

# SOURCE

A Monthly Digest of Church Life



## Sargent's Voice

They used to refer to distraught people as being "beside themselves." Our ancient forbears believed that the soul could part from the body. Thus, during times of intense emotional distress, these forbears of ours thought that the soul actually left the body for a time. Interestingly, this is also the source from which springs the expression "out of his mind." To one degree or another, I think we can all relate. There have been many times in my own life when I have felt "beside myself," fractured, misaligned, split, torn.

Sadly, for different reasons, many people live divided lives. Many people live in a way that is untrue to who they really are. Sometimes, oppressed persons have to live divided lives because of unjust social structures that require that they mask some truth about themselves. Sometimes, we live with the painful recognition that we are to do something or to say something that we have yet to do or say, and we experience the fissure that comes from such a place. Similarly, we all know the experience of having done something or said something that we regret but have yet to acknowledge or seek to amend, and we live in the pain of the bone-groaning anguish of which the Psalmist speaks. At other times, all

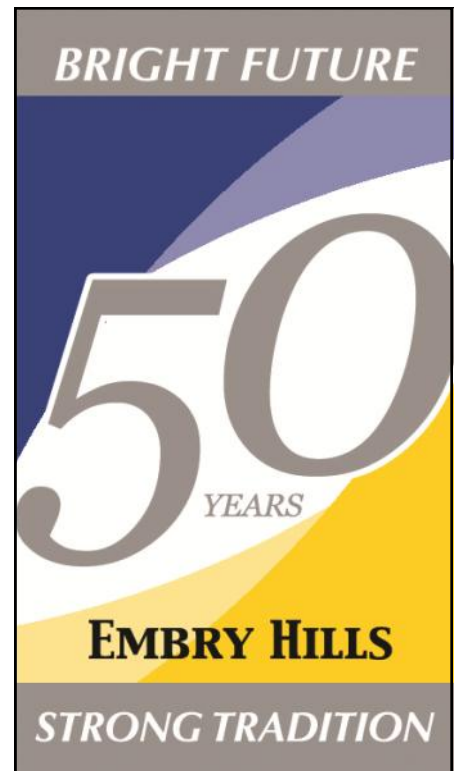
## Living from the Inside

of us may act on the outside in a way that contradicts something that we deeply hold on the inside, wearing a mask for the world to see that belies the real "me" underneath. I think it was James Baldwin who once remarked that being the person we are in a world that often expects or wants us to be someone else represents one of the greatest and most difficult battles anyone will face.

I like what Parker Palmer says about such things in his book, Letting Your Life Speak. Authentic selfhood, personal wholeness, he says, results when we decide to no longer "act on the outside in a way that contradicts some truth about [our]selves that [we] hold deeply on the inside." Palmer goes on to say that we come to this critical decision when we finally realize that any punishment we might receive from claiming our true selves cannot possibly be worse than the punishment we inflict on ourselves by "conspiring in [our] own diminishment." And, Palmer says, the converse is also true. "No reward anyone might give us could possibly be greater than the reward that comes from living by our own best lights."

The Microsoft commercial used to ask it this way. Where do you want to go today? I happen to believe that Jesus paves the way for

*("Living" continued on page 12)*



*The 50 year logo sets the standard for the future of Embry Hills UMC as we go beyond our 50th anniversary.*

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## Memorials & Honorariums

- **In memory of Betty Cecil Kitchens:** Harry Dangel, Bill & Toni Jernigan, Bob & Pat Lansdell, Pete & Dodie Risse, Harry & Connie Buchanan, Jack & Veleta Holley, Anne Hopkins, Jerry & Suzanne Wilson, Perry & Barbara Hamlett, (*Ministry & Missions*), Embry Hills UMC Choir (*Music & Worship Arts*)
- **In memory of Ruth Lamar, sister of Martha Jones:** Mary Jo Garvin (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Jack Ernst:** Eleanor Burns, Jo Pittman, (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Hugh Burns:** Eleanor Burns (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Ben Gay, son of Chris Gay:** Bob & Pat Lansdell, (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Barbara Hinton:** Bob & Pat Lansdell, (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Fae Coltrane, mother of Al Coltrane:** Harry Dangel (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In memory of Sarah Brannen, grandmother of Jen Brown:** EHUMC Youth Fellowship (World Vision-30 Hour Famine)
- **In honor of Lillian Stacy:** Marcille Metaxas (*Ministry & Missions*)
- **In honor of Charli Whitfield:** The Square Pegs (UM Children's Home)
- **In honor of Lori and Val's birthdays:** Marcille Metaxas (*Children's Ministry*)



## 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



## In Transition:

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

- **Dr. Samuel O'Dell** of Nashville, TN and father of **Amy Trocci**, passed away recently.
- **George Stentz**, father of Peggy Casey, died April 2, 2010.
- **Betty Cecil Kitchens**, mother of **Gordon Kitchens**, passed away April 1, 2010. Graveside services were held in Mableton April 5, 2010.
- **Sabrina Snyder**, sister-in-law of **Joseph Snyder**, passed away recently.
- **Ruth Lamar**, sister of **Martha Jones**, passed away recently.



