

# SOURCE

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## *Sargent's Voice*

## Fearless Love

Okay, let's do a little word association exercise here. I will write a word—a name, actually—and note the image that comes to your mind. Ready?

John Wesley.

Well, what are you thinking? Chances are that we often think of Mr. Wesley as...well, so orthodox, old and wise and pious, just like the founder of any major movement should be. And yet, in many ways, the founder of the Methodist movement was on the margins of his day and ahead of his time.

In the early years of Methodism, someone asked Mr. Wesley to describe what a Methodist is. And, he did so, in a piece that he called "The Character of a Methodist." You may find it interesting that he wrote this piece reluctantly, since he never intended to found any new sect or denomination. His focus was on calling his Church, the Anglican Church of 18<sup>th</sup> century England, to account for what Wesley regarded to be its waywardness.

Listen to what he says: "I should rejoice (so little ambitious am I to be the head of any sect or party) if the very name might

never be mentioned more, but be buried in eternal oblivion. But if that cannot be, at least let those who will use it, know the meaning of the word they use."

So, since we use the word on a frequent basis, it may be helpful for us to know its meaning, at least as it was understood by the one who started the whole ball rolling.

Wesley begins "The Character of a Methodist" by reminding us of what the character of a Methodist is not. And, this is where I find him to be wonderfully ahead of his time, or perhaps in touch with a more ancient Christianity than the Christianity of rigid orthodoxy.

There have been many books written recently on the importance of diversity of thought within Christianity. Some of these books remind us that early Christians never agreed on everything and that early Christianity was characterized by much more theological diversity than most of us grew up appreciating. One such book, written by Elaine Pagels at Princeton, is called "Beyond Belief," and Pagels reminds us that it is much easier to rally diverse people around

core practices than it is to attempt to rally diverse people around core beliefs.

Of course, John Wesley has been dead for 218 years, and the world has changed mightily since that long-ago day. But, in Wesley, I find a wonderful foreshadowing of the same kind of understanding we see expressed today by Pagels and others.

So, as Wesley begins "The Character of a Methodist" by sharing what does not characterize a Methodist, here's what he says.

"The distinguishing marks of a Methodist are not his [or her] opinions of any sort." The "assenting to this or that scheme of religion," the "embracing any particular set of notions...are all quite wide of the point."

Neither is a Methodist distinguished by words or phrases. Further, a Methodist is not distinguished by any particular customs, as is the case in some other religious paths. Our religion "does not lie in the form of our apparel, in the posture of our body, or the covering of our heads; nor yet in abstaining from marriage, or from meats and drinks, which are all good if received with thanksgiving."

Finally, a Methodist is not

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## Gifts Given as of May 15, 2009

- **In memory of Dorothy Bizauskas**, mother of Jane Carter: Chuck & Sylvia Bell (*Ministry & Missions*), Paul & Helen Swope (*Help Fund*)
- **In memory of Bobby Brannon**, brother of Peggy Gray: Anne Hopkins (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Donna Applebee**, daughter of Norma Thomas: Nancy Wolff, The Pannell Circle (*Help Fund*), Shirley Burdine, Anne Hopkins, (*Ministry & Missions*)
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# A Loving Tradition

## New Arrivals

Dave Scruggs & Dana Buckelew welcome the arrival of **William Franklin Scruggs**, who was born May 13th. Will weighed in at 6 lbs., 11 oz. and was a lengthy 21". Big brother, Eli (5) is really excited to have a baby brother he can help take care of. EHUMC congratulates the Scruggs-Buckelew family for their newest addition.



Since our church family has been focusing on service recently, it seemed like a good time to highlight the wonderful way Mrs. Blake's 4-yr class at Embry Hills School has reached out to others. This year on holidays the class made cards and mailed to our homebound members. I can just imagine the smiling faces of our friends as they opened these greetings hand made by the children with love. I am sure they were touched by the special remembrance. Thanks to Vincent Donroe-Wells as well as Connor and his classmates for this sweet contribution of service. This is a good example to show how we can let our light shine on others. We claim Mrs. Blake's entire class as honorary members of our Shepherding committee.



