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A Monthly Digest of Church Life



Sargent's Voice

We heard something like this from the Beatles. "I get by with a little help from my friends." And, a few years later, we heard Bill Withers singing this wonderful invitation: "Lean on me, when you're not strong, and I'll be your friend. I'll help you carry on." Both now-old songs acknowledge the need that each of experiences to have a hand to hold, especially when times are challenging or painful. That's what Stephen Ministry does.

Stephen Ministry: May We Help?

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Stephen Ministry is a worldwide ministry of caring by laypersons. As you can appreciate, a pastoral staff can only do so much, and it is a genuine blessing to have dedicated and trained laypersons who express a willingness to help shoulder some of the profoundly important caring ministry at the heart of every congregation of Jesus' people. What if we at Embry Hills had such a group of laypersons? As many of you know, we do!

Led by Dottie Coltrane and Carol Nigro, our Stephen Ministry team is comprised of remarkable people, each ready to lend that helping hand, to be leaned upon in times of need, to offer love and support, to be the best of what a Christian friend can be.

While many of you are aware of Stephen Ministry at Embry Hills, there does seem to be a perception that Stephen Ministry is only indicated in situations characterized by issues related to death or dying. Of course, Stephen Ministers are ready and able to walk with persons facing their own deaths or with family members facing the death of a loved one. But, there are countless other ways in which people struggle! Divorce, separation, job loss, financial stress, addiction, the illness of a loved one, your own experience with illness—the list of possible ways in which people struggle can be as long as the list of people who struggle! So, if you're struggling, with anything, and could use a pair of loving ears and a warm and open heart and a couple of hands to hold, then perhaps a Stephen Minister is for you!

If you think that might be the case, please let Dottie,
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What Kind of Cup Are You?

Saturday morning, September 26, was overcast and misty – just days removed from Atlanta's damaging floods – when Embry Hills UMC's Stephen Ministers came together for a half-day retreat. Once we arrived at Stone Mountain UMC, however, we found warmth and inspiration literally within our grasp as Dr. Skip Johnson, a former associate pastor at Embry Hills, led us on an extraordinary spiritual exploration around the rim of a very ordinary object: the cups that we use each day.

Each of us received a special Stephen Ministry cup in a gift bag that morning, not recognizing right away how extremely fitting that particular item would be as

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 December 2009 Newsletter:
Friday, November 13th, 2009
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Please continue prayers for:

Chuck Bell	Anne Hopkins
Jack Ernst	Lilly Hoffman
Barbara Loar	Lynn Overton
Susan Coombs	Dee Moore**
Mary Frances Brough	Jim Lowry**
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**PLEASE REMEMBER
 THESE FRIENDS IN
 PRAYER**
 ** Homebound Members

- ### Gifts Given as of October 16, 2009
- **In memory of Michelle McElroy:** H.L. & Sue Ownbey, Curt Halstead, Bob & Pat Lansdell, Chuck & Sylvia Bell, Adam & Jaime Raymond (*Ministry & Missions*)
 - **In memory of Bill Halstead:** Chuck & Sylvia Bell (*Ministry & Missions*)
 - **In memory of Julia Boyd Maher, sister of Lillian Stacy:** H.L. & Sue Ownbey (*Ministry & Missions*)
 - **In memory of Rev. Beth Luton:** Chuck & Sylvia Bell, Bob & Pat Lansdell, (*Ministry & Missions*)
 - **In memory of Marjorie Lansdell Anderson:** Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lansdell, III (*Youth*)
 - **In memory of Dorothy Bizauskas, mother of Jane Carter:** Chuck & Sylvia Bell (*Ministry & Missions*)
 - **In memory of Ken Story:** Al Coltrane (*Ken Story Endowment Fund*)
 - **In loving memory of Brenda Elkins:** Mr. & Mrs. Billy G. Lankford (*Stephen Ministry*)
 - **In memory of Linda Bryant, step mother of Alisha Waller;** Lance & Alisha Waller (*Music Ministry*)
 - **In memory of Mom:** Marcille Metaxas (*UMChildren's Home & UMCOR*)
 - **In honor of Mark Sargent and Elaine Puckett:** Hugh & Beth Starling (*Apportionments*)
 - **In honor of Cecil & Huvian Ingram:** Scott Tarr (*Ministry & Missions*)
 - **In honor of Amir Zaheri:** Hugh & Beth Starling (*Apportionments*)
 - **In honor of Charlotte Anne Washburn:** Marcille Metaxas (*Children's Ministry*)