Welcome to the World, **Dylan Charlie Sargent**, son of **Wes and Kristen Sargent** and grandson of Senior Pastor **Mark Sargent**. The newest member of the Sargent family was born April 15, 2010 and weighed in at 8 lbs.

Former members **Jack & Reed Parker** welcomed the arrival of their grandson, **James Reed Parker-Shockley** on March 29, 2010.

# A Loving Tradition



The following homebound members will celebrate birthdays in May and early June, 2010:

## May 16

Elinor Baxley  
575 Rosedown Way  
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

## May 25

Jerry Brown (Jerry will be 96)  
C/O Betty Jane Weaver  
111 Hamilton Way  
Bremen, GA 30110

## June 2

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

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

~ Marcille Metaxas

*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 <a href="mailto:ehumk@embryhillsumc.org">ehumk@embryhillsumc.org</a>		104

\*follow e-mail addresses with @embryhillsumc.org

Contributions due date for the  
**June 2010** Newsletter:

***Friday, May 14, 2010***

*Please send all content to*  
**[newsletter@embryhillsumc.org](mailto:newsletter@embryhillsumc.org)**

## Seniors Are Special

The May, 2010 meeting for Seniors Are Special will be held in the Family Life Center on May 25, 2010 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is served (\$7.00) and reservations are required by calling the church office at (770) 938-0661, extension 121.

A special program featuring The Dixie Kings will be presented. Seniors Are Special is one of many ministries offered for adults at Embry Hills UMC.

## May 2010

### QUILTING CLASS OFFERED AT EHUMC

The Quilt Ministry invites you to join us Thursday, May 13th from 7-9PM 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.

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Newsletter Editor: Larry Donroe-Wells

# Outreach

A few weeks ago I volunteered to work at the Habitat for Humanity house that the Atlanta-Emory District UMC is building. That Saturday, there were 18 of us at the work site, including volunteers from 4 different churches in the district. I met Lukman, the future homeowner, who worked alongside us all day. You couldn't help but be moved by the pride and hope in his voice when he talked about his family and how excited they all were to have the opportunity to move into a home of their own in a safe environment. I also met a young woman who was working on this house with us as part of her commitment to work 80 hours on other houses before Habitat will start building the house she and her family will move into. She thanked us for our time and effort and said she couldn't believe how many people were willing to help families they didn't even know to build their homes.

I understand her amazement at the number of people willing to volunteer their time. It is sometimes easier to get people to write a check than it is to get them to volunteer their time. It's not that people don't want to help. It's just that time seems to be such a scarce resource. I know that my job frequently requires more hours than I have available in a week. My kids often need more of my time than I expect, too, driving them where they need to be, helping with projects or studying for school. Then there are the soccer games, and the laundry, the groceries, the errands, and on and on... In short, carving out 6-8 hours to dedicate to a service

project is difficult. I was discussing this with a couple of the workers at the Habitat house and the general consensus was that we are all very busy, often trying to do too much. Writing a check is easier and it lets us participate in a way that we can. Then one of the men asked, does God want us to give only what is easy for us to give? The Bible says we should give our "first fruits." Wouldn't that imply giving what many of us value most – our time and effort?

At the end of the day at the Habitat house, my arms were sore and my back hurt, but I'd have to say that I felt really good. The part I played was a small contribution in the overall project, but it was through many small contributions that the house came together. We as a congregation have many opportunities to make small contributions to others. The Habitat site still needs volunteers, Project Extend will be taking sign-ups for the UMW work day in May, and we always need helpers for Snax Sax on Friday mornings.

Many of our school-related activities are starting to wind down for this year, but we will have opportunities for service and outreach in the summer, too. Be on the look out for ways that you can participate. If you have a suggestion of something that you would like Embry Hills to get involved in, please let us know. You can email any suggestions to me at [KimWMcDaniel@gmail.com](mailto:KimWMcDaniel@gmail.com).

*~Contributed by Kim McDaniel*

## **NETWorks**

I hope each of you has had a chance to read the wonderful article about NETWorks in the April edition of Up Close & Personal! If not, check it out! You'll learn about all the great things happening at and for NETWorks.

I'd like to give you a few bits of information about the March clientele and the ways they were helped. Sixty-seven people were helped in March, the youngest being 23 years old and the oldest 76 years. Forty-one of the 67 (61%) helped had children under the age of 18. Total monies spent in March was \$4,830.05, the majority of

that going to help people pay their utilities and for Kroger cards so they could buy groceries.

NETWorks is in need of the following items: individually wrapped snacks, toiletries (such as deodorant and travel-size liquid laundry detergent), English or Spanish Bibles, and inspirational magazines such as Guideposts or Reader's Digest.

Your prayers, gift of volunteering or monetary donations are all needed by NETWorks to help those in need in the Northlake-Embry Hills-Tucker area. Please give in any way you can.

