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A Monthly Digest of Church Life



Sargent's Voice

New Beginnings

Mark Sargent is senior pastor of Embry Hills United Methodist Church, an inclusive community of faith.

One of my favorite mentors wrote a book. It's called A Year To Live: How To Live This Year As If It Were Your Last. Wow, what a book. It has had profound meaning in my life.

One of the spiritual exercises Stephen Levine recommends is what he refers to as "the life review." Please allow me to quote.

"Reviewing our life story, with an intention to both honor and heal the past, can take a few weeks, a few months, or the rest of our lives, as unseen levels of holding gradually arise into awareness and present themselves for recuperation. It is strong medicine, a little bitter at first, but it gets sweeter as forgiveness and gratitude, mindfulness and mercy, make our blessings too many to count."

Levine suggests that in the process of reviewing, forgiveness can take on a life of its own, the suffering around painful events can subside enough for us to comprehend what those events have to teach us, and the past takes on a different meaning. Of course, this process is not easy, but it is healing.

I've been reviewing the year now almost past. I must confess that it was in many ways a painful year for me. I am sensitive to the fact that it was in many ways a painful year for most of us who love Embry Hills. 2008 ended with some pain for our church, and in some ways, 2009 began in the way that 2008 ended.

During this difficult season, I have done a good bit of contemplating, of meditating, of pondering, of praying. In that sense, this has been both a painful and a generative season for me. And, as I stand with you at the end of this year and on the brink of yet another new one, I feel somehow hopeful and healed. I hope you do, too. I hope we do, too.

I invite each and all of us to review this year with what Levine calls "soft eyes." I encourage us to review

2009 with a nonjudgmental awareness, with a kindness and spirit of forgiveness, with a sense of gratitude for whatever we may have learned, for whatever ways we may have grown. This soft-eyed view brings healing to us, individually and as a community.

*This is a day of new beginnings.
Time to remember and move on.
Time to believe what Love is bringing,
Laying to rest the pain that's gone.*

*Then let us with the Spirit's daring
Step from the past and leave behind
Our disappointments, guilt, and grieving,
Seeking new paths and sure to find.*

I have claimed this new beginning for myself. As one of your pastors and as one of the spiritual leaders of Embry Hills Church, I boldly and gratefully claim it for you, too, and for all of us.

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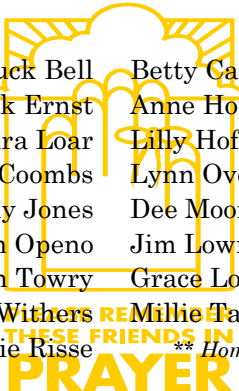
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Please continue prayers for:

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 Kim Openo Jim Lowry**
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 Donna Withers Millie Taylor**
 Dodie Risse ** Homebound Members



Gifts Given as of November 13, 2009

- ***In memory of Gloria Sweetin, mother of Karen Roth:*** Judy Campbell, Pete & Dodie Risse, Jim & Pat Barlow, (*Ministry & Missions*), Marcille Mextaxas (*Music & Woship Arts*)
- ***In memory of Michelle McElroy:*** Jim & Grace Lowry (*UM Children's Home*), Mary Jo Garvin (*Ministry & Missions*)
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- ***In memory of Olon Polston:*** Hugh & Beth Starling (*Apportionments*)
- ***In memory of Kitty Collier:*** Val Bligh (*Budget*)
- ***In honor of Dodie Risse:*** Jim & Grace Lowry (*Apportionments*)
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- ***In honor of our staff during minister appreciation month:*** Marcille Metaxas (*Ministry & Missions*)
- ***In honor of children receiving Bibles:*** Diane Roberts (*Ministry & Missions*)
- ***In honor of music ministry:*** Pete & Dodie Risse (*Music Ministry*)
- ***In memory of our loved ones lost in 2009:*** Marcille Metaxas (*Ministry & Missions*)
- ***In loving memory of all the Saints who died this past year:*** Judy Campbell (*Ministry & Missions*)
- ***In memory of the honored dead:*** Diane Roberts (*Ministry & Missions*)
- ***In honor of Cecil & Huvian Ingram:*** Scott Tarr (*Ministry & Missions*)

A Loving Tradition



Our Homebound members celebrating birthdays in **December:**

December 5

Mildred (Millie) Taylor
Sunrise at Eden Brook
4125 North Point Parkway
Alpharetta, GA 30022

