

# SOURCE

A Monthly Digest of Church Life



## Sargent's Voice

## PROVOCATION

So often, the word “provocation” and all of its siblings and cousins carry a heavy pejorative connotation.

“He provoked him to anger.”

“She was provoked into doing that terrible thing.”

In fact, in some dictionaries, the first definition for the word “provoke” is “to anger, enrage, exasperate, or vex.”

As a result, it is also not often thought of as a good thing to be a provocateur.

This latter-day understanding of the word is sad to me, because I love the word “provoke” and the word “provocation.” I love it because of what it really means.

If you go back far enough, you can find a now-obsolete meaning for the word “provoke,” and that is “to summon.” And, that’s the spirit of the word as it is used in the Good Book. Yes, the word is used in a positive way!

“And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds” (Hebrews 10:24).

In that context, of course, the

word has to do with that obsolete meaning—to summon. And, that is what “provoke” literally means! The word comes from the late Middle English, from *pro* and *vocare*. Perhaps you recognize that Latin word “vocare.” It is the word for “voice,” as in “to call,” “to summon,” and it is at the root of our word “vocation,” which literally means to follow a voice.

So, “provocation” is to be “for the call,” “on the side of the call,” “in favor of the call.”

All in favor of the call, say “Aye!”

And, it’s unanimous!

We are all in favor of the call, the call of Jesus to follow him in paths of loving and serving and caring and sharing and giving, the call of Jesus to make what he termed “the Kingdom of heaven” concretely manifest in this world.

During this season of Easter, we at Embry Hills are engaged in wonderful provocation. I hope each of you has pledged your service as a part of our Fifty Days of Service. If not, it’s not too late to get a pledge card and find some wonderful way to give

of yourself.

So, here I go, speaking like a provocateur. I summon us all to good deeds!

There’s an old hymn that says it this way:

*The voice of God is calling  
its summons in our day;  
Isaiah heard in Zion,  
and now we hear God say:  
“Whom shall I send to succor  
my people in their need?  
Whom shall I send to loosen  
the bonds of shame and  
greed?”*

Well, that voice is calling you and me. We have been provoked! So, to our vocation, of service and sharing!

*Mark*

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## PSALM 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.



*From the New Revised Standard Version*

## Gifts Given as of April 17, 2009

- **In memory of Alex Gay:** Linton & Ruth Broome (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Elizabeth Birdsong, sister of Anne Witcher:** Jack & Veleta Holley (*The Craftsmen*), Larry & Frances McKinney, Jo Pittman, Pete & Dodie Risse, (*Ministry & Missions*), Paul & Helen Swope (*Help Fund*)
- **In memory of Fern Williams:** Harold & Charlotte Mauldin (*Ministry & Missions*), B.J. Grodzicki, Carole Williams, Larry & Frances McKinney, Mildred Bovaird, Jane Clark, McCamy, Phillips, Tuggle & Fordham, LLP, William W. Keith III, Mrs. Katherine Kohn, Gordon & Barbara Kitchens, Jo Pittman, Pete & Dodie Risse, Chris Patterson & Cindy Morris, Perry & Barbara Hamlett, Ashwood Condo Association, (*Music Ministry*), Jack & Veleta Holley (*The Craftsmen*), Paul & Helen Swope (*Help Fund*)
- **In memory of John Torrance:** Martin Torrance (*Help Fund*)
- **In memory of Barney "Pete" Rogers:** Anne Hopkins, Harold & Charlotte Mauldin, Vickie Quinn, Ingrid Purcell, Sue Parker, Martha Marriott, Bente Martinsen, Debbie Wright, Nancy Newman, Margee Callinan, Pete & Dodie Risse, Irene Cappelloni & Michael Phelps, Phil Cappelloni, Pete & Dodie Risse, (*Ministry & Missions*), Jim & Grace Lowry (*Easter Mission Emphasis*)
- **In memory of Charles Pannell:** Jim & Dorothy Jones, Joe & Jane Thomas, H.L. & Sue Ownbey, Polly & Jack Sanders, (*Ministry & Missions*), Marcille Metaxas, Frances Helms, Jim & Margine Johnson, Jim & Grace Lowry, EHUMC United Methodist Women, (*Music Ministry*)
- **In memory of Virginia Feil, mother of Rev. Valerie Harvard:** Harry Dangel, John & Margaret Watkins, Julie Hall, Marcille Metaxas, (*Ministry & Missions*), The Seidenberg Family, Jim & Grace Lowry, (*Children's Ministry*)
- **In memory of Walt Taylor:** Corley & Barbara Chandler, Polly & Jack Sanders, (*Ministry & Missions*)

*(See Special Gifts on page 6)*

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# A Loving Tradition

## *New Arrivals*

- Born March 30, 2009, **Daniel Christopher Perugini** came into this world weighing a healthy 8 lbs., 14 oz. at 20.5 inches long. He is the grandson of **Pete & Elaine Eisemann**.



