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Sargent's Voice

STAYING IN LOVE

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I'm not sure what made me grab it, but I reached for a very old book the other day. It was first published in 1974, and in the front of the book, written in my late mother's hand, are the names of my mother and father and the date 1979. The book was written by a fellow who was a Jesuit priest and an author of some note, John Powell. It's entitled The Secret of Staying in Love.

As I thumbed through it again, I came across some sections that had previously been meaningful to me. And, I couldn't help but realize that these passages had relevance, not only to couples seeking to preserve the best of their loving relationship, but to pastor and congregations as well. Why would I be in such a frame of mind?

Well, at Annual Conference later in June, Elaine and I will be appointed once again to serve with you at Embry Hills, something for which we are both deeply grateful. And, as we begin our sixth year together with you, we can all recall times of both joy and pain, times that we got things right and other times when mistakes were made and we wish we had a mulligan or a do-over. But, what people in loving relationships do is understand and forgive and determine how to stay in love!

In The Secret of Staying in Love, Powell discusses the importance of open and honest communication. He refers to such experiences as "peak experiences of communication."

"When you open to me a part of yourself, a reaction, a hurt, a tenderness or a fear that I have never before experienced in you, I am made more aware of your depth and your mystery. I no longer take you for granted, or foolishly believe that I know you so completely that I need not look for anything new, as though you will always be the unchangeable you that I first met and loved."

Such dialogue, Powell asserts, is "the lifeblood of love," filled with the power to help us stay in love, in and out of season, through clear heights and difficult depths, as we continue to know one another more richly over time.

That's the kind of relationship I seek with you. I am open to your newness, to your reactions and hurts, to your tenderness and fears. I seek to know your depth and your mystery more fully. And, I ask that same gift of you, for I, too, have reactions and hurts, tenderness and fears, and I am filled as well with deep mystery yet untouched and yet to be understood. I do hope that the soil for such an ever-deepening

relationship exists for you and me, because I hope that my relationship with Embry Hills will continue for many years to come.

As we begin our sixth year together, I hope that all of us can avoid the foolish belief that we know one another so completely that we need not look for anything new. I hope that we will realize that none of us is the unchangeable person we first met years ago. And, I hope that we will recall in bright confidence that whenever we encounter new depth and mystery in one another, we encounter nothing less than the face of God.

Love,

Mark
Mark

Mark Sargent is the Senior Pastor at Embry Hills United Methodist Church. He is also a new grandfather.

Memorials & Honorariums

- **In memory of Van Fraser, father of Elizabeth Washburn:** Marcille Metaxas (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Edna Nigro, mother of Lloyd Nigro:** Jack & Veleta Holley, Marcille Metaxas, (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Betty Cecil Kitchens:** Al & Dottie Coltrane, Diane Roberts, (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Gordon Eugene Kitchens, father of Gordon Kitchens:** Al & Dottie Coltrane, (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Ruth Lamar, sister of Martha Woods Jones:** Jack Nichols Bible Class (*Help Fund*)
- **In memory of Shelley Harmon:** Earl & Vickie Wiggers (*Ministry & Missions*), Elaine Van Wieren (*Camp Glisson Fund*)
- **In memory of my sweet Mom at Mother's Day:** Marcille Metaxas (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In honor of Cassie Tarr Battey for her successful back surgery:** Scott Tarr (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In honor of EHUMC Staff:** Kaetz Beartusk (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In honor of Loreley Messick's Baptism:** H.L. & Sue Ownbey (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In honor of Cecil & Huvian Ingram:** Scott Tarr (*Ministry & Missions*)

In Transition:

Van Fraser, father of Elizabeth Washburn, passed away May 3, 2010, following a lengthy illness. A memorial service was held in his honor at Trinity Presbyterian on May 10, 2010.

Edna Nigro, mother of Lloyd Nigro, passed away April 23, 2010 in Athens (Ga).

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during these difficult times.



Prayer List

Chuck Bell
Dee Moore
Lilly Hoffman
Kim Evans
Helen Swope
Bob Bevers
Jim Lowry*
Millie Taylor*
Grace Lowry*
Kaye Fason*
Madonna Holley*
Barbara Loar*
*Homebound Members



The following homebound members will celebrate a birthday in June, 2010:

June 2

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

June 10

Grace Lowry
3100 Club Drive, Apt. # 131
Lawrenceville, GA 30044

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

A Loving Tradition



One Performance Only!!!



You are cordially invited to attend a (free) musical presentation of "The Life & Times of King Jehoshaphat," as performed by the **EHUMC Children & Youth Performers**. This Once-Only performance will be held **Sunday, June 6, 2010 at 9:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center**.

Produced by the **EHUMC Music & Worship Arts Ministry**, the play is directed by the lovely & talented **Beverly Blissit**, Director of Children's Choirs, and the magnanimous **Amir Zaheri**, who will provide piano accompaniment for this fine group of performers.

Everyone is invited to attend.
DO NOT MISS THIS
AMAZING PERFORMANCE!!!



Need to contact someone at the church? Here's a staff directory:

Staff Directory			
Name	Title	E-Mail*	Ext
Mark Sargent	Senior Pastor	marks	111
Elaine Puckett	Associate Pastor	elainep	112
Valerie Harvard	Pastor to Children	valerieh	114
Victoria Lawson	Director, Youth	victorial	113
Jane Carter	Office Administration	janec	121
Amir Zaheri	Director Music & Worship Arts	amirz	117
Lori Cora	Financial Secretary	loric	123
Sally Kramer Adele Harrison	Co-Directors of Kindergarten ehumk@embryhillsumc.org		104

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July 2010 Newsletter:

Friday, June 18, 2010

Please send all content to
newsletter@embryhillsumc.org

In Gratitude

Dorothy Jones writes:

My dear Embry Hills friends, I had to drop you a note and express my great thanks for the notes and expressions of love you have sent me during my inactivity. It's been going on a long time! I miss the church and all of you so much. God bless you all!!