These important members of our congregation appreciate hearing from their church family. Please reach out to them with cards, phone calls, and visits, and keep them in your prayers. Thank you
~Marcille Metaxas

Births

- **Olivia Grace Hamlett** was born November 7, 2009 to parents Phil & Ashley Hamlett. The paternal grandparents are **Perry & Barbara Hamlett**.
- **Brian Jones** is a proud uncle to newborn **Lily Elizabeth Johnson**.
- **Todd & Leyanna Messick** are proud parents to daughter **Loraley Tate Messick** who was born November 13, 2009. The newest Messick child weighed in at 5 lbs, 12 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. Sarah Pruitt and Porter are excited to have a new baby sister in the house.



Transitions

Mary Frances Brough passed away Sunday, November 15th, 2009. Services were held at Embry Hills Wednesday, November 18, 2009.

Congratulations to Trey and Rachel Hockman who were married 10/17/2009 at Embry Hills. Rachel is the former Rachel Burch.



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.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 17th, from 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. This month's program will be a Christmas Musical. Come and enjoy a delicious lunch, good fellowship, and great holiday music! Please call 770-938-0661 to make reservations by Tuesday, December 15th, with cancellations no later than Wednesday, December 16th

The UMM will not hold a scheduled meeting for the month of December. However, we will be participating with the UMW in their scheduled event December 1.

We have elected officers for 2010. There was no change from 2009. President Earl Witcher; Program Chairman Jim Drew; Secretary/Treasurer Clyde Meagher.

Our next scheduled meeting is January 10, 2010 in the family life center. Breakfast 07:30am. Until then your UMM wishes a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

If you have questions about UMM, please contact Earl Witcher at (770) 934-8835.

Shepherding Ministry

Do you know that every baby born into the Embry Hills church family receives a beautiful, handmade blanket? Baby blankets are knitted or crocheted by the loving hands of church members. Doris Reeves, Anne Hopkins, Lori Avirett-Mackenzie and Dana Buckelew have all contributed their time and talent to making these blankets.

Since 2004, thirty six blankets have been presented to our babies. If you would like to share in the making of these blankets, please contact Frances McKinney at 770-457-7067.

Watch for more information about other areas of the Shepherding Committee's ministry in next month's Source.

Outreach

*Therefore, Christian men, be sure
Wealth or rank possessing
Ye who now will bless the poor
Shall yourselves find blessing**

Christmastime. For most of us at Embry Hills, this will be a joyous, hectic, spiritually uplifting season. We will shop for gifts and special foods, attend concerts, plays, and dinner parties and go to church services with gratitude in our hearts. We are a loving and generous congregation and I look forward to joining you all during this wonderful season that celebrates Christ's birth.

We are also a significantly blessed congregation. Our church building holds many opportunities for fellowship, spiritual challenge and growth, education and lots of fun! While we enjoy these many blessings, please take the time to look around the church and in this newsletter, and talk with your friends and family about sharing those blessings with others.

Here are a few ways you can "find blessing" while blessing others:

- Operation Christmas Child continues to accept

financial donations to offset the cost of shipping all those wonderful gift boxes. Go to www.samaritanaspurse.org and click on link to Operation Christmas Child.

- The Giving Trees - located at both major entrances to the church, you can pick a paper ornament off the tree and provide the requested item. In years past, these have included gift cards, clothing, etc. and benefit organizations such as United Methodist Children's Home, Atlanta Day Shelter and Snax Sax families.
- Make a special gift in honor or memory of a loved one! EHUMC needs to catch up on our apportionments for 2009 and your gift will help make that happen. Since apportionments go toward connectional ministries, your gift will honor a loved one while helping our church help others.

Let's all share our many blessings!

~Beth Starling

**from Carol "Good King Wenceslas" by John Mason Neale, 1853*

A Service of Light in the Midst of Darkness

"The Longest Night"
Monday evening, December 21
7 p.m. in the Chapel

For many, Christmas is a bittersweet time of year. It is a time for remembering both persons and events that have been a part of our lives in the past, but that are now changed or gone. This year, as we come to the Winter Solstice, we are offering a quiet, meditative worship service featuring scripture, reflective readings, healing prayer, and beautiful music performed on the harp by Rhett Barnwell. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will follow in the Gathering Place just outside the Chapel.

Please join us as we share our hurting places with God and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, the light of the world.