- Shaylee Ava Mansfield**, granddaughter of **Bucky & Janet Johnson**, was born April 6, 2009. At 21" long, she weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz.

*Congratulations to these families!*



**Acolyte Recognition Sunday** will be held Sunday, May 10, 2009 at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.

## **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, May 26**, from 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Our program will be given by **The Dixie Kings**, nine men from The Roswell Dixie Kings Dixieland jazz band. They are well known throughout the region for playing for church groups, charity events, senior center fundraisers, and festivals.

Please call **770-938-0661** to make reservations by Friday, May 22nd, with cancellations no later than Monday, May 25th.



Our Homebound members celebrating birthdays in **May and early June:**

### May 16

Elinor Baxley  
575 Rosedown Way  
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

### May 20

Joyce Martin  
1855 Mountain Creek Drive  
Stone Mountain, GA 30087

### May 25

Jerry Brown  
c/o Mrs. Betty Jane Weaver  
111 Hamilton Way  
Bremen, GA 30110

### June 2

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

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*

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

# OUR GRADUATES

*The Staff and Church Family of Embry Hills UMC celebrate with our high school and college seniors as they reach the milestone of graduation. Congratulations!! Join us at the 11 a.m. worship service on May 3 to recognize the Class of 2009.*



## CHAMBLEE HIGH SCHOOL

Andrew William Johnson *Texas A & M University*  
Michael Starling *Tulane University*

## GREATER ATLANTA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Kevin Reed Holzgrefe *University of Georgia*

## LAKESIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Harrison Anderson *Berry College*  
Brian Harrison *Georgia State University*  
Sang-Yoon Kim *State University of New York*  
Baker Woodrow Neale *Georgia College & State University*  
Kelly Tucker *Georgia State University*

## NORTHEAST INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY ACADEMY

McKinley Dean Carr *University of West Georgia*

## WOODWARD ACADEMY

Ann Cavender Blissit *Carnegie Mellon University*

## GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Robert Starling *Bachelor of Science in Biology*



## GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Jessica Lynn Kimel *Bachelor of Science in Psychology*

*Thank you from Charlotte Mauldin & Frances McKinney: The annual UMW Bake Sale, held Saturday March 28th was a tremendous success! We raised over \$1,500. We could not have done this without the many volunteers who worked the sale, donated baked goods, or the Embry Hills staff! We are blessed to belong to such a caring and giving congregation. Thank you!*

Mark Sargent recently received a letter on behalf of Embry Hills UMC from **Global Ministries**, thanking the church for the \$600 contribution sent for the Russian Youth St. Petersburg Camp. Dr. Jim Athearn, coordinator of The Russian Initiative, went on to say..."we are grateful for Willis Moore's advocacy and for your continuing care for this youth ministry."

*It is through our gifts such as these that we, as a congregation, are able to touch people in need throughout the world. —ed.*

# We Help Others

***“How wonderful it is, how pleasant, for God’s people to live together in harmony!”***

*Psalm 133, verse 1. Good News Bible*

Rev. Mark’s sermon yesterday was so inspiring that I thought about it all day and this verse, the same one Mark talked about, is perfect for all of the news and activities for Outreach this month. I just want you to think “serve” when you read “live” and we’ll be in harmony right now!

We are excited about all of the ways our congregation will be serving others during this Easter Season until Pentecost. Lots of members filled out pledge cards and you can still do that if you haven’t already. We’ll be serving around our church, in the community and further afield, and all of that service will bring us together spiritually in new ways. We are asking everyone to serve at least 5 hours sometime between now and Pentecost Sunday, May 31st and then we will celebrate together our latest efforts to represent Christ in the world.

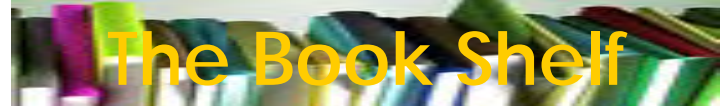
Meanwhile, our continuing service to “the least of these” is receiving some amazing community support. Chamblee Middle School Art students, with the guidance of Art Teacher Molly Newton, held an auction of their art April 14<sup>th</sup>. The students had requested that the money raised would benefit our Snax Sax program. Those wonderful kids and their families and teachers raised more than \$1500!! Isn’t that amazing?

At Chamblee High School, the National Honor Society donated items for several weeks and then we packed 40 Snax Sax with the students April 16<sup>th</sup>. The students were generous and attentive when I told them about our program and did a great job. Thank you!

In the next 5 weeks, until school is out, we still need your support of this program. We pack 150+ Snax Sax every Friday, so anything you can include in your shopping will be wonderful and very needed. We also shop every week for the program so \$\$ donations are very welcome!

