



# South Winds



News from South Ashland UMC

***Anchored to the Rock***

***Relevant to the Times***

***Reaching to the Future!***

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## Leadership Notes

by Lance Campbell

*On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate of the produce of Canaan.*

—Joshua 5:10-12

Of all the customs and symbols associated with Thanksgiving none is more alluring and enduring than the custom of sitting down at the table for a turkey dinner. The turkey held a prominent position in American folklore from the early days of the republic. It almost became our national symbol. "The turkey is a much more respectable Bird and withal a true original Native of North America." Thus wrote Benjamin Franklin during the discussions among the founding fathers on what the national emblem of the newly formed United States of America should be. After years of debate, Congress finally decided on the bald eagle as the best representative of the nation.

The turkey, however, would not be forgotten. Years before the founding of the nation, Edward Winslow, one of the Plymouth pilgrims, wrote in a letter to England, how the governor sent "four men out fowling" and how they returned with turkeys, ducks and geese. This letter was later to fuel the idea of eating turkey as part of the modern celebration of Thanksgiving

Eating a special dish as a means of thanksgiving had its biblical origins in the Old Testament. After finally crossing the Jordan River into the Promised Land, the Hebrew nation gratefully partook of a meal of unleavened bread and roasted grain. It wasn't turkey, but after eating nothing but manna for forty years while they wandered in the wilderness, I'm sure it tasted every bit as good as turkey does to us today! Whatever meal you sit down to this Thanksgiving, may it be a blessed one.

"Come, follow me." Let's see where Jesus leads our church.

Thanksgiving Blessings,  
Lance

## Honors and Memorials



**Budget:**

\*\*In Loving Memory of Shirley Adkins. Given by John & Sue Lambert.

\*\*In Loving Memory of Kathy Craig. Given by John & Lynda Cannon.

\*\*In Loving Memory of Margaret Cheap. Given by:

- June Childers
- Bill & Ernestine Blanton
- John & Jil McClanahan
- Skippy Simmerman

**Costa Rica Farm:**

\*\*In Love & Honor of Rannie Cooper on his birthday. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.

\*\*In Love & Honor of Charlene Cooper on her birthday. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.

**Missions:**

\*\*In Love & Honor of Steve & Darlene Meyers on their anniversary. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.

\*\*In Loving Memory of Carl Miller. Given by John & Sue Lambert.

**Mortgage Fund:**

\*\*In Loving Memory of Shirley Adkins. Given by Sam & Dody Greening.

**Social Concerns:**

\*\*In Loving Memory of Kathy Craig. Given by Jerry & Joy Daniel.

## Deaths



Our most heartfelt sympathy is extended to:

- Della Craig and family in the death of her daughter, Kathy Craig.
- Family and friends of Margaret Cheap.



## Thank You

Dear Church Family & Friends,  
I would like to express my appreciation for all the kindness shown to me during this difficult time. I want to thank Lance for his visits; Joy Daniel, Susie Carter, the Bereavement Committee and the Wesley Class for providing food; all those who came to the visitation and funeral; the cards, calls, contributions and prayers.

Della Craig and Family

Thank you so much for all your concerns after my recent accident. I appreciated all your prayers, calls and cards. I am doing well and I will see you soon. God Bless you.

Dot Ellington

*You are cordially invited to join with family and friends in celebrating the*

*50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Carl and Stella Pennington*

*on Saturday, the tenth of November Two thousand and seven*

*Please join us for an open house from two until four o'clock,*

*South Ashland United Methodist Church  
2203 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ashland, Kentucky*

*Your friendship is a cherished gift, we respectfully request no other*



*Music*  
*Notes*

**Christmas is Coming!**

We have begun practicing our Christmas Cantata and we would love to have you! If you would like to join the choir for the "Christmas Plan", please come to the choir room at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesdays. There will also be some extra rehearsals – I'll let you know when they will be. I have a **book** just waiting for you!

