



South Winds



News from South Ashland UMC

Anchored to the Rock

Relevant to the Times

Reaching to the Future!

September 2008

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Leadership Notes

by Lance Campbell

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever."

1 Corinthians 9:24-25

Every year over 800 sanctioned marathons are run around the world. Some of the bigger races attract over 30,000 participants. Young and old, men and women, ready or not, they converge to explore, step by step, the 26.2 miles of the race course. Some come expecting a leisurely stroll, some look forward to the challenge, but the best runners will be separated from the rest by something known in the running community as "The Wall."

Somewhere around eighteen miles from the beginning of the race, runners start hitting "The Wall." You know it when it hits you. All of a sudden it feels like your feet are on fire and your legs get rubbery. It is as if all the energy is leaving your body. I know the feeling. One February morning when I was in my mid-twenties I decided to see if I could run twenty miles without stopping. I had gone fifteen miles previously and wanted to see if I could push myself a little further: Maybe I could get to the point of running a marathon.

Five miles...ten miles...fifteen miles, no problem. Then, at the seventeen mile mark I had a personal encounter with "The Wall." I slowed to a jog and then a walk and then I couldn't even walk anymore. I had to sit on a log by the running trail until my strength returned. I came to learn that every runner hits the wall, but how hard that wall hits you depends on his or her training and preparation before the race.

The Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians that our spiritual life is like a race. In order to be a winner we have to go into training. Our training consists of daily prayer, Bible study, worship, fellowship and ministry. Do these things and you won't hit "The Wall!"

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

Blessings,
Lance



Honors and Memorials

Budget:

**In Loving Memory of Meanie Tackett. Given by June Childers.

Building Campaign:

**In Love & Honor of John & Lynda Cannon on their Wedding Anniversary. Given by Helen Simmons.

**In Loving Memory of Dottie Johnson. Given by Paul Johnson.

**In Loving Memory of Wilhelmena Karnap Tackett. Given by John & Jil McClanahan.

**In Loving Memory of Irma Carroll Keeton. Given by John & Jil McClanahan.

Costa Rica Farm:

**In Love & Honor of Jim & Shirley Powell on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Given by Rannie & Charlene Cooper.

Missions:

**In Love & Honor of Jim & Shirley Powell on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Given by Steve & Darlene Meyers.

Deaths



Our most heartfelt sympathy is extended to:

- The family and friends of Meanie Tackett

United Methodist Women



Welcome back ladies to the United Methodist Women's Meetings after having the summer off! We will start with our "Salad and Dessert Supper" on Thursday, September 4th at 6:00 p.m. We will follow with discussion of our projected goals. We hope each circle can participate to the fullest and we can fellowship with one another as we do God's will. Welcome to any lady looking for a circle as we have three to offer.

1. Circle of Love - Darlene Cahal, Chairperson
2. Lydia Circle - Betty Nuckols, Chairperson
3. Ada B. Circle - Lucille Lykins & Evelyn Crawford, Chairpersons

Try it! You may like it!

God's Will

Just to be tender, just to be true,
Just to be glad the whole day through.
Just to be merciful, just to be mild
Just to be trustful as a child.
Just to be gentle and kind and sweet
Just to be helpful with willing feet.
Just to be cheery when things go wrong
Just to drive sadness away with a song.
Whether the hour is dark or bright,
Just to be loyal to God and right.
Just to believe that God knows best
Just in His promise ever rest.
Just to let love be our daily key,
That is God's will for you and me.

Have a great day in Jesus!

Lucille Lykins
Nieda McCallister



Library News

Here we are at the end of August...(do you realize it's only 4 more months until Christmas?? Get your shopping done early!) **WOW!** How quickly the time does fly! You are either getting ready to finally go on your vacation or you are finally coming back from your vacation. For those arriving back home....did you have fun? Was this vacation the vacation you've dreamed of for years? Or are you really glad to be home and you're **NEVER** going **THERE** again **EVER**???

For those of you who are leaving us, **SAFE JOURNEY!**

We will miss you. We hope you have a wonderful time. But we will be glad when you are back safe and sound. Hugs all around for everyone.