*~Contributed by Suzanne Segler*

## CHANGE FOR CHANGE

Thank you for your generosity in giving to NETWorks in the first quarter of the year through the Change for Change program. A total of \$347.20 was raised for NETWorks. For the second quarter of the year, all money collected in the Change for Change jug will go to Action Ministries ([www.beliefinaction.com](http://www.beliefinaction.com)).

Action Ministries is an independent, faith-based, Georgia non-profit corporation with roots in the United Methodist Church. It is comprised of a unified family of ministries with programs in communities throughout North Georgia...Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Decatur, Gainesville, and Rome. Their services include case management, supportive services, education, transitional housing, food and feeding, and residential addiction treatment. They also have Transitional Housing sites in communities throughout the region.

Atlanta Urban Ministries, one of the many program divisions of Action Ministries, works in Midtown Atlanta to assist homeless and financially challenged women and children to break the cycles of hunger, homelessness, and poverty that entrap them. This program provides them with meal assistance, financial aid, empowerment through pre-employment and life skills training, and educational programs for children. This assistance helps families meet their most basic needs as they transition out of homelessness and poverty.

Because Action Ministries is no longer receiving financial support through the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church, it is more important than ever that they receive as much funding from other sources as possible and that includes Change for Change! Please turn your coins into true change for families in need in Georgia.

*~Submitted by Suzanne Segler*



Late in March, I made a rather unusual little field trip for our Snax Sax program. In the last year and a half since we started this program, I've met with girl scouts & brownies, cub scouts and webelos, National Honor Society students, PTA's, middle school art students, UMW's, Sunday school classes and a few I can't recall just now. But this was the most interesting meeting of all. This Methodist mom drove down to the Friends School of Atlanta (yes, the Quaker school) to work with students from a synagogue who meet there on Sundays until they have their own building! Wow. What a fun and inspiring example of interfaith relationships!



These Jewish students were spending this morning in March just like our Methodist children at Embry Hills were – they were learning about hunger. While I was sharing our Snax Sax program, Embry Hills students were meeting in the FLC participating in the can-a-thon build. I missed the questions our children were asking but I'll bet they were just as insightful as those from the children of the Hebrew school.

These kids wanted to know:

- How many bags do you make every week? Why do those kids need help?
- Can we help more than the bags we are packing today?
- How?
- Do you feed all of the hungry children in Atlanta?
- Why not?

That last question actually brought me to tears. I am tearful even writing it now. It's a child's question that requires a grownup answer. Yet the reason we have the Snax Sax for Kids program right now is because our congregation heard.

*Our last packing & delivery of Snax Sax will be Friday, May 21st. Because we will be sending home bags as full as possible on that date, we need extra donations these last few weeks, and more helping hands on that last day. If you haven't helped with Snax Sax recently (or ever!) please plan to contribute in whatever way you can. Thank you!!"*

*~Submitted by Beth Starling*



The UMW will be busy in May supporting a variety of mission projects. First, don't forget to bring washcloths to your May Circle meeting for the Women's Community Kitchen stockings. Second, May is when we supply a wide variety of items to the Bethlehem Senior Center to help them in their work. Dry lemonade, paper cups, napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, bingo prizes, and new greeting cards are the items we take to them; bring something from that list to your next Circle meeting. Finally, we'll take up a special offering at our May General Meeting.

Our May 2010 UMW General Meeting is our annual Call to Prayer and Self-Denial meeting, and the theme of this year's meeting is "Property Makes Mission Possible." Elaine Puckett will be our speaker. The special offering will provide for capital expenditures at mission institutions related to the Women's Division of the United Methodist

General Board of Global Ministries. The Women's Division is the UMW's national policy-making arm.

For those of you unfamiliar with the connectional nature of the United Methodist Church, the General Board of Global Ministries is the global mission agency of the United Methodist Church. The Women's Division is one unit under the General Board of Global Ministries. Another unit you may be more familiar with is UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief. What this organizational structure means to the local church's UMW member is that your voice, your work, your monetary offerings (yes, even very small ones) connect you with a global network of like-minded servants, working to empower and advocate for women, children, and youth.

The capital expenditures funded by our Prayer and Self-Denial offering this year are critical for repairs, renovations, and improvements, and this special offering will support equally both U.S. and international projects. In the United States, the institutions to receive funds include community centers, women's residences, schools, colleges and residential

## United Methodist Men: *Reaching Every Man*

By any measure the 35<sup>th</sup> annual BBQ was a success. And the weather was perfect!! Our net proceeds from the event will about the same as last year although the attendance was lower. Unfortunately our scheduling did conflict with spring break and the Masters so a number of people were out of town. Those who were here and participating experienced a great day for our church and congregation.

Our next scheduled meeting is May 9, 07:30am in the family life center. More about a speaker later. Please plan on attending.

*~Submitted by Earl Witcher*

treatment centers. Internationally, these institutions include hospitals, clinics, schools, and community and day-care centers, among others.