SNAX SAX SUCCESS

The Snax Sax Outreach Ministry has successfully concluded its 2009—2010 school year. A deeply felt thank you goes out to all the volunteers and contributors who helped with this ministry during the year. More information about the 2010—2011 school year will be forthcoming.



QUILTING CLASS OFFERED AT EHUMC

The Quilt Ministry invites you to join us Thursday, June 10th from 7-9 pm in the Family Life Center to learn the basics of making a Prayer Quilt or to help make one. We would appreciate, if possible, a RSVP so we know how much material to bring and how many instructors are needed. But if you don't know if you can come until the last minute, just come on!! Contact Connie Buchanan 770-475-4216 or Barbara Harrison 770-939-9195.

UMW



2010

Faith
Hope
Love in
Action

Embry Hills
United
Methodist
Women

Embry Hills UMW has a long tradition of honoring the babies born to our members, but we've gotten a little behind in our recognitions. So we'll be honoring the babies born to our members from 2007 to the present in an upcoming ceremony. Each family will receive a certificate acknowledging that Embry Hills UMW has made a gift to UMW missions in honor of their child.

The ceremony will take place on June 13th at the 11 o'clock service. We will recognize the following babies: Elaine Woodward Evans, daughter of Wayne and Kim Evans; Danielle Campbell Franks, daughter of Bill and Stacie Franks; Mary Helen Reddaway, daughter of Mark and Jennifer Reddaway; Bailey Gunn, daughter of Michael and Anne Gunn; Emiko Olivia Takeuchi, daughter of Kenjie and Jennifer Takeuchi; William Franklin Scruggs, son of Dave Scruggs and Dana Buckelew; Charlotte

Ann Washburn, daughter of Matt and Elizabeth Washburn; Loreley Tate Messick, daughter of Todd and LeyAnna Messick; Dylan Charlie Sargent, son of Wes and Kristen Sargent; and Biram Nigel Ayodele Gaye, son of Nigel and Bilkisu Gaye.

**UMW MISSION NEEDS
FOR THIS MONTH INCLUDE:**

- Dry lemonade mix
- Paper cups
- Napkins
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Bingo prizes
- New greeting cards
- Box Tops for Education
- Campbell's Soup Labels

All donations can be placed in the UMW bin located in the "Missions Room" (this is the former office of Rev. Valerie Harvard and is next to Victoria Lawson's office).

UMW mission gifts support institutions and programs that improve the lives of women, children, and youth both in the U.S. and around the world. These institutions and programs feed children who might otherwise go hungry, provide medical care a family can't afford for their sick child, give a place to live for families displaced by war or affected by poverty, and provide a host of services and advocacies too numerous to list here. I can't think of a

better way to honor our precious children than by helping to improve the lives of other precious children!

~Submitted by Judy Campbell

**United Methodist Men:
Reaching Every Man**

The UMM enjoyed a very informative program presented by our Jim McGarrh on the current situation at Guantanamo Bay. As most of you know, Jim is a retired (twice) Navy Rear Admiral and was, and perhaps still is very much involved with Guantanamo. We appreciate very much his efforts not only in our church but in our world. We will meet again on June 6 and then suspend until September 12. We are hoping for a golf tournament on September 22. Watch for more information on this.

~Submitted by Earl Witcher

Did you Snooze last Sunday??

Did you miss last Sunday's sermon because you figured you'd take the opportunity to catch up on your sleep? Did the alarm fail to go off? Were you out of town??

Never fear! The **podcast** is here. "A what?" you ask.

A **podcast** is a digital recording that you can download from a website to your computer to listen to whatever content that is on the recording. Now you can go to the Embry Hills website at www.EmbryHillsUMC.org/podcast and either listen to a past sermon OR even listen to an entire worship service! This is a great opportunity to share our message to others who may need some nurturing or who may otherwise be unable to attend church. Try it out...I think you'll be pleased with what you hear!!!

Ministries



METHODISM 101: Staff-Parish Relations

The Staff Parish Relations Committee or SPRC is one of four local church administrative committees required by the Book of Discipline. It is made up of at least 5 and not more than 9 lay members, including at least one young adult. Membership is nominated by the committee on lay leadership and elected by the charge conference. Terms are for 3 years with 1/3 of the membership elected each year to provide for ongoing continuity.

Members of this committee will ideally represent the breadth of the congregation and be skilled in communication, assessment and conflict management. They are required to meet at least quarterly and may meet more frequently if necessary. All meetings are considered “closed session” and all information shared in the committee is considered confidential.

According to the 2009-2012 leadership guidelines, the committee’s primary responsibility is to work with staff, whether appointed or employed directly by the congregation, to insure that the mission of the church is realized. As leaders in the congregation, the committee must stay focused on the big picture and maintain a mission driven focus even in times of crisis. As human resource managers the committee functions like a personnel department and must be willing to attend to certain legal and risk management issues. Their work will inevitably require them to deal with the conflicts and the diverse opinions that are part of congregational life.

Those who have been long time members of a United Methodist congregation may be surprised to learn that the work of SPRC has shifted in the direction of a consensus model. Decision making by majority vote is discouraged and the hope is to rely on spiritual

This is the 4th in a series written by Associate Pastor, Elaine Puckett, that describes what it means to be a member of the United Methodist Church.

discernment in evaluating the opinions and needs of the congregation and to reach a mutually acceptable course of action.

