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A Monthly Digest of Church Life



Sargent's Voice

"Test Time"

Once again, the Church observes the season of Lent. Traditionally, Lent is the period of spiritual preparation for Easter, sometimes characterized by giving something up, like eating desserts or smoking cigarettes or watching television. For others, Lent is better spent doing something with greater intensity and proactivity, such as giving more or finding additional avenues for service or investing deeper time in prayer. Please allow me to share another view of Lent that I believe can be helpful to us.

A season of forty days, Lent derives from the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness as he prepared for the beginning of his ministry. We often say that he was tempted there; it is more accurate to say that he was tested. And, it was a frightening and unsettling time of testing.

In Jewish thought, the desert was the dwelling place of demons. If you'll permit a brief aside here, the sea was also thought by our Jewish forbears to be the dwelling place for evil. So, whether they were on land or on sea, they lived in a world

where they were surrounded by those forces that would mislead or corrupt them or, worse yet, rob them of their life and soul. No wonder that the image of Jesus as exorcist was important to his first followers.

In any event, Jesus heads to the desert to be tempted. And, when he does so, he enters the abode of demons. In this place, Jesus encountered the possibility of living as the wrong kind of Messiah. He rejected each possibility.

The story of Jesus in the wilderness is not the only place in Scripture where people are tested in the context of the number

forty. For forty years, the children of Israel wandered in a wilderness place, learning to trust the God who had delivered them out of their captivity but whose care they had learned to doubt. During this time, the depth of their trust in God was sorely tested.

For forty days and forty nights, the earth was "tested" by the waters of God's judgment, while a faithful man named

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Looking for Mark?
 Find him in the office during these hours:
1:30 - 5 PM Mondays
1:30 - 6 PM Wednesdays
 He is also available by phone at 770-938-0661, extension 111



Camp Glisson Scholarship deadline on March 4th

The children and youth of EHUMC are blessed to have the opportunity to benefit from the Shelley Harmon scholarship to summer camp at Camp Glisson. We are grateful to the family and friends of Shelley for keeping her memory alive and for helping other children and youth benefit from the Camp Glisson experience.

Please note that the deadline for submitting the confirmation of camp registration is March 4. Please send information to valerieh@embryhillsumc.org or send it to the church office, addressed to the Rev. Valerie Harvard.

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Gifts Given as of February 13, 2009

- **In memory of Virginia T. Feil;** the mother of Rev. Valerie Harvard: Claire Nash, Karen & Terry Bates, (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Olon Polston:** Linton & Ruth Broome, Suzanne & Jerry Wilson, Jo Pittman, (*Ministry & Missions*), Jack Nichols Bible Class, Nancy Wolff, Paul & Helen Swope, Shirley Carriker, (*Help Fund*), Anthony & Sabrina Ervin, Doug & Bobbie Williams, Kasey (Sorrow) Wilson, Kylie & Emerson Wilson, Billy & Brenda Sorrow, Linda & Abe Schear, Anne Dally, Anne Hopkins, Harry Dangel, Julie Hall, Curt Halstead, Jim & Dorothy Jones, Harold & Charlotte Mauldin, Pete & Dodie Risse, Diane Roberts, Earl & Anne Witcher, John & Kate Flavin, Bryan & Beth Gartman, Mary Jo & Maggie Whitley, Tom & Susan Whitley, H.L. & Sue Ownbey, Ruth & Grady Lemonds, Phil & Shirley Guy, Adele Harrison, Herbert & Rosa Joe, Braun, Browne & Associates, P.C., Chuck & Sylvia Bell, Charles & Sylvia Pannell, Violet & Allan Leikam, (*Mission Outreach Program*), Steve & Susan Rasor, Sharon Starling, Hugh & Beth Starling, David Scruggs & Dana Buckelew (*Snax Sax*),
- **In memory of Keith Jernigan:** Oliver & Joyce Fick, Harry Dangel, Environmental Business Specialists, LLC, The Avirett-Mackenzie Family, Raymond & Peggy Gray, Ruth Jamison & Mary J. Simmons, Alton & Beth Jones, TAPPI, Inc., (*Youth Mission Program*), Jo Pittman, (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Ernest James "Jim" Whittle:** Co-Workers of Mark Whittle –The NPD Group –Chicago, Stephen Young, Marjorie Thomas, James & Bonnie Bowden, Diane & Eugene Reed, (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Millie Bailey:** Jo Pittman, The Avirett-Mackenzie Family, Chandler & Becky Kinsey, (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Marjorie Lansdell Anderson:** Jo Pittman, The Avirett-Mackenzie Family, Curt Halstead, Ruth Maxey, Ann Carter, Linton & Ruth Broome, Raymond & Peggy Gray, Adele Harrison, Lou & Tom Jewell, Shirley Burdine, (*Ministry & Missions*), Shirley Carriker (*Apportionments*), Al & Dottie Coltrane (*VBS*)
- **In memory of Byron Thomas Cook,** father of Tom Cook; Jerry & Suzanne Wilson (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In honor of Youth Program:** Diane Roberts (*Youth Program*)
- **In honor of Lacey Shaffer:** Judy Campbell (*Ministry & Missions*)

