

# SOURCE

A Monthly Digest of Church Life



## Sargent's Voice

### AN ENCOURAGING WORD

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

There are lots of places in the Bible where you and I are invited to be instruments of encouragement. I love that word, "encourage." To encourage is to hearten someone. Courage, I believe, is the state of big-heartedness, and to encourage another is to give them heart, to inspire them, to infuse their spirit with support and help.

So, I use this space to bring you a word of encouragement, in the spirit of what the Bible calls "building up one another in love."

Because of the excellent vision and planning of our crackerjack staff, we have had many recent occasions at Embry Hills where our physical plant has been overflowing with guests. Sunday mornings are always teeming with people who enter our doors as honored guests; in recent weeks, however, there have been other activities that have brought people to Embry Hills who have never been here before. And, whenever I can, I take the opportunity to greet them.

In conversations with guests, there is one thing that I almost always share.

"I hope that you've been received warmly here."

And, the response is always a confident and grateful, "Yes."

"This is such a friendly church."

"I really appreciate the spirit here."

"Through the printed material I have read, I get a strong sense of the amazing things happening here and want to commend your congregation for the ministry you are carrying out."

"We have been to many churches in our search for a community of faith, and this is by far the warmest welcome we have received."

Thank you for the many ways in which you live out our denomination's motto of "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors." Guests who walk through our doors are experiencing your ministry of encouragement, and I wanted to encourage you in the ministry of hospitality you are so beautifully carrying out.

Keep up the good work! The best is yet to be.

*Mark*

*Editor: One of the pleasures I have editing this newsletter is I get to read first-hand the many ways in which our church and it's members are making a difference...a difference in the lives of others, a difference in the community and, yes, a difference in the world. Here is one such story, as shared by Connie Buchanan, how one ministry in our church continues to impact the lives of others.*

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When I began participating in the Prayer Quilt Ministry in the fall of 2006, I could never have dreamed what these quilts would come to mean to me.

Quilting has been my retirement hobby so it was just natural to get involved in making quilts and squares for this ministry. I enjoy the sewing and the designing of colors and meeting new people in the church. It is encouraging to

see this ministry grow within our church and expand to three other churches and to see our congregation support the many requests from friends and family for some loved one in need of prayer. The greatest joy has been to receive beautiful cards from the recipient or from their friends or family expressing their appreciation to our church for the quilt and for our prayers. Many have expressed how they have been comforted by the touch of the quilt and knowing

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### Gifts Given as of August 14, 2009

- *In memory Jean Dugger, sister of Jim Drew:* Bob & Pat Lansdell (*Ministry & Missions*)
- *In memory of Rev. Beth Luton:* Pete & Dodie Risse (*Ministry & Missions*)
- *In memory of Gladys (Happy) Hole, mother of Charli Whitfield:* Dick & Anita Wight, (*Children's Ministry*), Suzanne & Jerry Wilson, Marcille Metaxas, Bob & Pat Lansdell (*Ministry & Missions*)
- *In memory of Dorothy Bizauskas, mother of Jane Carter:* Bob & Pat Lansdell (*Ministry & Missions*)
- *In loving gratitude to Charlotte & Harold Mauldin:* Betty Rogers (*Ministry & Missions*)
- *In honor of Rick & Kim McDaniel:* Scott & Jane Sinner (*Ministry & Missions*)
- *In appreciation of our amazing Youth Group:* Marcille Metaxas (*Youth Ministries*)
- *In appreciation of Victoria Lawson:* Marcille Metaxas (*Music Worship Arts*)
- *In appreciation of Brian Jones and Al Coltrane:* Marcille Metaxas (*Help Fund*)
- *In honor of Cecil & Huvian Ingram:* Scott Tarr (*Ministry & Missions*)

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### Please continue prayers for:

Chuck Bell      Dee Moore\*\*  
 Jack Ernst      Madonna Holley\*\*  
 Barbara Loar      Jim Lowry\*\*  
 Susan Coombs      Grace Lowry\*\*  
 Mary Frances Brough      Millie Taylor\*\*  
    Kaye Fason\*\*  
**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE FRIENDS IN PRAYER**  
 \*\* Homebound Members

Deadline for the  
October 2009 Newsletter:  
***Friday, September 18th, 2009***  
Send all content to  
**newsletter@embryhillsumc.org**

# A Loving Tradition



## Transitions

- **Bill Halstead**, father of **Curt Halstead**, died August 14th. A graveside service was held in Virginia.
- **Joyce Martin** died August 14th. A memorial service was held at the EHUMC chapel August 23, 2009.
- Jack Cummins, brother of **Diane Roberts**, passed away Friday, August 14, 2009.
- Frances Garner of Columbus, MS., sister of **Lee Rasor**, passed away unexpectedly August 7, 2009. A funeral service was held August 9, 2009.
- Jean Dugger, sister of **Jim Drew**, died in Asheville, NC on August 7, 2009.
- The Reverend **Beth Luton** of Nashville, TN, died July 27, 2009. A local memorial service was held August 5, 2009 at N. Druid Hills UMC.