A Loving Tradition



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

November 2

Jean Hockman
3000 Lenora Church Road, #B1
Snellville, GA 30078

November 6

Kaye Fason
Southern Plantation Retirement Home
580 Tom Lee Fuller Drive
Loganville, GA 30052

November 7

Margaret Broadrick
5 Pinetree Circle
Lewes, DE 19958

November 14

Bob Walk
Budd Terrace
1833 Clifton Road, Room 330
Atlanta, GA 30329

November 29

Jim 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

Transitions

*Gloria Sweetin, mother of **Karen Roth**, passed away October 15, 2009. A service was held October 18, 2009.*

Please keep the Roth family in your thoughts & prayers during these difficult days.

Welcome New Member

Lisa Sharp recently became the newest member at Embry Hills. She is married to husband Chris (who joined EHUMC 3 years ago) and together they have two wonderful children, Benjamin (6) and Lila (3). Originally from upstate New York, Lisa has lived in Georgia since 1994 and considers it home. She will finish her Masters of Library and Information Studies from Valdosta State University in December of this year. Lisa converted to Catholicism in 2002 and has been a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary since 2006.

Please be sure to give Lisa a big EHUMC hug and welcome!

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 **Thursday, November 19th**, from 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Our program will be given by "Kit & Kaboodle", who will present a program of Folk, Gospel, Country and Oldies Music.

Please call 770-938-0661 to make reservations by Tuesday, November 17th, with cancellations no later than Wednesday, November 18th.

The United Methodist Men are scheduled to meet Sunday morning November 8th at 7:30 a.m. , beginning with breakfast and followed by a program. Everyone is welcome to join us for food, fellowship and what is always an interesting program. If you have questions about UMM, please contact Earl Witcher at (770) 934-8835.

Outreach

Members of the work area on Outreach have been very busy recently with various programs that we support – the Wesley Walk, Snax Sax, and Reading and Math Buddies, but we need your help. These programs, and others in which our church participates, cannot happen without the support of the whole congregation. Please choose an area that is most meaningful to you and get involved.

The Reading and Math Buddies are still looking for adult tutors willing to spend 30 minutes a week to help a child. Please contact Judy Campbell if you can play this important role in a child's life. If you have time on Friday mornings, the Snax Sax crew can use extra hands to help pack and deliver lunch bags.

Cooler weather is here and that means that it's time for the winter coat drive, the Giving Tree, and Operation Christmas Child. These activities provide additional ways for us to help

children who are less fortunate. Even though we live in Georgia, it does get cold. Every child needs a warm coat to wear while they are walking to school or standing at the bus stop in the morning. Operation Christmas Child sends shoe boxes full of small Christmas gifts to children all over the world. You can use a regular shoe box or a plastic, re-usable box to pack and deliver these gifts. We will be collecting boxes until Nov 15th when they will be sent to Operation Christmas Child for sorting and final delivery in time for Christmas. Be sure to look for the giving trees to be set up in the church at the end of November. Choose an ornament and buy a Christmas gift for someone who might not get a gift without your involvement.

We are the body of Christ on Earth. Let's all put our hands to good use in His service.

~Kim McDaniel
Co-chair, Outreach Committee

It's Time to Pack a Shoebox!

Somewhere in our big world there's a child who will receive your gift. Through the efforts of congregations across the country, **Operation Christmas Child** distributes simple gifts to millions of boys and girls in 130 countries. It's easy to do and a great project to do with a child.



Fill a shoebox with items our own kids take for granted -- a new toothbrush, washcloth, bar of soap, crayons, markers, writing pads, matchbox cars, a slinky, mints, gum, hair clips . . .

Wrap the shoebox in holiday paper (lid separate) or purchase a plastic shoebox that becomes a permanent part of the gift (and don't worry about wrapping it).

Contribute \$7 per box to help cover shipping and other costs.



Deliver your boxes to the tables just inside the Family Life Center by no later than Sunday, November 15th.

For detailed instructions pick up a brochure outside either the Family Life Center or the Sanctuary. Questions? Contact Sally Harrell (770) 559-0776 or Suzanne Segler (770) 934-3595.

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Carol, Elaine, or me hear from you. We'll gladly answer any questions. By the way, **DO NOT** fail to ask for a Stephen Minister just because you're not dying or because you're afraid that someone else who needs one more desperately might not have what they need if you request one! If you're struggling, Stephen Ministry can help, and they stand ready to do so.

