

# SOURCE

A Monthly Digest of Church Life



## Sargent's Voice

### FOUR AGREEMENTS

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

W e've turned the page to October, and we're headed down the home stretch of another year. These years are moving too quickly! Would someone kindly put the brakes on?

I like to read. Some of the best books I have read are the simplest. There's no rule anywhere that I'm aware of that says that a book has to be hard to understand in order to be good.

A while back, I read a simple book entitled The Four Agreements. I noticed it again on my bookshelf the other day and thought I would share some of the simple wisdom this book contains. It speaks to me; perhaps it will resonate with you. In setting the stage for sharing the agreements, the author, Don Miguel Ruiz, says that if we want to live lives of joy and fulfillment, we have to break any agreements we have made that are based in fear so that we are open to entering into agreements based on love. He then proceeds to share the four agreements that we are able to make with ourselves and out of which we may live in our relationships with others.

**Be impeccable with your word.** Essentially, this entails speaking words that emanate from truth and never speaking words that can be characterized as gossip. Gossip, he says, is the human equivalent of a computer virus; it causes confusion and chaos. Use the power of your word in the direction of truth and love. I preached recently on this topic, using The Letter of James, in which we are powerfully admonished to be careful about the unwise use of these tongues of ours, which can bring great beauty into being and which can also create great pain and destruction.

**Don't take anything personally.** In my own personal journey, this is one that has often tripped me up! I like what Ruiz says. "Nothing other people do is because of you. It is because of themselves." He speaks a

fundamental human truth. But, as one person has said, we often live in such a fog of projections that we have learned not to recognize the difference between what belongs to us and what belongs to others. Nothing anyone else does is because of you. They may seek to blame you, but that, too, belongs to them. In the best book on forgiveness I have ever read, Fred Luskin's Forgive For Good, Luskin speaks of learning to "rarely if ever take offense." This "agreement" is like preventive maintenance! Just think of how little we would have to forgive if we learned not to personalize the actions of others to begin with. Perhaps I'm not the only one still working on this.

**Don't make assumptions.** How often in my life have I replaced what is real with what I assume to be. We all know the old saw about what happens when we assume. Conversations with one another, not assumptions about one another, can really help!

**Always do your best.** This one, like the one above, is self-explanatory. In every interaction, every action, even in every intention and thought, am I doing my best? For us who are Christians, our best is always inspired by the life, teaching, and example we have in Jesus.

These are four agreements that I am renewing with myself. They represent hard work. Please pray for me as I seek to maintain them, so that I can be the best me I am able to be. If you decide to renew these agreements with yourself, please let me know so that I can be praying for you, too.

Mark

Want to hear more from Mark Sargent? Be sure to read the article about Day1 on page 12!

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### Gifts Given as of September 18, 2009

- **In memory of Michelle McElroy:** Jim & Pat Barlow, Jo Pittman, Shirley Burdine, Jack & Veleta Holley, (*Ministry & Missions*), Pete & Dodie Risse (*Music & Arts*), Janet Keck (*Youth Ministry*)
- **In memory of Jim Carroll,** brother-in-law of Gordon Harrison: Marcille Metaxas (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Jan Molina,** niece of Mary Jo Garvin: Jo Pittman, Frances West (*Ministry & Missions*)
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- **In memory of Jean Dugger,** sister of Jim Drew: Chuck & Sylvia Bell, Earl & Anne Witcher, Jerry & Suzanne Wilson, (*Ministry & Missions*)

(See Special Gifts on page 10)

# A Loving Tradition



Since there are no birthdays for October, we included contact information for some of our homebound members. Please reach out to someone with a card or phone call to say "Thinking of You". I am sure this small gesture will mean so much to our friends that can no longer regularly attend church. Blessings to you and yours!

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## Transitions

- Michelle McElroy, granddaughter of Frances Helms-Warren, passed away August 31, 2009. The funeral service was held at Embry Hills September 4, 2009.
- Julia Boyd Maher, sister of Lillian Stacy, died September 14, 2009. A service will be held in Stapleton, GA.
- Rosa Miller Hobbs-Joyce passed away August 23, 2009; she is the maternal grandmother of Elizabeth McCloy.
- Jan Molina, niece of Mary Jo Garvin, died August 26, 2009 in New Mexico.

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

*Please continue prayers for:*

Chuck Bell    Dee Moore\*\*  
 Jack Ernst    Jim Lowry\*\*  
 Barbara Loar    Grace Lowry\*\*  
 Susan Coombs    Millie Taylor\*\*  
 Mary Frances Brough    Kaye Fason\*\*  
 Dorothy Jones  
 Lee Fason

REMEMBER  
THESE FRIENDS IN  
PRAYER  
\*\*Homebound Members

Deadline for the  
November 2009 Newsletter:  
**Friday, October 16th, 2009**

Send all content to  
**newsletter@embryhillsumc.org**

# Outreach

**D**uring the summer months, my family travels, sleeps more, and eats dinner late. We play more games together, swap books, and watch movies. Several decks of cards get worn out, beach towels dry on the porch and we go to church much less regularly. We are casual, even careless, about our meals, our non-familial relationships and anything else that might disturb us as we refuel.

