

# SOURCE

A Monthly Digest of Church Life



## Sargent's Voice

'Tis Spring. Happy Spring to you.

Whenever Spring springs, this Augusta boy entertains visions of dogwoods and azaleas and of all things blooming and growing. Ah, blooming and growing. Just what we humans are intended to do. I believe that we humans are capable of endless blooming and growing, boundless in our potential and limitless in our souls' capacity for expansion. Of course, it is sad that there are from time to time things that thwart our growth and blooming. And, in many ways, life is an endless struggle against those thwarting influences, without or within. But, bloom and grow we can. And, I hope that this Spring, this Resurrection season, will be a time of renewed blooming and growing for you.



I find some precious lessons for blooming and growing in one of my favorite poems. I must confess that, even though I majored in English Literature, poetry has never been my favorite literary genre. But, this one speaks to me, in ways that few others ever have. Of course,

## "in time of daffodils"

you'll know the poet simply by seeing the poem.

*in time of daffodils (who know the goal of living is to grow) forgetting why, remember how*

*in time of lilacs who proclaim the aim of waking is to dream, remember so (forgetting seem)*

*in time of roses (who amaze our now and here with paradise) forgetting if, remember yes*

*in time of all sweet things beyond whatever mind may comprehend, remember seek (forgetting find)*

*and in a mystery to be (when time from time shall set us free) forgetting me, remember me*

You don't need me to comment on this amazing window. The gift of good poetry is that each of us is our own commentator, our own interpreter. Yet, at the risk of presumption, I share, in what I hope are economical

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Spring is bustin' out all over! And this April edition of the Embry Hills "Source" is about as full as it's ever been. Let's face it: in these budget-crunching times, I am the last person that wants to be accused of frivolous spending. But despite my efforts to trim the newsletter down to its normal 12 pages, we as a congregation are doing so many things that need to be shared with others that this 20 page volume far exceeds anything I ever imagined a church newsletter would be. No one can accuse our members of not being involved!

Sadly over the past few months we have lost a number

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of our members, and we grieve together with their families and loved ones their passing. But we also rejoice at the beautiful children who have been born into this world to parents of our congregation. And we happily welcome the new families who have recently joined us in worship and fellowship.

Read through the following pages and see how Embry Hills members are making a difference: in our lives, in our community, and in our world. Despite the difficulties we most certainly will encounter during our lifetime, there is never a time that God won’t see us through the challenges.

Easter is almost here. And as you look around and enjoy the beauty an Atlanta spring brings, don’t forget that Jesus’ life ended abruptly as he predicted, not because he accepted the status quo, but because he challenged it. May we as children of God continue to challenge the norm.

*Larry Donroe-Wells*  
Editor, Source

## Gifts Given as of March 20, 2009

- **In memory of David Lumpkin:** John & Linda Purks (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Ellaine Morgan:** Anne Hopkins, John & Linda Purks, (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Byron Thomas Cook, father of Tom Cook;** Bill & Toni Jernigan (*Youth Mission Program*)
- **In memory of Charles Pannell:** Larry & Frances McKinney, Martha C. Earnhart, Gerald Brock, Chart & Linda Bonham, Harold & Charlotte Mauldin, Earl & Anne Witcher, Diane Roberts, Dick & Anita Wight, Pete & Dodie Risse, Curt Halstead, Jerry & Suzanne Wilson, Bob & Pat Lansdell, Chuck & Sylvia Bell, Jim & Nancy McGarrah, Martia & Doug Lloyd, Jack & Veleta Holley, Dorothy Kirksey, Paul & Lois Ramsey, Ann England, Jim & Pat Barlow, Bob & Jo Ann Hinton, Anne Hopkins, Carl & Jo Carole Lewis, Mary Jo Garvin, Marcia Manning, Shirley Burdine, Jim & Dorothy Jones, John & Linda Purks, (*Ministry & Missions*), Paul & Helen Swope, Nancy Wolff, Shirley Carriker, (*Help Fund*), Linton & Ruth Broome, Jack & Alice Glover, Jo Pittman, Cliff & Jane Griffin, Gordon & Barbara Kitchens, The Fellowship Sunday School Class, Denton & Louann Ashway, Bill & Lou Engelhart, Julie Hall, Val Bligh, Steve & Susan Razor (*Music Ministry*), Bill & Toni Jernigan (*Youth Mission Program*)
- **In memory of Walt Taylor:** H. L. & Sue Ownbey, Richard & Jane Banks, Joe & Tootsie Kilpatrick, Harold & Charlotte Mauldin, Earl & Anne Witcher, Alice D. Bachman, Ken Elkins, Curt Halstead, Chuck & Sylvia Bell, Al & Dottie Coltrane, Ann England, Pete & Dodie Risse, (*Ministry & Missions*), Bill & Toni Jernigan (*Youth Mission Program*)
- **In memory of Marion Lyons Tarr:** Scott Tarr, Barbara Croft, Charles & Lynn Franklin, Jane Wolf, H.L. & Sue Ownbey, Harold & Charlotte Mauldin, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Lauter, Kathy Divis, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Dunbar, Sam & Mindy Lyons, Mrs. Carl D. Strickland, Wade & Catherine Stewart, Donald & Gladys Rhodes, Jim & Terry Kemp, Michael & Nancy Poole, Pat Moulton, Lee & Reba Conn, Barbara Allard, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Towles, Joe & Betty Glenn, Linda & John Snipes, Pete &

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# A Loving Tradition

## New Arrivals

- **Bryce Helms Ballenger** was born March 11th to Angie Rene & Michael Ballenger of Duluth. Grandparents are Phil & Denise Helms. Great grandmother is Frances Helms-Warren; Bryce is her eighth great-grandson.
- **James Henry McGarrah Sharp** was born March 3rd to Tom & Mindy McGarrah Sharp. Grandparents are Jim & Nancy McGarrah. 5 lbs-13 oz., 19" long.



- **Ashley Renae Kelly** was born March 3rd to Michelle Kelly, Diane Davis' sister.
- **Gloria Bailey** was born February 16th to Jim & Ashley Bailey. Great aunt is Shirley Carriker. 6 lbs-2 oz.

## 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 Tuesday, April 28th, from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Tom Brown, Sheriff of Dekalb County. Mr. Brown is beginning his third term as Sheriff of Dekalb County.

Please call 770-938-0661 to make reservations by Friday, April 24th, with cancellations no later than Monday, April 27th.

