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

Dear Embury Family,

April showers bring May flowers. We have all heard this saying before. As Spring arrives and we find ourselves planting flowers and doing spring cleaning around the house, let us think about what we can do to help our church grow. Embury is a wonderful place to worship, to be in fellowship with one another, and a place where spiritual nourishment can blossom. God is working in the life of our church family and I am excited to see what God can do in each of us.

One of the things we can all do is invite people to worship with us, invite people to Sunday School, and invite people to church sponsored events. This may not be the easiest thing for us to do but God will be leading our conversations and will be with us every step of the way. If you are in the grocery store talk to the person checking out your groceries. Talk to the person bagging your groceries. Start a conversation and find out if they have a church home. If they don't invite them to a Sunday morning worship service. Offer to be their personal guide when they come to the church. This is just one of many ways that we can offer everybody a chance to experience the love of Christ, the grace of God, and the warmth of a church Community.

Let us plant a seed in the lives of those who have no hope. Let us water our community with the spirit of Christ so that we will all grow in love, in truth, and in faith.

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving—
Colossians 1:6-7 (NRSV)

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Craig

CALLING ALL YOUTH

A new Youth program has been formed at Embury.
Candice Wiseman, Karen Naccarato and Laurie Harmon are meeting with youth ages 13 and over each Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. (except April 4).

A special kickoff for the new youth program will be held
Saturday, April 17 beginning at 5:00 p.m.
Youth will watch the movie "Blind Side"
and prepare a taco bar and chicken fingers.

The youth will be accepting donations to help raise money for a trip they hope to take this summer.

All youth are welcome — come and bring your friends.



KIDS TIME

Don't forget *KIDS TIME*
ages 4 through 12

every second and fourth Tuesday:

April 13
April 27
May 12
May 26

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m.

Join the fun!!!
There will be face painting,
tattoos,
the Easter Bunny,
and even two live bunnies.

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."



OUTREACH

2010 is marching along and we have a lot of work to do, but first let's review what we have already accomplished. As you know the best laid plans sometimes don't work out. God has his own plans for us. In January we met the need for health kits for Haiti due to the tragic earthquake. You all stepped up and provided enough supplies to make 72 kits. Then in February we answered the call for the 20/20 Eyeglasses Project with 38 pair of glasses and sunglasses. A great big thanks to Letha Brown for delivering both of these projects. In March we helped support the Methodist Neighborhood Centers by donating items for Easter baskets. The turnout was great. Thanks to Sharon Cox for her devotion to the Neighborhood Centers.

April 13th at 7:30 p.m. we will be serving a meal to the students who come to Bible study at the Wesley Foundation at the University of Memphis. We will have a taco bar and you will be hearing more about that in church. Any and all are welcome to come with us to serve. If you are able to provide some of the supplies needed for the taco bar please let me know.

In May we will sponsor a fund raiser to honor the Rose of Sharon. We are looking for a unique fund raising idea so please let me know if you have suggestions.

We will be helping out in a soup kitchen in June. I hope you will be praying about going with us to help. The Lord says feed my sheep and there are many, many ways to do that.

Thanks to everyone for everything you do to assist in this ministry, because without you it would not be possible to achieve as many of our goals as we do.

Love in Christ, Terry Lynn Owen

UNITED METHODIST
Neighborhood Centers
OF MEMPHIS, INC.
100 years of service

Everyday is a busy day at the United Methodist Neighborhood Centers. Thanks to you and other United Methodist churches we provided 95 Easter baskets to the Miriam Center and children of the surrounding area.

The Refugee Economic Independent Program is doing extremely well. The *Sew Many Blessings* program enables the ladies, some of whom had been refugees their entire life, to be useful and now to make a living. Three of these ladies recently were hired by a business to make and reconstruct old blue jeans for a Memphis company called Thigh High Jeans. They sew messages and Bible verses into old jeans and sell them at the store location and on line.

May 19th is the date for the Awareness Day Luncheon to be held at Highland Heights Methodist Church and the speaker will be Scott Morris, Director of the Church Health Center. Any lady is welcome! Just let me know a week in advance and we will meet at the church around 9:15 a.m.

Also I am selling tickets for a June 1 (6:00 p.m.) production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at Theatre Memphis which will benefit the UMNC. Tickets are \$50 each and include dinner (by Just for Lunch) and Hold Land hors d'oeuvres (whatever that is). There also will be a silent auction. Please see me for a ticket—money has to be in by May 1.

Thank you for all you do. You are a very loving and giving church!!!

Love In Christ, Sharon Cox

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Embury UMW is off to a great start this year with many activities already taking place.

We had a soup dinner in February to benefit Dottie Byus and with the help of everyone in our church and other friends of Dottie were able to raise \$1,900 for her. Liz Como made a beautiful lap quilt that Marcia Harmon, Patsy Caldwell and I took it along with the check for \$1,900 to Dottie at the hospital. It felt so good to see Dottie and she was so humbled and appreciative of the gifts. The three of us left with warmed hearts. Thank you to everyone for their contributions of food, monies, etc.

March 13th Mary Ann Johnson, Martha Jo Young and I attended a Mission Study on the Sudan at Ellendale Methodist Church. It was very enlightening and we certainly left with an expanded knowledge of Africa. Our UMW is working very hard to become a *Mission Today Unit*. Marcia Harmon is busy with our Reading Program which is one of the 18 requirements for a Mission Today Unit. Liz Como is our co-chair and has made a great record book to keep us on track. We are going to become a PLATINUM TODAY UNIT!

