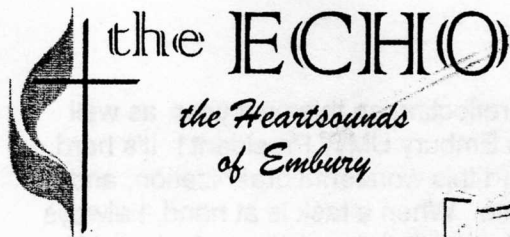


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"150 Years - A Heritage of Faith" A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Embury Family,

We have now entered a new year and a new decade. 2009 was a good year for Embury. We celebrated, we laughed, we danced, we worshipped, and we served. It is my hope and prayer that 2010 will be an even better year for us. In order for this church to grow as we all want it to, it takes effort from the entire congregation, not just the work of a few individuals or the pastor. It takes seeking out those who live beside us, in front of us, and behind us and then inviting them into the fellowship of Jesus Christ and Embury United Methodist Church. How do we do this? Let me suggest a couple of ways:

- 1) Attend the workshop on Sunday January 31, 2010 at Highlands Heights UMC in Memphis. The title of the workshop is **Developing an Integrated Grace-Based Evangelism Ministry**. This workshop will be conducted by our District Superintendent Rev. Kevin Conrad. (handout)
- 2) Join me On Saturday, February 6, 2010 from 1 :00-3:30 for "I Love Embury" day. On this day we will gather at the church and in pairs we will go into the community surrounding Embury and go door to door. We will be asking them if there is anything that they would like for us to pray for and then we will pray for them. We will then invite them to join us for Sunday morning worship. After we have saturated the community we will come back to the church for a festive and amazing time of worship and praise!

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. ---Matthew 28: 19 (NRSV)

I hope that you will join me in one or both of these events. With your help Embury will reach people for Jesus Christ.

Additionally, I will also be starting a bible study for Adults 18 and up on Sunday, February 7 at 6:30P.M. This bible study will be discussion based and will be conducted by me. We will be using a book entitled "Invitation to the New Testament." Sign up sheet will be made available Sunday, January 17. The study will be eight weeks and the cost for book materials is \$10. I hope you will take this opportunity to grow in faith and in love. I look forward to the days and months ahead for Embury and I know that God has plenty of great things in store for us. Let us pray for God's guidance as we continue on this journey together.

Grace and Peace.
Pastor Craig



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HI EVERYONE!

Happy New Year to everyone!

As 2009 has drawn to a close, I can't help reflecting on this past year, as well as the last FOUR years, that I have served as Embury UMW President! It's hard to put into words the emotions that I feel toward this wonderful organization, and all its members who have meant so much to me. When a task is at hand, I always had only to ask, and several volunteers would raise their hands to assist in getting the job done. Over the last few years we have turned out some pretty special projects, such as the Embury quilt, which is proudly displayed in our sanctuary. Our Christmas in the Forest Bazaar has grown steadily, producing annual funds which get bigger and better each year. These increased funds have enabled us to purchase a microwave oven for the kitchen, a new window treatment for the parsonage, as well as making many contributions to various local and foreign missions. All of these things, and many more as well, have been made possible because of the dedication and hard work of our faithful UMW members and ladies of the church. I would like to say "THANK YOU" to each of you for all your cooperation and for being such an important part of my life. The torch has now been passed to Peggy Starnes, who will be serving as President in 2010 and beyond! I can rest assured that she will receive the same cooperation and dedication that has always been extended to me, and that she will treasure her experiences as UMW President just as I do!

A new year's plans have already been discussed and formulated by our executive committee, and we look forward to serving our Lord and our church in new ways, and with vigorous enthusiasm! Our next regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be at the church, at 7:00PM on Thursday, January 14th, with the program to be presented by Patsy Caldwell. If you are new to Embury, or just have not participated in UMW up to now, we would WELCOME you into our midst, and hope you will make plans to join us as we move forward into a new year and a new decade of service to God and our church and community!

Love in Christ,
Marcia Harmon

FLOWERS FOR CAMILLE



A great big "THANKS" to Camille Braithwaite who, for many years, has given unselfishly of her time so that our church would be beautifully decorated with flowers Sunday after Sunday. Camille is a delight to all who know her, and her joy in serving her Lord has been an inspiration to all of us. Due to health problems, Camille has had to pass the flower mantle on to Wanda Melloh. Embury deeply appreciates the devotion of both these fine ladies.

FAMILY TRIVIA NITE

We had our first Trivia night here at Embury on Sat. 16th. The turnout was great! Especially for such a wet night. **THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME OUT AND MADE IT SUCH A GREAT TIME AND SOOO MUCH FUN!**

We had enough for three teams to compete... The AllStars, Mixed Nuts, and the Cracker Boxes. The Winning Trivia Team for the first night was **MIXED NUTS**, comprised of Karen, Michelle & Pastor Craig. Be Sure to be watching for the next TRIVIA Nite in March to take on these teams & more!