And like many other families, it takes a few weeks, as summer moves into fall, for us to get back into the swing of school, sports and church activities.

But it is October! The Work Area on Outreach members are busy planning ways for all of us to care for as many of His children, in as many ways, as possible. It is time to fully shake off that summer lethargy and get back to church stuff.

Let's start by participating in the Wesley Walk for Others! This fun walk around Stone Mountain will be held Saturday, October 24th. Sign up your family, your Sunday School Class, or your Bible study group and we'll have the largest number of participants from Embry Hills ever! Invite your neighbors & coworkers to participate as sponsors or walk with us; this really is a "the more, the merrier" event! Call or email Kim McDaniel for more information and to sign up - it'll be great!

Are your Friday mornings a little bit slow? How about joining us upstairs on the Kindergarten hall to pack and deliver Snax Sax - we meet at 9 am and are usually heading out the door to deliver the bags by 10 am. It's quick, fun and really helpful to many of our neighboring children.

Or you could spend ½ hour once a week helping a child improve in school! Our Reading and Math Buddies program is a great way to make a significant difference in the life of a child in our neighborhood school. Judy Campbell is the Outreach Coordinator for this program - there are kids who need us!

We are Methodists because we believe in living out our Christianity, and we do that best together. Join in!

"The Bible knows nothing of solitary religion."  
John Wesley

~Beth Starling  
Outreach Co-Chair

The 27th annual **Wesley Walk for Others** will be held on Saturday, **October 24th**. Please plan to join 1,200 to 1,500 other United Methodists who walk around Stone Mountain and raise pledges to support the ministries of the Wesley Community Centers. The walk begins at **7:30am** at the Stone Mountain First UMC. We will walk 6.2 miles around the base of Stone Mountain. (That's *around*, not *up*!)



The Wesley Community Centers is an affiliated agency of the UMC. This is their primary fundraiser for the year and supports Project Extend, Camp Wesley, and the Bethlehem Senior Center. Project Extend provides home repairs for low-income senior citizens. Bethlehem Senior Center offers a gathering place for seniors where they can enjoy fellowship, participate in recreational activities and get assistance with social services. Camp Wesley is a Christian summer camp for underprivileged children and youth. These important programs rely on volunteers and donations to be able to operate.

Please join us in this effort to "give feet to the faith of the church!" For more information, please contact **Kim McDaniel 770-492-1967 or KimWMcDaniel@gmail.com**.



It's not too early to be thinking about **Operation Christmas Child** (a.k.a. the shoebox project)! Shoeboxes filled with toys and toiletries are shipped to millions of boys and girls in 130 countries throughout the world. Either wrap a shoebox or purchase a plastic (unwrapped) shoebox that becomes a permanent part of the gift. Boxes will be collected until Sunday, November 15th. Contact **Sally Harrell (770) 559-0776** for more information.



# Ministries



The Reading and Math Buddies program is off and running for the 2009-2010 school year. Currently, there are 23 adult volunteers (Reading and Math Buddies) working with children at Pleasantdale Elementary School. Of those volunteers, 14 come from Embry Hills UMC. I am most thankful for your willingness to serve God by serving HIS children in this way.

Unfortunately, we have barely begun to help cover the needs of the students at Pleasantdale. Mrs. Boswell, the principal at Pleasantdale, asked the 28 homeroom teachers in grades 1 through 5 to identify those students who most need help. The teachers easily identified 112 students who need that little bit of extra, one-on-one help that our Reading and Math Buddies can provide. Simple math tells us that we have not yet even provided one Reading or Math Buddy for each teacher in grades 1 through 5 at Pleasantdale, much less one Buddy for each of those 112 children.

It's NOT too late (NEVER too late) to become a

Reading or Math Buddy! Trust me when I tell you that the 30 minutes once per week that I spend with one of the students at Pleasantdale Elementary is one of my very favorite 30 minute windows in the week. You don't need to be a former teacher or have any special abilities; all you need is a willingness to serve. The teacher provides the materials and directions for the help you'll provide.

Won't you join me in helping one of those students who has not yet been paired with a Reading or Math Buddy? The children are willing to learn, the administrators and staff at the school are supportive, and the teachers are grateful for the help. Talk about an easy way to make a difference and feel good about it at the same time!

Contact **Judy Campbell** at [judyc@mindspring.com](mailto:judyc@mindspring.com) or (770) 723-0850 to sign up to help or to learn more about this outreach opportunity.

## THE STORY LEGACY

At the May 2009 meeting of the Administrative Council Bob Smith presented a generous legacy check to the church in the amount of \$40,000 from Ken Story's estate. Embry Hills United Methodist Church was blessed by the long history of service and dedication by Ken and Jeanette who were charter members when the congregation was founded in 1961.