According to the Book of Discipline the specific tasks assigned to this committee include:

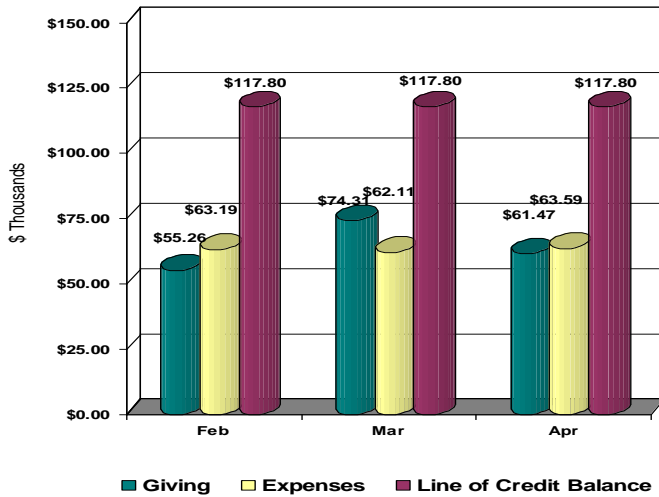
- Educating and reminding the staff and the congregation to focus on working together toward the mission of the church by promoting unity and encouraging, strengthening, nurturing, supporting and respecting the pastors, staff and their families
- Leading the conversation between the congregation and the staff about ministry direction including recommendations about what staff positions are needed to carry out that work
- Developing and recommending written policies and procedures on employment, including provision for insurance, pension and severance.
- Assessing staff job performance at least annually for the purpose of realigning position descriptions with the mission of the church
- Conferring and consulting with the District Superintendent, including consultation regarding appointments during times of pastoral change
- Supporting life long learning and spiritual renewal for staff
- Identifying and supporting those in the congregation whom God is calling to the ordained ministry

At Embry Hills the present chair of the SPRC is Hugh Starling

On another matter of importance...

Rev. Elaine Puckett writes, “In order to update our database and move toward the creation of a new pictorial directory, we have recently mailed a form to members of the congregation asking for personal information. In an effort to be congruent with our database language in

creating the family record, the form asked for a “head of household.” This was an unfortunate choice of language as it implies a hierarchy of relationships that was not intended. A new form with new terminology has been prepared and is available in this newsletter and online at www.EmbryHillsUMC.org. Please feel free to use this updated form. And again, I apologize for failing to recognize the implications of the language in advance.”



The Dashboard

April 2010 contributions were \$61,468.56 and expenses were \$63,590.88, resulting in a net loss of (\$2,122.32). The Line of Credit (LOC) balance for January 31, 2010 remains at \$117,800. On a Year-to-date basis, net contributions are \$256,008.01 and expenses are \$249,273.83, resulting in a net income of \$6,734.18. Please see the results from the Stewardship committee below.

1 JOHN 4:18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear.....

~Submitted by Rick McDaniel

Stewardship Campaign Results

We want to begin by saying "thank you." All of us who were involved in coordinating and participating with you in the Embry Hills 2010 Stewardship Campaign would like to express our gratitude to those who make this ministry possible. You consistently and generously support this church with your time and talents, as well as treasure. Your generous contributions make it possible to carry out our ministry for Christ. Thank you for your faithful support for the mission and ministry of Embry Hills United Methodist Church.

As good stewards of the money coming into this church, we have continued to manage funds with a balanced focus on cost cutting and savings where possible, while moving to increase the mission and the lives we touch with in the church and our community. We are presently estimating a three percent increase in budget needs for this year.

Our campaign this year kicked off in December and concluded on March 28th, resulting in the budget detail below, however, two items that we were not able to address in the budget:

Staff: Despite their excellent service to our congregation, we have not been able to return salaries to the 2008 levels this year, but remain hopeful that increased giving will make this possible in the near future.

Line of Credit Reduction and Capital Reserves: We have projected income levels and an expense plan derived from our stewardship campaign that will allow for minimally reducing the LOC, but have no earmark for a capital reserve. We plan to address this with the "50th Anniversary Capital Campaign"

Thank you again for prayerfully considering your pledge, that contributes to our Mission and the numbers below:

Embry Hills United Methodist Church

2010 Budget Build Analysis

	2010 Budget	2009 Actual	2008 Actual
Revenue	\$834,000	\$820,097	\$888,589
Work Areas	\$53,560	\$42,751	\$31,229
Finance (Interest)	\$10,987	\$10,719	\$9,430
Apportionments	\$124,803	\$123,803	\$45,926
Staff Parish	\$432,720	\$413,449	\$534,683
Trustees	\$211,930	\$212,200	\$198,308
Total Expenses	\$834,013	\$802,923	\$819,576
Net Total	\$0	\$17,174	\$69,013

~Your 2010 Stewardship Committee

The Book Shelf

BECOMING A THINKING CHRISTIAN

By John B. Cobb, Jr.

This book challenges each of us TO THINK! Dr Cobb wants every Christian to realize that we can and should be informed followers of Christ. He also discusses why it is important for Christians to think about their own beliefs and assumptions. Let's not meander through life not really knowing our faith. Be prepared when the good and difficult issues confront us.

One of the more positive suggestions he makes is to find another Thinking Christian and become a Conversation Partner...perhaps several others and form a group. It would be more appealing perhaps to limit the number of sessions.

Topics covered range from "On Becoming What You Are, A Theologian; Ethics and Theology; Christians and Jews; A Critique of Economics; An Afterword on Church Theology; as well as a number of others".