Please continue prayers for:

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

Transitions

- **Robert Alley** passed away February 9, 2009. A memorial service was held February 12, 2009.
- **Suzie Alley** passed away February 1, 2009. A memorial service was held February 4, 2009.
- **Olon Poston** died January 23, 2009. A funeral service was held January 26, 2009.
- **David Lumpkin**, son of Dr. Richard & Lillie Mae Lumpkin, died January 31, 2009. A memorial service was held February 5, 2009.
- **Virginia Feil**, mother of the Reverend Valerie Harvard, passed away February 10, 2009. A memorial service was held February 15, 2009.

A Loving Tradition



Our Homebound members celebrating birthdays in March & April are:

March 22:

Lillian Stacy
2649 Regency Drive, E
Tucker, GA 30084

April 4:

Ellaine Morgan
The Gardens at Sandy Springs
1260 Hightower Trail
Atlanta, GA 30350

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

We need volunteers to be **sanctuary caretakers**. If you would like to give your gift of time and assist in preparing our sanctuary for worship, please contact Tootsie Kilpatrick at (770) 939-2198 or Jane in the church office at (770) 938-0661, ext. 121.



Café del SOUL
Serving up spiritual
food since 2005

**Deadline for the
April 2009 Newsletter:**

**Friday, March 20th, 2009 to
newsletter@embryhillsumc.org**

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, March 24th, from 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Bill Nigut, former Political Reporter for WSB-TV (1983-2003). During that time he covered five Presidential campaigns. He frequently reported news from the White House and Capitol Hill. Bill's background is a mixture of arts, journalism and politics.

Bill is the Southeast Regional Director of Anti-Defamation League an international organization dedicated to fighting bigotry toward the Jewish people and to securing justice and fair treatment for all.

Please call 770-938-0661 to make reservations by Friday, March 20th, with cancellations no later than Monday, March 23rd.

WHO IS THIS...JESUS?!

A research project by participants guided by Jim Johnson, enabling us to investigate for ourselves.

- Thursdays - 7 to 9 pm
- March 5, 12, 19 and 26.
- EHUMC Library

Register by calling the church office: (770) 938-0661, ext. 121



A Lenten Study: TOPICS WE WOULD RATHER AVOID!

Join Dr. Steve Rasor on Sunday nights during **LENT** for a study of topics we tend to find both confusing and controversial. The class will meet in the Joyful Class room from 6:00 to 7:30 pm starting March 1st. Some of the topics we will explore are: marriage and divorce; use of money; war and peace; homosexuality; wealth and accumulation; etc. Call Steve (404/321-5068) or email him (s13rasor@bellsouth.net) if you have an interest in taking the course. Please register by February 28th.