Bob served as the Story's attorney and relayed their wishes for using the legacy. Their goals for the legacy were to further church outreach to the less fortunate, choir needs, church maintenance, a CD Bible or other aids for visually or hearing impaired parishioners, and as seed money for an endowment fund.

Over the summer, the Finance Committee, the Board of Trustees and others in the church reviewed the wishes of Ken and Jeanette to make the best use of this gift. On August 30<sup>th</sup> the Administrative Council voted to use the legacy as follows:

- \$15,000 for Embry Hill's 2009 Apportionments, earmarked for three outreach needs: Church Development, Higher Education, and World Service and Benevolence,
- \$10,000 to start an Endowment Fund to benefit Embry Hills UMC, and
- \$15,000 to the Trustees for church maintenance.
- The church will also acquire a CD Bible for visually or hearing impaired parishioners.

As Chair of the Administrative Council, I wrote the Story's children to thank them for the gift and noted its uses. I would like to share the note from Ms. Martha Mobley (Jeanette Story's daughter and step-daughter of Ken Story):

"Thank you for the informative letter of September 2<sup>nd</sup>. I know my parents would be pleased and happy for their church family. I am pleased about the CD Bible. Papa enjoyed the one I purchased for him over the last few years of his life. It was a daily blessing and he would talk to us about his listening. The Embry Hills Church family ministered to my parents and I wish for all of you the blessing of God, our Father, and Jesus Christ."

The Trustees will decide how to invest the endowment fund for the good of the congregation.

*~Jim Deichert, Chair-Administrative Council*

**A**s United Methodist Women here at Embry Hills we constantly strive to achieve the purpose of being a community of women who come to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to strive to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to seek to expand concepts of missions through global ministries of the church. We realize that October will offer us a full and busy month as we strive to fulfill the purpose.

On Monday evening, October 5, at 7:30 p.m., the Square Pegs will join together at the "Tah Cha" Tea House at North Hills Shopping Center. Over delicious cups of tea, fellowship and plans will be made for the upcoming visit to Jerusalem House set for Saturday, October 24 from 10:30—12 noon. The Square Pegs will be hosting a Halloween Party for 12 children while their parents participate in a book club. LeyAnna Messick (sl.messick@comcast.net) will be delighted to give you additional details if you are interested in participating.

The Children's Home Auxiliary is having its Fall Flea Market on October 9 and 10. The Auxiliary works very hard to offer monetary support to the Children's Home and the Flea Markets have worked wonders. The spring sale raised about \$32,000. On these days, there is also baked goods sold as well as a sandwich shop. The Embry Hills UMW will take baked goods to the Children's Home leaving the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m.



**United Methodist Women**  
Women's Division

- The **McElroy Circle** will meet at 9:45 a.m. at EHUMC on October 6, 2009.
- The **Bailey Circle** will meet at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at Charlotte Mauldin's, 3336 Regalwoods Drive; Margine Johnson will serve as co-hostess.
- The **Pannell Circle** will meet at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at Sylvia Pannell's, 1772 Kanawha Trail, St. Mtn., with lunch to follow the meeting.

on the 9th. You may either meet Sue Ownbey in the parking lot on the 9th or leave your items in the church's kitchen on Thursday, October 8th.

Service Project of the Month: Foster Care Support Foundation

This organization was begun by a couple of women at Roswell UMC collecting baby and children clothes to be made available for Foster Parents. It has grown and grown and they now have their own facility to keep and organize all donations for babies through teenage clothes. Foster parents from all over Georgia are able to come to pick out clothes and toys for the children they are parenting. About 3600 to 4000 children receive items from this organization yearly. We will be collecting items (gently used items) or monetary gifts for Foster Care in October as our project.

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.....more info next month. We extend an invitation to all to join us.

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

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

The **United Methodist Men (UMM)** is scheduled to meet on the following dates for the remainder of 2009:

- **Sunday, October 11, 2009**
- **Sunday, November 8, 2009**
- **Sunday, December 13, 2009** (due to a typically busy December church calendar, this meeting may be cancelled; however, we will notify you in advance if it is cancelled.)

Our meetings begin with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center, followed by a short business meeting and then a noted speaker. We welcome all men and women who wish to attend, and want to thank all who have supported us this year.

We will present a report of our 2009 activities at our December meeting or in January, 2010.

***Our speaker for the October 11 meeting is retired Bishop Bevel Jones. Bishop Jones is a long-time member of the North Georgia Conference and is well known by many of our congregation. Please plan on attending this important meeting.***

# Ministries

## 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, October 27th, from 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Our program will be given by Jane & Friends. Jane teaches the 5, 6, 7, 8 Line Dance Class at Embry Hill UMC. This group will exhibit how line dancing can be a fun and exciting way to exercise, no matter what age you are.

Come and enjoy a delicious lunch, good fellowship, and learn a fun way to exercise your mind and body at the same time. Please call 770-938-0661 to make reservations by Friday, October 23rd, with cancellations no later than Monday, October 26th.