Under the heading of "Biblical Authority", Dr Cobb contends, "...theological thinking cannot escape the question of HOW the Bible is authoritative. But it is equally true that we cannot answer that question without wrestling with concrete issues and testing what we say at every stage in relation to what we REALLY believe."

Check it out....and return it!

~Submitted by Jim Johnson



Yes, Embry Hills UMC is almost 50 years old. As we approach the *Jubilee* celebration in 2011, please think and pray about how you might participate in this exciting time for our church.

A Prayer of Acceptance:

Dear God, In this moment I hold your acceptance. You love me completely, just as I am. You see my great potential within, and you nurture my tender heart of compassion. In this moment, I let your acceptance be my own. I accept others as the children of God. I hold high their inner greatness, always seeking to serve the highest and best within all people. And so it is.



"Accept one another then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

~Romans 15:7

The Staff and Church Family of Embry Hills UMC celebrate with the following students as they reach the milestone of graduation. Congratulations to the Class of 2010!!

LAKESIDE HIGH SCHOOL

George Lincoln *Decision Pending*

ARMY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S SCHOOL-CHARLOTTESVILLE

Major Christian Deichert *L.L.M. Degree in Military Law*

ELON UNIVERSITY

Angie Lovelace *Degree in Journalism, Minor in Photography*
(daughter of Chuck Lovelace; granddaughter of Alice & Jack Glover)

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Elizabeth McGarrah Hathcock *Master of Education*
in Communications Disorders

THE JULLIARD SCHOOL

Andrea DeMarcus *Bachelor's Degree in Musical Performance,*
Classical Double Bass

MERCER UNIVERSITY

Julie Hall *Specialist in Education-Teacher Leadership*

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Tim Cook *Juris Doctor*

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Megan Harrison Branham *Doctor of Veterinary Medicine*
(daughter of Andy & Beth Harrison; granddaughter of Gordon & Barbara Harrison)

Also graduating from the **University of Georgia** is Sharlee Floren, granddaughter of Jack & Velela Holley. Ms. Floren is graduating with a Masters of Accounting specializing in taxation.

Music & Worship Arts Happenings & Events *June 2010*

For more information about this month's events, please contact Amir Zaheri at (770) 938-0661, ext. 117
amirz@embryhillsumc.org

PLEASE BE SURE TO

~HOLY COMMUNION~

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE WILL BE CELEBRATED AT THE 8:45 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE--SUNDAY, JUNE 6



MUSIC AND DRAMA CAMP PRESENTATION

COMPLETE WITH COSTUMES, PROPS AND SET-DESIGN, OUR CHILDREN WILL SHARE A REMARKABLE MUSICAL PRESENTATION ABOUT THE LIFE AND LESSONS OF KING JEHOSEPHAT! YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT UNTIL YOU SEE IT!

SUNDAY, JUNE 6
9:45 A.M.--FAMILY LIFE CENTER

ANDY OFFUTT IRWIN IN WORSHIP!

"Andy Offutt Irwin is to music what Robin Williams is to stand-up comedy..."

~ Gregory Nicoll, *Creative Loafing Magazine*

CONTINUING THE EXCITEMENT OF THE DAY, ANDY RETURNS TO EMBRY HILLS TO HELP US CELEBRATE IN WORSHIP AND TO CONTINUE THE THEMES SET FOR US BY OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR BRILLIANT MUSICAL PRESENTATION. WHAT A DAY!



SUNDAY, JUNE 6
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
SANCTUARY--NURSERY CARE PROVIDED



GEORGIA BRASS BAND-- FAMILY POPS!

YOU ASKED FOR MORE! JOIN US FOR THIS EVENING OF FAMILIAR FAVORITES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY--COMPLETE WITH HOLLYWOOD, BROADWAY, AND SHOW-TUNE FAVORITES!

SUNDAY, JUNE 6--7:00 P.M.--SANCTUARY--TIX \$10/\$15/\$25

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

BABY RECOGNITION SUNDAY



EMBRY HILLS HAS BEEN BLESSED WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF NEW LIFE, AND GOD'S GOODNESS TO US ALL WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THIS SPECIAL SERVICE, SPONSORED BY THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF EHUMC.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
SANCTUARY--NURSERY CARE PROVIDED

CHANCEL CHOIR AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DID YOU KNOW THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN EMBRY HILLS HISTORY, OUR VERY OWN CHANCEL CHOIR HAS BEEN INVITED TO LEAD WORSHIP AT OUR ANNUAL NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE? FOR A VIBRANT CONGREGATION OF OVER 2000, OUR AMAZING CHOIR WILL LEAD THE OPENING SERVICE OF WORSHIP. YOUR LOVING PRAYERS AND SUPPORT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16
2:00 P.M. OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE--ATHENS, GEORGIA

YOUTH ARTS TOURING CHOIR



PRIOR TO LEAVING FOR A MEANINGFUL WEEK OF MUSIC MINISTRY WITHIN CANCER CARE FACILITIES, HOSPICE CENTERS, AND ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITIES OF CHARLESTON, S.C., THE YOUTH TOURING CHOIR WILL SHARE THEIR GIFTS WITH OUR EMBRY HILLS FAMILY IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20
8:45 AND 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICES
SANCTUARY--NURSERY CARE PROVIDED



LEE DOMANN RETURNS TO EHUMC!