Mrs. Blake's 4-yr class reaches out to EHUMC homebound members

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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

### June 2

Mary Robinson  
The Atrium  
4355 Georgetown Square Road, #540  
Atlanta, GA 30338

### June 10

Grace Lowry  
3416 Embry Circle  
Atlanta, GA 30341

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

## Welcome New Members

Meet **Doug & Beverly Blissit**, our newest EHUMC members. Doug & Beverly met as students at Wake Forest while studying abroad in Italy. Beverly also attended and graduated from Southeastern Seminary. She volunteers in our music & worship arts area where you have probably seen the amazing work she has done with our children. (We profiled Beverly in the April, 2009 newsletter.)

Doug retired after 27 years working for Delta as VP-Route Planning and VP-Corporate Affairs. He now works at home as a full-time father.

Doug & Beverly have 3 children: Price is a sophomore at Gardner-Webb University, Annie is graduating from Woodward Academy and will attend Carnegie-Mellon in the Fall, and Will is a 7th grader at Woodward Academy.

Be sure to extend a warm EHUMC welcome to our newest members.

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someone who seeks to lay the entire religion on one single point of religion, such as the understanding of salvation by faith alone. Any religion that lays the entire “stress” on one single point is a “poor, starved religion.”

So, what is a Methodist? Space does not permit me to recount all of what Wesley says, but our primary distinguishing characteristic is—you guessed it!—love.

A Methodist is one who has the love of God “shed abroad” in his or her heart. And, that love is manifest in fearless joy, deep contentment, constant prayer, purity of heart, love for others, and unity of spirit in a bond of peace.

So, how is it with your soul? How is it with your life? These were questions Mr. Wesley loved to ask. And, were he to ask this or you or me, he would not leave the conversation until we had answered. So, how is it indeed?

Are our hearts full of the love of God? Do we live with a kind of fearless joy Love has made possible in us? Are we content and grateful in all things? Are our hearts always lifted up to God? Do we crucify on a daily basis any “malign affection” within us and seek to raise up within us the fruits of Jesus’ Spirit? Do we have love for others—all others—and do we find ways to concretely demonstrate that love, most especially toward those we find it difficult to love? Do we work fervently to maintain unity of spirit in the bond of peace?

If these things are so, then we might be Methodist.

Peace & Love,



Mark Sargent  
Sr. Pastor

The Sanctuary Audio Control Booth is in need of a slightly used laptop to aid in coming services. If you have an extra or unused (windows XP or Vista) laptop we have a home for it.



## WANTED – DRAMA PHOTO ALBUMS



At the last reunion gathering of the Embry Hills Players two albums containing pictures of drama productions were mislaid. Among the shows depicted were: *The Wiz*, *Oklahoma* and *Anything Goes*.

If you were a member of the Players, please take a look in your memory closet to see if you have these albums. Please contact Jim Deichert at 770-279-9878 or leave the albums in the church office Lost and Found.



The United Methodist Church is a worldwide denomination, and it is growing most rapidly in places outside the United States, such as on the African continent, in eastern Europe, and in the Philippines. Yet, in these areas, lumped together in what is called a central conference, there are presently 2,000 retired clergy or surviving spouses and, after a lifetime of service, many of these faithful people are living below the poverty level.

The Central Conference Pension Initiative is a denomination-wide campaign seeking to raise \$20 million to fully fund the pensions of retired clergy and surviving spouses in conferences outside the United States. Bishop Mike Watson has designated our 2009 North Georgia Conference annual mission offering for this purpose, and Elaine and Mark will be taking our offering to conference this year, so that we can join with our sisters and brothers around the denomination in supporting these faithful servants. Please prayerfully consider your gift, and make it anytime between now and Sunday, June 14th. Please make your check payable to Embry Hills and mark it for “annual conference offering” or “central conference initiative.”

Thank you..

## Reaching Others with 50 Days of Service

**O**n May 31<sup>st</sup> we celebrated the completion of our congregation's 50 days of service. From Easter to Pentecost, the members of Embry Hills focused on giving back to others, even more than usual. It was inspiring to see so many people looking for new ways to help others, or serving in old ways with renewed energy. Those who served came from all age groups...as did those who were served.