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



*Homebound members celebrating birthdays in September are:*

### September 22

Mrs. Frances Bennett  
2079 Mountain Creek Court  
Stone Mountain, GA 30087

*The important members of our congregation enjoy hearing from their church family. Please reach out to them with your cards, phone calls, and visits, and keep them in your prayers. Thank you.*

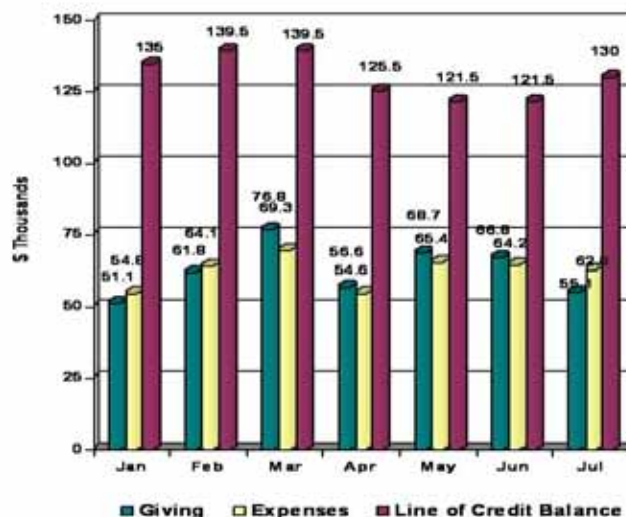
~Marcille Metaxas

## The Dashboard

JULY 2009				
Giving		Avg Attendance		
			July	YTD
Collections Needed YTD	\$ 452,083 *	8:45 Worship	59	78
Collections Received YTD	436,883	11:00 Worship	226	273
Giving Deficit YTD	-\$ 15,200	Sunday School	150	187
Apportionments Paid YTD		\$44,243		

**July 2009** contributions were \$55,087.98 and expenses were \$62,784.10, resulting in a negative net income of (\$7,696.12). The Line of Credit (LOC) balance for July 31st increased to \$130,000. YTD apportionments paid are \$44,243, against a total due of \$123,803 for the full year of 2009.

**THANK YOU** for being mindful of the continued financial needs of the church over your busy summer!



**Outreach**

It's the beginning of a new school year and that means several of our Outreach programs will be starting up again. We will continue with the Snax Sax program that started last year, providing healthy snacks to underprivileged kids to help them get through the weekend. The Reading and Math Buddies at Pleasantdale Elementary School pairs adults with a child to provide weekly tutoring to help the child succeed in school.



We will also have a school supplies drive and participate in the Wesley Walk for Others. Look for more information on these activities in the coming weeks.

In the spring, our congregation joined together in 50 days of service.

Let's continue that spirit throughout the year. Outreach can be as simple as inviting a

neighbor to come to church with you, for worship, or Wednesday night supper, or one of the musical events. Through our missions projects, we strive to help others, both close to home and as far away as Africa. Each of these programs requires the help of volunteers. Please consider sharing your time or donating supplies.

Find the program that interests you and get involved. Working together also gives us the opportunity for fellowship, strengthening old friendships and forming new ones. If you want more information, please contact Beth Starling or Kim McDaniel.



As Mother Theresa said, "We can do no great things; only small things with great love." Through our contributions of time, talents, and donations, we spread God's love and improve the lives of others. What small things can you do this month?

*~Kim McDaniel, Outreach Co-Chair*



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that each knot represented prayer being said for them, to be reminded that they are cared for or how a military square still hangs from a mantel in the home of a soldier safely returned from Iraq.

But all of this became even more personal to me last month when we placed a quilt on the altar for my precious cousin, Alan Bangs, who has been diagnosed with throat cancer. I was so devastated by the news of his illness but knew immediately that he needed all of you to pray for him, for his recovery and for his family. As I placed his quilt on the altar, I thought of all those before who, like me and like Alan, needed prayer and how Embury Hills responded to our request for prayer. As I watched you walked to the altar, place your hands on the quilt and pray and tie a knot, my heart was so full of joy and hope and belief that prayer would get Alan through his ordeal.