Sponsored by your EHUMC Stephen Ministers

Thank You

Many, many thanks to the boys and leader of Cub Scouts DEN 1, PACK 7 who took the time to pack the SnaxSax for Pleasantdale Elementary School the week of Nov. 14th. What a great thing to do!!

Many thanks to the set-up crew for the **Salute to Vets** committee, Mary Jo Garvin, Frances West and Pat McElroy, without whom the evening would have been in shambles. A very special thank you for the support of our staff, Pastors Mark and Elaine who did whatever we asked!! Thanks to Connie Buchanan for printing the placemats that Rev. Sergeant (Mark's Dad) created. And a special thank you to Jim Diechert who gave us something to think about in his reading. Jim also had us all stand at attention as Bob Lansdell presented the flag and Jim led the salute to the flag. If you weren't there you missed a delicious London Broil supper prepared by Buzz Buchanan. Thank you so much, Buzz.

All in all it was a lovely evening offering a much needed *God Bless You!* to the Veterans who attended.

Ministries



Ed. Note: This article appeared in the N. GA conference weekly newsletter, Monday Morning in North Georgia, at the same time I was preparing this newsletter. I (and others) thought it was particularly relevant when we consider the simple things we can do to advance the ministries of our church.

Gratitude for What God Has Done

The economy is on everyone's mind. Tough economic times have significant impact on churches as well as individual members of those congregations.

The Church belongs to God but God allows us to manage it. It is the money that God provides that funds the ministry and maintenance of the work of the church. Many parishioners have lost their jobs. Many have lost their home. Investments have dwindled. As a result of this economic downturn many churches have cut staff and adjusted spending.

During the past couple of months most churches have been developing budgets and implementing stewardship campaigns to gather commitments for the needed finances to underwrite them.

Last week a pastor told me of the adjustments that had been made by the congregation he serves. He said, "In spite of the hard times it has caused us to reassess our priorities."

I made my annual pledge to the church last month. Many of you have done likewise or you are preparing to make yours. I have not suffered the hardships that many have faced but given the current reality I thought about how I could do more with less.

I could drive my car less and save on fuel costs. I could eat out less and even when I do eat out I could use coupons or take advantage of other discounts. My wife and I could share an entrée and pass up dessert. Entertainment expenditures could be reduced by staying home and renting a movie instead of going to the thea-

ter. Vacation and leisure spending can be cut without any real negative consequence. Do I really need a new automobile or could I keep my car one more year? Thermostats could be adjusted. Clothing costs could be reduced by shopping at thrift and consignment stores or during end of season close-out sales. I might save some money if I did comparison shopping for home and auto insurance.

This is not an exhaustive list and these suggestions certainly do not represent sacrifice. They actually seem trivial but they are simple cost cutting measures that can make a difference. It is better to make these adjustments rather than reduce our commitment to the work of Christ through the church.

I recently heard a story about one of our pastors in North Georgia whose father was the town drunk. He was regularly arrested and jailed for public drunkenness. On occasion the sheriff took him to an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting rather than to jail. As he learned the 12 Steps he realized that his life was out of control and that a Higher Power (God) could help. He sobered up and told his family that they were going to church. His son asked, "Why? We have never gone to church." The father replied, "Because God has rescued me and we are going to thank God."

My giving is done in response to that "rescue mission." I remember long ago hearing someone say, "God loves each one of us as if there was only one of us." I give because of that great love and the gifts of grace that I have received.

I want to be a good steward of the resources that have been entrusted to me, whether that is a lot or a little. It really boils down to priorities--and an attitude of gratitude for what God has done for us.

*~Jamie Jenkins
NGUMC*

Order Your Poinsettias

Now is the time to place your order for poinsettias that will decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas. Cost of each plant is \$8.00. Please attach this order form with your check, made payable to EHUMC.

Deadline for ordering is Monday, December 7th.

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IN HONOR OF _____

IN MEMORY OF _____



**UMW Square Pegs
Chili Cook-off**

Everyone had a great time at the Square Pegs' First Annual Chili Cook-off following services on November 8, 2009. Twenty-one entrants competed for Best Overall Taste and Best Name. The winners were: First Place—Best Taste: 3-Guys Chili (Willis Moore, Zachary Keung & Jason Kinchen), Runner-up—Best Taste (Tie): Marco Polo Chili (Connie & (the not-so-subtle) Harry Buchanan) and 3-Way Cincinnati Chili (Anita and Dick Wight). The prize for Best Name went to Slap Yo' Mama Chili (Larry & Vincent Donroe-Wells) (*Ed. Note: In response to those who might have been offended by the name of my chili, I wish to apologize. In no way would I ever condone the slapping of one's mama!*).