Happy Trails,  
Bev

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED  
WORLD COMMUNITY  
DAY**

**FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 2, 2007**

**10:30-11:00 A.M.  
REGISTRATION & COFFEE  
(FAMILY LIFE CENTER)**

**11:00 A.M.  
"EMBRACING JUSTICE  
UNDER GOD'S TENT"  
(FELLOWSHIP HALL)**

**South Ashland UMC Treasurer's Report September 2007**

Current Month	Budget Items	Specials	Mortgage	Totals
Beginning Balance	\$ 70,058.29	\$42,798.14	\$ 0.00	\$112,856.43
Receipts	40,606.05	7,692.97	2,116.00	50,415.02
Disbursements	(50,254.84)	( 5,890.63)	( 2,116.00)	(58,261.47)
Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance	\$ 60,409.50	\$44,600.48	\$ 0.00	\$105,009.98
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Balance 12/31/06	\$ 89,070.02	\$56,047.80	\$ 0.00	\$145,117.82
Receipts	367,205.50	39,394.47	22,915.00	429,514.97
Disbursements	( 396,505.12 )	(51,141.79)	( 22,915.00)	(470,561.91)
Transfer	639.10	300.00	0.00	939.10
Closing Balance	\$ 60,409.50	\$44,600.48	\$ 0.00	\$105,009.98



# Happy Thanksgiving

Join Us For a Gobbling Good Time!  
At our Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner  
November 14, 2007  
From 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.  
In the Family Life Center  
Bring a vegetable and a salad or dessert  
(Meat, rolls and drinks will be provided)

## *Library News*

Greetings from your church Librarian:

Already, it is November and it was not so long ago it was January of 2007 and here we are so close to facing January of 2008. Where in the world has the time gone? And what significant events have impacted your life this year? What memories will you want to keep? Ah, but I am getting ahead of myself.

We are looking forward to Thanksgiving; a time to give thanks for all that has been given to us this year. Each of us need to take the time to remember all the blessings given to us. Not the least of which has been this beautiful library. There are several women who donate their time and skills to help me manage this library. They are wonderful women and without them I could not do so well. So, I give you thanks, all of you, you know who you are. Thank you from the depths of my heart.

And with that, I wish for all of us, a most delicious and blessed Thanksgiving!

In the Christ Spirit  
Georgia

PS: Please check out the books we have on the first Thanksgiving.)

## *Under the Fig Tree* *Lou Moore*

**"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength and all your mind." And, "Love your neighbor as yourself."**

**"Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live!"**

**The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"**

**Luke 10:27-29**

Jesus answered the man by telling him the parable of the Good Samaritan. This familiar passage tells the story of one man's kindness for a complete stranger.

We learn from Jesus that kindness is more than a superficial act of generosity. Kindness is deeply rooted in our love for the Lord. It is a natural response to the needs of all the people that we meet as we move along the Path. Most importantly, kindness extends beyond the moment. The Good Samaritan promised to return to see if more help was needed.

Our hearts are softer during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. It is a good time to learn what the Holy Spirit is teaching us about kindness and to give thanks to the Lord when we see an act of kindness.

## *Costa Rica Mission Update*

Your mission team will be traveling again in February 2008 to Costa Rica. This will be the 13<sup>th</sup> team that has gone. I have seen many changes in

these 13 trips. Marion Wood's ministry continues to grow and be blessed by our Lord. It is still amazing to see this almost 89 year old man go about our Lord's work with such passion and energy.

Attached is an e-mail that Marion sent on October 6, 2007 concerning setting up our sister church in Pital. For you who missed the service on Sunday October 7, 2007, I spoke along with Steve Semler concerning the vital missionary work going. I have proposed to our mission committee and administrative board that we financially support the church in Pital in the amount of \$325.00 per month. This support would be above the support we do for Marion's and Steve's ministry. Also shown are pictures of the Pital church, fellowship hall and soda. If the board approves we will begin in January, 2008 sending money to this church.

The mission team hopes to perform VBS and other work at Pital. As always we need your prayers and monetary support for this trip, without you none of God's work could be done.