Finally, if you want to see a group of folks “serving/living together in harmony” you really need to come to the FLC on Friday mornings at 9am – we sort, pack and deliver all those Snax Sax with admirable speed! Just ask Rev.Elaine; she’s tried twice to join us and missed us entirely because we are soooo fast! That is service in harmony!

*~Beth Starling*



## The Book Shelf

Welcome to the monthly **BOOK SHELF!** Another book has been added to our collection. Alan Richardson has edited a collection of theological **meanings of the key words** in the Bible, arrange in alphabetical order, entitled: “**A THEOLOGICAL WORD BOOK OF THE BIBLE.**” There are a couple of others Word books in our collection, so be sure to browse Alan Richardson’s work.

The editor and thirty other distinguished contributors have focused attention on theological meanings because it is at precisely this point that “us folks” reading the Bible need **clear and positive help.** All Hebrew and Greek words have been transliterated into English characters, and a valuable cross-indexing system is provided.

It is because the living Word of God is to be encountered in the Bible, wrapped in the ‘swaddling-clothes’ of poor, inadequate and fluctuating human words, that the strictest historical, literary and philological scrutiny is an indispensable discipline of all Bible Study. This is important because the words of the Bible are not merely interesting but are indeed the words of eternal life.

On another note, our books are arranged by the **Dewey Decimal System** as well as shelved in **TOPICAL** order to assist in locating various volumes.

Please **CHECK OUT** any book you are interested in and **RETURN IT** so others may take advantage of our collection.

*~Jim Johnson*

*“A capacity and taste for reading gives access to whatever has already been discovered by others.”*

*~Abraham Lincoln*

(Special Gifts continued from page 2)

- **In memory of Olon Polston:** Joe & Jane Thomas, David & Ya-Ling Phillippi (*Ministry & Missions*), Warren & Helen Jernigan (*Snax Sax*), Frances Helms (*Music Ministry*), Jim & Margine Johnson (*ESL*),
- **In memory of Millie Bailey:** Joe & Jane Thomas, Jim & Margine Johnson, (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Marjorie Lansdell Anderson:** Joe & Jane Thomas, Jim & Margine Johnson, (*Ministry & Missions*), Frances Helms (*Music Ministry*), Jim & Grace Lowry (*Youth Missions*)
- **In memory of Mom for her birthday:** Marcille Metaxas (*Lenten Banner*)
- **In memory of Inez Fain & in honor of Sue Ownbey, who started our line dance group:** Line Dance Group (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Shelley Harmon:** Julie Hall, Jim & Grace Lowry (Camp Glisson Fund)
- **In memory of Marion Lyons Tarr:** Mr. & Mrs.

Charles Kitchens (*Ministry & Missions*)

- **In memory of Frances Lawson:** Frances Helms (*Music Ministry*)
- **In memory of Ken Story:** Frances Helms (*Music Ministry*)
- **In memory of Gladys McDaniel:** Frances Helms (*Music Ministry*)
- **In memory of Maurice Paxton:** Frances Helms (*Music Ministry*)
- **In memory of Ellaine Morgan:** Jim & Grace Lowry (*UMW*)
- **In celebration of Victoria, Lori, and Valerie's April birthdays:** Marcille Metaxas (*Children's Ministry*)
- **In honor of Buzz Buchanan:** Frances Helms (*Music Ministry*)
- **In honor of Annette Polston:** Jo Pittman (*Snax Sax*)
- **In honor of Cecil & Huvian Ingram:** Scott Tarr (*Ministry & Missions*)

**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	*Members in Military
	** Homebound Members

*Transitions*

- **Alex Gay** passed away April 16, 2009. A memorial service was held at EHUMC.
- **Fern Williams** passed away April 5, 2009. A memorial service was held at EHUMC.
- Samuel McQuaid, father of **Sally Kramer**, died April 13, 2009. A funeral was held at Holy Cross Catholic Church and burial was at Arlington Memorial Park.
- Elizabeth Birdsong, sister of **Anne Witcher**, died April 5, 2009. A funeral service was held in Manchester, GA.
- Marlene Wekel, mother of **Joerg & Fan Wekel** and grandmother to **Daniel & Deja**, passed away April 6, 2009.
- **Dee Wolfe's** father-in-law recently passed away.
- **Wayne Cusick's** brother recently passed away.

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

The Jernigan Family has received word that their son, Lt. William "Keith" Jernigan, has been promoted to Captain, posthumously.

Deadline for the  
June 2009 Newsletter:  
**Friday, May 15th, 2009**  
Send all content to  
[newsletter@embryhillsumc.org](mailto:newsletter@embryhillsumc.org)

# Adult Sunday School

*This month, in a continuing series written by Lane Holman, chair of Witness and Communications, learn what the adult **Vision Class** is all about:*

## **Pomegranates, Picnics and Phillipians: Meet the Vision Class**

Embry Hills UMC's Vision Class has been around for more than a decade now. Originally a group of mostly twenty and thirty-somethings, they are now a bit more seasoned. "We started as a young adult class, and I think we still see ourselves that way, even though it's a stretch for some of us" says Jane Sinner.