I hope you'll plan to join us at on May 4<sup>th</sup> for a very special program to support UMW's global mission of aiding, empowering, and advocating for women, children, and families.

A great thanks is sent to all who responded to Lori Averitt-Mackenzie's request to start your ovens and bring your baked items for the sale during the UMM BBQ. The response was tremendous, many delicious and scrumptious goodies were donated and these were bought with enthusiasm. We had several craft items available and our cookbooks were on the table, too. We were able to raise about \$1700. We appreciate the support of all who baked, made crafts and helped staff the sales table. I know the goodies tasted as wonderful as they looked.

*~Submitted by Judy Campbell & Sue Ownbey*

- **Ruth Broome Circle** will meet Tuesday, May 18—location to be announced.
- **Elaine Eisemann's Circle** will meet Tuesday, May 4 immediately after the General Meeting.
- **The Shiners** will serve at the Women's Community Kitchen on May 12<sup>th</sup> as well as meet Tuesday, May 18 at 10:00 at Frances' house.
- **Square Pegs** will meet Monday, May 3 at Pasta Amore at 6:30 p.m. to eat or 7:00 p.m. to catch up on what is going on. Join us.

# Ministries



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

## METHODISM 101: Administrative Council

For the next several months Methodist 101 will feature information about key committees of the local church. This month we begin with a look at the Administrative Council. But first a brief word about history and the reasoning behind our particular form of church government.

Historically speaking “Christian conferencing” is the term applied to the spiritual practice of listening for the voice of God speaking through our relationships with one another. In the spirit of Christian conferencing United Methodists’ rely on a form of representational government to conduct denominational and local church business through a series of meetings called “conferences”. At a national and even global level, lay and clergy delegates gather every four years as a General Conference to set the agenda for the denomination. Our Episcopal area, which is The North Georgia Annual Conference, meets at least annually to provide oversight and set the direction for this particular geographical grouping of local churches. And in the local congregation there is an annual meeting or charge conference, convened by the district superintendent which purpose is to exercise oversight of the church. However, because business must be transacted and oversight exercised on more than an annual basis, every local church has a church council, sometimes called the Administrative Council which serves as the administrative agency of the charge conference.

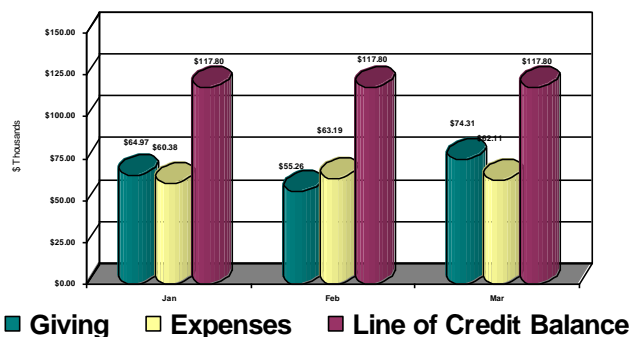
This Administrative Council is made up of the elected leaders of the church, including the chairs of various committees. At Embry Hills, it includes several at-large members in order to provide for broad and balanced representation. It meets on a regular basis, at least quarterly, to provide for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness and resources for the local church. The members present and voting at any duly called meeting constitute a quorum.

Of course every decision of the church does not have to be made by a committee of the whole and in a church the size of Embry Hills this would be both impractical and undesirable. So the council empowers various committees, task forces and staff members to conceive and implement ministry. And the Book of Discipline requires each church to have trustees, a committee on finance, a committee on nominations and lay leadership and a committee on staff parish relations (SPRC) which function in accord with the provisions set out by the General Conference.

The foremost responsibility of the Administrative Council is to insure the mission and ministry of the local congregation. For this reason it is recommended by the Book of Discipline that the first items of business at every meeting be related to the church’s ministries of nurture, outreach and witness. However, ministry doesn’t always move forward without attention to administrative details. And so, additional responsibilities of the Administrative Council include: an ongoing review of the membership of the local church; the power to fill interim vacancies in lay leadership between sessions of the charge conference; establishing a budget on recommendation of the committee on finance and ensuring adequate provision for the financial needs of the church; recommending to the charge conference the salary and remuneration of the pastors and staff members after receiving recommendations from SPRC and reviewing the recommendations of the SPRC regarding housing for the pastors.

With regard to decision-making it is recommended that the council use a consensus/discernment model. This helps to insure that the opinions of all are heard and respected and that the Spirit is given adequate space in which to speak. This year the Chair of the Administrative Council is Jim Deichert.