LEE DOMANN IS A SONGWRITER, STORYTELLER, AND MODERN-DAY TROUBADOUR. HIS STYLE IS REMINISCENT OF GARRISON KEILLOR, OF PUBLIC RADIO'S 'A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION.' HE HAS BEEN CALLED, 'GARRISON WITH GUITAR.' RETURNING TO LEAD US ALL IN PASSIONATE WORSHIP, WE WELCOME BACK LEE DOMANN AS HE SHARES STORIES, SONGS, AND TESTIMONIES OF FAITH.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27
8:45 AND 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICES
SANCTUARY--NURSERY CARE PROVIDED

“Emancipation”

Editors Note: In anticipation of the EHUMC Chancel Choir's premier performance of Michael Kallstrom's "My Soul is at Liberty", Carol Nigro, a Chancel Choir member and Emily Dickinson scholar, offers an introspective look into the Dickinson poem, "Emancipation." Mr. Kallstrom's musical composition is based upon the words found in Ms. Dickinson's poem, and provides a perfect setting for an Independence Day celebration.

On July 4th, our nation celebrates its independence and liberation from England. In Emily Dickinson's poem, set to music for our July 4th concert by composer Michael Kallstrom, we find a vision of liberty that is at once personal and applicable to our community, nation, and world. With her first words, Emily Dickinson's narrator in "Emancipation" emphatically declares that she cannot be hurt by outside forces when her "Soul" is "at Liberty." She affirms that she is more than "mortal Bone." She has a "Bolder" core, a Soul, which, unlike the body, may not be pricked or pierced. Though the body may be physically bound, the soul need not be, and it will fly away as easily as does the eagle from his nest. Emancipation and Liberty for Emily Dickinson's narrator reside in the Soul, not the body. Captivity or Liberty resides within one's own consciousness, not outside circumstance.

We might wonder why a nineteenth century woman from a respected, New England family would write a poem about captivity and liberty. Emily Dickinson was well read, educated, musically skilled, and highly intelligent. In her poetry, she explored questions of religion, faith, death, love, language, and nature in ways very different from poets of her day. Her poems in children's books today reveal her sense of humor and playfulness. Readers of her more complex poems, however, find pleasure and provocation in her keen wit, ironic tone, and frequent irreverence.

"Emancipation" on which our music is based is a serious poem, most likely written in 1862, her most productive year. Though Emily Dickinson wrote mainly for herself, she sought advice on how to improve her poetry. When the critic Thomas Wentworth Higginson commented that the poems she sent him were "spasmodic" and he had difficulty understanding them, she listened and retained his counsel, but she continued to compose poetry in her own way. Her verse followed her own poetic conventions, not those of her day. Though she wrote about everyday life, she explored the deepest concerns of human existence in poems which employed off rhymes and irregular rhythms.

Though we cannot know what inspired Emily Dickinson to write "Emancipation," we can look at events occurring when she composed it. In 1862, Emily and her neighbors in Amherst, Massachusetts dealt daily with the reality of the Civil War. In her personal life, Emily devoted herself to family and friends, music and poetry, and spent her days within her family home. She enjoyed visits from a few select guests. From her upstairs bedroom window, she observed the natural world and the Amherst community. In her own room, she was "at liberty" to ponder the questions of her heart, mind, and world.

In "Emancipation," Emily Dickinson demonstrates how well she understood "liberty." In bold words, she declares in the very first line that nothing can "torture" her Soul when it is "at Liberty." She affirms that her being is composed of both a physical body and an inner Soul, a Soul which cannot be "pricked" or "pierced." If the physical body be bound, the Soul may still fly as easily as the eagle from its nest. But, she notes, one's own mind or "Consciousness" decides whether to succumb to captivity or rise to liberty. In other words, our captivity or liberty is within our control. Because we are made of more than "mortal Bone," with a Soul that is "bolder" than our physical body, we have the power within ourselves to choose captivity or liberty. Emily Dickinson chose to be "at liberty" in her life and in her writing. Her poem reminds us that we, too, have that same power and choice.

Emily Dickinson's poem speaks to us today. We see the truth of her words in our nation's history and in the world around us. Our founding fathers and mothers created a new nation as much by the force of their Souls' convictions as by arms. They chose liberty of the Soul as well as of the body. Women in Emily Dickinson's day lobbied for emancipation, and abolitionists sought liberation for slaves. In the twentieth century, Martin Luther King fathered a civil rights movement that changed political and social conditions for African Americans. In South Africa, Nelson Mandela endured years of captivity but retained his Soul's "liberty" to be freed and elected his country's prime minister. In our own midst, we have friends who suffer great pain but whose Souls remain "at liberty." May we be reminded by Emily Dickinson's words and Michael Kallstrom's music that the power to choose captivity or liberty resides within ourselves and not in outside circumstance.

~Submitted by Carol Nigro

Youth Ministries started the month of May off by leading the worship services on May 2. What a morning! The 6th-12th graders picked the theme—"Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors"—and did a tremendous job planning the worship service around it. Prayers were written, music was chosen and individuals took on all the aspects of the worship service, including the thoughtful (and thought-provoking!) message given by senior Taylor Chicoine. This group has so many gifts and they did a wonderful job of sharing them with their church family. It was also a time to celebrate all the graduates in our congregation. After all, that's one of the important things that families do: celebrate each other!

Sunday evenings in May were quite varied. We played around at Game Night, invited Mark Sargent to come pull a "lesson" out of The Box (Youth Style!) and ended the month with a Pentecost Party...um, I mean, 4th Sunday Worship. Well, there are all types of ways to worship together, right?

Get ready for a busy summer!!! Besides our nearly weekly Sunday night programs, there are a few extras going on. See below for June information and a sneak preview for Youth Week 2010, too!