Thanks to all who shopped at the Square Pegs' Ten Thousand Villages sale on the 8th and 11th. We had a great turnout and sold almost everything! The Square Pegs had fun putting this event on and we hope to make it an annual event! The proceeds will help further the mission of the UMW of helping women and children.

Square Pegs help Jerusalem House

On Saturday, October 24th, the Square Pegs UMW group hosted a Halloween party at Jerusalem House. We helped the children decorate pumpkins, trick or treat bags, and sugar cookies, and played Halloween Bingo with terrific prizes for everyone. It was quite the festive atmosphere complete with decorations and Halloween music. A "spooktacular" time was had by all. Halloween goodie bags were provided for all children living at Jerusalem House.

Jerusalem House provides supportive housing for homeless persons living with HIV/AIDS. We visited the family program for single mothers and their children. It may surprise you to hear that 40% of their residents are children.

Next up for the Square Pegs is our Christmas party on Monday, December 14th. We will kick off the new year with a meeting on Monday, January 4th at 7:00pm at Tah Cha Tea-house. Please join us as we begin planning our events for 2010. The group is a wonderful way to give back through the UMW mission of helping children and youth around the world. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Square Pegs!

Items Needed for NETWorks Cooperative Ministries

Please remember to bring items for NETWorks when you come to church. There is always need for Bibles, individually wrapped snacks, toiletries such as deodorant and travel size liquid laundry detergent, and umbrellas and rain-hats. Also, NETWorks gives \$25 Target gift cards to clients at Christmas time, which helps them buy gifts or needed supplies for their family for Christmas. If you are interested in donating gift cards, please give them to Suzanne Segler (sdsegler@gmail.com) or take them by the NETWorks office at Lawrenceville Rd UMC.

NETWorks Cooperative Ministry is in need of a treasurer. The time commitment is approximately 6-7 hours per month. Payroll is handled by a payroll service. Financial reports are in Microsoft Excel and requires check data input and some copying and pasting between documents. The following is a break down of responsibilities and time needed:

- Issue checks: 30—40 minutes/week*
- Prepare & make deposits: Waiting in line time*
- Reconcile bank statements: 30 minutes/month*
- Generate Financial Reports: 60—90 minutes/month*
- Attend monthly Board meeting: 1—2 hours/month*

If you are interested or have any questions about the position, contact interim Treasurer, John Kilpatrick, at (678) 325-4035 or john_kilpatrick@tfumc.



Members of Square Pegs bring joy to residents of Jerusalem House.

Ministries



As you can tell, November was certainly a busy month. Halloween party, Chili Cook-off, Kitchen Delights Cookbook sales, to mention a few, took much of our time. The Pannell Circle served a Sunday meal for the youth. It was a month that we could celebrate many moments of thankful-ness.

The United Methodist Women truly appreciate the support of the sale of our cookbooks. We were excited about the way the books looked and especially appreciated the support of the submission of recipes. We will continue to have them available even into next year. These cookbooks will make terrific gifts and will continue to be available from a UMW member or in the Church Office.

The Annual United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men Christmas Banquet takes place on Tuesday, December 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Our service project for December will be the filling of the stockings (approximately 100) for the women at the Women's Kitchen. We will take them to Grace UMC to be given to the women that come there for lunch.

2010 is coming up. *Decide* now that you would like to find out about the UMW. We will have 2 circles that meet in homes on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.. One of our circles meets at the Church following the General Meetings. The Square Pegs meet the first Monday eve-ning of month at 7:00 p.m. at The Cha Tea House at North Hills Shopping Center. Some of the Pegs show up at 6:15 to eat and socialize.

Sue Ownbey (shownbey@yahoo.com or 770-493-7642) can give you additional information.

CIRCLE NEWS

- The Pannell Circle will meet December 8th and go to the GA. Governor's mansion followed by lunch at the Swan House.
- The Bailey Circle will meet December 17th at Frances McKinney's for lunch (3176 Windsor Forest Road)

The Book Shelf

DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE BIBLE

The subtitle says it all! *"Everything You Need to Know About the Good Book but Never Learned"*

Kenneth C. Davis makes the LEARNING not only easy but enjoyable and an adventure. Another author, Carol Adrienne says it is a "journey through biblical times with a modern tour guide"...she adds, "I think his book would be wonderful to read to children!"

