination or drop off.

Mark These Dates - Plan to Attend

- The annual Dessert Bar and Auctions to benefit the Columbia Salkehatchie camp will be Friday, March 9. Plan to attend this fun event sponsored by the Friendship Sunday School class...more details in February. If you would like to contribute an item for the auction, please contact Pam Spurrier at PamS@sc.rr.com or at 781-2340.
- Epworth Cookout for Kids April 14

Souper Bowl of Caring February 5

Our youth will hold soup pots at church doors on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 5, 2012. They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. In 2011, \$10 million was collected by Souper Bowl of Caring participants for local charities. All of the money collected is donated to a charity selected by the participant - none of the money is sent to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters. Organizers only ask that each participant report their collection so national totals can be determined and announced. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, more than \$71 million has gone to help people in need. Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollar in the soup pot on February 5th.

Volunteer Guardian ad Litem Training Right Here @ Ashford UMC!

Would you like to learn how to make a difference for an abused or neglected child? The next training to become a volunteer guardian ad litem will be held at our church beginning Monday, January 30th at 6:00 pm. The free program will teach you how to become a powerful advocate for children! Questions? Ask Joan Sanford, a current volunteer with the program, or visit the website at www.lexington.scgal.org.

Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews Winter Session

Lunch Speaker Tuesday, January 24th at 12:30 pm is Allison Horne. She will share a preview of Columbia Museum of Art's "Painting America the Beautiful: exhibit on the Hudson River School

Flower Calendar For 2012

The altar flower calendar for 2012 is on the bulletin board across from the church offices. Stop by and select a Sunday. The cost is \$43.00 per vase. You will be contacted later for wording in the newsletter.

United Methodist Youth

**Love God. Love Others. Love Self.
Prayer Breakfast Wednesdays
@ Hot Dog Heaven - 8 am**

- Jan. 22 4:30 pm, Youth Choir
5:30 pm, Youth Group
Topic: *Holy Vocabulary - Gifts*
Youth live-in begins Sunday after youth group.
Thanks to everyone who has volunteered. We ask for your prayers this week for our students as they explore new ways to incorporate spiritual disciplines into their everyday lives.
- Jan. 29 4:30 pm, Youth Choir
5:30 pm, Youth Group
Topic: *Holy Vocabulary - Church*
- Feb. 1 6:30 pm, DR Mission Trip Meeting
Youth Building
- Feb. 5 Youth will accept donations for a local charity after church services.

Visit the Wolverines of Asgard on Facebook

Asbury Hills and Conference Youth Choir

- Asbury Hill is looking for Summer Counselors. For an application and if you have completed at least one year of college, email the Camp office: office@asburyhills.org or call Sarah at 864-836-3711.
- Auditions will be held in late February/early March throughout the state for the Spirit Singers, an auditioned group of United Methodist teens (13-17) from across South Carolina who love spreading the Gospel through song. Applications are in the manila folder packet across from the Church office. Deadline is February 10, 2012.

Lost and Found

Lost and found items are in the white tray on the Communications table beside the Cornerstone Classroom. Stop by and see if an item(s) belongs to you.

All Women (and friends) Invited to attend the
Spiritual Formation Retreat
"What's in Your Purse?"



Saturday March 3rd 8:30 am - 3 pm
-Hosted by Ashland's Faith Circle-

Keynote speaker: Jennifer Dalenburg

There will be light breakfast, workshops and lunch

Cost is: \$15

Registration forms available on What's Happening
bulletin board beside the work room

All church members are invited to donate items for a purse for the ladies of Killingsworth. Items such as: lotion, hand sanitizer, notepad, pen, gum and more.

Living Out Our Faith

January 22, 2012

OUR PRAYERS

In Memoriam: James Clifton Mixon, Jr. (1/7/12), grandfather of Dawn Mixon and father-in-law of Lynda Mixon
Marge Calore (1/10/12), mother of John Calore;
Leon Gaulin (1/11/12), husband of Catherine Gaulin;
Gates Lanford (Spartanburg), father of Terri Miller, died 1/17/2012 – Service held on January 20th in Spartanburg
Caroline Harrelson – recent hospitalization; Karl Bowers

OUR PRESENCE

1/15 Worship: 284 *The Path*: 103 Traditional: 181 SS: 177

OUR GIFTS

Received Week Ending	1/14/12	\$ 16,006
Received Year to Date:		26,275
Spent Year to Date:		14,402

General Fund Contributions

Received Week Ending:	1/14/12	15,777
Received Year to Date:		25,867

Special Offerings

Memorials & Special Offerings: 70

OUR SERVICE

Sunday School Coffee for January: Crossroads

Narthex Table: Lorraine Shaffer

Crucifer: Grant Gibson **Acolytes:** Jenny, Hannah

Altar Stewards: Kaye Bradley, Melissa Jones

Lay Readers: *The Path*: Gene Allen 11 am: Joye Rush

Greeters: Don Cantrell, Charlie & Debbie Matthews, Red Bonneau, Clare Allen

Valet Parkers: Kinsey & Doreen Jenkins

Ushers for January 11:00 am: Mark Polk, Barbara Polk, Alex Polk, Lane Peeler, Ed Hammond, Bud Graczyk

Nursery: See posted schedule in nursery.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Ashland's ministers and staff by Robert and Linda Motley.

Missionaries We Support

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Helen Byholt Lovelace, General Board of Global Ministries, Ukraine

This Week at Ashland

Sunday, January 22, 2012 – Matthew 6:30

8:45 AM	<i>The Path</i> , Ashland Hall
9:45 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
4:30 PM	Youth Choir, Choir Room
5:00 PM	Music, Art, Drama for Children
5:30 PM	Youth Group
6:30 PM	Permanent Endowment, #138

Monday, January 23, 2012 – James 1:23-24

6:15 PM	TOPS, #125
6:30 PM	Worship, #138

Tuesday, January 24, 2012 – Hebrews 13:5

9:30 AM	Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews
6:30 PM	Staff Parish, #138
	Education, #111

Wednesday, January 25, 2012 – Jeremiah 29:11

6:00 PM	Al Anon, #127
	Wednesday Night Supper, Ashland Hall
6:30 PM	Handbells, #115
	<i>The Path</i> Music Ensemble, Choir Room
	Adult Study, <i>The Thrill of Hope: The Christmas Story in Word and Art</i>
	Worship Choir, Choir Room

7:30 PM

Thursday, January 26, 2012 – Colossians 3:3

10:30 AM	Ladies Prayer Group, Library
	Minister's Group
7:00 PM	Arpad Darazs Singers, Choir Room
	Woodland Hills Civic Assn., Ashland Hall

Friday, January 27, 2012 – Isaiah 41:10

Saturday, January 28, 2012 – Hebrews 11:16

Sunday, January 29, 2012 – Ephesians 4:29

8:45 AM	<i>The Path</i> , Ashland Hall
9:45 AM	Covered Dish Breakfast, Ashland Hall
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
4:30 PM	Youth Choir
5:00 PM	Music, Drama, Art for Children
5:30 PM	Youth Group

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

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