Deadline for the  
May 2009 Newsletter:  
**Friday, April 17th, 2009**

Send all content to

[newsletter@embryhillsumc.org](mailto:newsletter@embryhillsumc.org)



There are no homebound birthdays this issue, but there will be an opportunity in mid April for everyone to reach out to our homebound friends both near and far with a "spring visit". The Shepherding Committee will have address cards for each of our homebound members for distribution to the congregation. Take one, or take several, and send a card or write a note to remind these members they are close to our hearts. You will hear more about this after Easter, so plan now to participate and make someone feel special. This is another way to share love within our church family.

-Marcille Metaxas

## Here Comes Peter Cottontail



Please join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, April 5th at 2:00 pm. We'll have Easter-themed crafts and cookie decorating as well as games for the children. We'll enjoy live music in the Family Life Center and a visit from the Easter Bunny. The children will hunt Easter eggs on the

two playgrounds, then everyone will receive a goody bag. You won't want to miss this fun event! Please contact Susan Lake if you have any questions at (770) 492-9236. Happy Easter!



## Mark Your Calendars!

2009 VBS: June 8—12

9:00 am—12:30 pm



## I PROMISE TO SUPPORT EMBRY HILLS UMC WITH MY...SERVICE

When times are hard and there are fewer dollars to go around, people everywhere become more and more dependent on organizations like the Church for a helping hand. When budgets are tight, local congregations are challenged to meet a variety of needs without spending extra money. In good times and in bad, a commitment to service is part of what we promise when we join a United Methodist church. This year, the Embry Hills Outreach Team is kicking off a special SUPER SERVICE program that taps into our commitment to service in order to meet a variety of pressing needs in our church and in our community.

On Easter Sunday we will have a "no money" pledge campaign. Each of us will be asked to pledge some dedicated hours to service, as little as 1 or 2 per week. And together, we will spend the days between Easter and Pentecost honoring our pledges. Some of you may want to fulfill your pledge by helping out in a social service setting such as NetWorks, Aldersgate Homes or our United Methodist Children's Home. Some may lend a hand with long-standing projects such as Snax Sax or Focus Respite Care. Some may choose to help in the church office or take on a small cleaning project here at the church. Those who like being outdoors may volunteer to clean the

right of way at a major intersection in our community. Some may make a prayer quilt or visit one of our homebound members. Some may paint a wall or weed a flower bed. There are opportunities to fit every schedule and every gift and ability. Creativity and imagination are encouraged. This is a perfect opportunity for families to find a way to serve together. ***And, best of all, since the program runs for several weeks, everyone has a chance to participate.***

Beginning March 29<sup>th</sup> the pledge cards that are submitted will be hung on a display in the narthex. As soon as a pledge is fulfilled, the card can be removed from the wall and redeemed for links to be added to our service chain, which will begin to take shape in lower hallway. Finally, on Pentecost Sunday we will total our hours of service and celebrate our ministry together in a special Sunday worship service.

I hope that each of you will begin now to consider what project you might take on or what initiative you might wish to support. What better way to abide in the resurrection gift of Easter than to pass it along to someone else.

*~Elaine Puckett  
Associate Pastor*

### ***Meet some of our newest members!***

#### *The Gimnig Family*

**New Members**

The Gimnig family joined our church family in February. John is an entomologist with the Division of Parasitic Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control, while Karen home-schools Megan, six and Ryan, four. Karen, daughter of a Methodist minister, is also in the midst of organizing their move from Lilburn to Avondale Estates. John and Karen met while working in Benin, in West Africa. Megan and Ryan both participate in childrens' choir, and Karen and John are active members of the Happy Heretics group. Karen says that they chose Embry Hills UMC as their church home because of "the great childrens' programs and the excellent leadership here."



*The Gimnigs (l to r): Ryan, John, Megan & Karen*

The Book Shelf

Each month THE BOOK SHELF will appear in the Church Newsletter. The SHELF will introduce ONE or TWO of the books available in our Church Library, **located on the 2nd floor above the Church Office Workroom.**

The volumes are shelved under various headings for example Bibles (5 dif translations); Bible Studies; Family Topics; Inspirational; Commentaries; Theological Dictionaries and many more. There are over 735 works available.

This month two works, one by Eugenia Price, THE UNIQUE WORLD OF WOMEN...IN BIBLE TIMES AND NOW, and COMPLETE WORKS OF JOSEPHUS are featured.

THE UNIQUE WORLD OF WOMEN portrays the experiences of some fourteen women from the Old Testament. Many of them not heard of very often KETURAH Abraham's second wife, the mother of Midian. Her story is found in Genesis 25 and Chronicles 1. ZIPPORAH., Moses' inadequate wife is portrayed in Exodus 2 and 18. Others are THE QUEEN OF SHEBA, BATHESHEBA, SHIPHRAH and PUAH.

From the New Testament Price relates the stories of fourteen women. Some, like THE WOMAN OF NAIN, THE SAMARITAN WOMAN, and PETER'S WIFE are found in parables and accounts of women that encountered Jesus

Eugenia Price says, "I am convinced that God is still speaking loudly and clearly to us through the women of the Bible."

JOSEPHUS was a Jewish historian who lived from 37 AD until some time after 100 AD. The value of this book to those that study the life and times of Jesus centers around the commentaries that he makes about the times and various people that influenced history at the time of the Roman Empire. He discusses John the Baptist and Jesus. Josephus was a Jewish priest and a rather objective historian. This affords the reader another perspective on Jesus' times and teachings. His comments on the world of that time helps the reader to appreciate the world that Jesus operated in.

Both books are recommended for those of us that want a deep look at Christ's world and the unique women of the Bible.

*~Jim Johnson*

**Anyone interested in helping with special flowers for the Sanctuary such as Easter lilies or Christmas poinsettias, please contact Todd Messick at 770-815-7674.**



The white blossoms of the Easter lily symbolize the purity of Jesus. Lilies, emerging from the earth in the spring, also symbolize new life and the resurrection of Christ