**March 2010** contributions were **\$74,310.27** and expenses were **\$62,111.81**, resulting in a net income of **\$12,198.46**. The Line of Credit (LOC) balance for March 31, 2010 remains at **\$117,800**. Also, the Stewardship campaign has completed and the results will be shared with the congregation as 2010 budget is reviewed and approved by Administrative council. We appreciate your active role in the missions and the love and resources you choose to share. *Submitted by Rick McDaniel*



# New Members



*Pictured to the left is Rebekah Martin-Fong and daughter Nicole. They, along with son Curtis (not pictured) joined EHUMC this past December and were profiled in the January edition of Source.*

*The Grier Family (Adam, Julie, Jackson (3-1/2) & Connor (1) joined EHUMC March 21st. Read about their family in the April edition of Source.*



*Jack Jones joined EHUMC on February 14, 2010. Jack is a native Georgian, is retired from the construction industry and has 3 grown children and 7 grandchildren. He is already an active member of the Chancel Choir where he is a valued member of the tenor section.*

*Please welcome Cory, Shelli, Connor (3 1/2) & Finn (18 mos) Hopkins to EHUMC. Cory & Shelli met at GA. Tech and moved to Tucker upon graduating in 2001. Shelli is originally from Augusta and Cory is from Goshen, NY.*



# Worship Arts



**PLEASE BE SURE TO**

## YOUTH AND GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY



VERY TALENTED MEMBERS OF THE EMBRY HILLS UMC YOUTH MINISTRY WILL LEAD US IN WORSHIP AS WE RECOGNIZE THE GRADUATES OF OUR CONGREGATION. MR. TAYLOR CHICOINE WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE DAY. MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED BY OUR VERY OWN EMBRY HILLS PRAISE BAND. PLEASE BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR THIS VERY MEANINGFUL SERVICE AS WE RECOGNIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CELEBRATE THE GOALS OF OUR YOUTH.

SUNDAY, MAY 2  
8:45 AND 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICES  
SANCTUARY—NURSERY CARE PROVIDED

### ~HOLY COMMUNION~

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY WILL BE CELEBRATED AT BOTH 8:45 AND 11:00 A.M. SERVICES—SUNDAY, MAY 9.

## JAZZ, SWING, TORCH, AND SING WITH THE MIDTOWN BRASS!

**LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL TREAT FOR MOTHER'S DAY? YOU'RE IN LUCK!** OUR RESIDENT GUEST ENSEMBLE, MIDTOWN BRASS, WILL PRESENT A CONCERT OF SOME OF OUR FAVORITES. WITH ARRANGEMENTS OF GREATS SUCH AS "BLUE SKIES," JAZZ STANDARDS, SWING ERA GREATS, TORCH SONG FAVORITES LIKE "TIE A YELLOW RIBBON 'ROUND THE OLD OAK TREE," AND EVEN HITS BY THE LATE ETTA JAMES, THIS IS CERTAIN TO BE AN EVENING YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS. THE CONCERT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. BE SURE TO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS, AND COME SUPPORT THIS WONDERFUL EVENT.



SUNDAY, MAY 9  
7:30 P.M.—SANCTUARY  
ADMISSION IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

*May 2010:*

# Music & Worship Arts Happenings & Events

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

## ACOLYTE RECOGNITION SUNDAY



ON THIS DAY, WE CELEBRATE THE VERY DEDICATED TEAM OF ACOLYTES AND THE LEADERS WHO ARE A PART OF THIS VERY IMPORTANT AND VIBRANT TRADITION OF EMBRYHILLS UMC.

SUNDAY, MAY 16  
8:45 AND 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICES  
SANCTUARY—NURSERY CARE PROVIDED

**DID YOU KNOW???** IN THE METHODIST TRADITION, ACOLYTES PARTICIPATE IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE BY CARRYING A PROCESSIONAL CROSS (CRUCIFERS), LIGHTING AND EXTINGUISHING THE ALTAR CANDLES, AND RINGING THE CHURCH BELL TO CALL THE CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP. ACOLYTES OFTENTIMES HELP WITH OTHER SERVICES, SUCH AS HOLY BAPTISM AND HOLY COMMUNION. THE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS A SYMBOL OF JESUS' COMING INTO THE PRESENCE OF THE WORSHIPING COMMUNITY. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERVICE, BEFORE THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LAST ALTAR CANDLES, THE ACOLYTES RELIGHT THEIR "CANDLE LIGHTER" AND THEN PROCESS OUT INTO THE NARTHEX. THIS SYMBOLIZES THAT JESUS CHRIST IS FOR ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE. IT ALSO SYMBOLIZES THE LIGHT OF JESUS CHRIST GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD WHERE WE ARE ALL CALLED TO SERVE.

## DAY OF PENTECOST

THE DAY OF PENTECOST MARKS THE END OF THE EASTER SEASON IN THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR AND CELEBRATES THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE APOSTLES. JOIN US FOR THIS FESTIVAL SERVICE OF WORD AND MUSIC!