## WomenSpirit

**WomenSpirit**, a spirituality group especially for women, meets on **Wednesday evenings from 6:45 to 8:00** in **room 414**. Our purpose is to read and study together while supporting one another in our spiritual journeys. We will be using a book club format; sharing our thoughts and insights about short readings that are designated for each week. Preparation is intended to be easy to manage. The only real requirement is to enjoy the company of other thoughtful women.

For more information contact Elaine Puckett (770-938-0661) or simply show up on Wednesday. And don't worry if you can't make it every week...we want this to be a stress reliever and not an additional stress.

## 5, 6, 7, 8

**IT IS NEVER TOO LATE.....TO PUT ON THOSE COMFORTABLE SHOES AND JOIN THE 5, 6, 7, 8 BEGINNER LINE DANCE CLASS!!!**

The 5, 6, 7, 8 beginner line dance class is offered on **Mondays at 4:45 pm - 5:45 pm and 6:00 - 7:00 pm**. Call **Jane** in the Church Office at **770-938-0661, ext. 121**, for further information on how to register for this exciting way to exercise!! *All monies collected go to EHUMC!*



## Upcoming Flu Clinic @ EHUMC

**NOTE: Flu Season is Here!**

Yes, flu season has arrived in full force in Georgia. Now is a great time to go ahead and get your vaccination for the 3 regular strains of flu. Walgreens staff will be on hand during the Wednesday night supper on October 21 to provide flu vaccines.

The flu causes 226,000 hospitalizations per year, and over 36,000 deaths per year. The flu is expected to hit 1/3 of the United States population this season. We want to do our best to help prevent some of these healthcare costs this year, and possibly save some lives!

Walgreens' campaign this year is entitled "Who will you get your flu shot for?", we are encouraging people to get vaccinated to protect their loved ones from getting the flu. We have already seen a definite increase in vaccinations this year!

Our pharmacists are now allowed to give vaccinations to children 13 years of age and up. The flu shots are **\$24.99, payable by cash, check or credit card. We also accept Medicare part B which will pay for one flu shot per season.**

We are very excited to provide this service to Embry Hills! Please come out **October 21 from 5:30pm to 8pm** and protect your family this flu season!

*~Nancy Heape, PharmD  
EHUMC member*



*Learn to Line Dance!*

*Kick Up Your Heels!*

*Great Exercise!*

*2 Class Times!*



# Youth Fellowship

September has brought a couple of new things to the Youth Fellowship...

The **Confirmation Class of 2009** kicked off on September 13. Using a model previously developed by Rev. Elaine Puckett, the eight participants will spend the next few weeks being mentored by Faith Friends from the EH congregation. Our "classtime" will take place during our retreat in November. Please keep the following Confirmands and Faith Friends in your prayers as they take this faith walk together: *Mathilda Avirett-Mackenzie & Pat Lansdell, Daniel Carlino & Jim White, Caitlyn Deal & Jo Pittman, Brandon Holzgrefe & Mark Chicoine, Sang Chan Kim & Gordon Neale, Zack Shepherd & Jim McGarrah, Libby Sinner & Julie Hall, Allyn Waller & Pete Eisemann.*

Thanks to a special gift given to EHUMC by Betty Carringer, the Youth Fellowship purchased copies of the new **Wesley Study Bible**. These are not only beautiful, but smart, too! These 2009 NRSV Bibles include the expected "study notes" and also highlight John Wesley's teachings by using his notes and sermons throughout the pages. Joel B. Green, General Editor ended his Introduction to this edition with: "we offer the *Wesley Study Bible* to the people called Methodist across the world, trusting that it will serve as God's instrument to help us be clear about who we are, shape us as people going on to perfection, and encourage us to live lives that truly reflect our faith in Christ." The EH Youth Fellowship is so grateful--many thanks, Betty!!!!!!

**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, Director of Youth Ministries, at victorialawson@embryhillsumc.org or 770-938-0661, ext. 113.**

**Sunday School (Sundays @ 9:45 a.m. in Room 403):** Special thanks to Rick McDaniel for leading NOOMA discussions while Anslee and I traveled over Labor Day weekend! Coming up discussions and activities include *how Youth are vital members of God's church* and *understanding and practicing prayer*. We are really growing and would love to make room for you!

**Youth Fellowship (Sundays @ 5:15 p.m., beginning in the Family Life Center; \$3 for dinner):** Each night is full of fellowship, games and learning more about ourselves, our faith and God.

October plans include the long tradition of **Trick or Canning on October 11 & 18**--a slight twist on Halloween as we will gather items for Snax Sax from some of our neighbors. We will spread the word on 10/11 by distributing flyers and wear our costumes on 10/18 to collect the donations. Also, keep your eyes and ears open for more information on an **extended Youth Fellowship time on October 25** as we participate in an **outreach event at the United Methodist Children's Home in Decatur**, joining forces with the Youth Arts Choir. Drivers are needed for all three of these evenings. Contact Victoria for more information or to volunteer!



