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A Monthly Digest of Church Life



What's Next for Embry Hills UMC?

Sargent's Voice

TRUST IN TOUGH TIMES

These are tough times, and we all feel the stress. War continues. The Presidential election winds its way to an end, after what seems like a lifetime of campaigning, complete with all of the back-and-forth bickering that sadly characterizes politics in America. Recently, the world financial crisis has intensified, and all of us have been significantly impacted, whether through the disappearance of much of our life savings or the disappearance of the job upon which we depend. And, we're not sure how bright the future appears, filled as it is with more uncertainty than we have seen in many years. These are tough times, and we all feel the stress. What can we do?

We can worry, and some do. Frankly, I think worry is overrated. It is popular, but finally ineffective,

("Tough Times," continued on page 8)

Our Ministries Action Team, made up of the various program leaders of our church, recently met to discuss the results of the feasibility study and to compare our members' assessment with the 2006 strategic plan for service and growth. We realized that we have had numerous successes for which Embry Hills UMC can be grateful and proud. These include:

- The youth program, which has been fine-tuned to be even more accommodating to various ages.
- We have new youth leader volunteers and a recent well-attended retreat.
- Club 45 for our fifth and sixth graders is off to a great start.
- Our new website is now up and running.
- An excellent series of worship experiences is underway.
- Our new "Snax Sax" ministry extends our concern for the hurts and hopes of children and youth into the community.
- Visitors are participating in twice-monthly "meet and greets" with our staff.

All of these are just a few of the ways in which we are concretely responding to God's love for us. We lack sufficient space in the newsletter to list our many

successes.

Our strategic plan is now two years old and it is time for us to set some new goals for the future. In the next few months, we'll be hearing more about future opportunities for everyone at EHUMC to help decide our next steps, steps that will move us in the direction of greater spiritual depth.

In the meantime, we encourage you to prepare for this initiative by reading Bishop Schnase's book, *The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, which is available through Cokesbury, and by using one of the companion devotional books, *Cultivating Fruitfulness*, during the seasons of Thanksgiving and Advent. This is a five week daily devotional guide to prayer and practice and copies are available in the church office for \$7.00.

What better way to prepare ourselves for the best that is yet to come?

In the next few weeks and months, look for more information from MAT - Ministries Action Team, about how *you* can be a part of planning the spiritual future of our church.

What's next for EHUMC? That's up to all of us!

—Rev Elaine Puckett
Ministry Action Team

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- **In memory of David Bryant**, uncle of Lori Avirett-Mackenzie; Bob & Pat Lansdell (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Gladys McDaniel**: Pete & Elaine Eisemann, Jim & Pat Barlow, Julie Hall, Diane Roberts, Earl & Anne Witcher, Janet Keck, Arbor Terrace, Thomas & Diane Sharp, The Chuck Harding Class, Pete & Dodie Risse, Jerry & Suzanne Wilson, Bob & Pat Lansdell, Charles & Sylvia Pannell, Curt Halstead, Allen & Linda George, David & Ruthie Gryboski, Robert & Ruth Horne, Marti Jacobs, Sammy, Patty, & Gray Harmon, Lowell & Susan Sever (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Roy Summers**: Harold & Charlotte Mauldin, Summers Family, Chip Jones & Family, James & Martha Sharpe, Mr. & Mrs. Walter G. Summers, Jeanette Alexander, Howard & Drema Beverley, Dale & Margaret Bowen, Frank & Penny McGowan, Wini Nash, Charles H. Jones & Family (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Mildred McClain**: Nancy Wolff (*Help Fund*), Harry & Connie Buchanan, Harold & Charlotte Mauldin, Earl & Anne Witcher (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Ralph-Stuart Jones**: Bill & Toni Jernigan (*Quilt Ministry*)
- **In memory of Kitty Collier**: Marcille Metaxas (*Help Fund*), Harry & Connie Buchanan, Camp & Ruth Ann Embrey, Jack & Veleta Holley, Pete & Dodie Risse, Pete & Elaine Eisemann, Jim & Pat Barlow, Carolyn Warlick & Family (*Nothing but Nets*), Jo Pittman, Julie Hall (*Music Ministry*)
- **In memory of the recent passing of Kitty Collier and previous passing of her husband, Joseph**: Larry & Marlene Weiss (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Ray Jones**, brother of Myrtle Hunt: Jack & Veleta Holley (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Sharon Kendall's mother**: Julie Hall (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In honor of Richard & Elaine Puckett**: Marcille Metaxas (*UM Children's Home*)
- **In honor of Helen Swope, Pat McElroy & everyone who helped make my mom's funeral such a special time for me & my family**: Nancy McGarrah (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In honor of Connie Buchanan & Barbara Harrison**: Bill & Toni Jernigan (*Quilt Ministry*)
- **In appreciation for all the great church literature sent to our home**: Pete & Betty Rogers (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In honor of Cecil & Huvian Ingram**: Scott & Marion Tarr (*Ministry & Missions*)