For both groups, I know just the thing that will help you both get settled from your trip back and just before you leave. After your return, you'll probably want to sit down with a nice book (you knew I'd say that, didn't you?) and read to your heart's content. If you've had one of those trips better forgotten, reading one of your favorite books will drive away the nasty memories. And for those of you who are just getting ready to leave, take a few minutes to read before that day when you close that final suitcase.

Now you must be wondering where you can find these marvelous books. Why at your friendly Church Library of course. Where else? We have such a plethora of books that surely you can find something for every member of your family. Give us a try. We are open every Sunday morning. Browse among the books and see if you can't find something to suit your fancy. I'm certain you will. In the meantime.....**WELCOME HOME!!! or SAFE JOURNEY!!!**

In the Christ Spirit,
Georgia

South Ashland UMC Treasurer's Report July 2008

Current Month	Budget Items	Specials	Mortgage	Totals
Beginning Balance	\$ 29,187.81	\$82,630.61	\$ 0.00	\$111,818.42
Receipts	41,026.68	34,117.02	2,362.00	77,505.70
Disbursements	(47,177.08)	(11,228.80)	(2,362.00)	(60,767.88)
Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance	\$ 23,037.41	\$105,518.83	\$ 0.00	\$128,556.24
Year-to-Date				
Balance 12/31/07	\$ 53,867.95	\$87,838.99	\$ 0.00	\$141,706.94
Receipts	277,571.92	135,395.43	13,979.00	426,946.35
Disbursements	(308,865.83)	(115,649.93)	(13,979.00)	(438,494.76)
Transfer	463.37	(2,065.66)	0.00	(1,602.29)
Closing Balance	\$ 23,037.41	\$105,518.83	\$ 0.00	\$128,556.24

Children's

C O R N E R

We had a fun Summer. Many relationships were made and nurtured with the children and families. We had 16 events this Summer. We finished our Summer with a picnic at Armco Park with 59 in attendance. These events were in addition to Sunday School and Children's Church. The Children's Council was instrumental in initiating the concept behind the Summer program. We have begun planning for the Fall. School will cut down on the number of events we can plan, but we will have a full schedule for the children and families. Here we go.....!!!!!!

2008 Fall Schedule for Children's Ministries

SAMSS (South Ashland Methodist Super Services):

Wednesdays at 5:45 PM

Sept 10 - Nov 12 (none Oct 15- Ashland's Fall break).

Supper served at 5:45 PM

Joe will be teaching a parenting class, "**Value-Packed Parenting**" by Dr. Kevin Leman, from 6:30-7:30 PM

Children will have an age-appropriate curriculum (6:30-7:30 PM.) including an opportunity to participate in the Puppet Ministries (6:30-8:00 PM.)

Sunday School & Children's Church on a weekly basis.

Sunday School from 10-11 AM.

Children's Church. during a portion of the Contemporary Service between 11:15-12:15 PM.

Confirmation Class :

Sunday's from 4-5 PM

Sept 14 - Nov 16

Lance Campbell, teacher, grades 4-6.

Sunday evening programs :

5-7 PM (schedule will have choice and flexibility)

Games : 5-5:30 Choir & drama : 5:30-6:00 Bible : 6-6:30 Supper : 6:30-7:00

Van Schedule

Sunday Evenings Starts September 7th at 5:00 PM

Wednesday Evenings Starts September 10th at 5:45 PM

Sunday Mornings Starting September 14th the van riders pickup will be in time for Sunday School at 10:00AM

Events for Fall :

- **All-Church Picnic, reservations requested**, Sept. 7 from 5-8 PM., inflatables & drinks provided, please bring a vegetable, and a salad or dessert
- **Creation Museum** (near Cincinnati) --one day during Fall Break, (Oct. 13-17)
- Ashland Football game & AIT basketball tournament game
- Hayride/bonfire
- **"Trunk or Treat"** Oct. 30, Thurs. 6-8 PM (Ashland "Trick or Treat")

Children's Music & Drama---The Children's choir will perform with the Adult Choir and Handbells this Fall and will perform music & drama during the Christmas Season.

Sincerely,

Joe Elam, Director

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