



South Winds



News from South Ashland UMC

Anchored to the Rock

Relevant to the Times

Reaching to the Future!

July 2008

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Leadership Notes

by Lance Campbell

*"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
-John 8:12*

Before technology changed the way vessels navigate on the water, bullhorns and whistles were used to communicate from ship to ship. Once a large battleship was slowly making its way through uncharted waters in a fog-shrouded bay. Suddenly through the fog, the captain noticed what appeared to be a light of another ship directly in his path. Quickly, he grabbed his megaphone and shouted, "This is Admiral Smith of the United States Navy. Steer yourself ten degrees south. We are on a collision course, and I am coming through. I have priority."

Through the fog, he heard a faint but audible reply, "This is Seaman Fourth Class Jones. You steer *yourself* ten degrees to the north." The admiral said to himself, *This guy is a seaman fourth class, and I'm an admiral! Who in the world does he think he is?* Turning up the megaphone a few notches and using a stronger tone of authority, he barked, "This is Admiral Smith of the United States Navy! You steer yourself ten degrees south! I am coming through!"

Through the fog came the same reply. "This is Seaman Fourth Class Jones. You steer *yourself* ten degrees to the north." The admiral's anger flared at the young man's insubordination. "I said this is Admiral Smith. Steer yourself ten degrees south immediately. I am a battleship!"

Through the fog, the unwavering voice replied, "This is Seaman Fourth Class Jones. You steer yourself ten degrees to the north. *I am a lighthouse.*"

We have to make a choice about how we navigate through life. You will either be ruled by the light, or you will be ruled by the rocks. The choice is yours. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

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

Blessings,
Lance



Honors and Memorials

Building Campaign:

- **In Loving Memory of Emilie Harrison. Given by June Childers.
- **In Loving Memory of Dottie Johnson. Given by Paul Johnson.
- **In Loving Memory of Elizabeth "Oma" Rischar. Given by Don & Gloria Neikirk.

Costa Rica Farm:

- **In Love & Honor of Cheryl Spears on her birthday. Given by Steve & Darlene Meyers.
- **In Love & Honor of Doug Spears on his birthday. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.
- **In Love & Honor of Vicky Brenner on her birthday. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.

Pital Church in Costa Rica:

- **In Love & Honor of Cheryl Spears on her birthday. Given by Ed Spears.

Prayer Garden:

- **In Loving Memory of Leslie Howells. Given by the Wesley Class.



Thank You

Dear Church Family & Friends;

Thank you so much for all of your prayers, cards, and memorial gifts for our granddaughter, Leslie Howells. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

God Bless You,

Bill and Faye Fannin & Family

Deaths



Our most heartfelt sympathy is extended to:

- Jim & Lynne Wagenaar and family in the death of her grandmother, Elizabeth "Oma" Rischar.
- Ashley & Courtney Fields and family in the death of their grandmother, Lola Skeans.

Prayer Team

The Prayer Team felt God's urging to pray for each child in the Ashland Schools plus children in the neighboring school systems. After praying at the church, we drove from school to school and stood together asking God to bless these children, keep them from harm, hunger, and the evil one.

Interceding in prayer for the kids, staffs, and parents was an experience each of us will treasure. Knowing we are dependent on God for everything gives us joy beyond measure. Relying on God's justice and mercy gives us confidence.

Let each of us at South Ashland United Methodist Church actively rely on God through continual prayer.

Seeking His Face,
The Prayer Team



Costa Rica Mission Update

I have some sad news to report concerning Marion and Mary Woods and their mission work in Costa Rica. I think an excerpt from Marion's e-mail will state it much better than I can.

We were robbed big time yesterday Monday night, May 12). They broke into two store rooms in front of the house. The thieves got lots of tools, the welder, etc. They also cut bars on a window at the laundry and went in through the window after they took out all the jealousy windows. They cut the double lock on the door and stole the new washing machine, sewing machine and lots of bedding. We heard nothing! Awful! Then they threw out ground beef with poison in it and in the morning, after 7:00 a.m. the dogs began to find it and in a matter of minutes, we had four dead dogs. It was awful, you can not imagine. The police came out and were with us most of the day. We were frozen in our thoughts: awaiting them, analyzing all, crying. So sad. Still, in light of all that happened, I have to claim his goodness. Always! Help me, Lord. There is always something to be thankful for and that is what we are commanded to do—be thankful in everything. We are fine.