Aldersgate Homes will soon begin an e-mail newsletter with information about Aldersgate Homes and Collinswood. We will include news of special events for persons with developmental disabilities, their families, friends and congregational families. Are you interested in receiving the newsletter? If so, please send your e-mail address to **aldhomes@bellsouth.net** and we'll put your name on the list.

New Acolyte Training

It is an honor to serve the church. "Acolyte" means "companion" or "one who helps". An acolyte helps the pastor perform tasks in the worship service. You will be helping everyone in your church to worship God. We hope you will want to join our group of devoted acolytes. We will conduct training for new acolytes in the sanctuary at 9:45 on March 8 and 22. New acolytes must be at least 10 years old or a rising 5th grader. For more information please call one of the acolyte directors Mundy Neale (770) 414-1739 or Adele Harrison (770) 458-3294.



In Gratitude

It is with deep gratitude that we extend our thanks for the many ways that you acknowledged Mom's (*Millie Bailey*) passing: the delicious food, comforting phone calls, flowers and the many cards that let us know you were thinking of us and praying for us. We also appreciate the many memorial gifts and know that they will be a blessing to the organizations that Mom served. May 2009 bring blessings to each of you and to Embry Hills.

—Cathy Wells, Judy & Jimmy Bailey

I join the Bailey family in expressing appreciation to my church family for your many kindnesses extended in this difficult time in our lives. In addition to what the family has mentioned, you were there with offers of help, when needed, a shoulder to lean on and much, much more. Thank you and God bless you!

— Shirley Carriker

SAVE The DATE



Saturday, April 18th, 2009, 3:00—6:00 p.m.

Family Event: "Love Makes A Family" Book Reading and Concert – A family event of books and songs celebrating how special everyone's family is, regardless of who's in it. Join us as book readers read family-focused books, families create crafts together and everyone experiences a live concert by **Laughing Pizza**. Mark your calendars and be on the look-out for more info in the coming weeks.



Sponsored by the EHUMC Children's Council

5, 6, 7, 8

Come join Jane on Mondays and learn some beginner (basic) line dance steps!! In this class, you will be able to exercise your mind and body at the same time! What a great way to relieve your daily stress! The first class will be on Monday, March 9th, 4:35pm-5:35pm, and costs only \$10.00 for a 6 week session. All monies will go to EHUMC. A variety of music will be used. Become a healthier you, and call Jane in the Church Office at (770) 938-0661, ext. 121, and register to participate in this exciting way to exercise!!



Thank you so much for your display of support, honor, respect and kindness shown towards my sister, Patsy (Lansdell), Bob, Harrison and Margie during this extremely sad and tragic time in their lives. I was overcome with emotion the moment I walked into the sanctuary and witnessed the masses of people there for them. For those of us who live far away from our family and childhood friends, our church family becomes our surrogate family. I know Patsy feels that way about EHUMC. Thank you so much for being there for them, now and in the past. "Love knows no boundaries," and you exemplified that.

— Kathleen Cummings (sister, Pat Lansdell)

Our family appreciates the loving support you gave us during Olon's (Polston) hospitalization and death. Your visits, calls, cards and prayers have encouraged and consoled us during this difficult time.

— Annette Polston

Thanks to Alex and Grayson Blackwell for the donation they made on behalf of the church. During Christmas, they went to their neighbors' homes and offered to put out their luminaries for a donation to EHUMC. They raised over \$150 for the Children's Ministries.

—The Church Staff

Fulfillment through Prayer

Welcome any new folks who have become part of our e-mail **Prayer Ministry**. This list is open to any church member wishing to become a part of this very important ministry at Embry Hills. The prayer concerns will come to your regular e-mail account as a message with "EHUMCprayer" in the subject line. If you have prayer concerns which you would like distributed through the EHUMC prayer chain (Both e-mail and phone list), please call or e-mail the church office. You may call the church at (770) 938-0661 or you may send an e-mail to ehumc@yahoo.com. If your concern occurs after hours or on the weekend and you are unable to reach staff please contact Dodie Risse directly at (770) 491-0646 or drisse@comcast.net. To stop being a member of this e-mail prayer list, simply send an e-mail message to EHUMCprayer-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com or to drisse@comcast.net.