Please continue prayers for:

Richard Puckett	Charles Pannell
Dave Berry	Jack Ernst
Pete Risse	Keith Jernigan
Myrtle Hunt	Luke Shepherd
Ashley Harvard	Ken Story*
Earl Witcher	Dee Moore*
Frances Helms-Warren	Madonna Holley*
Helen Swope	Frances Lawson*
Fern Williams	Lillian Stacy*
Mary Jo Garvin	Jim Lowry*
Brenda Meredith & Mildred (Millie) Taylor* Children	
Barbara Kitchens	* Homebound Member
Jean Carothers	
Olon Polston	

Transitions

- **C.R. (Bud) Pressel** passed away October 15, 2008.
- **Roy Summers** passed away on October 3, 2008. A service was held at A.S. Turners on October 5, 2008.
- **Gladys McDaniel**, mother of Nancy McGarrah, passed away October 3, 2008. The funeral service was held at the church on October 6, 2008.
- **Bette Triplett** passed away October 4, 2008.
- **Linda Bryant**, step mother of Alisha Waller, passed away on October 5, 2008 in SC. Alisha sends her thanks to all of EHUMC family for keeping them in their hearts & prayers.
- **Chuck Selcer**, uncle of Michael Gunn, passed away on October 2, 2008.

A Loving Tradition



As the holidays draw near, I encourage you to remember our friends that are no longer able to worship with us in person. It is a great time of year to show our love with cards, phone calls, and visits, and remind each one how important they are to our church family. May your holidays be filled with many blessings!

—Marcille Metaxas

November 2:

Mrs. Jean Hockman
3000 Lenora Church Rd. #B1
Snellville, GA 30078

November 7:

Mrs. Margaret Broadrick
209 King's Bridge NE
Atlanta, GA 30329

November 29:

Jim Lowry
3416 Embry Circle
Atlanta, GA 30341

November 6:

Mrs. Kaye Fason
Southern Plantation Retire. Home
580 Tom Lee Fuller Drive
Loganville, GA 30052

November 14:

Bob Walk
Budd Terrace, Room 330
1833 Clifton Road
Atlanta, GA 30329

December 5:

Mrs. Mildred "Millie" Taylor
Sunrise at Eden Brook
4125 North Point Parkway
Alpharetta, GA 30022

Births

Hope Cecile Raymond was born October 14, 2008 weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz. (19" long). The proud parents are **Adam & Jaime Raymond**, the great grandparents are **Jack & Alice Glover** & the grandfather is **Kevin Schoonover**.

Anna Isabelle Giles was born on September 27, 2008. The proud parents are **Ashley & Sarah Giles**.

Ella McGee was born on October 6, 2008 and weighed 5 lbs 1 oz. (17" long). The proud family is **Scott, Shannon & Ethan McGee**.

Congratulations to all of these families!



Don & Choyce "Doodle" Thompson became our newest members October 12, 2008. They have been worshipping with us since 2006. Don is a retired banker and Doodle is both a retired teacher and school librarian. They have already been involved in the EH Bridge Club for quite awhile. Don and Doodle are also avid travelers—be sure to ask about their many trips and adventures.

Welcome New Members



Jeff Lauterbach & Suzanne Segler joined as members Sept. 21. They became parents in May with the birth of **Grayson James Lauterbach** (who was baptized in our church October 19). All three attend the Happy Heretics Sunday School Class.