We are looking for new ideas for our bazaar this fall. Please pass along to us any suggestions you might have.

YEAH! We are so proud to have GLENDA BROWDER as our newest UMW member. She will be a great asset to our group. For those who do not know, Glenda is Deanna Jacobs' mom.

I would like to say "thank you" to Marcia Harmon for the wonderful job she did as president for the past four years. I am very excited to serve as your new president and I know I have big shoes to fill.

We were saddened at the loss of a lifetime member, Doris Lucas. In accordance with our By Laws a contribution for candle burning will be sent to the District UMW in honor of Doris.

The purpose of the UMW is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and, to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

We are ALWAYS OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS. If you would like to part of our fellowship, doing for others, please contact any of our UMW members.

Yours in Christ, Peggy Starnes

Family Ministry Events

Pizza Game Nite

Saturday, April 24—6:00 p.m.
All aboard the train—Mexican train that is! Game night was taken over by Train games in February.
What do you like to play?

Graduates Luncheon

Coming in May—potluck luncheon honoring our graduates.
Date to be announced.

FAMILY TRIVIA NITE

We had a total of 3 teams for the March 27 Trivia Nite: the Shakerags, the Jungle Boogie and the Mighty Christians. All teams finished within 2 points of each other's score! The Shakerags comprised of Irene Carver and Bubba Carver were the big winners for the night with 50 points.

Next Trivia Nite is
SATURDAY MAY 8, 7:00 P.M.

-DATES TO REMEMBER-

Thurs. April 1	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
Sat. April 3	8:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	2:00 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
Mon. April 5	7:00 p.m.	Worship/Witness Cmte
Wed. April 7	6:30 p.m.	Choir practice
	7:30 p.m.	UMW Work Planning Mtg
Thurs. April 8	7:00 p.m.	UMW at Terry Owen's House
Sun. April 11	5:00 p.m.	Youth
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tues. April 13	6:30 p.m.	Kids Time
Wed. April 14	9:15 a.m.	Meet at Church for Methodist Hospital Auxiliary
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sat. April 17	10:15 a.m.	Bingo @MHCC
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Kickoff
Sun. April 18	5:00 p.m.	Youth
Mon. April 19	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wed. April 21	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sat. April 24	6:00 p.m.	Pizza Game Nite
Sun. April 25	5:00 p.m.	Youth
Tues. April 27	6:15 p.m.	Laity Banquet at Christ UMC
	6:30 p.m.	Kids Time
Wed. April 28	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sat. May 1	8:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sun. May 2	5:00 p.m.	Youth
Wed. May 5	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sat. May 8	7:00 p.m.	Trivia Nite
Sun. May 9	5:00 p.m.	Youth
Tues. May 11	6:30 p.m.	Kids time
Wed. May 12	9:15 a.m.	Leave church for Methodist Hospital Auxiliary
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sat. May 15	10:15 a.m.	Bingo at MHCC
Sun. May 16	5:00 p.m.	Youth
Mon. May 17	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wed. May 19	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sun. May 23	5:00 p.m.	Youth
Tues. May 25	6:30 p.m.	Kids Time
Wed. May 26	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sun. May 30	5:00 p.m.	Youth

PRAYER CORNER

Family of Vic Como	Dottie Byus
Reece Mitchell	Jeff hailer
Margaret Taylor	Joanne Hailer
Mark Singleton	Jeri Robertson
Lily Singleton	Rachel Stark & Family
Ladonna Jones	Rocky Naccarato
Donald Ward	Roy & Carolyn
William Mashburn	Needham
Shelby Waterman	Sid Parham
Peggy Boatwright	J.J. Anders
Jackson Cully	Donnie Hines
Ladonna Jones	Mary Jane Sprague
Clayton Wingo	B. J. Hale
Larry Presson	Jack Poteet
Ramona Genshimer	Albert Hutcheson
Dennis Glazes	Brooklyn Fieldler
Ronnie Franks	Margaret Oswald
Steve & Chris Logsdon	Donald Drewers
Jeanette Hines	



PRAYER WORKS

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Tehronda Lucas	3
Jean Young	3
Ethan Owen	5
Vic Como	6
Cole Kleminsky	11
Scott Johnson	15
Marvin Sanders	16
Marshall Ashe	17
Roland Hendren	20
Vada Caldwell	21
Kelly Copeland	21
Mary Ann Johnson	22
Lorrie Beth Leach	24
Georgia Herndon	26
Tony Friskillo	28
Marie Purdy	28
Zach Adams	31

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mike Bartlett	11
Emily Montgomery	13
Kay Chambers	17
Billy Johnson	17
Bobby Johnson	17
Jessica Cromwell	25

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Walter Carver	4
Darrah Hale	9
Vickie Lewis	9
Karen Naccarato	15
Rick Harmon	29
Debra Hendren	29



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THE OAK

*That towering Oak tree on a wild black night,
bows to the wind, but not in fright . . .
bending, swaying, disparately unsure,
yet weathering the storm, for its heart is pure.
Life's harsh blows make it tremble and shake
but, it's learned as a sapling
to bend but not break.*

*Initials of generations are carved on its bark,
those branches still sway to the song of the lark.
Carvers of those initials long since in the earth,
our Oak is still standing and soon to give birth . . .
to a new world of color, new leaves of Spring,
lifting our hearts and making us sing.
The miracle of life, so expressed in its being,
yet time goes on, our eyes still unseeing
the beauty of living each day for it's own sake
if you've learned as a sapling to bend but, not break.*

Written by Wanda Williams