I am so thankful to share that Alan is doing well and his latest CAT scan shows great improvement. The miracle of prayer!

So, my friends, you are a part of our family's joy and we thank you all.

If you are ever tempted not to tie a knot on a quilt maybe because you don't know the person or don't want to walk to the altar, I would say, "Please, please say a prayer." You have no idea how much your prayers are coveted and how much those knots on the quilt remind someone of caring and loving prayers being said for them and to remind them they are not alone.

Your prayers meant the world to me and to Alan and his family and I am so truly blessed to be a part of such a loving congregation. Thank you all!!

*~Connie Buchanan*

# Ministries

## Dining at Trinity Table

**Question:** Why were these folks wearing their EHUGS T-shirts to church on August 2nd?

**Answer:** The Outreach Work Area sponsored a volunteer event on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> to serve soup and sandwiches to the homeless at Trinity Table in downtown Atlanta.

Embry Hills had wonderful participation in Trinity Table this year! Over 33 families and individuals from our congregation made over 1600 sandwiches, and the Youth Fellowship made another 400 sandwiches which we contributed to Trinity's food larder to be frozen in case of emergency. The church had 22 volunteers who served 333 people a meal of soup and crackers and also gave each guest a bag with four sandwiches and an energy bar. The need was so great that Trinity Table had to turn away another 60 folks who arrived after the kitchen closed for the day. Those who came late were also given 4 sandwiches.

Thanks to all those who answered the call! This event involved over 60 people - some made sandwiches, others prepared a fellowship breakfast for the servers, and still others spent the day serving our guests. Because of your contribution of time, talent and energy 400 men, women and children did not go hungry that day. We also hosted a prayer table to sit with our guests to pray with them and relayed prayer requests to our Prayer Chain.

This is an eye-opening experience and gave those who served an opportunity to witness their faith and God's love. Before we serve our guests, we ask someone at the table if they would ask a blessing. After hearing those prayers, it was very humbling to reflect on the Lord's Prayer and have a deeper understanding of the phrase "give us today our daily bread."

~Jim Deichert

## What is Extravagant Generosity?

*Extravagant Generosity describes the practices of sharing and giving that exceed all expectations and extend to unexpected measures. It describes lavish sharing, sacrifice, and giving in service to God and neighbor.*



## What is Radical Hospitality?

*Radical Hospitality means people offering the absolute utmost of themselves, their creativity, their abilities, and their energy to offer the gracious invitation and reception of Christ to others.*



## The Book Shelf

Our world is big but it is also small. All of the people on planet Earth are our world. Not too long ago, say 40 years, our world was probably the street where we lived, perhaps the small town we grew up in. "Our world" has been drawn together by electronic communication, modern transportation and involvement with people from around this globe. We begin to realize that there are people on the other side of the planet that seem to understand government, life styles and religion not quite as we do.

Paul F. Knitter has written a number of books on the subject. Our library has Paul F Knitter's book, *Introducing Theologies of Religion*.

We are being pulled into association with different cultures. Dr Knitter's work helps to understand where the other folks are coming from. I well recall trying to help young soldiers understand the attitudes of Asians that we were living with and fighting for. We are now encountering Middle Eastern theologies.

Mark Heim claims this introduction is a crisp outline of the players and the issues in the theology of religions. Heim says, "...it treats the variety of Christian views of religious diversity with courtesy and grace."

I recommend taking a look.

~Jim Johnson

Congratulations to **Trey Hockman** for his graduation from LaGrange College with a degree in religious studies. He is now the Director of Youth Ministries at St James UMC in Atlanta.





**F**all has not been felt in the air, but our fall plans are in the air. That's right, we have plenty going on as we look forward to this cooler season. Last month, the question was asked, "WHY" should I become an Embry Hills United Methodist Woman? Hopefully you have given this some thought and will seek to become a part of the United Methodist Women.

The Square Pegs, the newest group, met early in August and have set Monday, August 31 at 7:30 p.m., as their next meeting date in Room 401. So much was talked about, enthusiasm was flowing, and plans were made for areas of service. **L e y A n n a M e s s i c k** (sl.messick@comcast.net) has been terrific in getting this evening group organized and moving. Ask for more information or just join us at the church on our meeting date.