The Vision Class is made up of about 50 members ranging in age from the mid-30s to early 50s. The majority of members are married couples with children, although they have very active single members as well.

Most weeks, approximately 15 to 25 people attend the class in Room 401.

The group explores a wide variety of topics, and tends to alternate between book studies that last about six weeks and shorter, more informal studies. They've done studies on world religions; history and science as they relate to faith; the major Christian denominations; and books about everything from Jesus to pomegranates.

The group recently finished a Lenten study focusing on Jesus' parables. They subscribe to an online service, The Wired Word, which they're using currently. It provides discussion topics based on a news item from the current week, along with scriptures that help them consider what's happening in the world in light of their faith.

Various class members take turns leading the discussion (not required, though, for those who aren't comfortable doing that).

Every class session includes open and honest discourse, the sharing of wisdom – and wit – from all members who wish to speak, breakfast (brought each week by a different member) and coffee, fellowship and friendship. They meaningfully discuss



and seek spiritual growth in the pursuit of becoming better Christians, and try to have fun doing it.

Beyond their classroom study, they strive to further the mission and outreach of the church, individually and as a group. Their ministry includes: tending the grounds of a Methodist-run convalescent center; collecting donations and gifts for a battered women's shelter; singing Christmas carols at a nursing home; doing the work to support various ministries within the church (such as English as a Second Language classes); serving on church committees; working in the Children's Ministry, Sunday School classes and nursery.

They also strengthen friendships through a number of regular social events, including picnics, cook-offs, parties and swimming.

When asked what their hopes for the class are, Lance Waller responds that "we hope to have a place where class members discuss life and faith in an open environment where different opinions are expected and appreciated. The class goal is to learn from each other and share the journey, even if we don't always agree on the details."

Everyone is welcome and invited to visit the Vision Class. They meet Sunday mornings at 9:45 in Room 401 (the second floor of the education building, near the Family Life Center).

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*Thanks to Jane Sinner, John Marsh and Lance Waller for their contributions*



The United Methodist Men will next meet Sunday, May 10, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Program to be announced.

**T**he 34th annual UMM Barbeque was a HUGE SUCCESS! Despite rain on Friday and Saturday, and the ensuing colds we caught from spending more time wet than dry, the event was very successful. And the glory goes to the cooking crews. I cannot remember when the meat was better cooked...and without burning! Thanks, men, for a truly great job.

Of course, the event is about fellowship and Saturday was a great congregational effort. From the young to the old, members worked side by side in a spirit of harmony and love.

Our efforts were rewarded, too. We will realize a net profit close to \$4,500 once all our expenses are paid.

Your UMM organization is progressing and growing. We have speakers scheduled for the meetings and monthly attendance is increasing. Thank you so much for your ongoing support!

Please note: we will not be meeting in July & August but will keep you posted on upcoming events.

*~Earl Witcher*



*Yes, folks, that's Jack Holley slingin' barbeque at the UMM's barbecue (actually I think he's just talking and pretending to work while Bob Smith is doing the hard stuff.) Notice how clean Jack's shirt is? Not a drop of sauce to be found!*

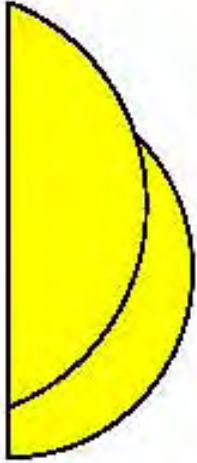


*Even the youth got in on the fun with their "Rent-a-Youth" auction. Wouldn't you hire one of these masters of disguise to come clean your windows???*

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



*And where did they find these guys to cook the barbeque???*



EMBRY HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MUSIC AND WORSHIP ARTS AREA

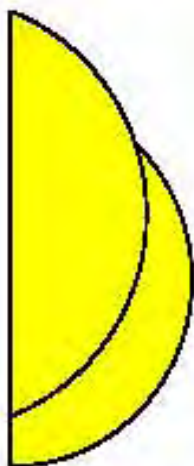
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# Summer '09 Youth Touring Choir

**Sunday, July 19—Friday, July 24  
Charleston, South Carolina**

*Informational Booklet and Registration Packet*





**EMBRY HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MUSIC AND WORSHIP ARTS AREA**

# Summer '09 Youth Touring Choir

The Music and Worship Arts Area of Embry Hills United Methodist Church is pleased to announce a youth music tour which will take place this summer, July 19-July 24. Designed specifically for youth age participants (completed 6th through 12th grades), this music event will take place in Charleston, South Carolina.

