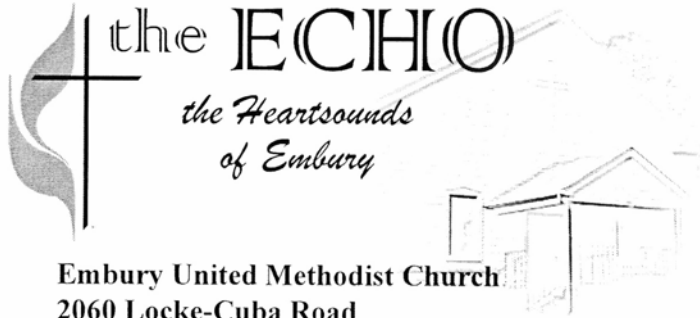


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"150 Years - A Heritage of Faith"

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Embury Family:

It has been seven years since I first wrote in the Echo. And now we are anticipating a transition. The next issue of the Echo will include a Pastoral Letter by your new pastor. Nearly two thousand years ago, the Apostle Paul wrote better than I ever could what is in my heart today:

"I thank God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:3-5)

I would have to add that at times, I have also prayed with tears as you have experienced deep pain in your lives. Yet my tears have dried as you have endured through the pain by means of your faith in God through Jesus Christ by means of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for the love, support, and prayers with which you have surrounded John and me.

My prayer for each of you is that your Love for the Lord, for each other, and for persons in need will continue in all you do.

Not only do I thank God but also I thank you for allowing me to minister along side of you. That is the greatest gift, among many, you have given me.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Helen



EMBURY
UNITED METHODIST
WOMEN

HI EVERYONE!

Once again the Lord has blessed us with numerous great ideas for crafts for our Christmas In The Forest Bazaar! Work has begun on some of our best projects EVER! We appreciate all of you who have donated various items for us to use, and we are still especially in need of PINECONES (all sizes) and SWEETGUM BALLS (yes, I said sweetgum balls!) You would be surprised at what all is in store for you this fall. We meet every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. at the church to work on these goodies, so come and join us and see how creative we are and how much fun we have in the process.

After Labor Day we will begin making and freezing the casseroles, which went over so well last year. We have eliminated a couple of them, and added some great new ones which will be most pleasing to the palate. More on this later on. To help us have a place to store our casseroles once they are made, Virginia Turnage has graciously donated a large freezer to the church, and we certainly want to extend our gratitude to her for this most generous gesture.

At our UMW meeting May 14th, we presented our beloved pastor and UMW member with a special retirement gift, and some well-deserved “going away” words of praise and encouragement. She has been an active part of our UMW for the past seven years, and we will all certainly miss her. We wish her the best, and hope that her retirement years will be some of the most fulfilling years of her life.

Several of our members participated in the United Methodist Neighborhood Center’s AWARENESS DAY ON Wednesday, May 20th. Great food and a fun time was had by all.

Pastor Helen, Dottie Byus and I will be attending the United Methodist Annual Conference in Jackson, TN 5/31 to 6/2. Numerous current issues will be voted on and approved/disapproved during this meeting.

Our next meeting of the Embury UMW will be on June 11th, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Martha Jo Young, 7032 Locke Road, with Peggy Starnes delivering the program. We hope to see all of you there.

Marcia Harmon, President, Embury UMW

WORK DAYS FOR THE UMW FOR
 CRAFTS AND BAZAAR ITEMS WILL BE
 EACH TUESDAY AT 9:00 A.M. AT
 THE CHURCH
 ALL ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO
 COME.
 WE WELCOME ALL YOUR IDEAS

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The new Young Adult Sunday School Class got off to a great start with 8 attending, they are talking about painting their Sunday School room to make it reflect their personalities. They are also planning some mission projects and fun fellowship meetings. We want to welcome this new class and thank Tootie Owen for volunteering to lead it.

YOUTH

An update on the Wednesday night youth meetings. They have met six times and the numbers have grown from five to nine. They have enjoyed cookies and milk and pizza along with their Bible lessons. They are making plans to do some service projects, mission projects and fun things in the near future. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Tootie Owen for volunteering to be the Youth Leader.

“There can be no happiness if the things we believe in are different from the things we do.”

Submitted by Wanda Melloh

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
 ARE NEEDED.

 INFANT BABY BOY CLOTHES AND
 OTHER ITEMS FOR A CHILD TO BE
 BORN IN JUNE.

 A COOKING POT—LARGE ENOUGH TO
 MAKE SOUPS

 TURN IN TO OFFICE OR PLACE IN BOX
 IN HALL

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES OF 2009



Emily Brown	Millington Central
Zachary Carver	Gateway Christian
Amberly Crider	Millington Central
Kimberly Crider	Millington Central
Daniel Cromwell	Gateway Christian
Ashley Lee	Millington Central
Mikey Naccarato	Millington Central

Chad Free	Southwest
Mickey Hendren	Dyersburg State
LeighAnne Naccarato	Concorde
Tootie Owen	Lambuth
Matt Trouy	Christian Brothers

OUTREACH NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR BINGO AT MILLINGTON HEALTH CARE:

Kleenex (any brand) oblong box is preferred

Small Ceramic Figurines

Stuffed Animals

Combs and Brushes

Hand Lotion/Body Lotion

Deodorant

Small Ceramic Boxes

Sugar Free Candy

Reg. Candy

Boxes of Raisins

Toys for Boys/Girls

Bar Soap

Small Mirrors

Mugs

NO NUTS OR FOOD WITH NUTS

**ARE WE
OLD
YET?**

Old age is when former classmates are so gray and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize you.