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- Dodie Risse, (*Ministry & Missions*), Shirley Carriker, Paul & Helen Swope, (*Help Fund*)
- **In memory of Virginia Feil**, mother of Rev. Valerie Harvard: Dick & Anita Wight, Mary Jo Garvin, Bill & Stacie Franks, Todd & LeyAnna Messick, H.L. & Sue Ownbey, David Scruggs & Dana Buckelew, Ann England, Curt Halstead, (*Children's Ministry*), Diane Roberts, Pete & Dodie Risse, Adele Harrison, Lori Cora, Jerry & Suzanne Wilson, Bob & Pat Lansdell, Chuck & Sylvia Bell, Encouragers Sunday School Class – Briarlake Baptist Church, John & Susanne Marsh, Val Bligh, Sally Kramer, (*Ministry & Missions*), Jo Pittman (*Snax Sax*), Paul & Helen Swope (*Help Fund*)
  - **In memory of Olon Polston**: Jim & Pat Barlow, Alex & Chris Gay, Pinnacle Bank, (*Mission Outreach Program*), Al & Dottie Coltrane, Jim & Nancy McGarrah, Martia & Doug Lloyd, Val Bligh, (*Ministry & Missions*), Bill & Toni Jernigan (*Youth Mission Program*)
  - **In memory of Suzie Alley**: Nancy Wolff, Jack Nichols Bible Class, (*Help Fund*)
  - **In memory of Robert Alley**: Nancy Wolff, Jack Nichols Bible Class, (*Help Fund*)
  - **In memory of Ernest James "Jim" Whittle**: Jack & Betty Bailey, (*Ministry & Missions*)
  - **In memory of Marjorie Lansdell Anderson**: Alex & Chris Gay, Jim & Nancy McGarrah, Doug & Martia Lloyd, Val Bligh, (*Ministry & Missions*), Bill & Toni Jernigan (*Youth Missions*)
  - **In memory of Keith Jernigan**: Peggy Howard, Mossaphile Art Club, Dick & Anita Wight, Jim & Nancy McGarrah, Martia & Doug Lloyd, (*Youth Mission Program*), Val Bligh (*Ministry & Missions*)
  - **In memory of Frances Lawson**: John & Nancy Lawson (*Ministry & Missions*), Bill & Toni Jernigan (*Youth Mission Program*)
  - **In memory of Millie Bailey**: Carl & Dorothy Smith, Jim & Pat Barlow (*Ministry & Missions*), Bill & Toni Jernigan (*Youth Mission Program*)
  - **In memory of Augustina Lizardi**: Teresa Wise & Luis Davila, (*Ministry & Missions*)
  - **In memory of Ken Story**: Bill & Toni Jernigan (*Youth Mission Program*)
  - **In memory of Gladys McDaniel**: Bill & Toni Jernigan (*Youth Mission Program*)
  - **In memory of Brenda Elkins**: Marie Lankford (*Ministry & Missions*)

- **In honor of Cecil & Huvian Ingram**: Scott Tarr (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In honor & appreciation of the Chancel Choir**: The Charles Pannell Family (*Music Ministry*)
- **In honor of Val Harvard**: Jo Pittman (Snax Sax)
- **In honor of Amir's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday**: Marcille Metaxas (*Music Ministry*)
- **In honor of Betsey Dunaway**: David & Geraldine Hildenbrand (*Music Ministry*)
- **Thank you for The Last Resort Group**: Jean & Bill Witcher (*Ministry & Missions*)

## Please continue prayers for:

Chuck Bell	Dee Moore**
Fern Williams	Madonna Holley**
Dave Berry	Jim Lowry**
Myrtle Hunt	Grace Lowry**
Jack Ernst	Millie Taylor**
Eloise Riner	Joyce Martin**
Mary Anne Aldrich	Kaye Fason**
Alex Gay	
Jim Britt	*Members in Military
Christopher Barlow*	** Homebound Members

**PLEASE REMEMBER  
YOUR FRIENDS IN  
PRAYER**

## Transitions

- **Barney "Pete" Rogers** died March 16th. No service details have been announced.
- **Helen Stevenson** passed away March 11th; a private family graveside service will be held in Jacksonville, FL.
- **Charles Pannell** died February 27th. A memorial service was held at EHUMC on March 1st.
- **Ellaine Morgan** died February 22nd. A memorial service was held at EHUMC on February 28th.
- **Walt Taylor** died February 16th in Eastman GA.. A memorial service was held Feb 21st at EHUMC.
- **Marion Lyons-Tarr** died February 15th; a funeral service was held at EHUMC on Feb. 19th.
- **Jean Ozburn**, sister-in-law of Eloise Riner, passed away on January 30th.
- **Janice (Pat) Presley**, a former member, passed away on March 2nd; a funeral service was held on March 5th.



Please keep the families and loved ones of these dearly departed in your thoughts and prayers.

# In Gratitude

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and inspiring ways, a Spring thought or two, prompted by the thoughts of e.e. cummings.

Life is growth. To fail to grow is to die. And, growth always involves change, shedding, exfoliation, burning—the recognition, embrace, and letting go of whatever influences of thwarting we see in our lives. Life is to be lived consciously, in the light, in a place of awareness, of seeing. And, when we awaken in this way, we are free to dream, and to pursue the things about which we dream. Dreaming is the active exercise of the awakened, not the passive exercise of the snoozing. Our now and here, however challenging or problematic or difficult we think it may be, contains all the blessings we will ever need. There is no moment other than the now and here, and the now and here is a healing moment. Without regard to our frequent preoccupation with success—or finding—abundant life is discovered and uncovered in contemplating the things beyond comprehending, whatever they may be for us. And, one day, time will set us free from all of the quandaries of time.

For those who like such things, I can think of many passages of Scripture that also speak of the truths contained in “in time of daffodils.” Rather than share those, I’d much rather you search for them and let me know what you find in your search. As I think about it, what a fun exercise that could be—finding e.e. cummings in Scripture! Now, that’s a Bible study.

So, Happy Spring! Grow. Dream. Stay in the moment. Dare to reach for what you cannot comprehend. Remember your freedom, now and always. Happy time of daffodils.

Good blooming to you,

Mark



The Trustees are planning a replacement of our significantly aged recording equipment. This is not a budgeted item and we are asking for Donations to the Recording Upgrade Fund

## In Gratitude

### ***From the Family of Charles Pannell:***

Thank you so much for your calls, visits, cards, flowers, food and most of all for your love and prayers during Charles' illness and death. The love of our church family has sustained us during this difficult time. We are forever grateful to you and ask you to keep us in your prayers in the days ahead.

### ***From Reverend Valerie Harvard:***

We often hear how the church is more than just the brick and mortar of actual buildings, but the heart and soul of the people within those walls. Since coming on staff, I've always thought that about Embry Hills because you are truly a loving church. But during the last six months I have *experienced* the true church here in such a profound manner. Since mother was first diagnosed with cancer in the early fall, you have shown such care and compassion. Having never met her, you presented her with a touch of your love with the beautiful prayer quilt. Not a day would go by where one of you did not inquire about mother's condition or share words of comfort and encouragement with me. And during mother's memorial service, my entire family experienced this same love....this church called Embry Hills. On behalf of my family and from the very depths of my heart, thank you for all the love, prayers, comfort and compassion you have shared and are continuing to share every day. I love you all and pray God's blessings for you.