I enjoyed the work because it is done with humor. It is, as Charles Pellegrino puts it ...*"Witty and thoughtful, with plenty of surprising yet credible breaths of fresh air on an old subject"*.

Davis separates the book into 3 Parts then pulls it together in his unique style. The First Part ask *"Whose Bible is it Anyway"*. The Second Part covers the Old Testament, book by book. Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, for example, is titled, *"Forty Years on the Road"*. Job is...*"The Devil Made Me Do It"*. Part Three treats the books of the New Testament.

The four Gospels...*"The World According to Jesus"*. The Epistles of Paul...*"You Have Mail"*. Revelation... Davis titles...*"Apocalypse Now ?"*. He finishes with...*"Whose God Is It Anyway ?"*.

Enjoy while you learn.....

~Jim Johnson

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 12
5:00pm—8:00pm
Free for the entire family!

Youth Fellowship

After three weeks of outreach activities, we began November by enjoying a Game Night and just enjoying each other's company. November was full of guests, too. One week's program was led by a Columbia Theology student as she was observed by her professor. We were pleased to be able to support her through this and appreciated her pointing out how well we knew pop culture quotes but struggled a bit at finding Scripture references. So, there really is more to learn through Bible Study, huh? An obvious part of our month was on thankfulness—to God and to others—for the blessings in our lives, taking a little extra time to thank the adult volunteers in our ministry for their gifts to us. A highlight of November was to celebrate the continued faith journey of our Confirmation Class of 2009 as they made the decision to join the church as full members on Sunday, November 15. Welcome! Special thanks to Elaine Puckett, as well as to the Faith Friends, families members and fellow Youth for their support during this journey.

While I once was a dutiful Christmas card sender who handwrote long notes in each card, I think it has been 3 years since I sent a good batch out. I won't hold my breath for the chattiness of any mailings this year but will be pleased if I sit down and do them. Therefore, please allow me a little cheat as I wish each of you the merriest of Christmases by leaving you with this translation of the Pilgrim's Prayer from Oberammergau, Germany:

*May the Babe of Bethlehem be yours to tend;
May the Boy of Nazareth be yours for friend;
May the Man of Galilee his healing send;
May the Christ of Calvary his courage lend;
May the Risen Lord his presence send;
And his holy angels defend you to the end.*

Peace & hope to you in the New Year,

Victoria Lawson
Director, Youth Ministries

The Embry Hills Confirmation Class of 2009 was welcomed as members Sunday, November 15, 2009.

All 6th-12th graders are welcome to attend youth activities. For more information or to be added to the e-mail list, contact Victoria Lawson, Dir. of Youth Ministries, at victorial@embryhillsumc.org or 770-938-0661, ext. 113.

Sunday School (Sundays @ 9:45 a.m. in Room 403): Each week is a new topic, so come when you can. We would love to spend the time with you!

Youth Fellowship (Sundays @ 5:15-7:30 p.m., beginning in the Family Life Center; \$3 for dinner): Hard to believe we will only be together for 3 Sunday nights this month!

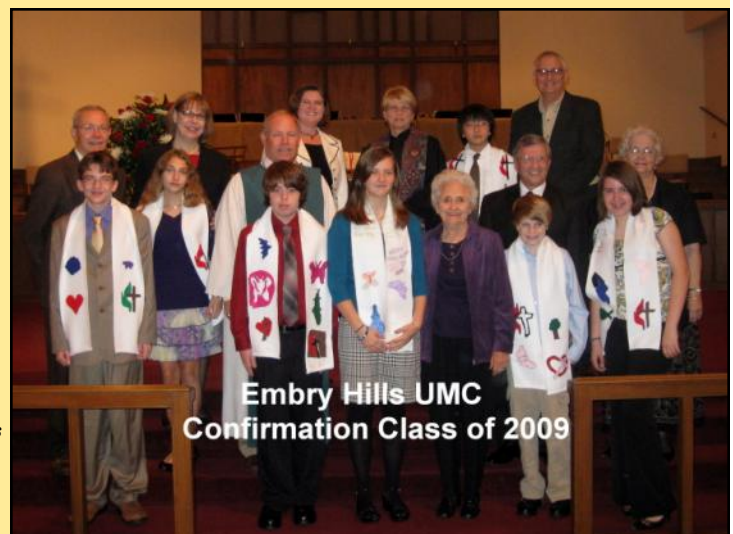
December 6: Hope you can be here (or back!) for a "normal" night.