**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL YOUTH AGE INDIVIDUALS! YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF EMBRY HILLS UMC AND YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A CURRENT PARTICIPANT IN THE EMBRY HILLS YOUTH CHOIR! COME JOIN US!**

While in Charleston, the choir will present an eclectic program of music as an outreach and mission effort at various homes for children, youth development centers, hospice care centers, and other similar locations.

*Specific locations will be announced at a later date.*

### **Registration and Payment Schedule:**

*Registration is open through Sunday, May 17.*

*Payment is due in full by Sunday, May 31.*

*†Scholarships are available on a limited and first-come basis.*

*Please contact the Director if you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about scholarship funding.*

### **Rehearsal Dates:**

*Rehearsals for the tour will begin on Sunday, May 3.*

*Rehearsals will take place from 4:30 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. every Sunday in the Choir Rehearsal Room at the church.*

### **Rehearsal Attendance Policy:**

*Following the open-registration period, attendance at all rehearsals will be mandatory.*

*Absences may be excused by the Director.*

*Unexcused absences may result in the cancellation of the student's participation.*

*Registration fees will not be refunded.*

*By completing the registration process, the participant and his/ her parent(s)/ guardian(s) acknowledge and accept this policy.*

*†please note that 2 accounts of tardiness of 10 minutes or more will be considered an absence.*

### **Tour Dates: July 19—July 24**

### **Tour Cost: \$275 per youth**

*Cost includes lodging, transportation, music, and group entertainment events (beach visits, etc.).*

*Participants will be responsible for food and other various entertainment items (souvenirs, etc.).*

### **Housing**

*Participants will be lodging on the campus of The College of Charleston, in downtown Charleston.*

*Specific needs for housing (linens, etc.) will be given two weeks prior to departure.*

### **Forms**

*Please complete the attached Registration Form, as well as the Embry Hills Youth Fellowship Health Information, Permission, and Liability Release Form.*

Special Pull-out Section

**EMBRY HILLS UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP  
HEALTH INFORMATION, PERMISSION, AND LIABILITY RELEASE FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone(s): (home) (work) (cell/pager) \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Co. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Doctor and Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any medical conditions (allergies, etc.) and prescription medications:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY:**

I give my child, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to travel in transportation provided by Embry Hills United Methodist Church, Inc. (EHUMC), and its staff, members, and volunteers, and grant permission for the above named youth to participate in the events of the Embry Hills United Methodist Youth Fellowship.

I give permission to any adult chaperone representing EHUMC to act in my behalf if my child is injured or ill. I understand that I may be unable to be contacted in an emergency to grant specific permission for emergency medical care, and I authorize the adult staff and volunteers representing EHUMC to make such emergency medical decisions on my behalf.

In consideration of Embry Hills United Methodist Church, Inc., providing transportation and supervision in conjunction with youth group events, I hereby hold harmless Embry Hills United Methodist Church, Inc., its staff, members, and volunteers, and for my heirs, executors, and assigns do release and discharge Embry Hills United Methodist Church, Inc., its staff, members, and volunteers from all claims, actions, demands, and compensation whatsoever which I may have now, or in the future, on account of or in any way growing out of the circumstances relating to scheduled events, except for gross negligence.

I further declare that the terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THIS RELEASE.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE SECTION BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED BY A NOTARY PUBLIC.

Sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

Special Pull-out Section

Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Last School Year Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Two people, other than parents, authorized to act for parents in case of emergency:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, when a parent or legal guardian cannot be located, authorize Amir Zaheri, as well as the Embry Hills UMC 2009 Summer Youth Touring Choir Chaperone Team, to obtain medical treatment, including hospitalization and minor surgery, for my child \_\_\_\_\_ in the event of an emergency such as bodily injury or serious illness.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to EHUMC Youth Choir Ministry. Payment is due in full by Sunday, May 31.

Scholarships are available. Contact Director for more information.

Mail payment and forms to the address below.

Materials may also be submitted directly to the church office or to the Director.

**Embry Hills United Methodist Church  
2009 Summer Youth Touring Choir  
3304 Henderson Mill Road  
Atlanta, Georgia 30341**

**Questions? Please feel free to contact the Director:**

**Amir Zaheri**

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**Embry Hills United Methodist Church**

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**Atlanta, Georgia 30341**

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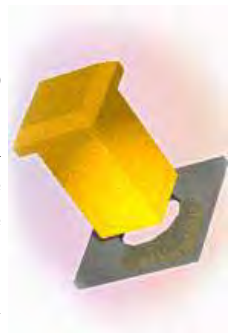
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# United Methodist Women



## Are you “hip to be square”? If so join the **SQUARE PEGS**...

“Who are the Square Pegs?” you may ask. We are the newly named UMW group that meets once a month. We are Square Pegs that are trying to fit into a round hole. This group is made up of 21st Century women who are unable to attend traditional UMW circles yet believe in the mission of UMW and want to carry on the impressive tradition of Embry Hills’ UMW. If you think you might be a square peg, we would love to have you join us.