Jeff is a musician and composer and is a computer hobbyist. He works for CDC as a web developer. Suzanne enjoys hot yoga, climbing Stone Mountain, swimming and reading. She works as an infectious disease epidemiologist at the VA Medical Center. They both enjoy volunteering on mission-related projects.

Order Your Christmas Poinsettias

Now is the time to place your order for poinsettias that will decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas. Cost of each plant is \$8.25. Please attach this order form with your check, made payable to EHUMC.

Deadline for ordering is Wednesday, December 3rd.

PRESENTED BY _____

IN HONOR OF _____



Veterans to be Honored at Nov. 12, 2008 Wednesday Night Supper- Memorabilia Needed.

The second annual *Salute to Veterans* Night will again take place in the FLC on the second Wednesday in November. We would like to invite all veterans (men and women) who have served in the Armed Forces of our great country come to supper and join others who share your love of country. Once again we will have a few tables set aside to show decorations, pictures, uniforms, whatever you want to share with your friends. Please join us for a patriotic night of fellowship. The program will be emceed by Rev. Mark Sargent and Amir Zaheri, Director of Worship Arts will lead the singing of patriotic songs! Buzz has promised to prepare an "All American" dinner! The cost of the dinner will be \$7.00, and will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Don't miss this opportunity to help celebrate those who have helped protect our freedom in this great country of ours. For more information, or if you would like to help set up, take down or decorate, please call **Pat Lansdell** (770-934-8279).

Seniors Are Special!

For the young at heart 50 & older

The monthly meetings of Seniors are Special are held in the Family Life Center of Embry Hills UMC, located at 3304 Henderson Mill Road. The lunches are \$7 and the fellowship is free. Programs vary by the month.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 20th, from 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Our program will be given by a long-time resident of the area, Jack Sartain, and his accompanist, who will present a variety of music - singing and playing your favorite instruments and tunes.

Please call 770-938-0661 to make reservations by Monday, November 17th and cancellations should be made by Tuesday, November 18th.



Café del SOUL
Serving up Spiritual
food since 2005

We've rolled prices back at Café del Soul!

Adults are now \$6.00, Children over 4 are \$3.00, and children 3 and under eat FREE! Come join the Wednesday night fellowship beginning at 6:00 p.m. *Make your reservations by calling the church office at (770) 938-0661.*

Helen Swope wishes to thank her Embry Hills UMC family for the prayers, cards, and food during her recent illness.

AN EHUMC Fundraiser SAVE THE DATE-December 8-15

Pressed for time to fix dinner during the festal month of December? Want to raise money for the church, but can't think how to? Join other church members solving both problems by making ready-to-cook dinners at Dinner A'Fare near Northlake (in the FedEx/Kinko's plaza where Henderson Mill and Briarcliff merge). Dinner packages range from \$235 for 12 dinners that serve 4-6 people to \$95 for 6 dinners that serve 2-3 people. For every package ordered and made during the week of December 8-15, Dinner A'Fare will donate \$10-20 to the church. A kick-off party is in the works, as well. For more details, contact **Lori Avirett-Mackenzie** (770.938.9598 or 770.262.3720 or avirett-mackenzie@bellsouth.net) or look at the Dinner A'Fare website (www.dinnerafare.com). Flyers will be available at church shortly.

THE DINNER
A Meal, A Home, A People
A'FARE

Missing Memorabilia

During last years' Veteran's Day celebration, I shared my father's flag that draped his coffin when he passed away. It was given to me as a memento of his service to our country. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the event and failed to pick up the flag later on. When I was asked if it could be used again for this year's celebration, I searched and searched for it but have not been able to find it. It is a large flag folded into a triangle and is encased in a display case with glass front. If anyone knows of its whereabouts, please contact Judy Campbell or let Jane know in the church office. Thank you!

United Methodist Student Day

On Sunday, November 30, the People of the United Methodist Church will participate in a special offering in honor of United Methodist Student Day. These gifts, above and beyond any regular pledges, will provide funds for scholarships and loans for students attending UM-related and other accredited colleges and universities. For more information, visit www.umcsgiving.org/umstudentday.