Again, let me mention the following web sites that can tell you more about United Methodist Women and what we do here and beyond: North Georgia UMW (www.ngumw.org) and the United Methodist Women, a part of Global Ministries of the United Methodist

- The **McElroy Circle** will meet immediately after lunch on September 1, 2009.
- The **Bailey Circle** will meet Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at Greta Kenney's, 3651 Winview Ct. with the program being "Come to the Table," our emphasis for the year.
- The **Pannell Circle** will meet Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at Ruth Broome's, 2886 Dunnington Cir., with Victoria Lawson, who will give an update on the *Youth Program* at Embry Hills.

Church (<http://new.gbmg-umc.org/umw>). Oh, yes, the latest is **Facebook**, the social network tool that enables Embry Hills UMW to electronically connect with other United Methodist Women. Check it out under North Georgia United Methodist Women. It's "new" and has received messages from Embry Hills members.

Service Project of the Month: For August and September, the UMW will be collecting school supplies for Pleasantdale Elementary students. Paper, pencils, crayons, scissors, etc. can be brought to the General Meeting, to your circle meetings, or left close to the Snax Sax bins at the church.

General Meeting for all EHUMW members will be in the chapel on Tuesday, September 1, at 10:00 a.m. with lunch to follow. Our Hostess Circle is the Bailey Circle. Executive Board will begin at 9:30 a.m.

We look forward to our fall schedule and to your interest in what we are doing.

*Sue Ownbey*  
*shownbey@yahoo.com*  
*770-493-7642*

The next meeting for the **United Methodist Men's** Group is scheduled for Sunday, September 13, 2009 with breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to attend!



**Please Remember...** Before scheduling a meeting or event, please contact Jane in the Church Office at 770-938-0661, ext. 121, or via email at [ehumc@yahoo.com](mailto:ehumc@yahoo.com), to ensure that the room you will be using is available. If you have reserved a room and decide not to use it, please let the Church Office know.

**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.

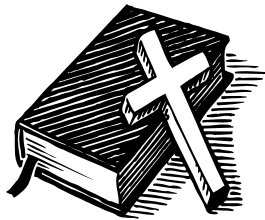
Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 22nd, from 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Our program will be given by Dr. Joseph H. Kitchens, Executive Director of The Heritage Museum, (Cherokee), at Reinhardt College. He will share with us the heritage of the Native Americans in Georgia.

Please call 770-938-0661 to make reservations by Friday, September 18th, with cancellations no later than Monday, September 21st.

# Ministries

## Bible Study Opportunities: Fall 2009

Fall is just around the corner and with it come an assortment of Bible study opportunities for adults. Check out the following selections and be sure to register early for the class that works for you.



### Invitation to the Psalms:

This 10 week study explores the ways in which the Psalms can give voice to our own joys and struggles

Led by Elaine Puckett

Mondays 10-12a.m. (meets Sept 14, 21, 28, Oct 19, 26, and Nov 2,9,16, 23, 30)

### Jesus in the Gospels:

This 30 week course invites students to look at Jesus through the lens of all four Gospels and answer the question "Who is the Jesus you see"

Led by Mark Sargent

Tuesday 10-12 a.m. beginning September 15

### Invitation to the New Testament:

Matthew's Gospel provides the framework for encountering Jesus life and mission as well as his call to community and discipleship

Led by Mark Sargent

Wednesday 7-9p.m. (meets Oct 21,28, Nov 4,11, 18, Dec 2, 9, 16)

### Disciple One: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study:

This first Disciple study serves as the basis for all of the other studies in the Disciple series and covers the entire Bible in 34 weeks. If you are new to Bible study, this is a great place to begin.

Led by Bob Lansdell

Thursday 7-9 p.m. beginning September 24

To sign up for any of the above courses call Jane in the church office, 770-938-0661 extension 121.

## What is Intentional Faith Development?

*Intentional Faith Development* refers to the purposeful learning in community that helps the followers of Jesus mature in faith, such a Bible studies, Sunday school classes, short-term topical studies, and support groups that apply the faith to particular life challenges.



## These Feet Were Made for Dancing!

*Put on your comfortable shoes and try line dancing.* You don't need a partner, it is good exercise for your mind & body, and it is FUN!! The 5, 6, 7, 8 beginner line dance classes are 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 this exciting way to exercise!! (All funds collected go to EHUMC!)



## Doctor-Recommended!



*Are you ready for a little dose of calm?*

**Rx: YOGA at EMBRY HILLS**



**BREATHE** to revive your lungs & brain, calm your soul, build immunity, sleep better. **STRETCH** to improve posture, flexibility, strength, & balance. **MEDITATE** to prepare for prayer, tune in to the positive, release tension, & relax.