Stephen Ministry is one very important component of a congregation that is adept at care and love. Thanks to all of you for the ministry of care you carry out through Embry Hills United Methodist Church.

Love,

Mark

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

Ministries



NETWorks Cooperative Ministry

NETWorks is a cooperative Christian ministry working with persons in need in the Northlake-Embry Hills-Tucker area. It is comprised of a group of 19 churches (Embry Hills UMC is one!) and several individuals committed to assist in meeting urgent needs related especially to housing and utilities.

Utilizing community and partner church resources, NETWorks strives to create a "safety net that works." This safety net includes material assistance, advocacy, spiritual assistance, and referral to other appropriate agencies and services, including the N.E.T. Food Pantry.

NETWorks' services to clients include funds for emergency needs related to housing and utilities, referral to the N.E.T. Food Pantry or other food assistance, transportation assistance, referral to other agencies and advocacy for the impoverished in our community.

NETWorks' services to partner churches include a central location where partner churches can refer those requesting assistance, an application and screening process that enables partner churches to be good stew-

ards of donations, up-to-date information on referrals and pooling of resources to allow churches to more effectively minister to the poor.

Seventy-four clients were helped in August 2009 in the amount of \$5,683.27. Please see the tables below for more details on those helped and how.

NETWorks always has need for Bibles, individually wrapped snacks, toiletries (especially deodorant and travel size liquid laundry detergent), umbrellas or rain hats and spiritual reading materials, such as Guideposts magazine.

NETWorks also always has need of volunteers. NETWorks cannot run without its volunteers. Volunteers come from partner churches and are trained to work with clients, answer phones, do office work, and other ministry tasks. If you are an individual interested in working with the needy, please contact Lynne Stone, Director of NETWorks at 404-939-6454. NETWorks is currently housed at Lawrenceville Rd UMC at 3142 Lawrenceville Hwy in Tucker. Hours are M,W,F from noon to 2 pm.

VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

A Salute to Veterans supper is planned for Wednesday November 11th in the Family Life Center (this is the 2nd Wednesday night supper in November). All veterans are invited to come, bring their families and help us celebrate their dedicated service to our country.

Tables will be set up for veterans to display paraphernalia from their service years (this is also a great way to help our youth understand the sacrifices that have been made for the freedoms we cherish).

Buzz has planned an all-American dinner and the cost is \$7/adult (please be sure to make an advanced reservation by calling the church office at (770) 938-0661).

Anyone who is willing to help decorate or provide flags or other items, please contact Pat Lansdell (770-934-8279) or Pat McElroy (770-452-0327).

The Vision class invites you to join us in the FLC on Sunday, November 15th at 9:45 for a light breakfast to honor our veterans. Please help us celebrate the contributions of these very important friends! Contact Carolyn Shaffer at shafferdawgs@yahoo.com with questions.

Race	Age	Employment
African American=59	Youngest Client=20	Clients working=39
Caucasian=13	Oldest Client=57	Clients laid off=8
Hispanic=2	# of Clients with children less than 18 years of age=43	Clients on SSI/SS=9
		Clients not working=16
		Students=2

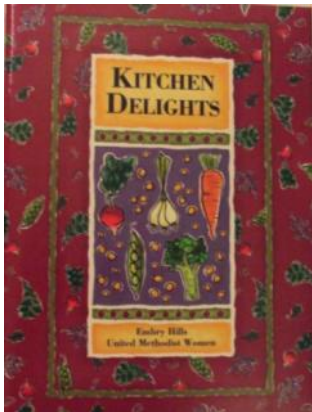
Monies went to:	Amount
Lodging	\$453.24
Rent	\$2,227.00
Utilities	\$2,157.36
Other	\$38.67
Matthews meals	\$32.00
Texaco	\$300.00
Marta Cards	\$55.00
Kroger Cards	\$420.00

**UMW Square Pegs
Chili Cookoff**

Please mark your calendar for this special event organized by the UMW SquarePegs: **CCC – Church Chili Cook-off starting at noon on Sunday, November 8th, right after church.** The event is free of charge, and any cooks interested in showing off their famous chili are invited to join the competition. Awards and prizes will be given for the tastiest chili and best chili name. Look for more information as the event draws closer. Questions: Contact Susanne Marsh 770-457-3624 or smarsh@marshcomm.net