*During Youth Week 2009, EHYF members got up early to prepare and deliver meals for Project Open Hand--who says hairnets aren't cool? A picnic at nearby Piedmont Park, complete with Frisbees and tree climbing, seemed like a good way to end the day together.*



# The Dashboard

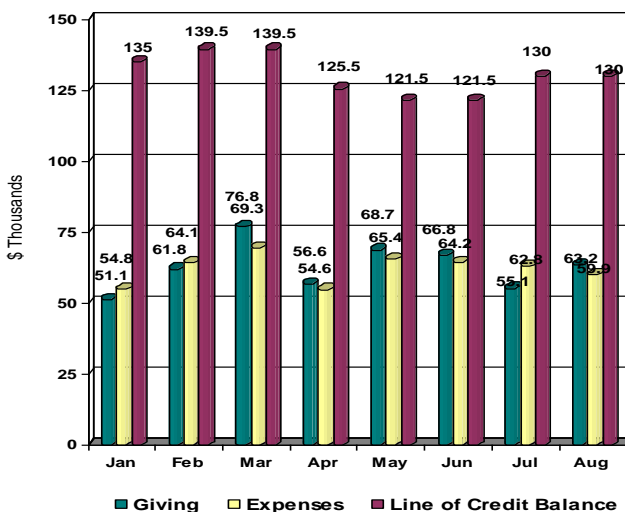
August				
Giving		Avg Attendance		
			Aug	YTD
Collections Needed YTD	\$ 516,667 *	8:45 Worship	60	68
Collections Received YTD	\$ 500,076	11:00 Worship	220	236
Giving Deficit YTD	(\$16,591)	Sunday School	166	173
Apportionments Paid YTD		\$50,543		

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

**August 2009** contributions were \$63,193.56 and expenses were \$59,901.78, resulting in a positive net income of \$3,291.78. The Line of Credit (LOC) balance for August 31st remains at \$130,000. YTD apportionments paid are \$50,543, against a total due of \$123,803 for the full year of 2009.

*"Into the hands of every individual is given a marvelous power for good or evil - the silent, unconscious, unseen influence of his life. This is simply the constant radiation of what man really is, not what he pretends to be."*

~William George Jordan



## The Book Shelf

### A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS by Norman K. Gottwald

Perhaps the best way to introduce "Light..." is to follow Dr Gottwald's opening by quoting Isaiah 49: 6..."Is it too light a thing that you should be my servant ...to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved of Israel ; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the earth

Although "Light..." has been around for 50 years it remains one of the least difficult to handle. For those that want to look beyond the surface it is clear and is not tiring research. He makes Israel's history and faith readable.

Gottwald aims to broadly follow the culture and theological connections between the faith of Israel and that of synagogue worship and the church by bringing together the culture ,literature, history and religion of Israel.

In Gottwald's words....."It is my conviction ...that the Old Testament can only be understood in an overarching historical framework. Accordingly, I have provided charts of the historical periods in ancient Near East and of the kings and prophets of Israel....as well as period maps".

One can find **A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS** under the filing, 221 G in our Church Library. Good research will enlighten our understanding of God's purpose for us.

~Jim Johnson

### Can you name the 5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations?



1. Radical Hospitality
2. Passionate Worship
3. Intentional Faith Development
4. Risk-Taking Mission & Service
5. Extravagant Generosity

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- **In memory of Rev. Beth Luton:** Curt Halstead, Bill & Toni Jernigan, (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Clairerose Brannen:** Bill & Toni Jernigan (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Charles Healan:** Bill & Toni Jernigan (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Jack Fleeman, husband of Nina Fleeman:** Sue Jiles (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Liz Thoesen, mother of Tracy Carpenter:** Tracy Carpenter (*Music & Worship Arts*)
- **In memory of Charles Pannell:** Sylvia Pannell (*Music & Worship Arts*)
- **In memory of Keith Jernigan:** Janet Keck (*Youth Ministry*)
- **In memory of Shelley Harmon:** Janet Keck (*Youth Ministry*)
- **In honor of Barbara Harrison's birthday:** Marcille Metaxas (*KidzTown*)
- **In honor of Beverly Blissit:** Diane Roberts (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Inez Fain and in honor of Sue Ownbey:** Tuesday night line dance group (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Hugo Schwenke, father of Barbara Kitchens, & in honor of Dorothy Schwenke, mother of Barbara Kitchens:** Gordon & Barbara Kitchens (*Music & Worship Arts*)
- **In honor of Cecil and Gene Kitchens, parents of Gordon Kitchens:** Gordon & Barbara Kitchens (*Music & Worship Arts*)
- **In honor of Larry & Frances McKinney for their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary:** Diane Roberts (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In honor of Amir Zaheri:** Gordon & Barbara Kitchens (*Music & Worship Arts*)
- **In honor of Victoria Lawson:** Avirett-Mackenzie Family (*Music & Worship Arts*)
- **In honor of the Midtown Brass Quintet:** Diane Roberts (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In honor of Victoria Lawson:** Janet Keck: (*Music Ministry*)
- **In honor of Cecil & Huvian Ingram:** Scott Tarr (*Ministry & Missions*)

## New Members

### Tracy Carpenter

Tracy is a native of Beaufort, South Carolina. Even before she joined Embry Hills, she had found numerous ways to give and serve. She has become an active volunteer in our children's ministry, is an active member of United Methodist Women, served as a Vacation Bible School teacher, and has volunteered for various outreach projects.