UNITED METHODIST NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS

What a great meeting we had on March 18, 2009. Our own Pastor Helen gave a wonderful and timely devotional on Love and everyone commented favorably. We also had one of the college students who was spending her spring break here in Memphis, working at the Leggett Center and the Day Care Center. She gave a very tearful speech about how much she had enjoyed being here (from Florida) and how much she had learned from the people she had met. There were 18 college students from a University in Florida that came and spent the whole week helping this organization and individuals. They even helped clean a home that an elderly couple were being evicted from for health and cleanliness complaints. And the good news is that our very own UMNC has been designated as a host site for BATABC, Break Away the Alternative Break Connection, which is a college leadership organization which sees school breaks as opportunities to learn about social problems first hand, break down stereotypes, and make a difference. So hopefully, UMNC will benefit from spring breaks in the future.

I helped host a brunch for the students on Monday and they were very bright and energetic. Half of the students were Pre-Med Majors. God continues to bless this organization.

Also, at the meeting, were several ladies, who are a part of the Refugee program. They spoke in broken English to proudly say hello and then say their name and thank you.

Our Awareness Luncheon was on May 20th at Emmanuel Church. We had a wonderful turnout. Eleven ladies from Em-bury attended and I want to give my heartfelt thanks to them and to also thank everyone for always supporting the UMNC. Love in Christ

Sharon Cox

May birthdays

Jean Young	3
Ethan Owen	5
Victor Como	6
Cole Kleminsky	11
Scott Johnson	15
Marvin Sanders	16
Marshall Ashe	17
Roland Hendren	20
Vada Caldwell	21
Mary Ann Johnson	22
Lorrie Beth Caldwell	24
Georgia Herndon	26
Tony Friskillo	28
Marie Purdy	28
April Lewis	31

June birthdays

Peggy Starnes	5
Case Johnson	13
Cassie Clark	16
Dan Johnson	18
Helen Knepper	18
Charlene Pittman	18
Johnny Ayers	19
Patty Carver	24
Bud Ward	24
Jessica Harmon	25
Tammy Johnson	25

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to now "why" I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.



**DATES TO REMEMBER
MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- Sun. May 31 11:00 a.m. Recognition of Graduates followed by potluck lunch
No Puppets
- Tues. June 2 9:00 a.m. UMW craft work day
- Wed. June 3 6:30 p.m. First Wednesday
6:30 p.m. Youth
6:30 p.m. Choir
- Sun. June 7 Pastor Helen's last day in pulpit
- Tues. June 9 9:00 a.m. UMW craft work day
- Wed. June 10 6:30 p.m. Youth
6:30 p.m. Choir
- Thurs. June 11 7:00 p.m. UMW meeting @ Martha Jo Young's - 7032 Locke Road. Program presented by Peggy Starnes
- Sun. June 14 Guest Preacher
- Tues. June 16 9:00 a.m. UMW craft work day
- Sun. June 21 Fathers Day
Guest Preacher
- Wed. June 24 6:30 p.m. Youth
6:30 p.m. Choir
- Fri. June 26 Washburn-Flickinger rehearsal followed by rehearsal dinner in fellowship hall.
- Sat. June 27 6:00 p.m. Washburn-Flickinger Wedding
- Mon. June 29 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Outreach

The Millington Health Care Center greatly appreciated the calendars we donated in January.

The response for the 20/20 Eyeglasses Project was great. Thanks to Sharon Cox for delivering them.

Thanks to everyone who made chocolate chip cookies for Kairos. We had 48 dozen cookies donated to be used at Fort Pillow Prison.

In May we took a love offering for Children In Crisis - Mexico. This goes to Annual Conference. June is open for suggestions.

Please keep in mind that we continue to collect medicine bottles and soft drink can tabs, as well as go to the Millington Health Care Center on the 3rd Saturday of each month to play Bingo. Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

If you have a mission project you would like to see us do please let me know.

Love in Christ, Terry Lynn Owen

PRAYER CORNER

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| Family of Tom Caldwell | Cynthia Mosier & Thomas |
| Family of Maude Arnold | Bill Starnes |
| Family of Dellie Kenney | Jeff Hailer |
| Vic and Liz Como | Family of Max Garrett |
| Mary Boykin | Hazel Bell |
| Marvin Sanders | Bonnie Lee |
| Jimmy Denton | Jean Young |
| Tom Wilson | Margaret Oswalt |
| Margaret Taylor | Tim Fletcher |
| Jerri Roberson | Sally Eanes |
| Jessica DeLuca | Johnny Ayers |
| Jeanette & Kim Hines | Lee Reame |
| | Steve Fletcher |

If you have a prayer request, please call Irene Carver at 876-4145

NOTICE

**Church Council Meeting
Will be moved from Monday, June 14th to**

Monday, June 28th at 7:00 p.m.

To allow our new Pastor to attend and to meet the board.

A distraught senior citizen phoned her Doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest on my life?" "Yes, I'm afraid so," the Doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'No Refills'."

Embury's Mission Statement

"Led by the Holy Spirit and reflecting Christ's love, Embury UMC joyfully reaches out to make, nurture, and send forth disciples of Christ."

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