SUNDAY, MAY 23  
8:45 AND 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICES  
SANCTUARY—NURSERY CARE PROVIDED

For more information about this month's events, please contact  
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**I**s April really over? No fooling? It has flown by, mostly because Youth Ministries and many in our Embry Hills church family have been hopping to it to hold the **Inaugural Bring the Spring 5k Fun Run and ¼ mile Kid's run!** As I write this, we are busy putting on the final touches for this fundraiser --we are expecting over 100 runners! I cannot wait to share with you the number of participants and the funds raised for the mission trips and projects of the Youth Fellowship in next month's newsletter. Our many thanks to Grant Kendall, race director extraordinaire, who thought of this fundraiser and has kept it on track. Many thanks to the Youth and parents who did their part to make this a great event. Special thanks to the volunteers from our congregation and, of course, to all the phantom runners, 5k participants and ¼ mile runners for participating. This event could not have happened without our sponsors: *Embry Hills Civic Association, Bambinelli's, Embry Hills Club, Kroger, Big Peach Running Company, Embry Hills Chevron, Tracy's Medicine Center and Hunan Inn.* It truly takes a community to put on a community event and we appreciate everyone's part in welcoming our guests to EHUMC!

Speaking of youth mission projects...the **final results of the 30 Hour Famine** are in—thanks to the Youth Fellowship participants and their sponsors, **\$2,181.52** was raised for World Vision to feed hungry children near and far!

We did open our Bibles now and then, I promise! We had some particularly insightful conversations

about **being Easter people** and what that means. Here are some of the thoughts by EH Youth:

*“letting your life reflect God’s love in all you do; accepting everyone for who they are; believing in the resurrection and spreading the good news; serving & loving people through everyday actions; finding a way to help our community; going to church; helping people without them asking for it; telling friends about the Bible; focusing more on the heavenly aspect of what I do; being respectful of others; doing good deeds in the name of God; caring for other people; living out God’s word; seeing the best in people; reading the Bible more often.”*

Want to hear more from your Youth? Support them with your prayers and presence as they share their gifts through **Youth Sunday worship services on May 2.** During the 11 a.m. service that day, we will recognize our high school, college and grad school graduates as well. High school graduates and their families are then invited to a **Youth Graduation luncheon** following the 11 a.m. service, given by the Youth Fellowship.

**All 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.**

Peace, Victoria

## MAY HAPPENINGS

**Sunday School (Sundays @ 9:45 a.m. in Room 403):** There has been some great group discussions about our curriculum—*Thinking Theologically about Money*. Come see what this growing group is up to each Sunday morning!

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

**May 2: Game Night**—Yes, it's finally here and it's all about the fun tonight! Wear shoes you can move around in as some games keep us moving! (This would normally occur on the 5th Sunday of the month, but since that's a holiday weekend, we didn't want to miss out!)

**May 9: Mother's Day—NO YF this week**

**May 16: “The Box” Youth-style, with Rev. Mark Sargent**—Why should the kids get this experience all to themselves each Sunday morning? Bring an item to put in our box so we can see what type of “lesson” Mark can make of your contribution tonight. Remember: Nothing living, dead, slimy, corroded or weaponous...\*

**May 23: 4th Sunday Worship Service**--Worship for Youth by Youth, featuring the Youth Praise Band.\*

**May 30: Memorial Day Weekend—NO YF this week**

*\*each program is followed by our regular game*

# Ministry



## BRING THE SPRING 5-K

What a great time we all had at the inaugural Embry Hills Bring the Spring events! The day started off with the kids' ¼-mi run around the church, followed shortly by the start of the 5k through the *very* beautiful neighborhood of Embry Hills. The nice spring weather and wonderful community participation made for an even more enjoyable event, and special thanks goes out to all of the volunteers- without their help, this event would not have been possible! The runs, hosted by the Embry Hills Youth Fellowship, were organized to raise money to support their summer mission projects. (This year, the YF is traveling to Savannah, GA with a program called YouthWorks.) Participants were awarded with t-shirts before the race, treated with snacks after the 5k, and surrounded with music and fellowship throughout the event. Thanks to our volunteer photographers, pictures will be available, linked online through our race website ([www.bringthespring5k.org](http://www.bringthespring5k.org)), after April 23. If you missed the event, we hope to see you as well next year, running, walking, cheering, or volunteering! Our extra t-shirts are available for a donation to the YF summer mission projects.

Thanks again to everybody for your support! We are looking forward to a bigger, better, spring-ier event next year!

*~Submitted by Grant Kendall*



## The Book Shelf

### THE SOUL OF POLITICS

by Jim Wallis

Published in 1994, this volume is still quite timely; the driving theme is as applicable today as it has always been. Wallis' ideas shed light on contemporary issues; as relevant today as it was in 1994, Wallis observes, "...we have begun to see the rhetoric of change in response to profound disenchantment of the electorate..." Today, the Tea Party is a product of that disenchantment.

Wallis continues, "the ritual of public polling has now almost completely replaced genuine participation in political life. Media celebrities who modestly claim they only report news but they are arbiters." Sound familiar??

"We don't have ideological manifestos nor position papers to answer all contingencies, but we do have core values that cut to a different future, and we have some marks along the trail to show us the way."