When we joined the Methodist church, we were asked to pledge our time, our talents, our gifts, and our service. During this Easter season, the members of Embry Hills put that pledge into action. So what forms did this service take? During the past 50 days:

- Some people wrote cards and notes to our homebound members to brighten their days
- Others helped to pack Snax Sax for needy kids so they would have nutritious food to eat over the weekend
- Members of our Youth and UMW worked on home improvement projects for elderly people

### Mark your calendars for Trinity Table

The Outreach Work Area is sponsoring a volunteer event on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> to serve soup and sandwiches to the homeless at Trinity Table located at Trinity United Methodist Church is downtown Atlanta. The church is also responsible for preparing 1600 sandwiches to provide to our guests.

Please consider volunteering to prepare sandwiches or to serve. This is an eye-opening experience and will give you an opportunity to witness your faith and God's love.

More information will follow in the July newsletter but save the date! Jim Deichert is the point of contact for the event and can answer questions and send you a reminder e-mail if you'd like to be involved as a sandwich maker &/or server. Contact [jdeichert@aol.com](mailto:jdeichert@aol.com) or call 404-663-6797.

in the community to help them stay in their own homes

- Some of us helped out around the church: working in the office, cleaning out closets, changing light bulbs, and anything else the Trustees needed
- Some people volunteered to help with Vacation Bible School this summer
- A few stocked shelves and organized the coat closet at the Lilburn Cooperative Ministry
- Others helped with projects at the United Methodist Children's Home

Sometimes it is by helping others that we are reminded of how fortunate we are. As we pack lunch bags for children we don't know, we are grateful that our own children have enough to eat. When we organize donations of clothes, we are happy that we have clothes to wear. When we write notes to homebound members, we are thankful for our friends and the good health that allows us to spend time with them. When we give to others, we are reminded of how much we ourselves have received.

In this difficult economy, giving our time is as important as giving our money to those in need. Giving our time and energy is giving a piece of ourselves. It is a way to spread God's love. In this way, we live out the directive that Jesus gave to Peter, "Do you love me? Feed my lambs...take care of my sheep." (John 21:15-17)

Thank you to all of you who participated in the 50 days of service. You are an asset to this congregation and our community. If you were not able to volunteer extra time between Easter and Pentecost, do not fear! You can volunteer now and continue to spread the spirit, so keep looking for opportunities to "serve one another in love." (Galatians 5:13) I hear they are still looking for VBS teachers...

~Kim McDaniel  
EHUMC Outreach

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- **In memory of Elizabeth Birdsong**, sister of Anne Witcher: Chuck & Sylvia Bell, Harold & Charlotte Mauldin, Bob & Pat Lansdell, (Ministry & Missions) Annette Polston, (Snax Sax)
- **In memory of Charles Pannell**: Cecil & Huvian Ingram, Ernest & Pat McElroy, (Ministry & Missions), Annette Polston, Embry Hills U. M. C. Choir, (Snax Sax), Jonnie Johnston, Rhett Barnwell, (Music Ministry), Lynn & June Overton (Music Ministry)
- **In memory of Millie Bailey**: Ernest & Pat McElroy (Ministry & Missions)
- **In memory of Marjorie Lansdell Anderson**: Ernest & Pat McElroy, (Ministry & Missions, Joan & Robert Lansdell III (Youth Ministry)
- **In memory of Virginia Feil**, mother of Rev. Valerie Harvard: Ernest & Pat McElroy, Jane & Scott Sinner, (Ministry & Missions)
- **In memory of Olon Polston**: Ernest & Pat McElroy, Scott Tarr, (Ministry & Missions)
- **In memory of Maryln Sambu**, long time friend of Marion Lyons Tarr: Scott Tarr (Ministry & Missions)
- **In memory of Barney “Pete” Rogers**: Shirley Burdine (Ministry & Missions)
- **In memory of Marion Lyons Tarr**: Louise Briley Duvall, (Ministry & Missions)
- **In memory of Nancy Metaxas at Mother’s Day**: Marcille Metaxas (Recording Upgrade Fund)
- **In memory of Harold Brough**, brother of Jim Brough: Sylvia Pannell (Ministry & Missions)
- **In memory of Augustina Lizardi**: Teresa Wise & Luis Davila (Ministry & Missions)
- **In honor of Cecil & Huvian Ingram**: Scott Tarr (Ministry & Missions)
- **In honor of the Graduates**: Diane Roberts (Ministry & Missions)
- **In honor of Stacie Franks’ friendship & generosity**: LeyAnna Messick (Children’s Ministry)