Thank you, ***Suzanne Wilson***, for your willingness to compile, compose, print and distribute the Weekly Source. If you are unfamiliar with the Weekly Source, it is a collection of upcoming events for the week and can be found every Sunday in the church bulletin. Be sure to thank Suzanne for helping to keep us up to date on all that EHUMC is doing!

## Why Sunday School?

Call it what you will -- Sunday School, Small Groups, Adult Enrichment -- those who participate see many benefits. In the following months, we'll be focusing on Embry Hills UMC's adult classes in each issue of the *Source*; this month, we offer an overview of current classes.

### What's in it for me?

- **Group members can help each other in hard times:** People often feel isolated, alone or abandoned when facing grave health, emotional or financial problems. Small group members can provide a "safety net," supporting one another in hard times.
- **Friendships start**
- **People talk more in small groups:** People in a small group, whether based in a home or in the church, are more likely to participate in discussions.
- **Group members realize that others face similar problems:** People often think there is something uniquely wrong with them. When they hear that others have similar struggles, they feel relieved and encouraged.
- **People use their gifts and talents to minister to one another:** Pastors and teachers cannot do all the ministering. We each have gifts and talents to encourage, teach and challenge one another. Small groups provide the perfect setting for Christians to minister one to another: *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24).*
- **Small group members encourage each other in their faith:** We strengthen each other's faith. In his letter to the Romans, Paul taught us that when we see the faith in another believer, it encourages us in our own faith.

*... that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith (Romans 1:12).*

- **Small group members encourage each other to grow:** Regardless of a group's focus or format, after a while people are likely to share per-

sonal insights and testimonies. When people share, other group members see new ways they can draw closer to God and new steps they can take with others. Changing is hard. There is nothing like a word of encouragement when someone feels hopeless or discouraged. Group members support one another, both during meetings and outside them.

*We can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God (2 Corinthians 1:4).*

- **Group members hold each other accountable:** *As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another (Proverbs 27:17).*
- **Members pray for one another:** When people become connected emotionally, they are more open to praying for one another. Often, group members exchange prayer requests or become prayer partners.

*For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them (Matthew 18:20).*



# Adult Classes

## Current opportunities at EHUMC

### **Inquirer's Class**

For more information about the next Inquirer's Class for new and prospective members, please contact Senior Pastor Mark Sargent (marks@embryhillsumc.org or 770-938-0661).

### **Chuck Harding Class, Room 410**

In existence for 35 years, this group is made up of middle to older adults with a youthful outlook. A variety of teachers alternate in leading the discussions and providing their interpretations of the lessons. The International Lesson series provides for some lively discussion and differing outlooks.

### **Emmaus Class, Room 209**

A team of teachers leads this discussion-oriented class focusing on the Bible or current issues. Made up mainly of people in their mid-40s/50s and up, the class seeks to challenge individuals to grow in their understanding of Christian discipleship.

### **Fellowship Class, Room 210**

This class of mainly middle-aged adults focuses on Bible study with an emphasis on relating the scriptures to everyday living. The Adult Bible Study Series encourages thought-provoking discussions as everyday life and Christian discipleship are examined side-by-side.

### **Happy Heretics Class, Room 207**

The Happy Heretics Sunday School Class was formed in early 2007, out of an Inquirer's Class. We are a diverse group of folks of all ages! We meet in Room 207 each with coffee brewing. Come join us Sundays at 9:45 a.m. for fellowship and some spirited, thought-provoking conversation.

### **Jack Nichols Bible Class, Chapel**

Formerly the Herb Burrows Class, this class was the first adult class formed at EHUMC. It was later re-named to honor the Rev. Jack Nichols and his wife, Austelle. A rotation of fine teachers use

the International Lesson Series, generally in a "lecture" format with occasional questions asked of the class. This senior adult group begins each Sunday with the singing of familiar hymns and prayer concerns.

### **Joyful Class, Room 414**

Open to adults of all ages, this class is full of people who enjoy studying the Bible and discussing how the scriptures relate to our everyday life. The Joyful class is involved in church and community activities and missions. We love to welcome visitors with the hope that they will become members.

### **Vision Class, Room 401**

This class was started in the fall of 1998 to meet the needs of young adults in our congregation and community. This discussion-based class provides a forum for single and young married adults to develop stronger, more fulfilling relationships with Christ and each other.



*A couple of smiling Sunday School Heretics...  
Happy Heretics, that is!  
(l-r, Suzanne Estes, Suzanne Segler)*



The UMM meeting on March 9th was a huge success despite the change in time we experienced that morning. Someone asked “don’t you ever meet during daylight”? We had a total of 54 members and guests in attendance for breakfast and the meeting. Thanks very much for your support.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **April 19**. We have a speaker lined up for that meeting also.

Please plan on attending. We should be adjusted to the time change by them.

We appreciate your support of your men’s organization and remember our motto for this year,

**“REACHING EVERY MAN”.**

*The purpose of the UMM is helping men to grow in Christ, so others can know Christ. To learn more about what UMM can mean for you, visit [www.gcumm.org](http://www.gcumm.org) or [www.ngcumm.com](http://www.ngcumm.com).*



*Tasters/Connoisseurs from the 2008 UMM Barbecue.*

Helping the Foster Care, feeding the women at the Women’s Kitchen at Grace UMC, and sending bags of goodies to Chris Barlow and his friends are a few of the happenings with the UMW at this time. Taking baked goods to the Children’s Home Flea Market early in April will be our mission focus for that month. Baked goods can be left in the church kitchen on Thursday, April 2 or by meeting me (Sue Ownbey) in the parking lot at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 3. These will be delivered to the Children’s Home for the Bake Sale.



**United Methodist Women**  
Women’s Division

## UMW New Women’s Group

In August of 2008, a breakfast was held to introduce the United Methodist Women to female members of the church. At the breakfast, the attendants learned of the importance of UMW to the Methodist Church as a whole and specifically to Embry Hills. The first official meeting was held in February to organize a new women’s group that would be an addition to the other three circles that are part of Embry Hills UMW. The group met again in March and is in the beginning stages of planning our first mission projects. This group (which has yet to be named) attempts to meet the needs of the “modern” woman by meeting at night and planning activities of a varied nature to allow more women to participate. We are very excited about our beginning and are looking forward to the future. This group will meet again on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> in the Harding Classroom (410-412). There will be a small potluck and we will accept donations for Snax Sax. If you are interested in learning more about this new group feel free to contact LeyAnna Messick at [SL.messick@comcast.net](mailto:SL.messick@comcast.net) or 770-451-1173.