Our next meeting will be held on May 4th at 7:30 in the Harding Classroom (Rm 410-412). Ladies are asked to bring a dessert to share, but your attendance is more important than your dessert!!! If interested please contact LeyAnna Messick at [SL.messick@comcast.net](mailto:SL.messick@comcast.net) or 770-451-1173.

Our first mission project will be the Atlanta Women’s Day Shelter. We will prepare and serve a lasagna, salad, bread and dessert meal on Tuesday, May 12th from 10-2. This project is open to ALL MEMBERS of the church as it is also part of the 50 Days of Service. If you would like to participate in serving or preparing part of the meal please contact Maria Shurant at [thedunbars@bellsouth.net](mailto:thedunbars@bellsouth.net) or 770-498-1185.



**P**rayer and Self Denial is a focus of the United Methodist Women. Our emphasis this year is on “creating communities through information technology.” On Tuesday, May 5 at 10:00 a.m. at our General Meeting we will emphasize this as we focus on the “women, children and youth in our world who do not have an abundance of opportunities.” A special offering will be collected. We are excited to have Carol Nigro, a long time member of Embry Hills and one of our Chancel Choir members, to be our speaker. Following the program, we will have lunch.



Members of the UMW were **essential** to the success of the “Love Makes A Family” event held at the church Saturday, April 18th.



### Upcoming UMW Dates:

- The McElroy Circle will meet after the General Meeting on May 5
- The Bailey Circle will meet at Shirley Burdine’s, 3926 Stonegate Dr. at 10:00 a.m., May 19
- The Pannell Circle will meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. on May 19 to go to the Blue Rooster for lunch.

*The following poem was written by Rev. Mark Sargent for the children's 'Time on the Steps' minute on Sunday, March 29, 2009 as part of Outreach Sunday:*

## **In Jesus' Tracks**

*A Poem for Outreach Sunday  
Embry Hills UMC  
March 29, 2009*

And so, boys and girls, let's all look now and see  
One very good thing that can fill us with glee!  
It's following Jesus with love in our hearts.  
It's following Him through our life's stops and starts.

"Okay, Mr. Mark, please tell us," you ask.  
"Just how can we learn more 'bout this holy task?"  
I'm glad that you asked me, and now I will share  
The things that we do if for Jesus we care.

So, perk up your ears and remove all the wax!  
Let's talk about loving our Lord to the max.  
It's really quite fun stuff, for you and for me  
To be the nice people he wants us to be.

Number 1. Do not hurt folks. Don't ever do harm.  
Always treat everyone with good kindness and charm.  
Which leads to another real good thing to do.  
Do good! Just like you want folks to do to you!

Don't hurt folks! Do good! Now, here comes Number 3.  
Stay in love with the Lord. Then, we'll really be free.  
And that, my good friends, leads us back to the start  
When we talked about living with love in our hearts.

Follow Jesus. It's simple. Just walk in his tracks.  
And, it's more fun, I promise, than wrestling with yaks!  
Some nice people follow Him by making some snax  
And by putting those goodies in brown paper sax!

And, then those good bags they give kindly away  
To some boys and some girls who have less food today  
Than what they will need to grow up big and tall.  
Snax Sax are huge gifts that might really look small!

So, do what you can to help someone in need.  
The biggest strong plants start with only a seed.  
So, reach out! Share your stuff! Give some good things away!  
Find something to do to make it a great day.

And so, follow Jesus. All you Jill's and you Jack's.  
Get busy! Get up! Don't just lay on your backs!  
Now, all's said and done. And, we're left with the facts.  
A good Christian is someone who walks in His tracks.

--Mark Sargent



## **COMING SOON: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

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

## Youth Ministries

**C**an you believe that the school year is almost over!!! That doesn't mean the youth at EHUMC slow down, though. In fact, summer is when we all get to spend more time together. If you are not actively involved now, this is a great time to start! Take a look below to see the ways YOU can get involved in the youth ministry here on a regular basis. **All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome at any time! To get more information or to be included on the e-mail list, contact Victoria Lawson, Dir. of Youth Ministries: victorial@embryhillsumc.org or 770-938-0661, ext. 113.**

**Youth Sunday School, Sundays @ 9:45 a.m. in Room 403:** We are finishing up one series and about to start a new one. If you can't be here every week, that's OK—each lesson can stand on its own (plus, we are happy to fill you in!).

**Youth Fellowship, Sundays @ 5:15-7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center:** Join us for supper (\$3) and then for games and programs. Here's what's happening in May:

**May 3:** We will begin focusing attention on our July mission trip by watching a recent 20/20 program, Children of the Mountain, highlighting the lives of those in the Appalachia area.