The prophet Habakkuk lived in a time much like our own. Public corruption, social injustice, and violence were the order of the day. In frustration, he pleaded to God for clarity and direction. The vision he prayed for then still awaits its time.

~Submitted by Jim Johnson

## Looking for a Few Good Parishioners

The Worship Committee, headed by Todd Messick, is looking to "recruit" church members to assist with communion the first Sunday of each month. Participants will be notified ahead of time. It is hoped that enough people will volunteer so that individual participation will be limited to once or twice a year.

If you wish to participate in sharing the sacraments to your fellow parishioners, please contact Todd Messick at [tmessic@yahoo.com](mailto:tmessic@yahoo.com), or contact the church office at (770) 938-0661, ext. 121. We hope to have this group assembled and ready to perform communion duties by the first weekend in May, so please sign up now.



*("Living" continued from page 1)*

us to live on the outside in a way that is deeply resonant with who we are on the inside. He models for us the courage of living by our own best lights and of going where we deeply want to go. Of course, it takes us all a while to summon the courage and wisdom and insight to do this. As one wise person has said, the journey toward true self takes "time, many years and places." During this bright Spring season of Easter joy, I wanted to bring this word of bold encouragement to you—that Jesus supports and blesses our movement toward living the life that we genuinely want to live.

Call me if there is any way in which I can help you let your life speak.

Peace,

*Mark Sargent is the Senior Pastor at Embry Hills UMC. He can be reached at (770) 938-0661, ext. 111 or via e-mail at [marks@embryhillsumc.org](mailto:marks@embryhillsumc.org).*

## Coming Soon to YOUR Mailbox

The church office is in the process of updating the membership database. Soon you will receive a form requesting information about you and your immediate family members. Please complete this form in full and mail it back to the Church Office in the stamped, self-addressed envelope provided.

## Vacation Bible School &

### **VBXtreme** (4th & 5th Graders)

July 19 ~ July 23, 2010

### **Register Today!**

Cadets will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily missions, your kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home.

This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have your cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

*New this year* ~ for those interested, we are adding a Starship Galactic afternoon excursion. Cadets will have lunch at church then take an earthly bus trip to take a peak at the stars at a local planetarium! Information is included on the reservation form.

Registration forms are required for all children and are located in the Narthex, the church office and the KidzTown Welcome Center. Your child must have been 4 years old as of **September 1, 2009** in order to participate in the Pre-Kindergarten class. A class for younger 3 & 4 year old children and a nursery will be provided for teachers' and volunteers' children only. Deadline for registration is June 1, 2010.



## Summer Happenings @ EHUMC

*(Hey...this is just a sampling of all that is going on for kids...and grownups...during the summer of 2010. Stay Tuned!)*

# Camp Embry Hills



## Summer Day Camp @ Embry Hills United Methodist Preschool & Kindergarten

**Week 1 – June 21-25 ♦ Week 2 – July 26-30 ♦ Week 3 – August 16-20**

Join us for a fun and exciting day camp with games, music, science, crafts, story time and outdoor fun! We invite rising 3-year-olds through rising first graders to attend. Camp Embry Hills runs from 9am-2pm daily and costs \$100 per week (includes a \$25 non-refundable registration fee per week).