Tracy is a wine broker. Since wine is her business, it's not a shock that she loves to play with food and wine and is a skilled chef. Her husband, Jim, is retired.

### Aaron and Brenda and Jensen Billotte

Aaron and Brenda are both natives of Pennsylvania. They met while studying at Penn State. Here in Atlanta, Brenda works in the Genetics Lab at Emory University. Also in the health field, Aaron works for Coalition America, a health care company.

Aaron and Brenda have been married for six years, and they are the proud parents of Jensen Dean Billotte, who is almost five months old.

### Did You Know...?



Amir's organ concert held September 17, 2009 to benefit Snax Sax raised nearly \$3500 for this amazing outreach ministry. Thank you, Amir, and congratulations to all those who make Snax Sax happen!!

# Happenings



## October Events

### World Communion Sunday

*This special day has taken on new relevancy and depth of meaning in a world where globalization often has undermined peace and justice – and in a time when fear divides the peoples of God's earth. On this day we celebrate our oneness in Christ, in the midst of the world we are called to serve – a world in great need of peace-making.*



**Sunday, October 4—8:45 and 11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary**

### Andy Offutt Irwin in Concert!



*You will definitely love Andy's moving program, "Card in the Spoke," a collection of stories drawn from Andy's childhood growing up in the Georgia of the 60's. We'll follow Andy and his friends, brothers Johnny and Kenny, as they cycle the neighborhoods with cards in the spokes of their tires. Three friends, black and white in a time of segregation, learning to negotiate the racial lines of the times and teaching everyone a lesson or two along the way.*

**Thursday, October 8—7:00 p.m.—Tickets \$5 General**



### GEORGIA BRASS BAND



### Brass Classics

*Embry Hills takes special pride in welcoming The Georgia Brass Band as it celebrates its 10th Anniversary Season. The Georgia Brass Band has performed for thousands of people, appeared on radio and television, has won numerous competitions, and has become recognized as one of the top brass bands in the country. Join us for this amazing evening, as the powerful music of brass and percussion fills the sanctuary with awe-inspiring sound.*

**Sunday, October 11th —7:00 p.m.—Sanctuary**

**Tickets: General admission at door**

**\$10 (individual) \$15 (pair) or \$25 (family of 3 or more)**

**Doors will open at 6:15 p.m.**

### Children's Sabbath



*Children matter to God! And children matter here at Embry Hills. Join us as we gather for a service of passionate worship, led by the youngest of our community.*

**Sunday, October 18th  
8:45 and 11:00 am  
Church Sanctuary**

### Blessing of the Animals

*This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. Francis, whose feast day is October 4th, wrote a Canticle of the Creatures, an ode to God's living things. "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." We will bless our "brothers and sisters" in the front parking lot of the church through word and pastoral blessing. Be sure to join us for this wonderful occasion!*

**Sunday, October 18  
4:00 p.m.  
Front Parking Lot**



You may have heard about Day1, the voice of the Alliance for Christian Media (ACM), which includes a web-based collection of lectures and sermons from some of the best preachers in the business. In fact, our Rev. Mark Sargent serves as a Trustee for the ACM and has been featured as part of the Day1 programming.

I was recently approached by a long-standing member of our church and asked why we aren't doing more to promote this outstanding collection of available programs. Frankly, I didn't have an answer and promised to look into the matter.

Following some investigative research, I asked myself the same question: why *aren't* we promoting this resource to our members and the community?

The following is a brief history of Day 1 and ACM. Be sure, too, to visit Day1's website at [www.day1.org](http://www.day1.org).

Sometimes, your soul needs nourishment during the week and not just at 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning. At Day1, you will find words of solace, comfort, inspiration, or just something to really think about as you go about your week. Oh, yes, and be sure to find Rev. Sargent's own contributions to this outstanding ministry.

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Day1 is the voice of the mainline Protestant churches, presenting outstanding preachers from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, and other denominations. Our website features an extensive library of lectionary-based sermons in text and audio, and other helpful information for lay persons and pastors.

Day1 began broadcasting in 1945 as "The Protestant Hour" and has been on the air every week since, currently on more than 200 stations. Day1 is a ministry of the Alliance for Christian Media, a nonprofit

mainline media ministry based in Atlanta, GA. The Alliance was created after the merger of The Protestant Hour, Inc. and the Episcopal Media Center, which was founded in 1945 and originally called The Episcopal Radio and TV Foundation. The Alliance for Christian Media has been instrumental in producing Emmy-winning TV programming such as "The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe" and "Shadowlands."