**May 17:** Rev. Mark Sargent will join us for a special extended "Time on the Step" with a youth twist. Why should the children have all the fun? Be ready to challenge Mark with an item to put in The Box. Same rules apply, of course: nothing living, dead, slimy or weaponous!

**May 31:** Every month with a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday means GAME NIGHT. Come ready to play a variety of games and bring your laughter!

**No Youth Fellowship on May 10 (Mother's Day) or May 24 (Memorial Day Weekend)**

**Project Extend:** On **Saturday, May 2** (8 a.m.-2 p.m.), 15 Youth and chaperones will participate in this ministry of the Wesley Community Center to assist senior and disabled homeowners who lack the means to do necessary home repair. Great practice for our mission trip, too!

**Graduate Recognition:** We will celebrate all of our graduates at the **11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 3**. High school graduates and their families are invited to a luncheon in their honor, following the service.

**Summer Mission Trip, July 6-10:** Details are currently being ironed out for this trip to Kentucky but go ahead and make plans to attend! Cost is expected to be \$110/person. Special skills are not required. However, a readiness to serve God and open your heart to the congregation of Thousandsticks UMC is a must!

**Youth Week, July 26-August 2:** This long-time tradition is a week full of ways to serve, experience fun events and, most importantly of all, welcome the rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders. (Info. on each day's events will be available beginning with the June newsletter).

### Youth Fellowship exceed goal for 30-Hour Famine

The final numbers are finally in! Thanks to the dedication of the Youth Fellowship and the support of the EH congregation and friends, the goal of raising \$1,000 was exceeded. For 2009, **\$2,407.73 was raised—feeding 6 children for an entire year.**

Embry Hills Youth Fellowship has a long tradition with World Vision and the 30-Hour Famine. From 2001 to last year, a total of \$9,774 was raised (with your help!). So, through 2009, the meals of about 34 children have been provided for a year. One can only imagine the difference that could make to a family and a small community. Now that is what I call **extravagant generosity!**

# April Events at EHUMC

*Easter is a time for renewal...and lots of candy!*



*Celebrating the resurrection...*



*...and enjoying the bounties of a successful Easter egg hunt!*

*On Saturday, April 18th, EHUMC celebrated families of all types:*

*'Love Makes a Family' was a rousing success. Book readings, arts and crafts and a special concert by Atlanta's own Laughing Pizza brought together members & non-members alike to celebrate the importance of family.*



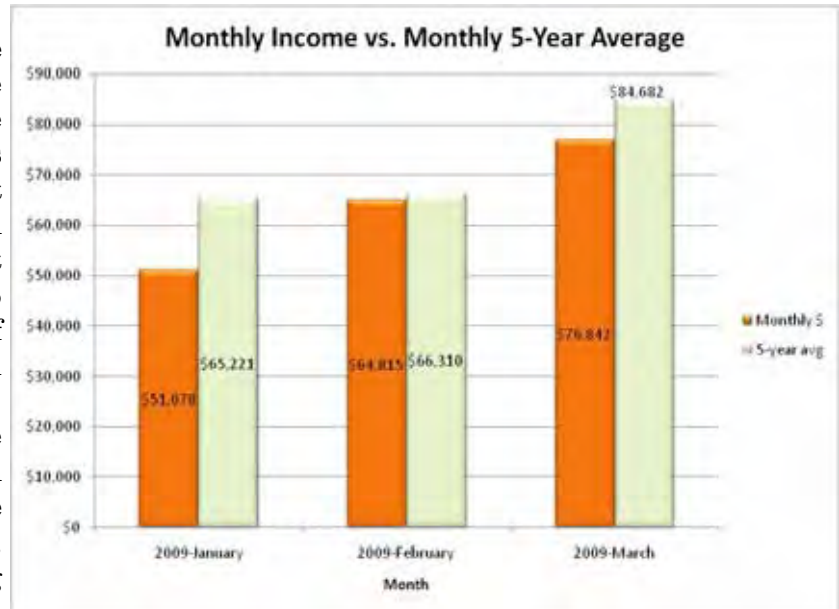
*It was a celebration, enjoyed by many, that won't soon be forgotten.*



# Operations & Such

## FINANCIAL REPORT

March 2009 contributions were \$76,841.71 and expenses were \$69,295.85, resulting in a positive net income of \$7,545.48. This wonderful financial result is primarily due to our loving and generous congregation, but secondarily due to March having 5 instead of 4 Sundays. The Line of Credit (LOC) balance for March 31st remains at \$139,500, however, we were able to pay \$8,000 on the LOC on April, 9, 2009. This should result in a drop in the LOC balance to \$131,500 for April reporting, assuming April results are strong with Easter giving.