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

**Space is limited, so sign up today!**

# COMMUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
2	3	4
<p><b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>12:15pm - Graduate Recognition</p> <p>4:30pm - Youth Touring Choir @</p> <p>5:15pm - Youth Fellowship @</p>	<p>4:45pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @</p> <p>6pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 312</p> <p>7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild @</p> <p>7pm - ESL @ RM 211, 210</p> <p>7pm - Pack 7 Leader's Meeting @</p> <p>7pm - RAINBOWS @ KIDZTOWN</p> <p>7pm - Square Pegs @ Pasta Amore</p>	<p>10am - UMW Meeting/Luncheon @</p> <p>12pm - Eisemann Circle @ 410/412</p> <p>1:35pm - Staff Meeting @ LCR</p> <p>4:45pm - 5678 Beginner Class @</p> <p>6pm - 5678 High Beginner Class @</p> <p>6pm - Line Dancing @ FLC</p> <p>6pm - Yoga @ RH</p>
9	10	11
<p><b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>7:30am - UMM @ FLC</p> <p>4:30pm - Youth Touring Choir @</p> <p>5:30pm - Finance Meeting @ RM-</p> <p>7:30pm - Midtown Brass Concert @</p>	<p>4:45pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @</p> <p>6pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 312</p> <p>6:30pm - Bears Den 1 Pack 7 @ FLC</p> <p>6:30pm - Pack 7 Webelos Den @</p> <p>6:30pm - Tiger Cub Den 3 Pk 7</p> <p>7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild @</p> <p>7pm - ESL @ RM 211, 210</p> <p>7pm - RAINBOWS @ KIDZTOWN</p>	<p>1:35pm - Staff Meeting @ LCR</p> <p>4:45pm - 5678 Beginner Class @</p> <p>6pm - 5678 High Beginner Class @</p> <p>6pm - Line Dancing @ FLC</p> <p>6pm - Yoga @ RH</p>
16	17	18
<p>Acolyte Recognition Sunday</p> <p><b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>12:15pm - Trustees @ lower</p> <p>2:30pm - Piano Recital @ Rehearsal</p> <p>4:30pm - Youth Touring Choir @</p> <p>5:15pm - Youth Fellowship @</p> <p>5:30pm - Children's Council @ 312</p> <p>7pm - MAT meeting @ 410/411</p>	<p>4:45pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @</p> <p>6pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 312</p> <p>6:30pm - Pack 7 Webelos Den @</p> <p>6:30pm - Tiger Cub Den 3 Pk 7</p> <p>7pm - Dekalb Choral Guild @</p> <p>7pm - ESL @ RM 211, 210</p> <p>7pm - RAINBOWS @ KIDZTOWN</p>	<p>1:35pm - Staff Meeting @ LCR</p> <p>4:45pm - 5678 Beginner Class @</p> <p>6pm - 5678 High Beginner Class @</p> <p>6pm - Line Dancing @ FLC</p> <p>6pm - Yoga @ RH</p>
23	24	25
<p><b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>12:15pm - Trustees @ LCR</p> <p>4:30pm - Youth Touring Choir @</p> <p>5:15pm - Youth Fellowship @</p>	<p>9am - Musical Beginnings Camp @</p> <p>4:45pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @</p> <p>6pm - 5-6-7-8 Dance Class @ 312</p> <p>7pm - ESL @ RM 211, 210</p>	<p>9am - Musical Beginnings Camp @</p> <p>11am - Seniors R' Special Luncheon</p> <p>1:35pm - Staff Meeting @ LCR</p> <p>4:45pm - 5678 Beginner Class @</p> <p>6pm - 5678 High Beginner Class @</p> <p>6pm - Line Dancing @ FLC</p> <p>6pm - Yoga @ RH</p>
30	31	
<p><b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>12pm - Potato Bar @ FLC</p> <p>4:30pm - Youth Touring Choir @</p>	<p><b>MEMORIAL DAY-Church Office</b></p> <p>7pm - Rainbows @ KidzTown</p>	

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

**Children & Youth Choir Schedule (Sunday)**  
4:00 Carol Choir  
4:00 Cherub Choir  
4:30 Youth Arts Choir  
4:45 Junior Choir

**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 (RH)

**KIDZTOWN Wednesday Night Schedule**  
6:30 Club 45—Room 211  
6:30 Wednesday Workshop

# May 2010



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store @ 10am - FOCUS @ Various 11am - AA @ RM-209 2pm - EHUMC Bridge Group @ FLC 7:30pm - Dekalb Choral Guild
5 KIDZTOWN Wednesday Schedule @ WORSHIP ARTS Wednesday Schedule 9:30am - Yoga @ RH 10am - Teacher Luncheon @ 401 10:30am - Bible Study @ RM 6pm - Cafe del Soul @ FLC	6 9:30am - ESL @ RM 202/204 7pm - PDQ @ Taco Mac @	7 9am - SNAX SAX Assembly	8 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store @ 11am - AA @ RM-209
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26 KIDZTOWN Wednesday Schedule @ WORSHIP ARTS Wednesday Schedule 9am - Musical Beginnings Camp @ 9:30am - Yoga @ RH 10:30am - Bible Study @ RM 6pm - Cafe del Soul @ FLC	27 9am - Musical Beginnings Camp @ 9:30am - ESL @ RM 202/204 7pm - PDQ @ Taco Mac @	28 9am - Musical Beginnings Camp @	29 9am - Craftsmen Thrifty Store @ 11am - AA @ RM-209

Be sure to check out the online church calendar at [www.embryhillsumc.org](http://www.embryhillsumc.org) for any event changes.

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# Celebrate Youth!

## Youth Sunday & Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 2, 2010

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

*Congratulations!*

Join us at the 11 a.m. worship service on May 2 to recognize the Class of 2010.

### CHAMBLEE HIGH SCHOOL

Camille Johnson      University of Georgia  
Laura Elizabeth Sturling (11)      University of Southern California  
Resident Honors Program

### LAKESIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Jack Abbott      Georgia Southern University  
Taylor Moore Chicome      University of Georgia  
Jasmin Reed      Decision Pending

### STOCKBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Kalabic Robinson      Gordon College to UNC-Chapel Hill  
(son of Bill Robinson)

### EMORY UNIVERSITY

Matthew Phillips      Bachelor of Arts in English  
(grandson of Jack & Grace Ernst)  
Valerie Schoonover Albrecht      Masters in Public Health  
in Epidemiology

### GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY

Melissa Roth      Bachelor of Science in Psychology  
magna cum laude

### GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY

Elizabeth McCarrah Hatcock      Master of Education  
in Communications Disorders

### VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Mindy McCarrah Sharp      Ph.D., Religion



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