The Day1 radio program was launched as The Protestant Hour in 1945 by an association of denominations. The Protestant Radio Center was chartered in 1949 by representatives of Agnes Scott College, Candler School of Theology, Columbia Theological Seminary, Emory University, the Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church U.S., the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., the Protestant Episcopal Church, the United Lutheran Church, and the National Council of Churches' Southeastern office. A few years later,

production of the radio program was unified when the PRC built its own headquarters near the Emory University campus on Clifton Road in Atlanta, Georgia. Much has changed in the decades since. But this media outreach has continued to help millions of listeners hear, understand, and live the Word of God. Ground was broken in 1953 for the studio and office facilities, and the Martha and Arthur J. Moore chapel studio was dedicated. The name of the organization was changed in 1954 to The Protestant Radio and Television Center, Inc. (PRTVC) and Dr. John M. Alexander was appointed president. In 1955, the PRTVC building was dedicated according to the rites of five Protestant denominations. In 2000, Emory University purchased the property for campus expansion and The Protestant Hour found a new home. Since March 2001 the Day1 offices and studio have been located on the third floor of the Pritchett Center on the campus of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

*(content extracted from [www.day1.org](http://www.day1.org))*



# An Open Letter

Dear Church Family,

Over the past two years, it has been my pleasure to collect your stories and compile them in this monthly newsletter. I've learned so much about who we are as a church community, what we do to make a difference, as well as feel the struggles we experience as a church during these difficult economic times.

I try to bring relevant content not only for your enjoyment but also for your information; this, along with a few other sources, is how we disseminate church information to you.

However (and isn't there always a however), I want to do more. Or, should I say, I want to bring you information that is pertinent to our mission in as expeditious a manner as possible. I have some ideas what that means but before I even go down that road, I really need your input. So, with that said, please consider the following questions and share with me your thoughts:

- 1. How can the newsletter better suit your needs as a church member?***
- 2. What kinds of articles would you like to see included in the future?***
- 3. Are there other useful tools we can incorporate into the newsletter, like a member's bulletin board, etc.? Please be specific.***
- 4. Aside from the newsletter, how else can we do a better job communicating with you?***
- 5. With regard to communication, what are your expectations?***
- 6. Can you think of other tools we can use to keep you informed, such as Facebook or maybe Twitter?***
- 7. I have heard time and again that people say they aren't aware of something going on in the church (okay, folks, I'm calling you out on this one...we try extra hard to make sure the word DOES get out in a timely fashion). Is this the case with you, and why do you think this has happened in the past? (this is very important to know why this is happening).***

I'm very excited to take the newsletter and the communication needs of our church to the next level. I need your input, however. Please thoughtfully consider the questions above and either drop me an e-mail at [newsletter@embryhillsumc.org](mailto:newsletter@embryhillsumc.org) OR put a note in my mailbox at the church (labeled 'Newsletter').