Mark your Calendars!!! Embry Hills United Methodist Kindergarten/Pre-School is once again hosting **Breakfast with Santa**. This will be a special anniversary - 30 years with Santa – so you won't want to miss it!!!

Enjoy a hot breakfast: eggs, sausage and much more. Visit and have your picture taken with Santa, tap your feet to live musical entertainment and don't forget to stop by the arts and crafts area. This annual and memorable event is scheduled for **Saturday, December 6, 2008**. There will be two seating times from 9:00AM - 10:00AM, and 10:30AM - 11:30AM. Tickets are \$4.00 per person. Reservation forms may be picked up in the Narthex or you may purchase tickets at the door.



It is that time again, a time when you can give joy and hope to children around the world through Operation Christmas Child and "The Power of a Simple Gift." Last year we were able to provide 108 gift-filled shoe boxes that were then shipped and delivered to children around the world. Wouldn't it be great

to do the same in 2008! To participate, choose your shoe box (or a shoe box size container), wrap your box (lid and box separately), and then fill your box with small toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for hurting children around the world. We are accepting shoe boxes, wrapped shoe boxes, and wrapped gift-filled shoe boxes in the Family Life Center and Narthex, November 12-17, 2008. Participation is not limited to a shoe box. Offer your prayers or place a donation in the wrapped shoe box in the Narthex, which

will allow us to purchase gifts to pack more boxes. For more information, please look for fliers and brochures in your bulletin, information in the Narthex and near the Family Life Center, or on their website at www.samaritanspurse.org. The Operation Christmas Child DVD is also a great source of information and can be borrowed by contacting Sally Harrell. For questions, contact Lori Avirett-Mackenzie at 770.938.9598, Sally Harrell at 770.559.0776, or Leigh Anna Lawler at 404.877.8352.

The **VISION** class invites you to join us on Sunday, November 9th at 9:45 a.m. for a **Veteran's Day breakfast and celebration**. Come help us honor our veterans as we show our appreciation to those who have served our country in military service. For information contact **Carolyn Shaffer** at **(404) 296-2039**.

December 2008 Newsletter Deadline:

*Please submit all content by
Monday, November 17th to
newsletter@embryhillsumc.org.*

THE UMW
November 2008



Quite a few of our United Methodist Women will be working at the polls on Tuesday, November 4. Therefore, we will change our November General Meeting to November 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Our speaker is the Reverend Betsy Pittard Styles who is known and loved at Embry Hills UMC. Both she and her husband, The Reverend James Styles, have served on our staff in short-term capacities.

Betsy recently retired as the Minister to Older Adults at Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church where she served for eight years. She has worked with older adults for over 30 years. You don't want to miss hearing her as she speaks to us about "Thankfulness."

We will also be collecting our World Thank Offering after her message. This offering is to express our gratitude for God's abundance and as a celebration for the joys of life. Each member is given a bank in January to begin filling with coins to express thankfulness for our joys. It is sent to be used for missions for women and children throughout the world.

As we start looking toward the filling of the stockings for the Women's Community Kitchen in December, let's check to see how we are doing as far as socks, wash cloths, tooth brushes, toothpaste, small shampoos, etc.

Finally, we are *still* collecting recipes for the cookbook to be published in 2009. As you begin to prepare for the upcoming holidays, perhaps you will be using a recipe that needs to be in our cookbook. Write it down anyway (readable), type it, email it – just give it to us. Let's publish the best cookbook ever.

Who can be a United Methodist Woman? Contact me at 770-493-7642 or by email at shownbey@yahoo.com and you can find out how.

The UMW Circles will meet in November as follows:

- **Millie Bailey Circle** on Tuesday, November 18, at 10:00 a.m. (location to be announced)
- **Sylvia Pannell Circle** will meet at Embry Hills on Tuesday, November 18 at 10:00 a.m. to prepare Christmas boxes to be sent to some special people serving in our military.
- **Pat McElroy Circle** will meet at the Church on Tuesday, November 11 after the General Meeting and lunch

Project Extend: Home Repairs for the Holidays

For years, Embry Hills UMC has supported Wesley Community Centers financially through the Wesley Walk for Others. This year, Embry Hills will have the chance to support Wesley Community Centers through service. On November 22, Wesley Community Centers - Project Extend is hosting the third annual "Home Repairs for the Holidays" event.