At the Church Chili Cook-off and at Wednesday night supper, November 11, the SquarePegs will sell products from '10,000 Villages', the oldest and largest fair trade organization selling jewelry, home décor and much more. Fair trade enables artisans located in over 38 countries, from regions including Africa, Asia and Latin America, to earn a fair wage and provides for the opportunity for a better quality of life. This is a great chance to get your Christmas shopping done early and to support a great cause. (See article about 10,000 Villages on page 7).
~Susanne Marsh

“Come to the Table” has been the theme of North Georgia United Methodist Women this year. In coming to the table, we have found friendship, support, rejoicing, learning, resting and much more. We have joined those here at Embry Hills, in our Atlanta Emory District, in our North Georgia Conference and in our United Methodist Church. The “table” has offered us refreshment. We have greatly appreciated the coming to the table of the Square Pegs here at Embry Hills. We invite all women to come and take your place at our table.



In addition to the tremendous project being undertaken by our Square Pegs, we also have our **“Kitchen Delights”** on sale for \$15.00. We were very pleased with our cover for the cookbook, but even much more so with the support we had of acquiring some delicious sounding recipes. Using one of Mark’s recipes will set you up as a great chef, or you can pick an easier one. Primarily you will enjoy using a recipe submitted by Embry Hills members. (By the way, I recommend it as a great Christmas present this year.) All proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will be used towards a mission area supported by United Methodist Women to help women, children and youth. Cookbooks can be purchased in the Church Office during the week or from any United Methodist Woman. This cookbook certainly fits our theme for the year “Come to the Table.”

Service Project of the Month: Candy canes for the stockings that we will be taking to the Women’s Kitchen in December.

Mr. Gideon Robe, Executive Director of The Kenya Project, will be our speaker at the General Meeting on Tuesday, November 3 at 10:00 a.m. It is our World Thank Day, the day we make our gifts to the United Methodist Women World Thank Offering. This offering is collected every November to express our gratitude for God’s abundance and to celebrate the joys of life. We are each given a small bank at the beginning of the year to make a monetary expression of thanks for a moment that has happened to us. This offering is then sent to the United Methodist Women, a part of the Board of Global Ministries, to be used for women and children.

We extend a special congratulations to Judy Campbell. She became installed as an Atlanta Emory UMW district officer in October.

Do you need to know who we (UMW) are? Please ask.

~Sue Ownbey (shownbey@yahoo.com or 770-493-7642)

CIRCLE NEWS

- The McElroy Circle meets November 3, 2009 following lunch.
- The Bailey Circle meets November 17, 2009 at Sue Giles' home, 2890 Whitby Drive.
- The Pannell Circle will **not** meet in November.

Ministries

UMW Square Pegs' World Missions Christmas Sale

Please join UMW's Square Pegs on Sunday, November 8th or Wednesday, November 11th as we showcase beautiful items for sale made around the world and sold through Ten Thousand Villages. You will be able to get all your Christmas shopping done in one fell swoop!

Ten Thousand Villages is an exceptional source for unique, handmade gifts, jewelry, home decor and personal accessories representing the diverse cultures of more than 130 artisan groups in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East.

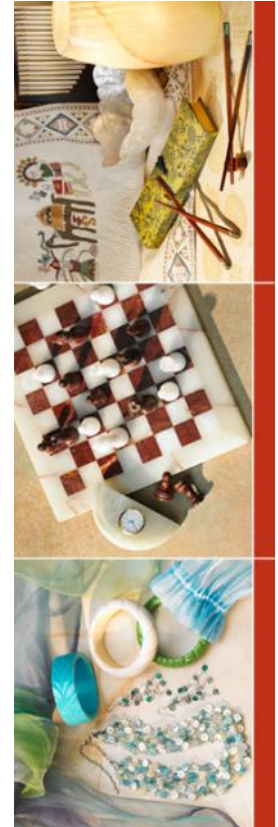
As one of the world's oldest and largest fair trade retailers, Ten Thousand Villages strives to improve the livelihood of tens of thousands of disadvantaged artisans by establishing a sustainable market for handmade products in North America.

Ten Thousand Villages achieves this mission

by building long-term buying relationships in places where skilled artisan partners lack opportunities for stable income. Product sales help pay for food, education, healthcare and housing for artisans who would otherwise be unemployed or underemployed.