In Peace,

Larry Donroe-Wells  
Communications

# Embry Hills UMC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
27 <b>UMM Spiritual Retreat at Rock Eagle</b> <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> 12:15pm - Potato Bar Luncheon @ 12:30pm - YMLT meeting @ RM 401 4pm - Carol Choir Rehearsal @ RM- 4pm - Cherub Choir Rehearsal @ 4:30pm - Youth Arts Choir @ 4:45pm - Junior Choir Rehearsal @	28 10am - Invitation to the Psalms @ 10am - Jesus in the Gospels @ Rm 7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild @ 7pm - ESL @ RM211, 210	29 1:35pm - Staff Meeting @ LCR 6pm - Line Dancing @ RM-312 6pm - Yoga @ RH 7pm - Yoga @ Rehearsal Hall	30 <b>KIDZTOWN Wednesday Schedule @</b> <b>WORSHIP ARTS Wednesday Schedule</b> 9:30am - Yoga @ RH 10:30am - Bible Study @ RM 6pm - Cafe del Soul @ FLC 6:30pm - Teach Your Children Well 6:45pm - Women Spirit @ RM 414
4 <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> 4pm - Carol Choir Rehearsal @ RM- 4pm - Cherub Choir Rehearsal @ 4:30pm - Youth Arts Choir @ 4:45pm - Junior Choir Rehearsal @ 5:15pm - Youth Fellowship @ 6pm - SPRC	5 9am - Kindergarten Book Fair @ RM 10am - Jesus in the Gospels @ Rm 4:45pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 6pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ FLC 6pm - Kindergarten Open House @ 7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild @ 7pm - ESL @ RM211, 210 7pm - Pack 7 Leaders Meeting @	6 9am - Kindergarten Book Fair @ RM 10am - McElroy Circle @ RM 1:35pm - Staff Meeting @ LCR 6pm - Kindergarten Open House @ 6pm - Line Dancing @ FLC 6pm - Yoga @ RH 7pm - Yoga @ Rehearsal Hall	7 <b>KIDZTOWN Wednesday Schedule @</b> <b>WORSHIP ARTS Wednesday Schedule</b> 9am - Kindergarten Book Fair @ RM 9:30am - Yoga @ RH 10:30am - Bible Study @ RM 6pm - Cafe del Soul @ FLC 6:30pm - Teach Your Children Well 6:45pm - Women Spirit @ RM 414
11 <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> 7:30am - UMM @ FLC 4pm - Carol Choir Rehearsal @ RM- 4pm - Cherub Choir Rehearsal @ 4:30pm - Youth Arts Choir @ 4:45pm - Junior Choir Rehearsal @ 5:15pm - Youth Fellowship @ 5:30pm - Finance Meeting @ RM-	12 <b>EHUMK School Holiday</b> 10am - Jesus in the Gospels @ Rm 4:45pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 6pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 312 6:30pm - Den of Tiger Scouts @ RM 7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild @ 7pm - ESL @ RM211, 210	13 1:35pm - Staff Meeting @ LCR 6pm - Henderson Reserve Annual 6pm - Line Dancing @ RM-312 6pm - Yoga @ RH 6:45pm - Webelos Den 2 Scouts @ 7pm - Yoga @ Rehearsal Hall	14 <b>KIDZTOWN Wednesday Schedule @</b> <b>WORSHIP ARTS Wednesday Schedule</b> 9:30am - Yoga @ RH 10:30am - Bible Study @ RM 6pm - Cafe del Soul @ FLC 6:30pm - Teach Your Children Well 6:45pm - Women Spirit @ RM 414
18 <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> 11am - Charge Conference @ 4pm - Blessing of the Animals @ 4pm - Carol Choir Rehearsal @ RM- 4pm - Cherub Choir Rehearsal @ 4:30pm - Youth Arts Choir @ 4:45pm - Junior Choir Rehearsal @ 5:15pm - Youth Fellowship @	19 10am - Invitation to the Psalms @ 10am - Jesus in the Gospels @ Rm 4:45pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 6pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 312 7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild @ 7pm - ESL @ RM211, 210 7pm - Night in Bethlehem Volunteer	20 1:35pm - Staff Meeting @ LCR 6pm - Line Dancing @ RM-312 6pm - Yoga @ RH 6:45pm - Webelos Den 2 Scouts @ 7pm - Yoga @ Rehearsal Hall	21 <b>KIDZTOWN Wednesday Schedule @</b> <b>WORSHIP ARTS Wednesday Schedule</b> 9:30am - Yoga @ RH 10:30am - Bible Study @ RM 6pm - Cafe del Soul @ FLC 6:45pm - Women Spirit @ RM 414 7pm - Invitation to New Testament
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# October 2009



Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am - Kindergarten Photos @ Rm 9:30am - ESL @ RM 202/204 1:30pm - Metro Area Transition 7pm - PDQ meeting @ WAHOO,	2 7am - Community Yard Sale Setup 9am - Kindergarten Photos @ RM 9am - SNAX SAX Assembly	3 9am - Community Yard Sale @ Front 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store @ 11am - AA @ RM-209
8 9am - SNAX SAX Assembly 9:30am - ESL @ RM 202/204 7pm - Andy Offutt Irwin in Concert! 7pm - PDQ meeting @ WAHOO,	9 <b>EHUMK School Holiday</b> 6pm - Wolf Den Pack 7 @ RM 401	10 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store @ 11am - AA @ RM-209
15 9:30am - ESL @ RM 202/204 7pm - PDQ meeting @ WAHOO,	16 <b>NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER</b> 9am - SNAX SAX Assembly	17 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store @ 11am - AA @ RM-209 4pm - FOCUS @ 300 wing,
22 9:30am - ESL @ RM 202/204 7pm - PDQ meeting @ WAHOO,	23 9am - SNAX SAX Assembly 6pm - Wolf Den Pack 7 @ RM 401	24 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store @ 10am - Potato Bar Setup @ FLC 11am - AA @ RM-209
29 9:30am - ESL @ RM 202/204 7pm - PDQ meeting @ WAHOO,	30 9am - SNAX SAX Assembly	31 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store @ 11am - AA @ RM-209

## 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 Tintinnabulum (Sanctuary)  
6:30 Praise Band (Chapel)  
6:30 Carillon Ringers (Sanctuary)  
7:00 Chancel Choir (Rehearsal Hall)

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

*Notes*

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# A Night in Bethlehem

Saturday, December 12, 2009



Calling Shopkeepers, Villagers and  
all members interested in joining  
the journey to this special night!

Volunteer Meeting  
Monday, October 19  
7:00pm  
The Family Life Center

Call Rebecca Doolittle 770-491-3979 or  
Valerie Harvard 770-938-0661 x114 for info