### Upcoming UMW Dates:

**McElroy Circle** – April 7 at 10:00 a.m. at the Church

**Bailey Circle** – April 21 at Jo Pittman’s house – we will leave the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

**Pannell Circle** – April 21 at 10:00 a.m. at Jane Griffin’s house – Book Review of 90 Minutes in Heaven.

# Outreach Ministries

## Outreach = Service

March ended with the wonderful UMM Barbecue and UMW Bake Sale, "Super Service Sunday" with its church wide potluck dinner and the Trinity Team Dinner. Our Lenten donation boxes are getting full and the calendar is just about all crossed out and we are so close to Easter, we can smell the boiled eggs. Is it time yet to rest on our laurels? Well, of course not!

It's hard to think about money right now with the global economy in so much distress, so Outreach is concentrating on service. We have your service pledge cards going up in the Narthex to help us celebrate another part of the promise we made when we joined the church. We promised to serve and there are so many ways to keep that promise. If you haven't made your service pledge, the cards are still available and we are still taking them! Spend some time in prayer, with your family or maybe your Sunday School class, and join your Embry Hills family as we serve others this spring.

You can check out the different organizations and opportunities that were featured March 29<sup>th</sup> on the list attached to the pledge cards available in the Narthex and in the coffee areas around the church building. When you turn in your pledge card, someone will contact you with further information to help you fulfill your pledge.

*-Beth Starling  
Co-Chair Work Area on Outreach*

### DID YOU KNOW...

**From Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child** in 2008 collected some 8 million gift-filled shoe boxes, including 4.9 million in the United States (the most ever since the projects inception 16 years ago). That is 8 million children and their families who will hear the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ, and it is mission-minded churches and groups like (ours) who make this spiritual harvest possible!

National Collection Week is Nov. 16-23, 2009

### Snax Sax for Kids

*an Outreach ministry of EHUMC*

This ministry is growing so quickly! We are filling up to 135 bags each Friday morning. Kroger at Embry Hills is donating 2 cases of fruit each week. We have a



logo for the program designed by students at Chamblee Middle School and the students are donating proceeds from their Art Auction April 14<sup>th</sup> to Snax Sax! Both the National Honor Society and Interact Club at Chamblee High School are collecting items and will pack some bags April 16<sup>th</sup>. We heard from a United Methodist Church in Perry, GA and are helping them start their own program - with our blessing! Evansdale Elementary continues to collect items as well. The Joyful class is collecting items each week and have pledged funds every month- wow! Our own youth brought items during their 30 hour Famine and decorated the bags too! And many of you are donating items and funds - thank you all!

We had lots of new folks show up last month to pack the bags - and I think they were surprised that we could really pack that many bags in just 45 minutes. We start at 9 am in the FLC and it is amazing how quickly and how well our willing hands and hearts get the job done.

I really appreciate all of you who are talking about this program to your friends and family outside of EHUMC. If anyone wants to know more about it, they can now find information online at [www.embryhillsumc.org](http://www.embryhillsumc.org). Click on "Announcements", then click on the "Outreach" tab.

Work Area on Outreach will continue to improve the Snax Sax ministry and we are always mindful that every person who donates to this program is trusting us to make the best use of our resources as we care for "the least of these".

## Help Wanted

**Who?** A few helpful, happy adults who like low-responsibility, high-profile jobs.

**What?** Greet newcomers, welcome children, help parents find the right classrooms for their children; once classes have started, watch for latecomers, and be an extra pair of eyes in the hallway during the Sunday School hour.

**Where?** KidzTown, by the elevator; you can even sit on Miss Val's stool!

**When?** Sunday mornings, 9:40-10:40, on a rotating basis.

No experience, training, or preparation required! All you need is a smile, a firm handshake, and a desire to be a welcoming face for Embry Hills.

For more information, contact Val Harvard, Director of Children's Ministry, at (770) 938-0661, ext. 114 or Jane Sinner, Children's Council Chair, at 770-270-8964 or janewestga@aol.com.

**Read, read, read:** Do you like to read? Are you in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade? Then join us in the upper-grade book club currently being organized at our church. The first book we're going to read and discuss is "**Ruby Holler**" by Sharon Creech. Our first opportunity to discuss this together will be Saturday, April 18th at the **Love Makes a Family** book reading and concert event at EHUMC. We'll talk about the family-themed issues in the book. We'll continue to meet periodically afterwards, to read and share what we learn in lots of different books. Be on the lookout for additional book club titles and meetings in the months to come!



## COMING SOON: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Camp E.D.G.E. needs YOU! Yes, it's time to start thinking about how you can help with Embry Hills UMC's fabulous Vacation Bible School. We have loads of fun making a difference in the lives of kids for one week each summer. Don't you want to be a part of the fun this year? We'll be 'camping' on the E.D.G.E., experiencing and discovering God everywhere from June 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact Judy Campbell (judyc@mindspring.com or 770-723-0850 before 9:30p.m.) to get in on the adventure at Camp E.D.G.E.!

## Kindergarten Fun Day & Silent Auction

The Embry Hills Kindergarten warmly invites members of our congregation to join the fun on Friday, **April 24th** from **4-7pm**, for the annual Fun Day and Silent Auction. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and we need YOUR support! Bring your children and grandchildren to enjoy various carnival-like activities: moonwalk, train ride, face painting, cake-walk and games. And don't miss the Silent Auction. Here are a few items we have already received: 2 tickets to the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Dinner for two at Medieval Times, a set of Chocolate Pearls and matching



earrings from Starblaze Jewelers, an American Girl doll and gift certificates to many local restaurants. Donations are still welcome, and they are tax deductible. Suggestions include: tickets to sporting / entertainment events, artwork or craft items. Food will be catered by The Varsity and you will want to visit the bake sale after dinner! Tickets will be sold at the door. We look forward to seeing you there! Questions? Please contact Stacie Franks 770-414-0632 or franksatl@yahoo.com.

# Youth Ministries

## Youth Ministries

Spring Break is just around the corner! (Did I just hear you cheer?) Whether you travel or stay home, enjoy the break from your regular schedule. Have a great time, rest and be safe!!

Take a look below to see the ways YOU can get involved in the youth ministry here on a regular basis. **All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome at any time!** To get more information or to be included on the e-mail list, contact Victoria Lawson, Dir. of Youth Ministries: [victorial@embryhillsumc.org](mailto:victorial@embryhillsumc.org) or 770-938-0661, ext. 113.