Dr. Andrew Weil says that **BREATHING** is the single most powerful health-promoting strategy. Join us for simple breath techniques and learn more about nurturing yourself through Hatha yoga. Classes meet in the Rehearsal Hall. They are \$8.00 per hour class. Bring a mat or towel or blanket, cushion optional. Yoga block optional.

- **TUESDAYS** now through November 24 (except November 3<sup>rd</sup>). 6:00 p.m.
- **WEDNESDAYS** now through Nov. 26 (except Nov. 4). 9:30 am. (Note this class met formerly on Monday mornings.)

Questions? Call Penny Bolen at (770) 496-9936  
(E-Mail: [psbolen@comcast.net](mailto:psbolen@comcast.net)).

## Coming Soon: Wednesday Workshop

School has started, children are learning and Wednesday night activities at Embry Hills are gearing up, getting ready to kick off a new season. Think back to last year's Cafe del Soul. Perhaps you remember your favorite meal, the great fellowship, yummy ice cream! Maybe you remember the sound and energy of our children bouncing off the walls. Yes, those are *our* children, belonging to *all* of us at Embry Hills. Ours to nurture, to love and to guide in their spiritual growth.

Wednesday Workshop is getting ready to guide that amazing energy and help our children put it to good use learning about and enacting the love of Jesus. Our kids are amazing – they are smart. They are gifted. They are full of love and life and so ready to learn. And they need each of us at Embry Hills to help in our own ways.

### How can I help?

Below is a list of needs:

- Children (K to 3rd grade) – plan to bring your children, your grandchildren, even your neighbor's children from 6:30 – 7:30 every Wednesday night.
- Adult Guides – We just need your loving presence. No teaching required, just a willingness to watch, to help a child read directions, to answer a question.
- Bible related books, games and puzzles
- Donations of materials – check out the most current list on the Embry Hills website.
- Prayer – Please be praying for our ministry as we get it off the ground.

### Is Wednesday Workshop right for my child?

Does your child like to draw? Maybe he's really excited about reading just now. Does she love a good puzzle? Does he have questions about church and why we do things? Does she have a heart for service, always looking for ways to do for others? Play-Doh? Paint? Music? Other kids?

Wednesday Workshop is just that, a workshop. We will start each evening with a short gathering to go over procedures and introduce new materials, but the vast majority of the time will be spent with each child working with a material of his/her own choice. One child may choose one activity to work on for the whole hour. Another might try 5 or even 10 different activities. There is no pressure to finish, no right or wrong, just a rich environment in which to explore spirituality, Christian faith and Methodist mission.

Children come in all shapes and sizes, with a broad range of interests and talents. They go through phases favoring one activity or another. Wednesday Workshop is ready to welcome them all, just where they are. We celebrate their unique learning styles, and encourage them to make their own choices, guide their own learning. If your child has special needs, or a unique interest, let us know how we can make him/her feel welcome. There is a place for everyone in Wednesday Workshop.

Preparations are under way. Wednesday Workshop will open its door September 9. Come one, come all. For more information, contact Karen Gimnig at [gimnig@gmail.com](mailto:gimnig@gmail.com) or 678-705-9007.



### Safety & Behavior Guidelines

This is just a reminder of the guidelines set forth by the Children's Council of Embry Hills UMC to help ensure the safety of our children. Please make sure your children, grandchildren and visiting friends are aware of the guidelines.

1. You must be with your parent, teacher or other approved adult at all times.
2. Stay in the area where you belong. Be respectful of your teacher, other adults and friends.
3. Walk inside the building.
4. Use inside voices.
5. Keep hands and feet to self.
6. No food or drinks inside the KidzTown Connection computer lab.

## 1st Annual EHUMC Community Yard Sale



Clean out your closets and make room to store Christmas gifts and decorations! Embry Hills United Methodist Church is hosting a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, October 3 from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

All clubs, churches, schools, youth groups and individuals interested in this fundraising opportunity are invited. Make an advance reservation for a 10x10' space with one table for just \$20. A late fee of \$5.00 will be charged for reservations received after Saturday, September 29. The sale will be held in the front parking lot of the church to attract those driving by on Henderson Mill Road, near the intersection with Chamblee Tucker.



An added benefit to participating in the EHUMC Sale is that members of the Craftsmen, a service group of the church, will welcome your donation of unsold items that afternoon for the Thrifty Store, open every Saturday until noon; clothing and stuffed animals will not be accepted.

Flyers and registration sheets will be available around the church. For more information, please contact Valerie Harvard at (678) 451-5846.