All current 6th-12th graders are welcome to attend youth activities. There is so much we can accomplish together and we hope you will be a part of it all! **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.**



YOUTH HAPPENINGS

- **Sunday School (Sundays @ 9:45 a.m. in Room 403):** *Come see what this growing group is up to each Sunday morning! You never know what we'll end up talking about...*

- **Youth Fellowship (Sundays @ 5:15-7:30 p.m., beginning in the Family Life Center; \$3 for dinner):**

*June 6: Youth Fellowship**

*June 13: Youth Fellowship**

June 20: No YF—Father's Day

*June 27: 4th Sunday Worship Service--Worship for Youth by Youth**

**each program is followed by our regular game*

- **REEL Time (Selected Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m., in Room 403):** PG films you know and love (or will!) and Bible study. Bring finger food to share as we munch during our movie. How can we possibly use these movies as a Bible study? Come and find out!

Wed., June 9: The Princess Bride (action/comedy)

Wed., June 30: Contact (sci-fi)

Wed., July 7: Remember the Titans (drama)

- **Focusing on Faith & Fun—Youth Week 2010 (July 11-17):** A long-time tradition of daily activities— some outreach, some fellowship, all fun! One of the best parts of the week is to welcome rising 6th graders to our group! Also, we are honored to be volunteers most of the week at **Camp Hollywood—a summer day camp offered by FOCUS (Families of Children Under Stress)** at EHUMC each year. Besides our annual trip to **Six Flags Over Georgia** (\$12 tickets!), we will hang out at **Atlantic Station's Central Park for a free movie night** and finish up with a **lock-in** together. Details are almost done and registration information will be available soon so watch for e-mails, bulletin inserts, and info. on the church website at the beginning of the month!



Above—The Youth Praise Band performs at Youth Sunday Worship Service. Above Opposite—Youth Director Victoria Lawson leads Time on the Steps with EHUMC children.

Editor's Note: If you were in church Sunday, May 2nd, you were fortunate to witness the EHUMC youth leading a packed congregation in worship. The musical selections, the readings and Taylor Chicoine's perceptive and heartfelt homily made this member's heart soar with pride and gratitude: pride at what amazing young adults we have in the youth ministry, and gratitude that they have a clearer and purer vision of what Christ's mission was and how, as followers of Christ, we should open our ears and listen to what they have to say. Taylor Chicoine, who just graduated from Lakeside High and is attending UGA in the Fall (go Dawgs!!!!...sorry, couldn't help myself) graciously allowed me to publish excerpts from the homily he delivered that Sunday. I believe that, once you read what he has to say, you, too, will feel as I do about our youth.

REFLECTIONS

Acceptance is a very broad topic. As I sat down to write this reflection I thought of many aspects of acceptance that I could discuss. There was one quite obvious approach; As United Methodists we have a policy of "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors". You will find that as a common theme throughout this reflection, but maybe not in the way you expect. This reflection will be expressed in two parts. America is a country founded on the principle of freedom, the freedom to be who you are. America was founded on the basic idea that each person is different and that no matter how different you are, you are still welcome. Unfortunately, these ideas are not expressed in the same fashion today. Why? As Christians, what can we do? If we compare these fundamental ideas with the principles of Christianity we can see that the two are very similar. To illustrate this similarity I offer this poem:

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

Many of you may recognize that poem. That was the poem from the Statue of Liberty. If you look at this poem through different eyes, it says much about Christianity. If you flip through the Bible, who does Jesus take? Jesus takes Zacchaeus and Jesus takes the Lepers, Jesus takes anyone who no one wants. Much like the poem says, God takes the tired, the poor, and the homeless.

I can find no other way to convey the message of acceptance more clearly than to quote Philip Spooner.



Spooner is a World War II veteran, and in this quote he explains the importance of acceptance and equality. So to sum up my points I will read a paraphrased quote from Spooner.

"What do you think our boys fought for on Omaha Beach?" I saw so much blood and guts, so much suffering, much sadness and sacrifice. For what? For freedom and equality...I've seen with my own eyes the consequences of a... system... that makes some people less than others, or second-class. Never again.

We must have equal rights for everyone. It's what this country was started for. It takes all kinds of people to make the world work... This is what we fought for in WWII; that idea that we can be different and still be equal."

Embry Hills is a wonderful place. In this church I have seen people welcomed who might not have been accepted at other churches. To me, the reason Embry Hills is so amazing is because we love. If you take only one thing away from being a part of this church, let it be that we love. The love I have witnessed in this place is steady and unchanging. Each person who walks through those doors is greeted with the same smile and hug as the person behind them. As we heard in the scripture reading, in John 13:34-35 God tells us, in the most simple straight-forward way, how we can be his disciples, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." If you spend only a few hours in this place it becomes obvious that the people of Embry Hills are disciples of God...

~excerpt by Taylor Chicoine



LOOKING FOR A FEW VBS HELPERS!

Calling all Cosmic Captains, Lieutenants, and Crew! We need YOU!

Yes, VBS is coming July 19 – 23, and we can't hold it without the very capable help of many dedicated volunteers. We especially need teachers and teacher assistants to help guide our cadets from station to station. If Vulcan Val or I have somehow failed to ask you personally, don't let that stop you from coming aboard for an out-of-this-world adventure!

Currently, we have so few classroom teachers and assistants that we're looking at combining classes and closing enrollment for one or two grades. Don't let that happen to our adventure! We need: a teacher and assistant for our Pre-K 3 year olds, a lead teacher and assistant for 1st grade, a lead teacher and assistant for 2nd grade, and an assistant for the 3rd grade.

Give us a call from your communicator or send us an old-fashioned e-mail and let us know which cadet age group you prefer to lead. Contact Commander Judy at 770-723-0850 or judyc@mindspring.com or Vulcan Val at 770-938-0661 x 114 or valerieh@embryhillsumc.org and let us know which days you can help.