The event will be held on Sunday, November 8th from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm in the Family Life Center in conjunction with the Chili Cook Off and Wednesday, November 11th from 6 pm to 8 pm in the Family Life Center during Wednesday Night Supper. Please plan to come and shop and enjoy some chili! Any monies made will be used to support UMW's mission of helping women and children in need.

For more information, please contact Suzanne Segler at 770.934.3595 or sdsegler@gmail.com For a sneak peek, go to www.tenthousandvillages.com to see many of the items that will be for sale at the UMW Square Pegs' World Missions Christmas Sale!



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our shared time progressed. The content of Joyce Rupp's book, *The Cup of Our Lives*, which Skip had chosen for our retreat focus, would help us understand how the cup is a rich symbol of life, with its emptiness and fullness, its brokenness and flaws. As each of us described our "cup" – using different images ranging from the strong and sturdy Waffle House-type mug to the chipped or broken cup to the cup missing a handle -- we learned that "we are all containers, meant to hold the divine presence." Skip, who played an important role in helping Embry Hills UMC to become a Stephen Ministry congregation in 2003, asked us to think about what God is pouring into our cups, and what He may need us to pour out. In examining the "clutter" lumped at the bottom of each of our cups, we discussed the difficulty of discarding those obstacles that collect in our lives to distract us from concentrating on what is truly important.

With 100 percent participation from the six active Stephen Ministers and two Stephen Leaders, the retreat proved to be a mountaintop experience in what has been, for many in our church family, a year of val-

leys. We hope to make it an annual event of nourishment and renewal as our ministry grows and we explore new ways to offer those in our congregation the Christian caregiving our training has prepared us to do.

If you would like to learn more from Joyce Rupp's excellent guide for spiritual growth, look for *The Cup of Our Life*, copyright 1997, by Ave Maria Press, Inc.

The book is now in its eighth printing. A copy has been ordered for the Embry Hills United Methodist Church library by your Stephen Ministers, and will be available soon.

Stephen Ministers at a recent retreat include (FR) Carol Nigro, Jenni Turner, Dottie Coltrane, & Robin Aldrich.(BR): Brian Jones, Marcille Metaxas & Matt Washburn. Not pictured: Riley Deichert (the photographer).



*“What I can do, you cannot. What you can do, I cannot. But together we can do something beautiful for God.”
~Mother Teresa*

Yup, I am a quote collector. Have been for years and years. Perhaps it is because as a singer I am always expressing the thoughts of other people. Or it could be simply that I just cannot find a way to say things better than those who have already spoken! I shared this Mother Teresa quote with the Youth this past week because it seemed so appropriate given that two-thirds of October Youth events were outreach related. We “Trick or Canned” to collect items for Snax Sax and spend an evening worshipping with the residents of the United Methodist Children’s Home (UMCH) in Decatur. We did together what one of us could never accomplish. On top of all that, we spent the whole month nominating and electing our new Youth Ministry Leadership Team (YMLT). Youth using their time, talents, gifts, services and witness to lead each other—this is exciting stuff! Is there a better way to show our thankfulness to God than to share what we have with others? Together we can gather our gifts and give back so much more than we could alone.

This Thanksgiving season, I am so very grateful for being a part of such an incredible Youth Ministry, full of amazing and gifted middle and high schoolers. I could never express enough gratitude to the volunteers who give back every week through Sunday School or Youth Fellowship. Then there is the fact that there is a congregation that supports this Youth Ministry and allows it to grow. So much to be thankful for! It is so easy for us to complain about what is not going our way but I hope this November you will take some time to see all that you have given and express thanks to God and the people in your life who love you.

Peace, Victoria

P.S. Don’t forget to “fall back” and enjoy the extra hour of sleep when Daylight Saving Time ends on November 1. Set your clocks after you Trick or Treat so you don’t miss it! ;)

Embry Hills Youth Ministries are the proud recipients of the recently published Wesley Study Bible (NRSV). These Bibles were purchased with a loving gift from Betty Carringer.

Youth Activities

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

Sunday School (Sundays @ 9:45 a.m. in Room 403):

Each week is a new topic, so come when you can. We would love to spend the time with you!

Youth Fellowship (Sundays @ 5:15, 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. Special thanks goes to the parents for providing dinner each week! Plus, we are thankful to the Pannell UMW Circle who asked to provide and serve our meal on November 15—how cool is that!! ***Please note that we will be off on November 29 for the Thanksgiving Holidays.***

Youth Ministry Leadership Team (YMLT):

The first meeting of the new officers will take place on **Sunday, Nov. 8, 3-4:15 p.m., in Rm. 401.** Congratulations to ALL who were nominated!