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## Transitions

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### Please continue prayers for:

Chuck Bell	Christopher Barlow*
Dave Berry	Dee Moore**
Myrtle Hunt	Madonna Holley**
Jack Ernst	Jim Lowry**
Mary Anne Aldrich	Grace Lowry**
Jim Britt	Millie Taylor**
Barbara Loar	Joyce Martin**
Bill Halstead	Kaye Fason**
Susan Coombs	
Mary Frances Brough	
Charles Healan	*Members in Military
Tom Glaze	** Homebound Members

- **Virginia Paxton** passed away May 2, 2009. A funeral service was held in Cumming, GA.
- **Claire Brannen** passed away May 8, 2009. A memorial service will be held at Embry Hills UMC on June 1, 2009.
- Dorothy Bizauskas, mother of **Jane Carter**, passed away May 8, 2009.
- Harold Brough, brother of **Jim Brough**, died May 5, 2009.
- Donna Applebee, daughter of **Norma Thomas**, died April 25, 2009.
- Bobby Brannon, brother of **Peggy Gray**, died April 27, 2009.
- **Michael Gunn** recently experienced the loss of his grandmother and his aunt on the same day.

Please keep these families in your thoughts & prayers during these difficult days.

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## A Gift of Love

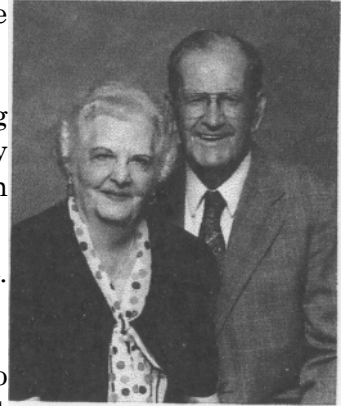
For those of us who have been members of Embry Hills for a few decades remember well Ken and Jeannette Story who sat on the right side of the church Sanctuary about two-thirds way down. They sat by a pillar on the outside of their row and they themselves were pillars of Embry Hills from 1961 until the infirmities of age slowed them down.

They were charter members of Embry Hills and worked tirelessly in the church during those formative years. Jeannette's interests were in missions, UMW and teaching Sunday school. She was a choir member for many years. Ken served in about every church position over the years.

Jeannette and Ken moved to Wesley Woods around 2003 and Jeannette died in 2004. Ken continued to reside at Wesley woods until shortly before his death in 2008.

They both felt a keen sense of loyalty to Embry Hills and that it was right and proper to share a part of what they had with the church. As Ken said they both felt blessed to be a part of our church family and those of us who were their friends knew that Embry Hills was a more loving, Christ centered church because of Ken and Jeannette.

As executor of Ken's estate I am pleased to deliver to the Administrative Council a check for \$40,000 to be named The Kenneth V. and Jeannette H. Story Memorial Fund.



*Jeannette & Ken Story*

Robert R. Smith, Executor

## STEWARDSHIP & YOUR WILL

Just like the sands of time, the days and weeks pass into months and years. If we have been “good stewards” of our blessings and God has blessed us over the years, we probably have much to be thankful for. We also try to be good planners throughout our lifetime—planning for the short and long term. We strive to make sure that family, friends and property are well cared for. Planning for the future is very important, particularly when it comes to matters of family & finances.

Charitable “bequests” in many wills can actually lower the amount of Estate Tax to be paid. It is just like a deduction on your Income Tax before the final tax bill is computed.

Your Estate Plan should also consider gifts to “children, church and charity” which would move assets out of your taxable estate that you might

have planned to give in the future anyway. Check with an attorney as you consider these plans.

It is essential that your Estate Planning and any Charitable Bequests to Embry Hills be done properly, professionally and legally. An attorney who is experienced in the areas of estate, tax and trusts should be used to implement your wishes.