Our artistic crew says you can also help by collecting two of our cosmos-friendly "reusing it" art supplies: used CDs and margarine tub lids.

It's going to be a totally galactic blast with YOUR help!

Children's Worship at Embry Hills



Beginning Sunday, June 13th, children in 1st through 3rd grade are invited to join us for Children's Worship on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. (If there are exceptions for special holidays or events, we will try to provide advance notice.) Children begin worship with their parents at 11:00am, then following Time on the Steps the

children are led by adult volunteers to the Chapel to learn more about worship and its various elements. The children will be learning who God is and how to worship God. In addition, the children will have the opportunity to acolyte, read the scripture lesson, and lead in prayer. On Children's Worship Sundays, the "Weekly Source" bulletin insert will explain what the children will be learning. The following week, as they attend the regular worship service with you, the children will be asked to watch for the particular element of worship they learned about.

Children Worship Adult Volunteers Needed

Your welcoming and loving heart and smile are needed! If you would like to assist with Children's Worship on the 2nd or 4th Sunday of the month, please contact Valerie Harvard, Pastor to Children and their Families.

Monday Movies for Kids

Monday afternoons are the perfect day to take a little time to cool off, slow down and relax with friends.



Your children and their friends are invited to join us for Monday

June 7 – The Shaggy Dog
June 28 – Muppets in Space
August 2 – Chicken Little

Movies. We will be serving popcorn and juice for an afternoon snack. All movies scheduled are family friendly and Rated G. Monday Movies are for children in kindergarten and up (any younger children must have a parent present to stay and watch the movies.) Space is limited, so please call Valerie Harvard at 770-938-0661 ext. 114 or email at valerieh@embryhillsumc.org for reservations.

Summer Reading is Fun!



Hey! Don't forget the KidzTown Children's Library!! The library is a great place to come check out a book....or sit and have some quiet time reading. Moms and Dads, it is also a great place to come and read a story to your little ones. The library will be open for business all summer. Check out is on the honor system. We ask that you return checked-out books in a timely fashion.

Summer Family Fun Indoor Picnics *(hey, no ants allowed!)*



Dust off your picnic baskets and take a look at what we've got planned...

Each night you are invited to bring a picnic supper for you and your family along with your favorite 2-liter soda, lemonade or juice to share. Be sure to invite your friends!

Big Birthday Bash

Wednesday, June 30th ~ 6:00pm - 9:00pm

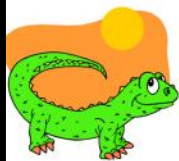
We're celebrating everyone's birthdays with a big, birthday bash for everyone! We're even going to celebrate the birthday of America. It's a big, birthday bash! A red, white and blue birthday bash!



We'll have inflatables for both little and older children along with games for lots of good fun. And lots of big, birthday cake for all! Bring a picnic supper for you and your family or friends along with your favorite 2-liter drink to share. In lieu of birthday gifts, we ask that each family bring an unwrapped gift for the United Methodist Children's Home. (*suggested items include: school supplies, art supplies, board games, AMC or Blockbuster gift cards.*) Get all decked out in your red, white and blue, pack a delicious summer picnic supper and come join us for a red, white and blue night of birthday fun! No advance reservations needed.

Wild Jungle Party with My Reptile Guys !

Friday, July 9th ~ 6:30 - 8:30pm (reptile show begins at 7pm)



It's a family thing! Glen and Lee, along with their boys Josh and Adam, will be sharing their love of reptiles with us during their hour long show filled with snakes, pythons, lizards, turtles, bearded dragons, along with tricks, demonstrations and a few surprises. After the show there will be a time to hold and touch some of the reptiles. Check out their website www.MyReptileGuys.com and then make plans to join us for our wild jungle party.

Bring your picnic supper and the cost for the jungle party - \$5 per person with a \$20 family cap.

Advance reservations are needed. Please call Valerie Harvard at 770-938-0661 ext. 114 or email at valerieh@embryhillsumc.org to make your reservations.



Karaoke Night

Wednesday, August 4th ~ 6:30 - 8:30pm

Bring the family and friends. It's Karaoke Night!!! Shed all your inhibitions and get ready to have so fun on stage. Sing a solo, sing as a duet, or sing as the newest family sensation from Embry Hills!! Following our picnic supper, Frankie the DJ Ware will be leading us in a fun night of homemade entertainment. And don't forget to pack your video camera!!

Bring your picnic supper and the cost for the karaoke party - \$3 per person with a \$12 family cap.

Advance reservations are needed. Please call Valerie Harvard at 770-938-0661 ext. 114 or email at valerieh@embryhillsumc.org to make your reservations.