## What is Passionate Worship?

*Passionate Worship means worship that connects people to God, worship that people enter into with expectancy, and with the anticipation that God desires to speak to them and connect to them. Whether traditional, blended, or contemporary, Passionate Worship is authentic, connecting, and sustaining.*



## EHUMC Youth Charge Ahead

School is back in session and I hope that all of you are feeling in tune with your new routine. Whether it is a new school or just a new year for you, new expectations can be stressful so I hope you are taking care of yourself by talking to your family and friends about it. Sunday nights are a great way to get re-grouped before the school week starts, so I hope it Youth Ministry events will be regular items on your busy calendar.

**All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 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! (Has your family signed up, yet?) We will be making plans for the school year and next summer, too. Plus, there is new leadership to elect—how do you want to get involved? Lots to do but it cannot happen without you! *Please note that we will be off on September 6 for the Labor Day weekend.*

**Confirmation Class of 2009: Kickoff Lunch on Sunday, September 13 @ 12:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center** for registered 7<sup>th</sup> graders and up.

**Looking back at Youth Week 2009**—It is hard to believe how easily we packed so many things in one week together (July 26-August 2)! There was a balance of outreach, which can be a blast, and just plain fun time together.

We kicked things off by welcoming in 4 rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders, now officially part of Youth Fellowship. The evening included frozen t-shirt contests and ice cream sundaes in a gutter (maybe you had to be there as it sounds strange now ...). We stayed up late on Monday for the newest Harry Potter movie at

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the drive-in but most of us made it back early the next day for our volunteer time at Project Open Hand. You should have seen us get the meal prepared for delivery—a fine-tuned machine is what we were! One small group had the opportunity to deliver such meals directly to those who receive them. All of us kicked back (or threw Frisbees and balls) at Piedmont Park for a picnic in the shade.

Mid-week was a full day at Six Flags. The impending rain (which never came) meant the lines were short and we got to ride, ride, ride. Thursday we gave a helping hand to whatever was needed at the Lilburn Cooperative Ministry. After a brief monsoon cleared out the Mountain Park Aquatic Center, we practically had it all to ourselves! Friday night we sang (or was there more laughter?) at karaoke night.

Having had good assembly-line practice at Project Open Hand, a group knocked out over 400 meat/cheese sandwiches for Sunday's Trinity Table meal. Special thanks goes to David Roberts (Youth Alum, EH member, son of Bob & Jean Roberts) for arranging for lunch meat donations and purchasing the other necessities for us. David is expecting his new Emory area BBQ restaurant to open any day and I will be more than happy to share the information so we can say "thank you" by dining in his new place.

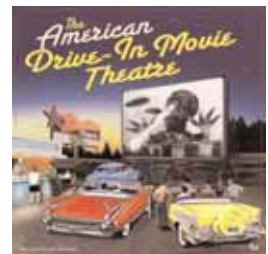
Sunday night we extended Youth Fellowship and ventured to Lunar Golf (glow-in-the-dark putt-putt) at Discover Mills and piled into my house for a taco bar. We literally circled the entire downstairs for the blessing as our group was so large! Thanks for venturing "way out" to Lawrenceville to visit me! My house survived, though I may be eating tacos for a while...

If you didn't get to participate in Youth Week 2009, I sure hope you get the opportunity to do so in 2010. It is a week of making a difference for others and having a good time doing it, too. Of course, that is what we strive to do all year!

*~Victoria Lawson  
Director, Youth Ministries*



## Youth Week Activities



# Fellowship



*Touring  
Charleston, SC*



## **EHUMC Youth Arts Choir: Taking Charleston by Storm!**

On June 19, the Youth Arts Choir departed for Charleston, South Carolina, and I am glad to report that the city has never been the same since!

It's true that we had an amazing time; you've probably heard about the Graveyard and Ghost Tour, the Carolina Belle Harbor Cruise, the amazing restaurants we walked to every day of our trip, and – of course – our daily trips to the beach. I hope you've also had a chance to chat with one of the members of the Youth Arts Choir and asked them about the amazing ways the group ministered to so many people, through the power of music and word.

While in Charleston, we performed for the Hope Lodge of Charleston, which is a residential community for individuals who are enduring struggles with cancer. Next on our stop was a performance for the residents of Franke Home which is a community that specializes in caring for seniors, whether independent living is a possibility, or supported living is necessary. Finally, we were welcomed by Hospice of Charleston and we sang for a community of people who are transitioning into the final days of living. We were thrilled to find that their family members and the amazing souls who work at the hospice center were equally delighted to receive our gifts.