- **Youth Sunday School, Sundays @ 9:45 a.m. in Room 403:** Currently, we are busy challenging ourselves with John Wesley's 3 Simple Rules: *Do no harm; do good and stay in love with God.* Don't be afraid to pop in—we'll be happy to catch you up!
- **Youth Arts Choir, Sundays @ 4:30-5:15 p.m. in the Rehearsal Hall:** For more information about choir and the summer choir mission trip, contact Amir Zaheri, Organist & Dir. of Music: [amirz@embryhillsumc.org](mailto:amirz@embryhillsumc.org) or 770-938-0661, ext. 117. April rehearsals are scheduled for 4/19 & 4/26.
- **Youth Fellowship, Sundays @ 5:15-7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center:** We

start out eating together as a family (\$3, please), thanks to the parents who provide our meals. Then we move on to play together and learn a little, too. We strive to support each other as Christians in a hectic world. Our Jr. High group is for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders and 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders make up our Sr. High. Contact Victoria for more information. Please note that we will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 12—enjoy the time with your family.

- **Youth Praise Band, Wednesdays @ 6:30 -7:30 p.m. in the Chapel:** For more information, contact Amir Zaheri.
- **Summer Mission Trip, July 6-10:** Details are currently being ironed out for this trip to Kentucky but go ahead and make plans to attend! Special skills are not required (or I would be staying home!). However, a readiness to serve God and open your heart to the congregation of Thousandsticks UMC is a must. Hope you can join in on the experience!
- **Youth Week, July 26-August 2:** This long-time tradition is a week full of ways to serve, experience fun events and, most importantly of all, welcome the rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Watch for more details but get it on your calendar now.



## Youth 30-hour Famine Fundraiser



To raise awareness for world hunger, 35 adults and youth fasted for 30 hours. The lofty goal was to raise \$1,000, knowing that \$1 feeds a child for a day. However, with some funds still expected to come in, they raised over \$1,900 for the World Vision 30-Hour Famine !!!! Participants also brought food donations for the Snax Sax program at EHUMC, decorated 150 of the Snax Sax bags (see pictures) and volunteered for two hours at the Lilburn Cooperative Ministry.

Happy Spring, Embry Hills! I am so glad that winter has closed up shop for good and that warm rays are finally here in a more permanent way...well, at least for several months! This is indeed a busy time in the life of the church and the Music and Worship Arts Ministry is right in the middle of it all.

Each month, I'm going to do my best to highlight a person in the Music and Worship Arts Ministry who helps to lead us to better and higher places of learning and passionate worship. You all know that we are fortunate to be surrounded by so many amazing and talented leaders, but you just won't believe some of the amazing details of their lives!

Since the Music and Drama Camp is around the corner (1<sup>st</sup> week of June – sign up NOW!), and because she is the newest member of our area's team of leaders, I thought we'd start with Beverly Blissit.

I've asked Beverly to give us a little insight to her life and how she found herself where she is today, doing what she loves. I am so honored and truly privileged to have a team of leaders who are brilliant and creative, kind and loving, as well as collegial and fun! Beverly Blissit is a remarkable part of this team and I am thrilled that Embry Hills United Methodist Church is the place she chooses to be!



~Amir Zaheri  
Organist, Dir. Music & Worship Arts



## Meet Beverly Blissit...

Amir asked that I write a little something about myself for the newsletter so you would know who I am. As I thought about this request, I decided I would really like to begin by telling you who I think *you are*. Since I have been at Embry Hills as one of the Children's Choir directors I have felt at home theologically like I have never felt before. I have been challenged to think about my life, my service to God and my place in God's kingdom. It has really been a mountain-top experience being a part of your congregation. You are a welcoming and supportive group and I know God will bless you because of your love for one another and your community. I want to be a part of a church like Embry Hills UMC; one that openly embraces the community in which you find yourselves.

I LOVE directing your children in music each week! Every week I am blessed by their lovely voices, their willingness to learn and their profound insight on life. I have been a children's choir director for 30 years. While I was a student at Wake Forest University I served as the Music Director in a little Baptist Church. One gentleman there called my children's choir the "Noise Makers" rather than "Music Makers." I hope my choirs have come a ways since then. After college I attended Southeastern Seminary and received a Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in Children's Ministry. Everything seemed to click for me when I discovered my forte was leading children's choirs.

My journey as a music director has taken me many places and I have loved every church where I have served. Each one has contributed something significant in my ministry. I have especially enjoyed the last ten years where I have been able to concentrate on Children's Choirs. I was able to concentrate on opportunities such as becoming certified in Kindermusik and Orff. I have shared what has worked for me in choirs at workshops in the area and nationally. I am always amazed that anyone wants to hear what I have to say about anything because most things I have learned have been by trial and error.

I believe that children's choirs have a three fold purpose: belonging, worship, and service. I have tried to make my choirs a place where every child

## A Story About Ashes

I attended my first Ash Wednesday service this year. Afterward, I wondered about Ash Wednesday and about how the service came to be and what happens behind the scenes to make the service possible. I thought others in our congregation might be interested as well.

Where do we get the ashes that are used in the Ash Wednesday service, and how long have we been having Ash Wednesday services? I knew that the ashes came from the palm branches of the previous year's Palm Sunday service, but beyond that, I had no idea how we got the ashes. I knew somebody had to be behind making that happen, so I turned to Helen Swope for the answers. I'm so glad I did, because I not only learned about how she makes the ashes but also heard some funny stories about the history of Ash Wednesday at Embry Hills.

Helen told me that when she came to Embry Hills back in 1968, they didn't have an Ash Wednesday service. She had attended a church in Columbus, Ohio that did more what she calls "high church," and they had done Ash Wednesday services there. So in the mid-late 1970's, after she'd been Worship chair for a bit, Helen approached the minister of Embry Hills at the time and suggested having such a service here. The minister said, "Let's do it!" Bear in mind that the United Methodist Church didn't even have a worship resource for the imposition of the ashes until 1979, according to the [umc.org](http://umc.org) website, so our little church was kind of on the leading edge back then.

Helen met with Kaye Fason to figure out how they were going to make the service happen.

The first thing Helen and Kaye had to do was figure out how to make the ashes. Well, they took a huge iron skillet, got it good and hot on the gas stove-top in the church kitchen, they filled it with palm leaves that had fallen off the palm branches on Palm Sunday, and they tried to burn the leaves. That didn't work too well, so they ended up using a lighter to light the leaves in that skillet. Helen says they made the biggest mess you ever saw burning those leaves in that skillet. They cleaned the kitchen and the skillet as best they could and put the skillet back where they'd found it, but they'd ruined that skillet. No one could ever get it clean, and they eventually had to throw that skillet away. Helen doesn't think anyone ever knew who'd ruined it, but now they do!