Wesley Community Centers' Project Extend program provides necessary repairs for senior citizens and disabled adults living within the Atlanta city limits. Over the course of a year, Project Extend provides an average of 400 major and minor home repairs, ranging from yard work and painting to roofing and minor carpentry. This year, their goal is to repair 10 homes in the course of one day. For the second year in a row, Embry Hills will be assigned at least one of these work sites.

Volunteers are needed! If you would like to serve with us or would like more information, please contact Brian Jones at brjones9@bellsouth.net or 770-289-6754. Anyone is welcome to join us on the work site. Or, if you are unable to join us that day, we would appreciate your prayers.

-Brian Jones

A Devotional to Ponder

Scripture: *Perfect love casts out fear.* 1 John 4:18

Fear is a thief. It comes in the night, in times of vulnerability, or just when you think your life is good, solid, under control. It covers your eyes with a blindfold, so you can't see clearly, and you stumble in the dark. It rummages through the drawers of your mind—rearranging all that was ordered and secure, tossing confidence here, throwing plans there, dashing dreams, as if they were trash. Intruding everywhere, it searches and probes, looking for the greatest treasures—your trust, your faith. If it can find these, it will have everything.

I know. Fear came this morning in the early morning dark. "Someone" was in the room, disturbing my sleep. This morning it was financial worries—doom and dread that I'd never be able to retire, catastrophic scenarios of medical emergencies for my mother. The voices loomed and challenged—and chastised "stupidity" for past expenditures and waste, including generosity and charitable giving.

That's the most insidious way fear works. It not only disturbs our peace, but convinces us to live small, to love small.

I turn to prayer. Let me live in the house of love, Oh God. And I give thanks for the stunning beauty around me—of dark pines and still water and misty sky. I attend with child-delight to the visitation of birds and the neighbors' sweet golden lab. And I practice not seeing fear as an enemy, but learning what I can from this troublesome guest. I use the energy of this fear to write about it—directly from its center. I practice holding myself-in-fear mercifully. I remember God's faithfulness in times of fear past—and the words of divine messengers always, always: "Fear not, for I am with you."

Unexpectedly, the strains of "Ode to Joy" rise in my head. *Melt away the sin and sadness; drive the clouds of doubt away. Giver of Immortal Gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

And then I walk out into the day the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.

Prayer

Oh, God, In these anxious days, help anchor me in spiritual practices which remind me who you are and draw me close to your heart. When worry urges constricted living, call me to a large and compassionate love. Help me walk by faith and not by fear. Amen.

- Dr. Pat Saxon

Thank you Susanna Miller for sharing this very pertinent, timely and profound devotional.

SNAX SAX UPDATE

Missions News Update: The Snax Sax project is going quite well, but it's not over yet! I want to remind everyone that this is a school year project, and we are going to need to keep going strong in order to help these kids out. If you haven't heard of Snax Sax, it is a project being led by the Work Area on Outreach Committee that is providing children in need at Pleasantdale Elementary with healthy snacks for the weekend. About 85% of the children attending Pleasantdale receive free or reduced lunch and breakfast, so you can see how the project is important! The actual bags contain about five dollars worth of healthy snacks including fresh fruit, and we are currently providing 40-50 bags every week. It seems like a lot, but if everyone donates one or two items from the list a week, there shouldn't be any problems! If there are any questions or you need a list of requested items for the bags, you can reach me, Michael Starling, at tonsofun1990@yahoo.com or my mom, Beth Starling, at popperspenguins8@yahoo.com. Copies of the list can also be located in the Narthex and the Front Foyer.

*Michael Starling
Youth Rep.—Outreach*

Have you seen our facelift?

Go to www.embryhillsumc.org and see our new look!

Quotes on the subject of **complacency**:

"We shall have no better conditions in the future if we are satisfied with all those which we have at present. "

—Thomas Edison

"I hate to see complacency prevail in our lives when it's so directly contrary to the teachings of Christ."

—Jimmy Carter

(“Tough Times,” continued from page 1)

since much of what we worry about is far beyond our ability to control. Jesus had a word about worry—don’t do it.