We returned home on July 24, tired and full of much more ocean water than we cared to admit. But, truth-be-told, we had an amazing and unforgettably rewarding experience. Many of you helped make it possible; for your financial gifts, your prayers, your time, your commitment, and your loving support – we thank you.

We're always looking for new friends to join us! Think you might be interested? Come hang out with us, beginning in September! Here's looking forward to a new season of Youth Arts Choir and the many possibilities of sharing love through music with others!

*~Amir Zaheri  
Organist*

*Director, Music & Worship Arts*

*Are you looking for ways to share your musical talents? The Worship Arts area, led by Director Amir Zaheri, is just the place you want to be. Read below all of the opportunities you (or your children) have to participate in this very special ministry.*

**Cherub Choir:** For all 3 and 4-year old children, this group explores the art of movement, music and play, all while preparing our youngest for participation in worship.

**Sundays – 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m., Room 305**  
**Elizabeth Washburn, director**

**Carol Choir:** For our kindergarten and 1st grade young singers, this group helps begin the transition of the young voice into the middle-elementary music repertoire which is offered in worship regularly. *Orff* instruments are incorporated into this group's curriculum.

**Sundays – 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m., Room 312**  
**Beverly Blissit, director**

**Junior Choir:** Our 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade singers prepare music which is increased in challenge and helps to initiate the transition into upper-elementary and junior-high vocal repertoire. This group offers its musical gifts in worship regularly. *Orff* instruments are incorporated into this group's curriculum.

**Sundays – 4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Room 312**  
**Beverly Blissit, director**

**Young Ringers:** For children in grades 3, 4, and 5, this hand bell ensemble rehearses weekly and serves in worship throughout the season.

**Wednesdays – 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary**  
**Victoria Lawson, director**

**Tintinnabulum:** The hand bell ensemble for all students in grades 6-12, this ensemble rehearses weekly and appears in worship regularly.

**Wednesdays – 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary**  
**Victoria Lawson, director**

**Youth Arts Choir:** For all students in grades 6-12, this ensemble rehearses throughout the entire year and serves in worship, tours regularly, and ministers through music to local and area communities.

**Sundays – 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Rehearsal Hall**  
**Amir Zaheri, director**

**Praise Band:** Embry Hill's own praise-leading ensemble is open to all, at any skill level, who play any traditional or non-traditional praise band instrument and to all who wish to participate vocally as well! No experience is necessary. This ensemble oftentimes accompanies portions of the Youth Arts Choir's repertoire and leads service occasionally as well.

**Wednesdays – 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Chapel**  
**Brad Deal, director**

**Chancel Choir:** This ensemble is the resident choral group of weekly Sunday morning 11:00 a.m. services. The repertoire chosen is eclectic, challenging, and appropriate to the season. All are welcome to participate, regardless of experience or musical expertise.

**Wednesdays – 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Rehearsal Hall**  
**Amir Zaheri, director**

**Carillon Ringers:** This ensemble is open to all and rehearses weekly. Serving regularly in worship, this ensemble prepares a wide variety of music and employs eclectic techniques and styles throughout its repertoire.

**Wednesdays – 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary**  
**Jen Brown, director**

**Cantors:** There are several opportunities every month for cantors (vocal soloists who assist in the leading of worship). Please contact Amir Zaheri for more information on the many ways in which you might minister through your individual vocal gifts.

**Cover Art Ministry:** In an effort to elevate a passionate sense of worship, we celebrate the gifts of the visual artists of all skill levels in our community and invite you to help create the art that appears on the covers of our weekly orders of worship. Contact Amir Zaheri if you are interested in participating in this very exciting and rare form of ministry!

*Wed., September 9—Wednesday Worship Arts Schedule begins*  
*Sun., September 13—Sunday Worship Arts Schedule begins*  
*Sun., September 20—Youth Arts Choir Schedule begins*

**BE INVOLVED.**

**BE CHALLENGED.**

**WORSHIP MATTERS.**

# Upcoming Events



## September-October Events

### Kick-Off Sunday

Our resident brass ensemble, The Midtown Brass Quintet, will once again join us as we celebrate the beginning of our fall season of worship together. Join us for this festival setting of the worship service as we lift our voices high.



**Sunday, September 13—11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary**

September 9, 2009: Wed. Evening Worship Arts Schedule Begins;  
September 13, 2009—Sun. Afternoon Worship Arts Schedule Begins;  
September 20, 2009—Youth Arts Choir Schedule Begins

### There Are Souls And SAX To Fill!



Amir Zaheri, Organist and Director of Music and Worship Arts, will present an evening of 20th and 21st century organ repertoire. This very special evening will benefit the amazing ministry known as SNAX SAX! Every week during the school year, hundreds of bags are filled with healthy snacks by numerous volunteers. The bags are then delivered to our nearest Title 1 schools every Friday and distributed to students who may not be able to have such nourishment over the course of a weekend. Please come and help make this an event to remember for so, SO many!