The leaves still hadn't burned that well, so she and Kaye had to grind them with a mortar and pestle that Helen used to have back on the farm. Helen says they pounded and pounded those burned leaves, but at that year's service, the ashes still had clumps in them. Helen thought there had to be a better way to make smooth, fine ashes. She even consulted with the helpful folks at the Cathedral of St. Phillips, but ultimately, Helen came up with the method she still uses to this day to create the ashes for the Ash Wednesday service.

Each year, Helen takes the palm branches after the Palm Sunday service, and she ties them up into four or five bunches. She hangs them either in the attic or in husband Paul's shed, where he keeps the yard equipment. Those palm branches hang and dry all summer, and if it's a hot summer, Helen says "they'll brown out beautifully." That brown, almost crispy, kind of dried palm branch makes the best black ashes for Ash Wednesday. But in case things don't go well with any given year's palm branches, Helen always keeps some of the palm branches and ashes from the previous year.

Once the palm branches are dried, usually by October, and no later than December, Helen takes care of making the ashes. She pulls the leaves off the dried palm branches, and she cuts them into small pieces. She gets a huge coffee can with little air holes on the side that her husband Paul punched, and she fills it about three-quarters full of leaves. She takes that can outside and uses a long lighter to set the leaves on fire. She repeats the burning process up to four times.

Here's where Helen's innovation saves her some effort. Instead of using a mortar and pestle, she now uses a blender to grind the ashes. She doesn't add any water, and she has to let the ashes settle in the blender for five or six hours to prevent them from flying away when she takes the top off. When she's done, she's made about a handful of beautiful black ashes for use in the Ash Wednesday service out of all those palm leaves from Palm Sunday. And now, as Paul Harvey used to say, you know the rest of the story.

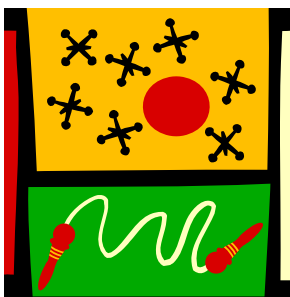
*~Judy Campbell*

## Camp Embry Hills

Summer Day Camp



At Embry Hills United Methodist Preschool & Kindergarten



Session 1: June 15—19

Session 2: July 13—17

Join us for a fun and exciting day camp with games, music, science, crafts and outdoor fun. We invite rising 3-year olds through rising first graders to attend. Camp runs from 9am—1pm daily and costs \$100 per session (includes a \$25 non-refundable registration fee).



For more information, call the school at (770) 939-6036 or visit [www.embryhillsumc.org](http://www.embryhillsumc.org) and click on “Kindergarten”

Space is limited, so sign up today!



# Summer Happenings



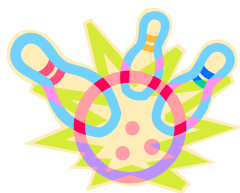
## Music and Drama Camp "100% Chance of Rain"

June 1<sup>st</sup>–5<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Completed 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders

9-4:00, M-Thurs., 9-1:00 Friday

Join us for an action-packed week full of singing and drama as we “put-on” a musical in just one week! “100% Chance of Rain” is the creative retelling of the story of Noah and the ark. Kids will fall in love with the upbeat songs, funny narration and profound story of how God loves the world. Complete with costumes, props and set-design, the children will share the musical on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am at Embry Hills UMC.



Afternoons are full of fun activities including  
*bowling, putt-putt, skating, and games*

Cost for the camp and all activities:  
\$85 for Embry Hills Children’s Choir Members  
\$100 for non-choir members



To save your space, mail \$25 and your registration form to:  
Beverly Blissit 2458 Cravey Drive Atlanta, Ga 30345

For registration form or additional information, contact Beverly at  
[dblissit@aol.com](mailto:dblissit@aol.com) or 770-621-9640

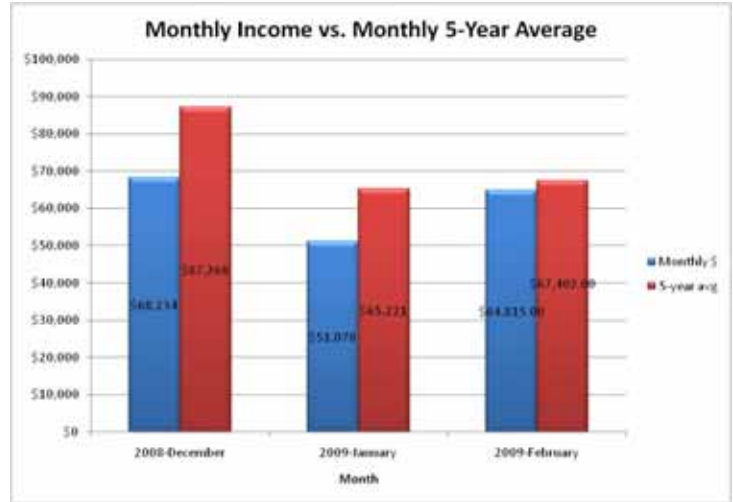
The additional \$60 for choir members or \$75 for non-choir members will be due the first day of camp. Bring a bag lunch and drink each day, socks for bowling and skating.

Beverly Blissit directs the Children’s Choirs at Embry Hills UMC. She has over 30 years experience directing children’s choirs. This is her 15<sup>th</sup> year of directing a community Music and Drama Camp. Beverly has a Master of Divinity degree, and is certified in Orff and Kindermusik instruction.

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the month ended February 28, 2009, total collections and expenses were \$61,845 and \$64,100, respectively. Total collections rose \$10,700 over January. Expense includes a payment of \$11,290 toward apportionments, representing 10% of YTD contribution revenue. The Administrative Council voted unanimously to reinstate our monthly tithe to apportionments. The church line of credit balance rose slightly to \$139,000 due to the gap in revenue versus expense this month, including the catch-up on apportionments. We will only borrow from the line of credit if expenses for the month exceed contribution revenue. We will continue to pay apportionments at 10% of contribution revenue and not separate this commitment from other monthly expense, even if we must borrow from the line of credit to do so. Please note that 10% of contributions does not currently meet the apportionment monthly plan commitment.

~Rick McDaniel



## Web Access to ACS discontinued

In a recent meeting, the finance committee voted to discontinue use of the Access ACS system, which members used to check their donation and pledges and look up general information about the congregation such as phone numbers and addresses. The committee saw Access ACS as an expense that could no longer be justified, as less than five percent of members were using it and the system required many hours of staff and volunteer time each month for maintenance.

If you have any questions about this, please see Senior Pastor Mark Sargent or Finance Committee Chair Rick McDaniel.