~Rick McDaniel *Please note: the 5-year average income for March is skewed high because of the huge intake the church received in March, 2008.*

## Other Summer Offerings for Kids at Embry Hills

Music & Drama Camp for 1st-6th graders  
 "100% Chance of Rain"

June 1-5, 2009, 9-4:00, M-Thurs, 9-1:00 Friday  
 Musical Performance: 9:45 am, Sunday June 7th  
 Cost: \$85 for EHUMC Children's Choir members  
 \$100 for non-choir members



Musical Beginnings Camps for 3-6 year olds

4 different weekly sessions each with a different theme

Dates: May 26-29; June 29-July 3; July 27-31; Aug 24-28  
 Cost per session: \$80 (week 1), \$100 (week 2-4)

Pass this information on to your friends (the more, the merrier).  
 For information about space availability and registration, please  
 contact Beverly Blisset at [dblisset@aol.com](mailto:dblisset@aol.com) or (770) 621-9640.



# Embry Hills UMC

**EHUMC**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
3	4	5	6
<b>Graduate Recognition Day</b> <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> 12:30pm - Graduate Luncheon 2pm - GS Troop #23414 4:30pm - Youth Arts Choir 5:15pm - Youth Fellowship 6pm - SPRC	9am - District Minister's Meeting 9:30am - Yoga 10:30am - Sister Series 4:45pm - 5,6,7,8 Line Dance Class 6pm - 5,6,7,8 Line Dance Class 7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild	9am - McElroy Circle 10am - UMW Meeting & Luncheon 1:35pm - Staff Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing 6pm - Yoga 7pm - Webelos Den 7pm - Yoga	<b>See Worship Arts Schedule</b> 10am - PTO Teacher Luncheon 10:30am - Bible Study 6pm - Cafe Del Soul @ Family Life 6:30pm - Club 45 6:30pm - Sister Series
10	11	12	13
<b>Mother's Day</b> <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> 7:30am - UMM 12:15pm - 12:15pm Trustees 2pm - GS Troop #22422 4:30pm - Youth Arts Choir 6pm - Finance Meeting	9:30am - Yoga 10:30am - Sister Series 4:45pm - 5,6,7,8 Line Dance Class 6pm - 5,6,7,8 Line Dance Class 7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild	1:35pm - Staff Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing 6pm - Yoga 7pm - Yoga	<b>See Worship Arts Schedule</b> 10:30am - Bible Study 1:15pm - Kindergarten Faculty 6pm - Cafe Del Soul @ Family Life 6:30pm - Club 45 6:30pm - Sister Series
17	18	19	20
<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> 12:30pm - YMLT Meeting 1pm - 3 Leaves 4:30pm - Youth Arts Choir 5:15pm - Youth Fellowship 7pm - Administrative Council	9:30am - Yoga 10:30am - Sister Series 4:45pm - 5,6,7,8 Line Dance Class 6pm - 5,6,7,8 Line Dance Class 7pm - Cub Pack 7 meeting 7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild	1:35pm - Staff Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing 6pm - Yoga 7pm - Kindergarten Graduation 7pm - Webelos Den 7pm - Yoga	<b>See Worship Arts Schedule</b> 10:30am - Bible Study 6pm - Cafe Del Soul (Last one until 6:30pm - Club 45 6:30pm - Sister Series
24	25	26	27
<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> 4:30pm - Youth Arts Choir	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	9am - Musical Beginnings Summer Camp - #1 11:30am - Seniors are Special 1:35pm - Staff Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing 6pm - Yoga 7pm - Yoga	10:30am - Bible Study 6:30pm - Sister Series 7pm - Chancel Choir
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<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> 4:30pm - Youth Arts Choir 5:15pm - Youth Fellowship			

## May 2009 (Eastern Time)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9 am - Snax Sax Assembly	2 8am - Youth: Project Extend 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store 10am - FOCUS 11am - AA 6pm - EHUMC Bridge Group
7 9:30am - ESL 6:30pm - 6:30pm Cub Pack 7 7pm - Stephen Ministry	8 9 am - Snax Sax Assembly	9 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store 11am - AA
14 9:30am - ESL	15 Confirmation Weekend Experience June Newsletter Deadline 9 am - Snax Sax Assembly	16 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store 11am - AA
21 9:30am - ESL 7pm - Stephen Ministry	22 9 am - Snax Sax Assembly	23 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store 11am - AA
28 9:30am - ESL	29	30 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store 11am - AA

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

### Wednesday Worship Arts Schedule

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

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

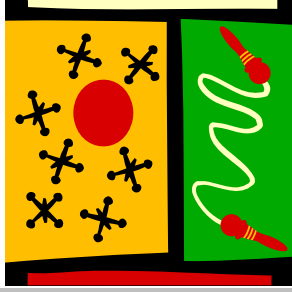
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# Camp Embry Hills

Summer Day Camp

At Embry Hills United Methodist Preschool & Kindergarten



Session 1: June 15—19

Session 2: July 13—17

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

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

Space is limited, so sign up today!



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