Beginning the first of March the Prayer Ministry will begin adding additional information to our Prayer request. We will highlight one of the Ministries taking place at the church and asking each person to be in prayer for that particular ministry for that week or month. We have many exciting things that go on at our church and they will continue to grow and expand. Every program that is done needs all of our prayers. We want to be thankful for these activities and pray for the growth we can all receive from them. Our Prayer Room, located in room 205, continues to be a quiet place for anyone to be able to sit or kneel in silence and be in prayer and have a special time with your God.

We are hopeful that this message list will make being a part of the prayer ministry at Embry Hills a little bit easier. Although we are using a Yahoo! List to distribute the prayer concerns you do not have to join Yahoo! or do anything more to receive the e-mails. If you have any questions, please let us know by sending an e-mail to drisse@comcast.net or calling me at (770) 491-0646.



— Dodie Risse

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Noah and his family held on for dear life.

Perhaps Lent just intensifies what is true about life every day; that is, we are always being tested. Each day, without fail, we are met by new opportunities to authentically embody the faith we often glibly proclaim. Each day, we are given opportunities to be the light we say we are, to forgive those who have wronged us, as we pray each Sunday, to practice the art of welcome we see so lavishly demonstrated in the life of Jesus, to trust and obey Jesus in thought, word, and deed. Each day, we pass these various tests, or not, and the genuineness of our faith is revealed.

During Lent, as was the case for the time Jesus spent in the wilderness of his testing place, we are faced with our own demons--demons of unforgiveness, illusion, pretense, hypocrisy, intransigence, attachment, judgmentalism, fear, regret, anxiety, malice, dissension. Each of these demons, and countless others like them, offer to us at each moment the possibility of living as the wrong kind of follower of Jesus. In Jesus, we see modeled for us the rejection of each of these inorganic possibilities, and, in him, we are given the power to be the people he dreams we can be. I do not have to tell you that this testing is the most difficult part of what it means to be an introspective follower of Jesus.

On the other side of these tests, when by grace we pass them, is joy-producing, life-giving grace upon grace. This grace is not, as one person has said, the rewards of virtue, but is the gift that is available only to real people.

May Lent test us, each and all. And, by the power of Jesus, may we be found faithful, individually and collectively.

Love,



Mark (Sargent)



Mark & Jethro hanging out together.

**Come
to the
table**



United Methodist Women
Women's Division

Come and learn—Jesus often taught at meal times. He used those times not only to feed the body but to feed the spirit as well. Read Luke 10:38-42

March 3, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. is the date and time set for our mission study—*I Believe in Jesus*. We have invited Gail Gilcrease from Briarcliff UMW to be our leader. This study has been described on the UMW website as the “spiritual growth study addressing the gift of faith in Jesus Christ and the meaning of that faith in a post modern world.” Several of our members have shared with me how good this book has been. We do invite all who are interested in coming whether you have been able to read the *I Believe in Jesus* book or not.

In connection with UMM Barbecue coming up on Saturday, March 28th, the UMW will open up its annual Bake Sale and Craft Sale. We NEED YOUR HELP, too, by bringing your bake sale items and craft items. All proceeds for this effort go to missions.

A special thanks is given to all the women who contributed to Snax Sax and to all those who came to help fill the bags with the food. It helped us to realize the importance of this mission and also the tremendous amount of work (fun times, too) involved in getting these “Sax” together.

Reminders:

- Recipes needed. And we have set the deadly March 30. We look forward to those scrumptious ideas. Bake something for the bake sale (see above) and write down your recipe.
- Newspapers—fill up those newspaper bins.
- Campbell Soup labels—leave in the UMW mail slot and we will send to Murphy Harpst.

Questions?? Contact Sue Ownbey (shownbey@yahoo.com) or the church office.