(“Blissit”, continued from page 14)

feels they belong: when they walk in the door someone knows them and cares about what happened in their day. If you don't care about the little things such as a child who sees a horse running down the road on the way to choir (yes this happened) then why would children think you would care about the big things in life like a grandparent dying or their questions about how the stone actually rolled away? It is also a place where they make friends and feel a part of a group. I want them to think choir is a fun place to be. We work HARD in choir but we also play hard. I want to give children the opportunity to develop their talents so that they can worship God through beautiful singing. I hope to inspire them to do their best: sing on pitch, have good diction, sing beautiful vowels, conduct themselves as a child of God, and be disciplined musicians. I do not care whether I have four or forty in a choir: the requirements and lesson plan are the



Beverly Blissit

same.

I seek to teach them that we all have gifts to use in service to God and one way children can do this is to sing in choirs. It requires commitment and sacrifice, but the rewards are great. I tell them over and over that they have a story to tell that people need to hear and this story is special when it comes from children I am all about building the adult choirs of the future.

All of this happens in thirty minutes each Wednesday.

I hope you can tell that I am passionate about Children's Choirs! They are key to the Mission and Ministry of the church. Choirs are an easy way for children and families to enter the life of your church as you reach out to your community. I am so grateful to be a part of a church that loves children and supports them like Embury Hills UMC. It has been a place where I can worship, serve and belong. Good job!

~Beverly Blissit

# Calendar: April 2009



Apr 2009 (Eastern Time)

EHUMC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5</p> <p><b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>12pm - Meet n' Greet</p> <p>2pm - Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>5:15pm - Youth Fellowship</p> <p>6pm - Lenten Study</p> <p>6pm - SPRC</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30am - Yoga</p> <p>10:30am - Sister Series</p> <p>4:35pm - 5678 Class</p> <p>7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10am - McElroy Circle</p> <p>1:35pm - Staff Meeting</p> <p>6pm - Line Dancing</p> <p>6pm - Yoga</p> <p>7pm - Webelos Den</p> <p>7pm - Yoga</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>See Worship Arts Schedule</b></p> <p>10:30am - Bible Study</p> <p>12pm - Lenten Service</p> <p>6:30pm - Club 45</p> <p>6:30pm - Sister Series</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30am - ESL</p> <p>7pm - Maundy Service</p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>Good Friday</b></p> <p>9am - Snax Sax Assembly</p> <p>7pm - Good Friday Service</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9am - Craftsmen Thrifty</p> <p>11am - AA</p>
<p>12</p> <p><b>EASTER</b></p> <p><b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>12:15pm - Trustees</p> <p>2pm - GS Troop 23414</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30am - Yoga</p> <p>10:30am - Sister Series</p> <p>4:35pm - 5678 Class</p> <p>6:30pm - Pack 7 Bear Mtg</p> <p>7pm - 3 Leaves Mtg</p> <p>7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1:35pm - Staff Meeting</p> <p>6pm - Line Dancing</p> <p>6pm - Yoga</p> <p>6:30pm - Henderson Mill</p> <p>7pm - Yoga</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>See Worship Arts Schedule</b></p> <p>10:30am - Bible Study</p> <p>6pm - Cafe Del Soul @ Family</p> <p>6:30pm - Club 45</p> <p>6:30pm - Sister Series</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30am - ESL</p> <p>7pm - Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b></p> <p>9am - Snax Sax Assembly</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9am - Craftsmen Thrifty</p> <p>11am - AA</p> <p>3pm - Love Makes a Family</p>
<p>19</p> <p><b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>7:30am - UMMI</p> <p>12pm - Meet N Greet</p> <p>12:30pm - YMLT Meeting</p> <p>2pm - GS Trip 22422</p> <p>4:30pm - Youth Arts Choir</p> <p>5:15pm - Youth Fellowship</p> <p>6pm - Finance Mtg</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30am - Yoga</p> <p>10:30am - Sister Series</p> <p>7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1:35pm - Staff Meeting</p> <p>6pm - Line Dancing</p> <p>6pm - Yoga</p> <p>7pm - Webelos Den</p> <p>7pm - Yoga</p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>See Worship Arts Schedule</b></p> <p>10:30am - Bible Study</p> <p>1:15pm - Kindergarten Fac.</p> <p>6pm - Cafe Del Soul @ Family</p> <p>6:30pm - Club 45</p> <p>6:30pm - Sister Series</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30am - ESL</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>EHUMC FUN DAY</b></p> <p>4pm - Fun Day Events</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9am - Craftsmen Thrifty</p> <p>11am - AA</p>
<p>26</p> <p><b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>4:30pm - Youth Arts Choir</p> <p>5:15pm - Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30am - Yoga</p> <p>10:30am - Sister Series</p> <p>7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11:30am - Seniors Are Special</p> <p>1:35pm - Staff Meeting</p> <p>6pm - Line Dancing</p> <p>6pm - Yoga</p> <p>7pm - Yoga</p>	<p>29</p> <p><b>See Worship Arts Schedule</b></p> <p>10:30am - Bible Study</p> <p>6pm - Cafe Del Soul @ Family</p> <p>6:30pm - Club 45</p> <p>6:30pm - Sister Series</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30am - ESL</p>		

**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

Cherub Choir

5:30 Junior Choir

6:30 Tintinnabulum

7:00 Praise Band

Carillon Ringers

Chancel Choir

Please note: the church calendar is also posted on the church website at [www.embryhillsumc.org](http://www.embryhillsumc.org).

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# Love Makes a Family

## An All-Inclusive Family Event

Hosted by Embry Hills United Methodist Church  
(sponsored by the EHUMC Children's Ministry)

**Saturday, April 18, 2009 ♦ 3:00—6:00 p.m.**  
(Event doors open at 2:45 p.m., Concert doors at 4:45 p.m.)



### Book Readings

Community Welcome!



### Arts & Crafts

Something for Everyone!



### Musical Concert

Special Performance!



### Older Kids Book Club

Read "Ruby Holler" by Sharon Creech  
& come prepared to discuss family-themed  
issues in book.

For more information, please visit [www.embryhillsumc.org](http://www.embryhillsumc.org)

Dinner Available: Pizza, Salad, Drinks & Dessert available for purchase.



Atlanta's own "Laughing  
Pizza" will perform their  
family-friendly music for all  
ages to enjoy!

"All families are special  
and all families come in  
different shapes and  
sizes..."



Tickets for this special event are limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tickets for all activities are only \$5 per person (max \$20/family) and can be purchased at the door on the day of the event. Tables for the concert are available for an additional cost of \$20 per table (seats 8).

To reserve a table, please call the church office at 770-938-0661, ext. 121 and speak to Jane Carter.

For more information:

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