Remembering the Church in your will is one way of demonstrating that you have been a good steward and plan to share your blessings which will, in turn, provide the programs and ministries for future Embry Hills UMC members and generations.

*For more information, speak with your financial advisors or with a church leader.*

*“As generous distributors of God’s manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another.” Peter 4:10*

**T**ruly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me,” Jesus said in Matthew 25:40. The United Methodist



Women of Embry Hills strongly believe in this admonition, and this year, we have been busy acting as Jesus’ hands and feet for those less fortunate.

For many years now, the United Methodist Women Circles have prepared and served lunch at



the Women’s Kitchen, a service of Atlanta Urban Ministries and served at Grace UMC. The McElroy Circle in March, the Pannell Circle in April and the Bailey Circle in May headed down to Grace with casseroles, salads, bread, fruit juice, milk, orange juice and desserts to offer food to those who have no other way to be fed. In past years, women and some

children (about 80 or 90) have been brought to the Women’s Kitchen by bus from a shelter as well as some women just walking in off the street. This year at Grace, the Women’s Kitchen has fed only women who walk in from the street—fewer in number but hungry and in need of food. Check out Action Ministries information at <http://www.actionministries.net>.

The Square Pegs undertook their first major outreach project as part of the UMW. This group planned a lunch for 115 women and children and headed out on May 12 for the Atlanta Day Shelter on Ethel Drive off Northside Drive. Lasagna, salad, bread, cookies and lemonade were well received when served. Despite the panic that there would not be enough, when it was all over the Square Pegs felt



a sense that the Day Shelter was well worth the feeling that some of the least had been served lunch. The link to the Atlanta Day Shelter for Women and Children: <http://www.atlantadayshelter.org>.

Summer is coming. Square Pegs will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 410 on June 1. It is a great time to get together, bring a bite of something ‘desserty’, and look forward to what is in store for us. Contact LeyAnna Messick ([sl.messick@comcast.net](mailto:sl.messick@comcast.net)) for additional information about the Square Pegs and what is ahead.

~Sue Ownbey



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## Children's Sunday School Announcement!!

There will be no Preschool or Elementary Sunday School on Sunday, June 7th. All children and their families are invited to attend a very special musical program in the Family Life Center that Sunday at 9:30am. Please share this information with your friends.

Our summer Sunday School schedule for Preschool and Elementary KidzTownners begins on Sunday, June 14th at 9:40am where the children will begin a four week study about Peer Pressure. As Christians we are called to be faithful to God and to make wise choices. Sometimes a wise choice will be different from the choices others around us are making. During this session children will be learning tools and techniques to help make wise choices.

On Sunday, July 12th, the children will begin a four week study about Self-Esteem. Each of us is a child of God, created in God's own image. The children will be learning we are loved by God not because of what we can do but because of who we are. As God's children, we can use God's gifts to share God's love with others.

Be sure to have your children in Sunday School! Good lessons for really great kids!



BIG BIRTHDAY BASH

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e're wrapping together all the children's birthdays and planning one big, birthday bash for everyone! We're even going to celebrate the birthday of America. It's a big, birthday bash! A red, white and blue birthday bash! We'll have inflatables for both little and older children and carnival games for lots of good fun. After we eat and play, we'll sing Happy Birthday and everyone can share in a big piece of the Big, Birthday Bash cake! Make plans to bring a picnic supper for your family along with a 2 liter drink to share. In lieu of birthday gifts for the kids, we ask that each child bring an unwrapped gift for the United Methodist Children's Home (suggested items include: school supplies, art supplies, board games, AMC or Blockbuster gift cards,) Get all decked out in your red, white and blue, pack a delicious summer picnic supper and come join us for a red, white and blue night of birthday fun!



Wednesday July 1st



For more information contact Valerie Harvard, Pastor to Children and their Families at 770-938-0661 ext. 114.

**Big Birthday Bash**  
**Wednesday, July 1st**  
**6:00—8:30 p.m.**

It may not officially be summer until later in June but in my book, if school is out, summer is in! You made it through another academic year--***Congratulations!!*** Summertime certainly should include some rest and relaxation but that doesn't mean you have to be bored. Get out and about with the youth group--we will be plenty busy! **All rising 7th graders and up are welcome to attend youth activities. Plus, rising 6th graders will join us at the end of July during Youth Week!! 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 are growing and our conversations are, too! Upcoming topics will be

covering what the Bible says about human nature, why life isn't always perfect, being a family of faith and how youth make a difference in God's church.