If you are planning to attend the Chancel Choir's oratorio at 7 p.m. please make arrangements to have your parents pick you on their way down to the Sanctuary. Otherwise, pick-up time is at the usual 7:30 p.m. time.

December 13 will be our Christmas party at a home yet to be announced, so watch for details by e-mail or contact me for information about the goings-on for this night.

December 20: We will be providing our own dinner, so be sure to bring "finger food" to share (instead of the normal \$3). Soda will be provided. We will eat, be merry and enjoy a holiday movie together upstairs.

*****Please note that we will be off December 27 for the Christmas Holidays.*****



Children Activities



Register Now for Camp Glisson 2010

You're probably still full from all the turkey and pumpkin pie eaten over the holidays. And now visions of sugarplums and candy canes fill our thoughts as we head into the Christmas season. But guess what??? Summer camp is just around the corner! This is a reminder that Camp Glisson opens registration for UMC members on December 1st with registration open to the general public on January 1st. Check the following web-site for the 2010 summer dates:

http://www.campglisson.org/summer_camp/dates_rates_registration.

Some camp weeks fill up very fast, so be sure to make plans for your child or youth to attend this summer.

Unique to Embry Hills children and youth who attend camp at Glisson is the Shelly Harmon Glisson Scholarship Fund which was established in Shelly's memory. Shelly, daughter of Sammy and Patty Harmon and sister of Gray, was very active at Camp Glisson. The family has graciously established this fund in her memory to help share with others the Glisson experience that Shelley loved. Partial scholarships (determined by the number of registrations) are available for children of EHUMC members. When you register your child for camp, please be sure to send a copy of the confirmation form to Valerie Harvard by email or hard copy in order to participate in the scholarship program.



Don't forget!

Breakfast with Santa



Embry Hills UMC Kindergarten
Saturday, December 5th
Family Life Center

1st Seating: 9:00—10:00
2nd Seating: 10:30—11:30

We'll have a jolly ol' time
with Santa and his elves!

Come for a visit and photo with Santa, a wonderful breakfast, cake, arts and crafts, a raffle, and good ol' family time!

Let's make wonderful memories with our children!

Breakfast with Santa Reservation Form

Return this form with payment to the church office by
Tuesday, November 24th (or call 770-938-0661)
Cost is \$5.00 per ticket

Reservation Name: _____

No. of Children: _____ No. of Adults: _____

Seating Time: (circle one) 9:00 am or 10:30 am

Amt. enclosed: \$ _____

Teachers Name: _____

SNEAK PEAK

Vacation Bible School (July 19th - 26th) We're heading on a Galactic Blast!

We'll voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily missions, your kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have your cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.



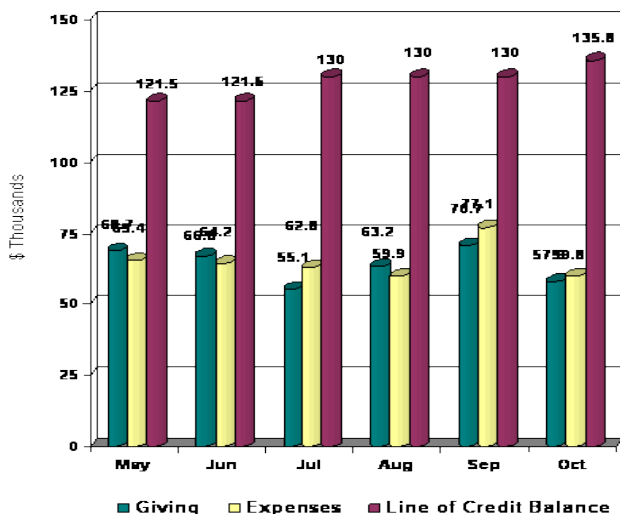
The Dashboard

October				
Giving		Avg Attendance		
			Aug	YTD
Collections Needed YTD	\$ 657,500 *	8:45 Worship	60	68
Collections Received YTD	\$ 628,669	11:00 Worship	220	236
Giving Deficit YTD	(\$28,831)	Sunday School	166	173
† Apportionments Paid YTD	\$77,079			

*Annual Budget \$775,000 †Annual Apportionments \$123,803

October 2009 contributions were \$57,893.26 and expenses were \$59,813.80, resulting in a net loss of (\$1,920.54). The Line of Credit (LOC) balance for October 31, 2009 is \$5,800 higher this month at \$135,800. YTD apportionments paid are \$77,079, against a total due of \$123,803 for the full year of 2009.