We can blame, and some do. I think blame is overrated, too. Like worry, it is popular, but finally ineffective, since blame keeps us focused on what’s already happened rather than focusing us on where we’re going.

We can complain, also known in some circles as whining. Like worry and blame, complaining is popular, but finally ineffective, because, like blame, complaining keeps our eyes on the rear view mirror rather than through the windshield.

In my life, I am trying to learn to do the only effective thing in the face of tough times beyond our control. I am trying to learn to trust, more deeply.

I believe that trust is the most important thing. I do not know what my future holds. But, I do trust. I trust in God. I trust in life. I trust in me. I trust in you. I trust that there is nothing that can overwhelm me. I trust that I can handle what life throws my way. I trust that the worst thing that can happen to me is for me to die, which I most assuredly will, and I trust that my death, too, will be okay. Trust engenders rest. And, I like rest much better than I like worry or fret or anxiety or blame or whining.

In the Church, we have some important images and words that relate to trust. We have images of Everlasting Arms, upon which we can lean and within which we discover the fearlessness of perfect love. We have important words that connote trust, words like “hope” and “faith.” Some people even have a bumper sticker for it—let go and let God.

I have faith. I hope. I try to rest each day in the peaceful depths of God’s heart, in the shadow of God’s wings. That is to say, I attempt each day to trust.

Some days, I’m better at it than others. But, when I manage to do it, I find that I feel better, because, at my trusting best, I discover something about which the Bible also has a word—Sabbath.

During these tough times, I wish for you much faith, hope, and love, a deep trust in all that is good and lovely and true and beautiful, and the inspiring Sabbath rest that comes from letting go.

Mark

Embry Hills UMC introduces “Good Company!”

Are you looking for a way to get to know more people among our church family? Or maybe a simple, friendly way to socialize and seek fellowship? Then you should sign up to participate in a Good Company group! Good Company groups will consist of several individuals and families who choose to participate in regular social outings together, whether that might be a potluck supper, bowling or a trip to a local pumpkin patch.

How does it work?

If you are interested in joining a small, inter-generational group for activities that your group decides on, you will have ample opportunity to register during the next few weeks. We will have sign-up sheets in the Sunday bulletin on November 2, and sign up sheets will also be available throughout the church. You may also sign up on the new website: www.embryhillsumc.org.



Once we get participants registered, we will assign individuals and families to groups. Then, on the night of Saturday, November 15 at 6 PM, we’ll hold a get-acquainted potluck supper in the Family Life Center, where everyone can meet and discuss ideas for future activities. We ask that you sign up by 6 PM on Wednesday, November 12.

What's that about food?

For the kickoff potluck supper, we’re asking that folks bring something to share, ideally a dish that can serve six to eight, as follows:

- A - F: Main dish
- G - P: Side dish or salad
- R - Z: Dessert

We will provide drinks, bread and plates/utensils.

If you have any questions or need more details, please contact Victoria Lawson at 770-938-0661, x 116; victorial@embryhillsumc.org or Lane Holman at 404-235-5180; lholman@gmail.com.

—Lane Holman
Witness

A Night in Bethlehem



Come to the village of Bethlehem and experience the sights, smells, and sounds of what it may have been like 2000 years ago... when a baby was born.

December 13, 2008
5:00pm—8:00pm
Free for the entire family!

Embry Hills United Methodist Church
3304 Henderson Mill Road
770-938-0661
www.embryhillsumc.org

“A Night in Bethlehem”

December 13 from 5:00-8:00pm

Once again our congregation will transform the front parking lot into the village of Bethlehem and welcome our neighbors as we prepare to celebrate the arrival of the baby Jesus. Volunteers are needed – call today to see how you can get involved, whether it’s helping with tent setup, donning a costume as a villager, running a shop, or assisting with clean up. In addition to volunteering, you can also help by providing any of the items listed below:

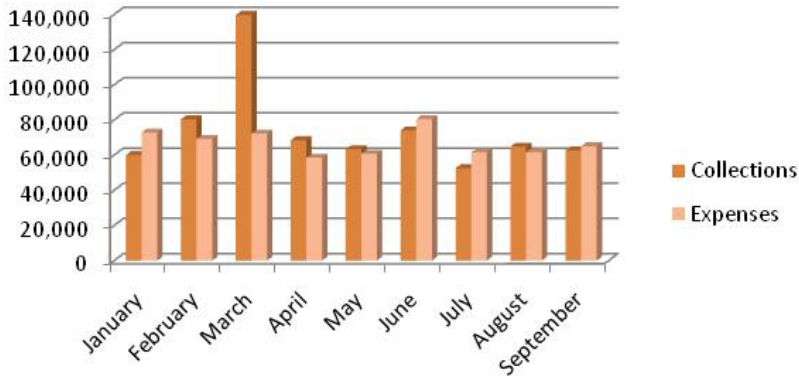
- Tents – with poles or pop-up canopies, any color
- Tent and table draping – fabric, blankets, tablecloths and sheets (solid colors only)
- Rugs – any size
- Low tables for children’s activities
- Costumes and accessories:
- Large loose shirts and tunics
- Rope, scarves or fabric belts for head wraps and belts
- Fabric for wrapping and draping
- Monetary donations to help defray costs – Please mark checks as “**Bethlehem donation**”

Please deposit costume and village supplies in the Bethlehem box in the Coffee Lounge of the Education foyer by Sunday, 11/16. Contact **Rebecca Doolittle** (770-491-3979, doodawgs@bellsouth.net) to see how you can help this evening be even more successful than last year!



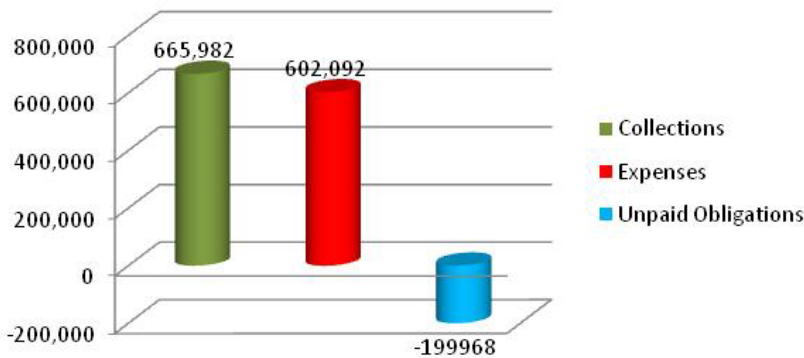
A Night in Bethlehem

2008 Collections vs. Expenses Paid



September 2008 collections were \$62,629; expenses were \$65,072. The September 30th balance of the line of credit was \$135,000 and unpaid apportionments through the end of September totaled \$64,968. Total unpaid obligations as of 30th September 2008 were \$199,968.

YTD Collections, Expenses, and Unpaid Obligations



You can now make online gifts to EHUMC.

We have recently joined forces with PayPal, the #1 internet solution for safe and secure transactions. What this means for you is that you can go to the church website, www.embryhillsumc.org, and make online gifts to the church. Just look for the **Donate** button on the home page, click it, and you will be connected with our secure transaction page at PayPal. You can then fill in the blanks with how much you wish to give and if it is to be given to a designated area. Within seconds, you have made your gift available to the church without ever having to leave your house. If you have any questions about our new PayPal account, please contact Lori Cora at the church, 770-938-0661, ext. 122.



Financial Summary

Income for the year is \$665,982 and operating expenses + Apportionment payments through September total \$602,092. While this may seem to indicate EHUMC has a year-to-date surplus, this amount covers \$21,233 in Apportionments paid through September against an annual obligation of \$114,934 (\$9578/month if paid in 12 equal installments) In other words, our gifts to date cover operating expenses but do not currently cover our YTD accumulated apportionment obligations to the district.