Confirmation Class of 2009:

Looking forward to our on-site retreat on November 6 & 7 for Confirmands only. I cannot wait to hear what you and your Faith Friend have experienced together. Elaine and I are looking forward to spending time with you and doing our part to assist you on your faith journey.

Confirmation Sunday is November 15 @ 11 a.m.



Children Activities



Night In Bethlehem

The Family Life Center will once again become the Village of Bethlehem on Saturday, December 12 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. This event will be held indoors and is free for the whole family, with shops for learning and doing – aromatic spices, musical instruments, coins, leather working, weaving and dyeing, a bakery, and a farmer’s market with fruits, vegetables and grains. There will also be a covered stable with a living Nativity and animals from The Little Red Barn in Calhoun, GA. Come see and experience the sights, smells and sounds of what it may have been like 2,000 years ago – when a baby was born. Make plans to attend now, because the inns in Bethlehem fill up fast and you wouldn’t want to be without a room!

Calling all Shopkeepers, Villagers, Tentmakers and Volunteers:

YOU too can be one of the many volunteers needed to help make this year’s “A Night in Bethlehem” another success on December 12th! There are a variety of ways to get involved – setting up Thursday and Friday evenings before, helping with lighting and props that Friday afternoon, hosting a shop or craft, shepherding guests in the parking lot and at the stable, and cleaning up and resetting the FLC after the event. The parents of families with school aged children appreciate those members without younger children working the event that evening so they can attend with their families, and we appreciate those parents helping with set up and clean up before and after.

Donations of cider and sugar cookies are also needed. And any monetary donations are appreciated to help defray costs of the petting zoo and materials. Please mark your donation envelope or check for “Bethlehem”.

Contact Rebecca Doolittle at doodawgs@bellsouth.net, 770-491-3979 or Valerie Harvard, valharvard@yahoo.com, 770-938-0661 x114, to receive information about the opportunities available.

Wednesday Workshop

I’m glad to report that Wednesday Workshop is up and running and a good time is had by all. Each Wednesday children in kindergarten through 3rd grade gather in room 207 for crafts, games, puzzles and lots of learning. We’ve seen a total of twelve children, with about eight attending each week. It’s been great fun to see them enjoy an independent workshop setting.

A big thank you to all who have helped get us started and continue to help us make more materials. Also thanks to our great team of adult guides who join us to keep our children safe and help them learn. Volunteers have been abundant and it makes a huge difference for our children.

If you would like more information about this program, please contact Karen Gimnig (gimnig@gmail.com, 678-705-9007)



The Book Shelf

***ENOUGH IS ENOUGH: Grace For The Restless Heart* by John Westfall**

This 165 page book directs our attention to God's most endearing gift, G R A C E ! ! ! Pastor Westfall urges us to accept this most powerful, yet dearest gift.

GRACE TO OVERCOME: Insecurity, Obsession, Circumstances, Envy and Temptation.

GRACE TO SUSTAIN: Peace, Hope, Love, Power, and Vision.

GRACE TO ENCOURAGE: Raising the standards of legalism, license, denial and surrender.

GRACE TO ENABLE: Relating Grace to the Body of Christ, rescuing grace for salvation, releasing grace for spiritual gifts, restoring for forgiveness.

Epilogue: Grace to satisfy.

Pastor Westfall's work is easy reading and nourishing food for thought. Westfall is a Presbyterian pastor and co-host of the weekly Christian radio program, "Everyday People."

***IN THE GARDEN: A Photographic Inspirational Book* by Cathy Gore**

This little , full color booklet was given in memory of Marjorie Lansdell Anderson. It is filled with beautiful color photographs with a inspirational thought on the facing pages. In this particular work, Mrs. Gore has used the wonderful hymn, *I Come To The Garden Alone*, to express her thoughts on the facing pages.

~Jim Johnson



Don't Forget: The next six-week session for **5,6,7,8 Beginner Line Dance** classes begins now! Join at any point. For more information, call Jane in the church office at (770) 938-0661, extension 121.