**Thursday, September 17—7:30 p.m.**  
Free admission—Sanctuary  
A Special Offering Will Be Received to Benefit SNAX SAX!



### 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 admission Sanctuary—Childcare provided**



## 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.

# Embry Hills UMC

**EHUMC**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
30 <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> 12:15pm - Potato Bar Luncheon @ 5:15pm - Youth Fellowship @ 7pm - Administrative Council	31 <b>EHUMC-School Starts</b> 4:45pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 6pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 312	1 10am - UMW General Meeting @ 11:30am - UMW Luncheon @ FLC 12pm - McElroy Circle @ RM 1:35pm - Staff Meeting @ LCR 6pm - Line Dancing @ RM-312 6pm - Yoga @ RH 7pm - Yoga @ Rehearsal Hall	2 9:30am - Yoga @ RH
6 <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b>	7 <b>LABOR DAY-Offices Closed</b>	8 1:35pm - Staff Meeting @ LCR 6pm - Line Dancing @ RM-312 6pm - Yoga @ RH 7pm - Yoga @ Rehearsal Hall	9 <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
13 <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> 7:30am - UMM@ FLC 12:30pm - Confirmation Kickoff 4pm - Carol Choir Rehearsal @ RM- 4pm - Cherub Choir Rehearsal @ 4:45pm - Junior Choir Rehearsal @ 5:15pm - Youth Fellowship @ 5:30pm - Finance Meeting @ RM-	14 10am - Invitation to the Psalms @ 4:45pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 6pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 312 7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild @ 7pm - ESL registration @ Education 7pm - Pack 7 Leaders Meeting @	15 10am - Jesus in the Gospels @ Rm 1:35pm - Staff Meeting @ LCR 6pm - Line Dancing @ RM-312 6pm - Yoga @ RH 7pm - Yoga @ Rehearsal Hall	16 <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
20 <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> 12:15pm - Trustees 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 7pm - Ministry Action Team @	21 10am - Invitation to the Psalms @ 4:45pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 6pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 312 7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild @ 7pm - ESL @ RM211, 210	22 10am - Jesus in the Gospels @ Rm 11:30am - Seniors R Special @ FLC 1:35pm - Staff Meeting @ LCR 6pm - Line Dancing @ RM-312 6pm - Yoga @ RH 7pm - Yoga @ Rehearsal Hall 7:30pm - Choir Board Meeting @	23 <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
27 <b>UMM Spiritual Retreat at Rock Eagle</b> <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b> 12:15pm - Potato Bar Luncheon @ 4pm - Carol Choir Rehearsal @ RM- 4pm - Cherub Choir Rehearsal @ 4:30pm - Youth Arts Choir @ 4:45pm - Junior Choir Rehearsal @ 5:15pm - Youth Fellowship @	28 10am - Invitation to the Psalms @ 7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild @ 7pm - ESL @ RM211, 210	29 10am - Jesus in the Gospels @ Rm 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

# September 2009



## Sep 2009 (Eastern Time)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 7pm - PDQ meeting @ WAHOO,	4	5 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store @ 11am - AA @ RM-209
10 7pm - PDQ meeting @ WAHOO,	11 9am - SNAX SAX Assembly @ FLC	12 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store @ 11am - AA @ RM-209 4pm - Choir Dress Rehearsal 6pm - EHUMC Bridge @ FLC
17 7pm - PDQ meeting @ WAHOO, 7:30pm - Benefit Organist Recital @	18 9am - SNAX SAX Assembly @ FLC	19 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store @ 11am - AA @ RM-209
24 9:30am - ESL @ RM202,204 7pm - Disciple One @ RM 401 7pm - PDQ meeting @ WAHOO,	25 <b>UMM Spiritual Retreat at Rock Eagle @ Rock Eagle</b> 9am - SNAX SAX Assembly @ FLC	26 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store @ 10am - Potato Bar Setup @ FLC 11am - AA @ RM-209
1 7pm - Disciple One @ RM 401 7pm - PDQ meeting @ WAHOO,	2 9am - SNAX SAX Assembly @ FLC	3 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  
KT Babes—Rooms 301, 303  
KT Kids—Room 305  
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).*

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**Saturday, October 3**

**9:00-3:00**

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