In summary, EHUMC's year-to-date "unpaid obligations" are \$199,968 as shown in the table below left. This total consists of (a) the actual LOC amount owed to date of \$135,000.00 plus (b) the unpaid Apportionments "obligation to date" of \$64,968. Fall gifts, tithes and offerings in excess of operating expenses will move us toward reducing both of these components.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 8:45 Early Worship Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship Service

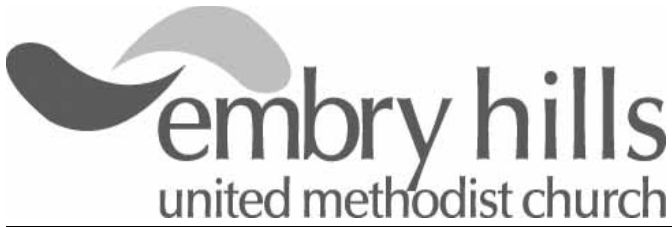
Wednesday Worship Arts Schedule

- 5:00 Movers, Shakers,...
Carol Choir
Young Ringers
- 5:30 Cherub Choir
Junior Choir
- 5:30 Tinfinnabulum
- 6:00 Youth Arts Choir
- 6:30 Praise Band
Carillon Ringers
- 7:00 Chancel Choir

EHUMK Calendar of Events

Nov 2008 (Eastern Time)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
<p>See Worship Schedule 12pm - Meet n' Greet 2pm - GS TRP #23414 5pm - SPRC 5pm - Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>10:30am - Finding Balance 7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild 7pm - Divorce Recovery Class 7pm - ESL</p>	<p>1:35pm - Staff Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing</p>	<p>See Worship Arts Schedule 11am - Mugs with Mark Bible 6pm - Cafe del Soul 6:30pm - Club 45 6:30pm - Sisters Series:</p>	<p>9:30am - ESL 6:30pm - Cub Pack 7 Leader 7pm - Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>No Events Scheduled</p>	<p>9am - Craftsmen Thrifty 10am - FOCUS 11am - AA</p>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<p>See Worship Schedule 7:30am - UMMI 8:15am - Outreach Meeting 9:45am - Veteran's Day Bkfst 5pm - Youth Fellowship 6pm - Finance Meeting 7pm - Admin Council</p>	<p>9:30am - Yoga 10:30am - Finding Balance 6:45pm - 3 Leaves 7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild 7pm - Divorce Recovery Class 7pm - ESL</p>	<p>9:30am - UMW Exec. Board 11:30am - UMW Luncheon 1pm - McElroy Circle 1:35pm - Staff Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing 6pm - Yoga 7pm - Yoga</p>	<p>See Worship Arts Schedule Veterans Day Celebration 11am - Mugs with Mark Bible 6pm - Cafe del Soul 6:30pm - Club 45 6:30pm - Sisters Series:</p>	<p>9:30am - ESL 7pm - Charge Conference</p>	<p>No Events Scheduled</p>	<p>9am - Craftsmen Thrifty 11am - AA 6pm - Good Company dinner</p>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p>See Worship Schedule 12pm - Meet n' Greet 12:15pm - Trustees 1:30pm - GS Trp #22422 5pm - Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>December Newsletter 9:30am - Yoga 10:30am - Finding Balance 6:30pm - Pack 7 Bear Den 7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild 7pm - Divorce Recovery Class 7pm - ESL</p>	<p>10am - Bailey/Pannell Circles 1:35pm - Staff Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing 6pm - Yoga 7pm - Webelos Den 7pm - Yoga</p>	<p>See Worship Arts Schedule 11am - Mugs with Mark Bible 1:15pm - EHUMK Faculty 6pm - Cafe del Soul 6:30pm - Club 45</p>	<p>9:30am - ESL 11:30am - Seniors Are Special 7pm - Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>No Events Scheduled</p>	<p>Project Extend-Home Repairs 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty 11am - AA 3pm - NIB Costume Pick-up 4pm - Chancel Choir</p>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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30	1	2	3	4	5	6
<p>First Advent Sunday See Worship Schedule 5pm - Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>See Worship Schedule 12pm - NIB Costume Pick-up 2pm - Cub Pack 7 5pm - Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>1:35pm - Staff Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing 6pm - Yoga 7pm - Yoga</p>	<p>See Worship Arts Schedule 11am - Mugs with Mark Bible 6pm - Cafe del Soul 6:30pm - Club 45</p>	<p>Church Offices Closed HAPPY THANKSGIVING</p>	<p>No Events Scheduled</p>	<p>9am - Craftsmen Thrifty 11am - AA</p>



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