MEMBERS

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE
 8:45 Early Worship Service
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		1 9am - Music & Drama Camp 1:35pm - Staff Meeting @ LCR 4:45pm - 5678 Beginner Line Dance 6pm - 5678 High Beginner Line 6pm - Line Dancing @ FLC
6 SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 9:45am - Music/Drama Camp 4:30pm - Youth Touring Choir @ 5:15pm - Youth Fellowship @ 7pm - Georgia Brass Band Concert	7 9am - Musical Beginnings Camp 1pm - Monday Movies for Kids @ 4:45pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 6pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 312	8 9am - Musical Beginnings Camp 1:35pm - Staff Meeting @ LCR 4:45pm - 5678 Beginner Line Dance 6pm - 5678 High Beginner Line 6pm - Line Dancing @ FLC
13 SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 7:30am - UMM @ FLC 11am - Children's Worship @ 12:15pm - Trustees @ LCR 4:30pm - Youth Touring Choir @ 5:15pm - Youth Fellowship @ 5:30pm - Finance Meeting @ RM-	14 9am - Musical Beginnings Camp @ 4:45pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 6pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 312	15 9am - Musical Beginnings Camp @ 1:35pm - Staff Meeting @ LCR 4:45pm - 5678 Beginner Line Dance 6pm - 5678 High Beginner Line 6pm - Line Dancing @ FLC
20 SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 4:30pm - Youth Touring Choir @ 7pm - Administrative Council @	21 Youth Arts Choir Tour @ Charleston SC area 8am - Camp Embry Hills @ 300 Hall 4:45pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 6pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 312	22 8am - Camp Embry Hills @ 300 Hall 1:35pm - Staff Meeting @ LCR 4:45pm - 5678 Beginner Line Dance 6pm - 5678 High Beginner Line 6pm - Line Dancing @ FLC
27 SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 11am - Children's Worship @ 4:30pm - Youth Touring Choir @ 5:15pm - Youth Fellowship @	28 9am - Musical Beginnings Camp @ 1pm - Monday Movies for Kids @ 4:45pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 6pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 312	29 9am - Musical Beginnings Camp @ 1:35pm - Staff Meeting @ LCR 4:45pm - 5678 Beginner Line Dance 6pm - 5678 High Beginner Line 6pm - Line Dancing @ FLC

June 2010



Jun 2010 (Eastern Time)			
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9am - Music & Drama Camp 7pm - Chancel Choir @ Rehearsal	3 9am - Music & Drama Camp 7pm - PDQ @ Taco Mac @	4 9am - Music & Drama Camp	5 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store @ 9am - Music & Drama Camp 11am - AA @ RM-209
9 9am - Musical Beginnings Camp 6pm - Youth: REEL Time @ TBD 7pm - Chancel Choir @ Rehearsal	10 9am - Musical Beginnings Camp 7pm - PDQ @ Taco Mac @ 7pm - Quilting Class @ FLC	11 9am - Musical Beginnings Camp	12 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store @ 11am - AA @ RM-209
16 2010 NGUMC Annual Conference @ Athens, GA Civic Center 9am - Musical Beginnings Camp @ 7pm - Chancel Choir @ Rehearsal	17 9am - Musical Beginnings Camp @ 7pm - PDQ @ Taco Mac @	18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	19 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store @ 11am - AA @ RM-209
23 8am - Camp Embry Hills @ 300 Hall 7pm - Chancel Choir @ Rehearsal	24 8am - Camp Embry Hills @ 300 Hall 7pm - PDQ @ Taco Mac @	25 8am - Camp Embry Hills @ 300 Hall	26 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store @ 11am - AA @ RM-209
30 9am - Musical Beginnings Camp @ 6pm - Family Fun Nite: BIG Birthday 6pm - Youth: REEL Time @ TBD 7pm - Chancel Choir @ Rehearsal			

Be sure to check out the online church calendar at www.embryhillsumc.org for any event changes.

Embry Hills United Methodist Church Database Update Form

*****(This is the revised form. If you haven't returned the original form sent to you, please complete this and either mail or fax to the church office. You can also leave it in the Sunday offering plate. Thank you!)*****

Please fill out the form below and return it to the Church Office. The information you provide will enable us to have the most current information on you in the church database. Children section is located on the back of this form. For questions or concerns, please contact the Church Office at 770-938-0661, extension 121. We thank you!!

Adult

Last Name: _____ Address: _____
First Name: _____ Address: _____
Middle Name: _____ City: _____
Goes By: _____ State: _____ Zip _____
Title: _____ Home Phone: _____ Listed / Unlisted *(circle one)*
Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Marital Status: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Male / Female *(circle one)* Date of Marriage: _____
Preferred email: _____ Email for newsletter: _____
Newsletter: Family / Individual / None *(circle one)* Newsletter Via: Email *(circle: yes no)*
Contributions: Individual / Combined with Spouse / None *(circle one)* Statement: Yes / No *(circle one)*
Occupation: _____ Place of Employment: _____
Prior Church Affiliation: _____

Adult

Last Name: _____ Address: _____
First Name: _____ Address: _____
Middle Name: _____ City: _____
Goes By: _____ State: _____ Zip _____
Title: _____ Home Phone: _____ Listed / Unlisted *(circle one)*
Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Marital Status: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Male / Female *(circle one)* Date of Marriage: _____
Preferred email: _____ Email for newsletter: _____
Newsletter: Family / Individual / None *(circle one)* Newsletter Via: Email *(circle: yes no)*
Contributions: Individual / Combined with Spouse / None *(circle one)* Statement: Yes / No *(circle one)*
Occupation: _____ Place of Employment: _____
Prior Church Affiliation: _____

**Embry Hills United Methodist Church
Database Update Form**

Child

Child #1:

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Goes By: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Where? _____

Child #2:

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Goes By: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Where? _____

Child #3:

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Goes By: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Where? _____

Child #4:

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Goes By: _____

Date of Birth: _____

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Where? _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ Relationship: _____

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Of Thee I Sing!

Featuring:

The Music and Worship Arts Area of Embry Hills United Methodist Church proudly invites you to join us for our very special July 4 Patriotic Concert. This very wonderful and exciting musical celebration will include performances by some of Atlanta's finest musicians and will culminate in what will surely be a very special musical tribute honoring the various branches of the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

- EHUMC Chancel Choir
- Victoria Lawson, *soprano*
- Amy Little, *soprano*
- Trey Clegg, *organ*
- Michael Cebulski, *percussion*
- Midtown Brass Quintet
- World Premiere of a work by composer **Michael Kallstrom**

Sunday, July 4—7:00 p.m.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

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