- **Youth Fellowship (Sundays @ 5:15, beginning in the Family Life Center; \$3 for dinner):** Each night is full of fellowship, fun (we play lots of games) and, of course, learning a little more about ourselves, our faith and God. What in the world can we learn from Balaam's Donkey, a fat king and a tent peg? Help us figure it out! In case you and your family or friends want to make evening plans, we will officially end at 7 p.m. during the summer, but feel free to hang out for another half hour for recreation time. (Please note that we will be off on June 21, so you can make plans with Dad or another special guy on Father's Day).

## Reaching Up, Reaching Out: Summer 2009 @ Embry Hills

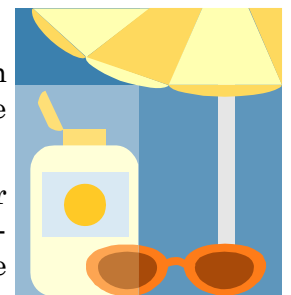


Extra summer activities that are fun, help others and just may teach you a little bit more about loving God, your neighbors and even yourself:



**Wednesday Pick-Me-Ups:** We just can't get enough of each other, so we are going to gather on most Wednesdays this summer, too! Bring your own supper to keep up your energy as we mix it up by "staying in" or heading out together. Times vary according to our activity.

- **June 3, 5-7 p.m., Rooms 401 & 403:** Work yourself into a Friendzee--a board game with a twist. Don't worry; there is no time to sit still!
- **June 10, 6-9 p.m., KidzTown:** Time to reach out to our younger neighbors--the kids of Club 45 & VBxtreme! Show them that Youth care about kids, too, as we add a little extra to the VBS week's camping theme. Expect S'mores and more! (You do not have to be a VBS volunteer to participate).
- **June 17, 5-7 p.m., Rooms 401 & 403:** NOOMA Night--Snack on popcorn as we explore our world from the perspective of Jesus. What would he think about us, anyway?
- **June 24, 5-9 p.m., Mountain Park UMC:** We will provide childcare for a young parent support group, sponsored by our friends at the Lilburn Co-operative Ministry. Since we gave a treat to someone else, bring a couple bucks to treat yourself to Bruster's ice cream on the way back to Embry Hills. Drivers needed.



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# Ministries

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**Mission Trip to Thousandsticks, KY, July 6-10:** Now that's what I call reaching out--a week of floor repairs for the community of Thousandsticks UMC in the Appalachian Mountains. No special skills needed--we will learn together how to tackle the job. You may just be surprised to see what you can do when it comes to helping others and sharing God's love. Cost of trip: \$110. Scholarships available.



**Youth Week 2009, July 26-August 2:** A long-time tradition of daily activities. Sign up for what you can do, but we hope you will hang out with us all week. Drivers needed for most activities. Times listed are tentative:

- **July 26, Youth Fellowship, 5:15-7 p.m.:** Welcome aboard to our newest members--the rising 6th graders! This week you will officially become Youth at Embry Hills! We can't wait to get to know you better.
- **July 27, Starlite Drive-In:** For just \$7/person, enjoy a PG flick at a drive-in theater. Time to be determined when summer hours released.
- **July 28, Project Open Hand & Picnic Lunch, 9 a.m. - Noon:** Open your hands and hearts to those who are



hungry by sorting food at this non-profit agency. Pack a picnic lunch.

- **July 29, Six Flags:** Tickets are approximately \$26/person.
- **July 30, Lilburn Cooperative Ministry & Mountain Park Aquatic Center, 1-6:30 p.m.:** After volunteering at the ministry center, we will cool off for a few hours at the Mountain Park Aquatic Center, so pack a suit and your sunscreen. Cost is \$5 for admission, plus money for snack machines.
- **July 31, Coffeehouse Night, Rehearsal Hall, 7-9 p.m.:** Get ready to share your talents or just enjoy those of your friends.
- **August 1, Sandwich-making for Trinity Table, Family Life Center, 1-4 p.m.:** Get the assembly line ready—we will make the sandwiches for EH volunteers to serve at a downtown “soup kitchen” the next day.
- **Lunar Golf & Dinner at Victoria's, 4-9 p.m.:** An extended edition of Youth Fellowship Cap off the week with Lunar Golf (glow-in-the-dark putt-putt) at Discover Mills (\$5/person), followed by dinner at Victoria's house (\$3 for dinner).