As you can see the news was not good but Marion turned it around to do as God has commanded us to do. Please keep them in your prayers and remember any extra money for this mission would be greatly appreciated and surely needed after this event.

The next Costa Rica mission trip is January 31-February 8, 2009. Due to increased airline prices, my best estimate right now is that the trip will cost approximately \$1100.00-1200.00 per person.

In His Love,

Eduardo Spears





Library News

Can June be over so soon? Seems like it was just January and June was merely a dream away. Now we are looking at the ending of June, facing the mid-point of the year....and before we know it, we will be singing Christmas carols once again. However, until then, we have hours to spend to enjoy this blessed weather we are being given. Not really too hot and just right to walk or to simply enjoy a day out in the sunshine. May I suggest you take along one of our splendid library books with you? Feel free to come in and browse and find something that suits your "flavor" of the month. Are you into romance? We have plenty of those. Do you like mystery? Ah, we have those as well. We also have the biography of C.S. Lewis, the author of the current popular movies of Narnia. There is also plenty of my personal favorite, historical fiction. Not to mention the books on living the daily Christian life. But don't take my word for it. Come and see for yourself. And don't forget the Children's Section. We have many quality books for children. Bring them along with you.

We have also added a small section for the Stephen Ministry. If you are one who is part of this ministry, I will be happy to show you where those books are located. As we get more books, that section will be expanded to meet the need. Right now, it is not as large as we would like; but in the future we hope to see it grow.

The library is a living organism of the church. It is what you make of it; what you want it to be. I am happy to see it utilized more and more. That is how it should be. It warms the "cockles of my heart".

In the Christ Spirit,
Georgia

South Ashland UMC Treasurer's Report May 2008

Current Month	Budget Items	Specials	Mortgage	Totals
Beginning Balance	\$ 30,814.29	\$55,052.71	\$ 0.00	\$ 85,867.00
Receipts	38,383.95	7,203.82	1,613.00	47,200.77
Disbursements	(43,318.35)	(14,168.71)	(1,613.00)	(59,100.06)
Transfer	(100.00)	100.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance	\$ 25,779.89	\$48,187.82	\$ 0.00	\$ 73,967.71
Year-to-Date				
Balance 12/31/07	\$ 53,867.95	\$87,838.99	\$ 0.00	\$141,706.94
Receipts	194,795.02	37,793.97	10,202.00	242,790.99
Disbursements	(223,346.45)	(75,379.48)	(10,202.00)	(308,927.93)
Transfer	463.37	(2,065.66)	0.00	(1,602.29)
Closing Balance	\$ 25,779.89	\$48,187.82	\$ 0.00	\$ 73,967.71

Children's

C O R N E R

Special events:

Lunch or supper provided through the Ashland Independent Schools, admission provided by Children's Ministries.

July 2, Wed., **SUMMER MOTION** Supper at 5:00 PM /Leave Church at 5:30 PM & return at 8:30 PM , bring your own spending \$\$\$\$.



JULY 7-11 VBS-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- PIRATES OF THE " I DON'T CARE"-IBBEAN- a kids' musical about storing up treasures in heaven. M-F FROM 6:00P.M. TO 8:30P.M. We will serve a supper and a snack during VBS.

SUNDAY, JULY 13- MUSICAL PRESENTATION at 11:15 AM. and a catered FAMILY-STYLE DINNER following the musical.

July 16, **Carter Caves**, leave Church at 10:30 AM /return at 5:00 PM.



July 30, **Dawson Pool**, leave Church at 11:30 AM /return at 3:00 PM.

Each Sunday in July---Sunday School at 10:00 AM /Childrens' Church at 11:15 AM.

July 20 & 27, Sunday evenings, and July 23, Wednesday, **no scheduled events.**



A BIGGGGGGGG !!!!! THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEER CHAPERONES

COME...GROW with CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Sincerely,

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