Upcoming UMW Dates:

- March 3, 10:00 am: UMW Mission Study, “*I Believe in Jesus*”
- March 3 (after study): McElroy Circle
- March 17, 10:00 am: Bailey & Pannell Circles



Our regular meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served. The speaker scheduled for our meeting, Chris Eden, is the owner of a private airline and a former member of the military. Chris was born in Iran, was originally a Muslim and converted to Christianity. He will be bringing some interesting insights into the Muslim religion.

Please plan to attend; we need to have a large audience. Please call me with your reservation if we don't call you first: (770) 934-8835 or send an e-mail to thewitchers@bellsouth.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

—Earl Witcher

Reaching Every Man

“**Reaching Every Man**” is our theme for 2009. We will be calling all men of our congregation to become a part of our fellowship and to join us in our support of the activities and mission of our church. We hope you will plan to join us!



ANNUAL EHUMC BBQ



The 34th annual BBQ is coming March 28, 2009. **Mark your calendar!!** This event is sponsored by the UMM along with a bake sale hosted by the UMW. Look for posted flyers. Since this is a congregational effort, ***WE NEED YOUR HELP!*** Please plan on supporting this long-standing EHUMC annual event. The cost will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 & under.

Outreach Ministries



Reaching Out with Outreach

We are smack in the middle of Lent, one of the most introspective times of the year in our Christian lives. Many of us spend this season missing something like chocolate, caffeine, or our favorite TV show. I hope you've found a copy of the "Count Your Blessings" Lenten Calendar developed by Outreach and are making good use of it. In it, we've included ideas that we hope will encourage you and your family to take a grateful look at the everyday blessings in our lives. One of the ones I'm dreading, I admit it, is the "donate a nickel for each stuffed toy in your house". That'll be a noteworthy activity around our home! Counted the light switches yet? Another blessed sum! And all of the money brought to the altar on Easter Sunday will go to support our mission projects. Small sums that will represent our renewed gratitude for the small but significant blessings we enjoy everyday. Only...maybe not small sums, taken altogether, and not small blessings at all. Water, electricity, and individual transportation – really very large blessings indeed.

We are a widely blessed congregation and are doing a lot to share our blessings with others. There are many opportunities this month to say "Here I am, Lord" in anticipation of the greatest blessing of all, our risen Christ, on Easter Sunday. UMW, UMM, Youth and Music Ministry all have ways for us to serve. And from Outreach we have...

- **Trinity Team Dinner**, 6:15 pm, March

29th. We'll be taking dinner for 40+. For more information, contact Jim Deichert at jdeichert@fellab.com.

- **Snax Sax for Kids**, donate items or money to this ongoing ministry that provides healthy snacks every week to 125+ kids in need. For more info, contact Beth Starling, popperspensguins8@yahoo.com
- **Get your "Count Your Blessings" Lenten Calendar!** created by Outreach to help us appreciate our many blessings while we save up small sums for Missions. Donations from this project will be collected on **Easter Sunday. Available Feb. 22**, the calendar of activities begins Ash Wednesday .
- **Sunday March 29th**, plan to get involved! This Sunday starts our focus on Service that will culminate with a special Pentecost celebration. Come to church this Sunday ready to learn, commit and participate in the service you choose! We'll have service opportunities for children, teens, families, groups and individuals of all ages!

*Happy are those who consider the poor;
the Lord delivers them in the day of trouble.
The Lord protects them and keeps them alive;
they are called happy in the land. **Psalm 41:1-2***

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

You are cordially invited to attend
Breakthru House's 40th Anniversary
"Celebrating Light, Life, and Recovery"
Thursday, April 16, 2009
Northside United Methodist Church
2799 Northside Drive, Atlanta, GA

Dinner & Silent Auction 6:00 pm

Key Note Speaker: William Cope Moyers,
Vice President of External Affairs
at Hazelden Foundation and author of
Broken: My Story of Addiction & Redemption.