# Youth Outreach

# Upcoming Events at EHUMC

Don't Miss Out on Some of the Great Summer Events Planned at EHUMC



Join us for Music & Drama Camp's performance of...

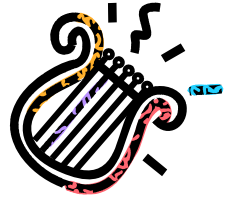
*"100% Chance of Rain"*  
(a creative retelling of the bible story about Noah and the Ark)

Sunday, June 7th  
9:30 a.m.

Family Life Center  
EHUMC



**CAMPS FOR KIDS**



**CONCERTS**



**SING-A-LONGS**



**ICE-CREAM SOCIALS**



**DID YOU SEE?**

*Make plans now to attend..*

*The Sound of Music*  
Sing-Along!

Monday, August 3  
7:30 p.m.  
Admission is free!

Front Lawn of Embry Hills United Methodist Church  
3304 Henderson Mill Road  
Atlanta, Georgia 30341  
770.938.0661  
[www.embryhillsumc.org](http://www.embryhillsumc.org)

Presented by the Music and Worship Arts Area, the Children's Ministry, and the Youth Ministry of Embry Hills United Methodist Church

*Bring a Lawn Chair!  
Bring a Blanket!  
Bring your Voice!*

*Refreshments will be available!*

*See it, all on a large outdoor screen!*



# Operations & Such

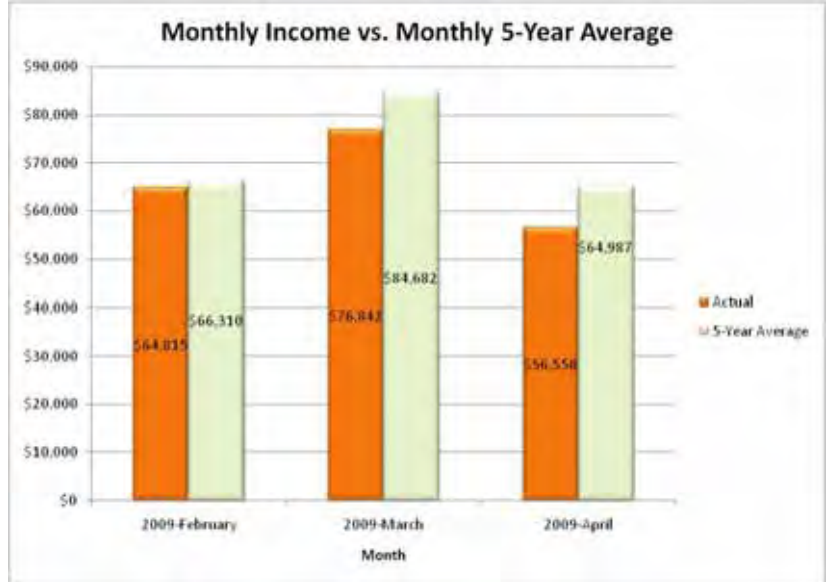


FINANCIAL REPORT

April 2009 contributions were \$56,557.56 and expenses were \$54,619.06, resulting in a positive net income of \$1,938.50. The Line of Credit (LOC) balance for April 30th is now \$125,500, as we were able to pay \$14,000 on the LOC in April.

**Don't Forget: Each of us should be mindful of the continued financial needs of the church if our busy summer schedules keep us from Sunday Services.**


~Rick McDaniel  
Chair, Finance Committee



Please note: the 5-year average income for March is skewed high because of the larger-than-normal intake the church received in March, 2008.

## Summer Sang in Me

An evening of timeless and beautiful classics...



**Amy Little**  
professional soprano,  
performs regularly with The Atlanta Opera

Make plans now to attend this memorable concert with soprano Amy Little and pianist Amir Zahedi as they present an evening of some of the most beautiful songs ever written!