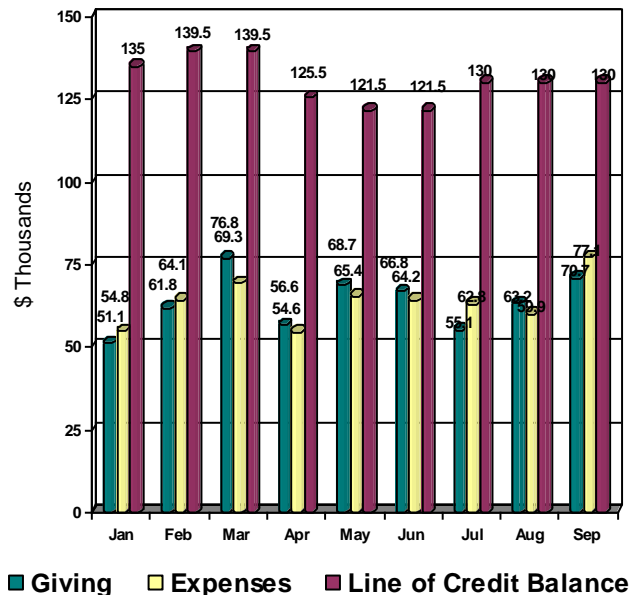
The Dashboard

September				
Giving		Avg Attendance		
			Sept	YTD
Collections Needed YTD	\$ 581,250 *	8:45 Worship	70	68
Collections Received YTD	\$ 570,776	11:00 Worship	249	236
Giving Deficit YTD	(\$10,474)	Sunday School	182	173
†Apportionments Paid YTD		\$71,143		

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

September 2009 contributions were \$70,699.20 and expenses were \$77,103.74, resulting in a net loss of (\$6,404.54). Revenue included \$15,000 from the Story Fund, which was earmarked for and included \$20,600.00 paid toward apportionments. The Line of Credit (LOC) balance for September 30th remains at \$130,000. YTD apportionments paid are \$71,143, against a total due of \$123,803 for the full year of 2009."

The more we touch the intimate love of God which creates, sustains, and guides us, the more we recognize the multitude of fruits that come forth from that love." (Henri J.M. Nouwen; "The Spirituality of Fund-Raising")