Tickets are \$75 a person. A table of 8 for \$600. Please make checks payable to Breakthru House and mail to 1866 Eastfield St. Decatur, Ga 30032 or register and pay online at www.actionministries.net. Click Donate Now, enter donation information, under giving opportunities click Breakthru House.

For those attending the event, your contribution in excess of \$15 per ticket is tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS 2009 LENTEN CALENDAR

22	23	24	25 Ash Wednesday .25 cents for each family member in your household	26 .25 cents for each family pet	27	28 <i>Dinner out? Give 1% of the total cost including tip!</i>
1 .10 cents for each tree in your yard	2 Laundry time! .10 for each unmatched sock	3	5 .01 per pair of shoes in your house	6 .05 cents per light switch	7	
8 .50 cents each car your family owns	9	10 1 % of your gas tank refill	11	12 .25 cents per bathroom, 1/2 baths included!	13	14 .01 per small electronic device or appliance. Too many to count? Donate \$1
15	16 .25 cents per computer	17	18 .05 cents per telephone	19	20 .25 per closet of clothes	21
22 .25 cent per pair of prescription glasses	23	24 .05 cents per piece of fresh fruit in home	25	26 Donate amount saved on coupons at stores this week	27	28 Need a rest? Count your chairs - .05 cents each
29	30 Own your washer/dryer? Donate \$1	31	1 .01 Cent per piece of candy in home	2	3 .05 cents per room in home	4
5 Palm Sunday	6	7 Sending Easter cards this year? Donate .10 cents per card	8	9 Donate .05 cents for each stuffed toy in your home	10	11

Youth Ministries

By the time this newsletter is published, many of our 6th-12th graders will have participated in the 30-Hour Famine, raising money and awareness for world hunger. Even without food, we will have touched our community, too, by donating Snax Sax items, decorating Snax Sax bags and giving of our time at the Lilburn Cooperative Ministry during the lock-in on Feb. 20 & 21. There is so much that youth can do to make a difference and the EH Youth Fellowship are not afraid to show how it is done!

Take a look below to see the ways YOU can get involved in the youth ministry here on a regular basis. All 6th-12th graders are welcome. Not sure you want to try it? I challenge you to think about it again and give one (or all!) of the opportunities offered a try. You might be glad you did.

To get more information or to be included on the e-mail list, contact Victoria Lawson, Dir. of Youth Ministries: victorial@embryhillsumc.org or 770-938-0661, ext. 113.

- **Youth Sunday School, Sundays @ 9:45 a.m. in Room 403:** Thanks to Anslee Skelton for getting us started on some really good conversations each week. We are growing!
- **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 or 770-938-0661, ext. 117.

- **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 6th-8th graders and 9th-12th graders make up our Sr. High. Contact Victoria for more information.
- **Youth Praise Band, Wednesdays @ 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Chapel:** Brad Deal gives his time to this group—thanks! For more information, contact Amir Zaheri. *Be sure to take a peek below at the pics of the band jammin' during the Lock-In in January.*

Confirmation Class of 2009: Any 7th grader or older youth who has not gone through a Confirmation Class, are invited to participate this spring as the Confirmation Class of 2009. There will be a meeting or two but a lot of your faith growth will happen outside the classroom format (no weekly meetings). Plus, we will go on a retreat together from May 1-3. Please contact Victoria by Sunday, March 15 to receive more information about this opportunity for intentional faith development.