**Sunday, August 16, 2009**  
7:00 p.m.


**Dessert reception following performance**  
Embry Hills United Methodist Church

**Tickets—general admission at door**  
\$15 (individual) \$25 (pair) \$40 (family of three or more)


**Doors will open at 6:15 p.m.—Childcare is provided**

Featuring music by some of the greats...

Cole Porter, Burt Bacharach, Henry Mancini,  
Stephen Sondheim, Billy Joel, and many, many more!!!



**Amir Zahedi**  
organist and director of music and worship arts  
Embry Hills United Methodist Church



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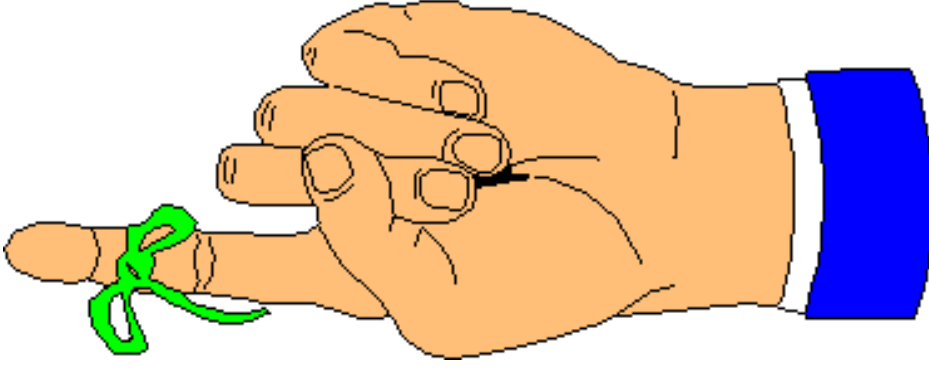
our shopping, so did you know that many companies like Amazon, DELL, and Microsoft to name a few will donate a percentage of your purchase directly to Embry Hills? Yep they do, but we need you to sign up at **www.iGive.com** so that your browser will alert these great companies to your purchase and make their donations. It quick and safe, and many of us are already signed up. Take a moment and Embry Hills UMC will benefit from your home shopping.

# Embry Hills UMC

## EHUMC Calendar of Events, EHUMC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
31	1	2	3
<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> 4:30pm - Youth Arts Choir 5:15pm - Youth Fellowship	<b>9am - Music &amp; Drama Camp</b> 2pm - Claire Brannen Mem. Svc. 4:45pm - 5678 Class @ RM 401 6pm - 5678 Class @ Rm 401 7:30pm - Square Pegs/UMW	10am - McElroy Circle 1:35pm - Staff Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing	5pm - Reach In/Reach Out Youth @ 7pm - Chancel Choir
7	8	9	10
<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> 9:30am - "100% Chance of Rain" @ 12pm - VBS Setup 4:30pm - Youth Arts Choir 5:15pm - Youth Fellowship 6pm - SPRC	<b>9am - Vacation Bible School - Camp E.D.G.E.</b> 12:30pm - VBS Volunteer Luncheon	12:30pm - VBS Volunteer Luncheon 1:35pm - Staff Meeting	12:30pm - VBS Volunteer Luncheon 6pm - VBXTreme 7pm - Chancel Choir
14	15	16	17
<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> 7:30am - UMM 4:30pm - Youth Arts Choir 5:15pm - Youth Fellowship 6pm - Finance Meeting	<b>9am - Camp Embry Hills - Session 1</b>	1:35pm - Staff Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing	5pm - Reach In/Reach Out Youth @ 7pm - Chancel Choir
21	22	23	24
<b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</b> <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> 4:30pm - Youth Arts Choir	6pm - Summer Salad Supper @ FLC,	1:35pm - Staff Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing	5pm - Reach In/Reach Out Youth @ 7pm - Chancel Choir
28	29	30	1
<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> 4:30pm - Youth Arts Choir	<b>9am - Musical Beginnings Summer Camp - #2</b>	1:35pm - Staff Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing	6pm - Big Birthday Bash @ FLC 7pm - Chancel Choir





# DON'T FORGET

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