From Colossians 3:12—15 ¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.



Music & Worship Arts

Upcoming Music and Worship Arts Special Events

Mark Your Calendars!

The Third Sunday of Advent

The focus of the third Sunday in this season is JOY.

Sunday, December 13
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary



Sounds of the Season!

Rhett Barnwell and our own Victoria Lawson unite once again to offer an unforgettable evening of the soothing sounds of harp and voice. Make plans now!



Thursday, December 17
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary
Tickets \$5 General admission
Childcare provided

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The focus of the fourth Sunday in this season is PEACE.

Sunday, December 20
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary



Christmas Eve

We join together as a community of faith to celebrate the nativity of our Lord!

5:00 p.m. — service for children and families
8:00 p.m. — traditional order of service
(festival setting with choir)
11:00 p.m. — traditional order of service
and celebration of Holy Eucharist
(harp and cantor led service)

Thursday, December 24
Sanctuary—Childcare provided



December 2009

EHUMC

Dec 2009 (Eastern Time)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6</p> <p>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</p> <p>4pm - Carol Choir Rehearsal @ RM-401</p> <p>4pm - Cherub Choir Rehearsal @ RM-401</p> <p>4:30pm - Youth Arts Choir @ RM-401</p> <p>4:45pm - Junior Choir Rehearsal @ RM-401</p> <p>5:15pm - Youth Fellowship @ RM-401</p> <p>6pm - SPRC @ RM-401</p> <p>7:30pm - Christmas Oratorio @ RM-401</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10am - Jesus in the Gospels @ RM-401</p> <p>4:45pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ RM-401</p> <p>6pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ RM-401</p> <p>7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild @ RM-401</p> <p>7pm - ESL @ RM211, 210</p> <p>7pm - Pack 7 Leaders Mtg @ RM-401</p> <p>7:30pm - Square Pegs @ 410/412</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1:35pm - Staff Meeting @ LCR</p> <p>6pm - Line Dancing @ RM-312</p> <p>7pm - UMM/UMW Banquet @ FLC</p> <p>7pm - World AIDS Day Tzize Service @ RM-401</p>	<p>9</p> <p>KIDZTOWN Wednesday Schedule @ RM-401</p> <p>WORSHIP ARTS Wednesday Schedule @ RM-401</p> <p>10:30am - Bible Study @ RM-401</p> <p>6pm - Cafe del Soul @ FLC</p> <p>6:30pm - Learning to Use My Bible @ RM-401</p> <p>6:45pm - Women Spirit @ RM 414</p> <p>7pm - Invitation to New Testament @ RM-401</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30am - ESL @ RM 202/204</p> <p>5pm - Setup-A Night in Bethlehem @ FLC</p> <p>7pm - PDO meeting @ WAHOO,</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Setup-A Night in Bethlehem @ FLC</p> <p>9am - SNAX SAX Assembly @ RM-401</p> <p>6pm - Wolf Den Pack 7 @ 401</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9am - Craftsman Thrifty Store @ RM-209</p> <p>11am - AA @ RM-209</p> <p>5pm - A Night in Bethlehem @ FLC</p>
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 Proudly Presents



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Maria McDaniel, mezzo-soprano

Camille Saint-Saëns Christmas Oratorio

Amir Zaheri, conductor

Guest organist Scott Atchison and harpist Nella Rigell join the Embry Hills Chancel Choir along with a cast of professional guest soloists for an amazing performance of Camille Saint-Saëns' Christmas Oratorio. This musical setting of the traditional Christmas Story is sure to be thrilling for the entire family and will be a wonderful way to start the month!

The evening will begin with instrumental and vocal favorites of the season!

Sunday, December 6—7:00 p.m.

Tickets—general admission at door
 \$15 (individual) \$25 (pair) \$40 (household of three or more)
 Sanctuary—Doors will open at 6:15 p.m.—Childcare provided

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