—Victoria Lawson



Jammin' with the Youth Praise Band

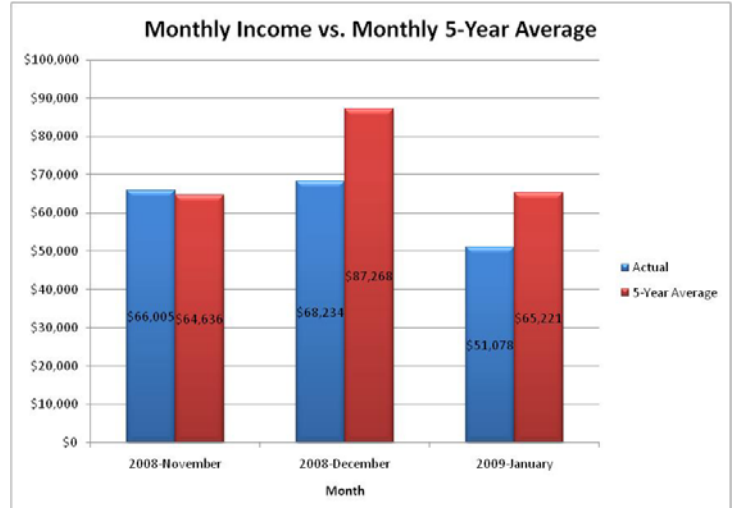


FINANCIAL REPORT

For the month ended January 31, 2009, total collections were \$51,078 and expenses were \$54,787, for a net cash flow of -\$3,709.

The graph to the right shows revenues for the past 3 months compared to the (5-year) average monthly revenues for the same period. The 5 year average is a good benchmark to use for comparison purposes.

The church line of credit balance remained at \$135,000 at the end of January, 2009.



You're invited to visit our new website!

You will find that <http://www.embryhillsumc.org/> is an all-in-one, 24/7 source for **church news**, **calendar** and **secure** access to ACS, the tool you can use to **check your donation history** and **look up member addresses and phone numbers**, among other things. Getting around our site is easy. On the "front page," there are menus on the left side, as well as across the top. You can click on these to find what you seek. If you have any questions, need help navigating the site or would like to offer your feedback about it, please send a note to Communications Work Area Chair Lane Holman: laneholman@gmail.com or call at 404-235-5180.

www.embryhillsumc.org

From the Trustees

We would like to ask all members of the EHUMC community to step up their awareness of unused spaces to turn off lights, put the HVAC in "un-occupied" mode and to ensure doors are locked on way out. It is vitally important to our children that attend the day school (and our day staff) to have a safe environment when they arrive the morning after Church events.

—Your EHUMC Trustees

Welcome New Members

We want to welcome our newest members to the Embry Hills UMC family: **Ashley & Sarah Giles**, and **John, Karen, Megan (6) & Ryan (4) Ginnig**. Both families joined February 1st. Next month, we will profile these families in the newsletter. Be sure to introduce yourselves to our newest members and make them feel at home here.

GOING GREEN

Here are a few ideas on how to go green with your charitable donations and make the process easier. First, if you are making several donations, i.e. operating budget, memorial, etc., write one check and make a notation on the memo line regarding how the funds should be distributed. Second, if you write a check, don't bother with an offering envelope – your check will give me the information I need to credit your contribution account. However, if you donate cash, please use an envelope and include your full name so you will receive credit. Last, you can now donate online with your Paypal account. Just go to our website, embryhillsumc.org and click on the Donate button. You will be directed to your Paypal account and the funds will be transferred. You can also setup Embry Hills UMC as a payee with your online bill pay system with your bank. We have several members who do this on a regular basis. Just a few tips to make the donation process a bit easier and as green as possible. Any questions? Call **Lori Cora**, ext. 123

Calendar: March 2009



EHUMC		Mar 2009 (Eastern Time)						
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
	29	30	31					

<u>WEDNESDAY WORSHIP ARTS SCHEDULE</u>	
5:00	Movers, Shakers,...
5:30	Carol Choir
6:30	Young Ringers
7:00	Cherub Choir
5:30	Junior Choir
6:30	Tintinnabulum
7:00	Praise Band
	Carillon Ringers
	Chancel Choir

<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u>	
8:45	Early Worship Service

Please note: the church calendar is also posted on the church website at www.embryhillsumc.org.

Order Your Easter Lilies

Now is the time to place your order for Lilies that will decorate our Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. The cost of each plant is \$8.25. Please attach an order form with your check, made payable to EHUMC. Deadline for ordering is March 29th.



PRESENTED BY _____ NUMBER OF Lilies _____
 IN HONOR OF _____
 IN MEMORY OF _____

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