Please pray for the mission team, Marion and Mary Woods, Steve Semler and the church in Pital.

IN HIS LOVE AND SERVICE  
Ed Spears



Pital parsonage taken last July. The educational building is behind our bus, church to the right and soda on the left.



Another view of the parsonage. Hope you like the color! It is shouting at you! But the parsonage is very nice and with a large living area and kitchen that is suitable even for meetings.



This is the church and the new lot to the left is what was recently purchased for the enlarging of the sanctuary.



The soda has more done now but I don't have a better picture.

# Children's

# C O R N E R

Dear Church Family,

If you come by the church on a Sunday evening this church is filled with laughter from children developing a relationship with Jesus, but they usually are not sitting down, they are up and running around, playing all sorts of games that relate scripture to their lives. So far we have discussed that God loves us, and that we should forgive each other, God cares about us, we should pray to God each day, not to worry and that memorizing God's word empowers us. The children also discuss missions each week to open their mind to the realization that the world is much bigger than Ashland Kentucky.

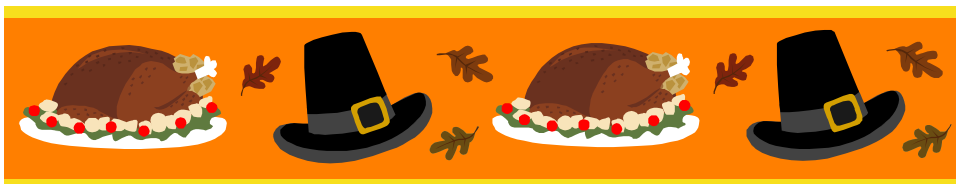
On Wednesday evenings if you are here you can see lots of children are enjoying a quick bite to eat in the FLC after which they are gathered in the primary room to sing "Be a Super Hero"! The words are, "Be a Super Hero, give it all to God...live for him and be a Super Hero". They have memorized all the words and motions and are able to recall the message for the evening when questioned. The message is delivered via a skit which includes a "Super Hero" Brian Steele, who actually turns out to be just an ordinary guy doing extraordinary things with the help of God, of course! We have learned that Super Heroes don't give up, are unselfish, are good friends, pray about everything, do what is right and love others.

Both Sunday and Wednesday night are active and fun, what better way to learn about Jesus and to decide to be a follower. The children are excited, the teachers are excited, things are good, praise be to God!!! Love the children and pray for them, treat them as is they were your own children or grandchildren. Let them know they are a part of our church family, of God's family and that they count! And if you don't know that for yourself I am telling you now or come by my office and I'll tell you in person!!

As I am typing this we have not had our "Trunk or Treat" but I am predicting that it will be a big success in that the children and families of this community will feel that South Ashland United Methodist cares and invites all to come worship with us.

Last but not least gobble, gobble, have a blessed Thanksgiving as you reflect on how very fortunate we are!!

Your sister in Christ,  
Maebelle



***Outreach Committee***

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

We are in the process of gearing up for the holidays! Again this year, we will be collecting Thanksgiving baskets for the Hillcrest Bruce Mission on **Sunday, November 18, 2007** during the church services. The Mission's Food Pantry is used by all the Pollard area. The pantry has been running short due to so many calls for food.

These are some suggestions for a basket for a family of four: a canned ham, canned vegetables, rolls, canned fruit, instant potatoes, jar of gravy, package of Jell-O, powdered lemonade, prepared non-perishable dessert (Little Debbie Cakes work well).

These are some extra items that are much needed and can be included in the Thanksgiving baskets: peanut butter, jelly, macaroni & cheese, jiffy corn bread mix, dried or can beans, tuna, tuna helper, beef stew, cans of soup, cans of fruit, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce.

The Mission will be giving us names and wishes for Adopt-a-Child and Adopt-a-Senior for Christmas gifts right after Thanksgiving. You will be asked to choose a name and purchase a present. This might be the only gift they will receive. Thank you for caring.



In His Service,  
Steve & Darlene Meyers

***Matthew 25:35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was sick you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.***