NOVEMBER 2009

EHUMC Calendar of Events, EHUMC

Nov 2009 (Eastern Time)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</p> <p>4pm - Carol Choir Rehearsal @ RM-412</p> <p>4pm - Cherub Choir Rehearsal @ RM-412</p> <p>4pm - Youth Fundraiser Committee</p> <p>4:30pm - Youth Arts Choir @ RM-412</p> <p>4:45pm - Junior Choir Rehearsal @ RM-412</p> <p>5:15pm - Youth Fellowship @ RM-412</p> <p>6pm - SFRP @ RM-412</p>	<p>10am - Invitation to the Psalms @ RM-412</p> <p>10am - Jesus in the Gospels @ RM-412</p> <p>4:45pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ RM-412</p> <p>6pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ RM-412</p> <p>7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild @ RM-412</p> <p>7pm - ESL @ RM211, 210</p> <p>7pm - Pack 7 Leaders Meeting @ RM-412</p>	<p>10am - UNM Activities @ Various</p> <p>1:35pm - Staff Meeting @ LCR</p> <p>6pm - Line Dancing @ RM-312</p> <p>6pm - Yoga @ RH</p> <p>6:45pm - Webeos 2 Den Scouts @ RM-412</p> <p>7pm - Yoga @ Rehearsal Hall</p>	<p>KIDZTOWN Wednesday Schedule @ RM-412</p> <p>WORSHIP ARTS Wednesday Schedule @ RM-412</p> <p>9:30am - Yoga @ RH</p> <p>10:30am - Bible Study @ RM-412</p> <p>6pm - Cafe del Soul @ FLC</p> <p>6:30pm - Learning to Use My Bible @ RM-412</p> <p>6:45pm - Women Spirit @ RM-412</p> <p>7pm - Invitation to New Testament @ RM-412</p>	<p>9:30am - ESL @ RM 202/204</p> <p>7pm - PDO meeting @ WAHOO, RM-412</p>	<p>Onsite Confirmation Retreat @ 400 Hail Chapel</p> <p>9am - SNAX S.A.X. Assembly</p> <p>9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store @ RM-209</p> <p>9am - UNM Square Pags Setup @ RM-209</p> <p>10am - FOCUS @ RM312, 301, 302, RM-209</p> <p>11am - AA @ RM-209</p>	<p>9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store @ RM-209</p> <p>11am - AA @ RM-209</p> <p>4pm - Choir Dress Rehearsal for RM-209</p>
<p>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</p> <p>7:30am - UNM @ FLC</p> <p>10am - UNM 10000 Villages & YMLT new officer's meeting</p> <p>3pm - YMLT new officer's meeting</p> <p>4pm - Carol Choir Rehearsal @ RM-412</p> <p>4pm - Cherub Choir Rehearsal @ RM-412</p> <p>4:30pm - Youth Arts Choir @ RM-412</p> <p>4:45pm - Junior Choir Rehearsal @ RM-412</p>	<p>10am - Invitation to the Psalms @ RM-412</p> <p>10am - Jesus in the Gospels @ RM-412</p> <p>4:45pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ RM-412</p> <p>6pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ RM-412</p> <p>6:30pm - Bear Den Scout Pack 7 @ RM-412</p> <p>7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild @ RM-412</p> <p>7pm - ESL @ RM211, 210</p>	<p>1:35pm - Staff Meeting @ LCR</p> <p>6pm - Line Dancing @ RM-312</p> <p>6pm - Yoga @ RH</p> <p>6:45pm - Webeos 2 Den Scouts @ RM-412</p> <p>7pm - Yoga @ Rehearsal Hall</p>	<p>KIDZTOWN Wednesday Schedule @ RM-412</p> <p>WORSHIP ARTS Wednesday Schedule @ RM-412</p> <p>9:30am - Yoga @ RH</p> <p>10:30am - Bible Study @ RM-412</p> <p>6pm - Cafe del Soul @ FLC</p> <p>6:30pm - Learning to Use My Bible @ RM-412</p> <p>6:45pm - Women Spirit @ RM-412</p> <p>7pm - Invitation to New Testament @ RM-412</p>	<p>9:30am - ESL @ RM 202/204</p> <p>1:30pm - MATC @ RM 410-412</p> <p>7pm - PDO meeting @ WAHOO, RM-412</p>	<p>December Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>9am - SNAX S.A.X. Assembly</p> <p>9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store @ RM-209</p> <p>11am - AA @ RM-209</p>	<p>9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store @ RM-209</p> <p>11am - AA @ RM-209</p> <p>4pm - Choir Dress Rehearsal for RM-209</p>
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<p>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</p> <p>12:15pm - Trustees</p> <p>1:30pm - Pack 7 meeting @ FLC</p> <p>4pm - Carol Choir Rehearsal @ RM-412</p> <p>4pm - Cherub Choir Rehearsal @ RM-412</p> <p>4:30pm - Youth Arts Choir @ RM-412</p> <p>4:45pm - Junior Choir Rehearsal @ RM-412</p> <p>5:15pm - Youth Fellowship @ RM-412</p>	<p>10am - Invitation to the Psalms @ RM-412</p> <p>10am - Jesus in the Gospels @ RM-412</p> <p>4:45pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ RM-412</p> <p>6pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ RM-412</p> <p>7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild @ RM-412</p> <p>7pm - ESL @ RM211, 210</p>	<p>10:15am - Kindergarten T giving</p> <p>1:35pm - Staff Meeting @ LCR</p> <p>6pm - Line Dancing @ RM-312</p> <p>6pm - Yoga @ RH</p> <p>7pm - Yoga @ Rehearsal Hall</p> <p>7:30pm - Choir Board Meeting @ RM-412</p>	<p>KIDZTOWN Wednesday Schedule @ RM-412</p> <p>WORSHIP ARTS Wednesday Schedule @ RM-412</p> <p>9:30am - Yoga @ RH</p> <p>10:30am - Bible Study @ RM-412</p> <p>6pm - Cafe del Soul @ FLC</p>	<p>Church Office Closed</p> <p>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</p>	<p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>Church Office Closed</p> <p>11am - AA @ RM-209</p>
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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:45 Early Worship Service

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship Service

KIDZTOWN Wednesday Night Schedule (all events begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m.):

Club 45—Room 211

Wednesday Workshop—Kidztown Clubhouse

Wednesday Worship Arts Schedule:

5:00 Young Ringers (Sanctuary)

5:30 Tinnabulum (Sanctuary)

6:30 Praise Band (Chapel)

6:30 Carillon Ringers (Sanctuary)

7:00 Chancel Choir (Rehearsal Hall)

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