



January 2010

# The Story

## From the Pastor

As we begin this new calendar year, I would like to thank all of you for working so hard during 2009 to help us fulfill our commitment to mission during those very tough economic times. Because of your dedication, we were able to both reduce our budget, yet remain faithful to our mission emphases. It is with great pleasure that I share with you we were able to pay 100% of our conference missional giving for 2009. Consequently, we begin 2010 very encouraged that our time and resources for mission will continue to grow.

Thanks for being the church,  
Rex

## IS WAR EVER JUST?

2010 begins with the war in Iraq still "winding" down, and a new commitment of troops headed to Afghanistan. Christians have always struggled with justifying war while following the Prince of Peace. In his address upon receiving the Nobel Peace prize, President Barack Obama, with some themes similar to the great theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, embraced a just war theory.

On Wednesday evening, February 10, Dr. James T. Laney, former Ambassador to Korea and President Emeritus of Emory University, will lead us in a discussion on this difficult subject of war and the Christian faith. He will utilize the President's speech, as the catalyst for beginning our conversation. The full text of the President's speech may be found at [www.msnbc.msn.com/id/34360743/ns/politics-white\\_house/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/34360743/ns/politics-white_house/). Though not completely necessary, reading this speech before coming to the program will be helpful.

Our nation and the world are in difficult times and this subject is an important one, not just for Christians but for all people of faith. Please come and invite your friends for this important evening. We will begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. (reservations can be made by calling or e-mailing the church by Tuesday, Feb. 9) and our program will begin at 6:45 p.m.

## Update from Sarah, Drew, and Caroline Blackwell

We are enjoying being back home in Winston-Salem, near our families and friends. Caroline's grandparents love having her right down the street and being able to watch her grow. Right now I (Sarah) am staying at home with her, which has been very special. Drew made the transition to his job in Greensboro very easily and has enjoyed being in a new office and meeting new people.



We have been attending the church I grew up in, Ardmore United Methodist. Drew and I were married in this church, as were my parents and grandparents. My great-grandfather was a minister in this church. My mother and my grandmother still attend. I think I expected it to feel like coming home, but I underestimated how much Druid Hills had become like home. Drew and I will catch ourselves every once in a while randomly saying, "I miss Druid Hills." When you went to church at Druid Hills, you really felt like everyone was there because they wanted to be. So, while we are happy with our move, it is with some sadness that we remember Druid Hills and the happy memories we have there. It is a very special place and we feel lucky to have spent our small amount of time there.

**New Orleans Mission Trip will take place  
January 15 - 18, 2010  
Contact Kristin Unzicker for more  
information at [peacecorpskmu@yahoo.com](mailto:peacecorpskmu@yahoo.com).**

### **DHUMC Stewardship**

Almost immediately after the holidays advertisers target a common New Year's resolution – to lose weight. While many focus on shedding a few pounds of body fat, this year's stewardship campaign asked us to examine the excess weight we may carry in our relationships that prevents us from fully realizing a life of faith.

Over the past few months, we have been in discussion as a community about reducing burdens such as materialism, over-commitment, and egotism so that we are better able to recognize God's presence. The Druid Hills UMC community response has been one of thoughtfulness and gratitude for the ways in which the ministries of this church help each of us to simplify and live out God's Love toward others.

### **Discovery Class**

Beginning January 17th Discovery Class will be studying Phyllis Tickle's *The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why*. (See [http://www.amazon.com/Great-Emergence-Christianity-resources-communities/dp/0801013135/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1262628090&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Great-Emergence-Christianity-resources-communities/dp/0801013135/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1262628090&sr=1-1)) The author looks back to times of change in the epochs of Christianity and argues that another transformation is now underway as important as the Reformation or the split between the Orthodox churches and Rome. We'll spend about 6 weeks learning some church history, discussing Tickle's analysis of current culture, and sharing her insights on the trends that may keep the Church vital in its third millennium. Please buy and read the book to best contribute to class. Discovery Class meets at 9:45 Sunday morning in the former Quillian classroom.

### **The State of the UMW Treasury**

The United Methodist Women of Druid Hills has continued their emphasis on Missions this year by fulfilling all their budget obligations for 2009 and giving a total of \$2,738.10 to world and local missions. The total raised from our pledges this year was \$3539.74 (just about \$450. less than was raised in 2008 in spite of the downturn in the economy. There remains a balance of \$356.36 in the treasury; and, as usual, we will empty that treasury by making additional mission gifts.

### **UMW at Druid Hills Is More Than Money**

At our November Quarterly meeting the women of UMW voted to give \$100 in honor of Myka Kennedy Stephens, who was recently commissioned as a Deaconess. Myka, a former member of our Unit, wrote in her thank you note to us "I am indebted to the Druid Hills UMW for becoming a deaconess—I would not have found my way to this point without your help and encouragement."

As I reflected on this I thought about all the ways that we "take care of" one another. Birthday greetings and regular phone contact (particularly by circle chair Judie Wing) keep Agape shut-in members connected to us. When members are hospitalized or ill, the women of UMW go into action, often providing visits and food. When there is a funeral, the women provide much of the food for a fellowship time following the service.

The women of Teresa Circle always have a sharing time, sharing good news or difficult moments. Knowing that fellow circle members are thinking of you and praying with you give special grace to all situations.

United Methodist Women is an important part of the ministry of Druid Hills United Methodist Church. It is circles of women who care for and about one another, who read and learn and listen to grow in their faith, and along the way provide financial assistance to local and Conference missions. You are invited to join us.

## Immigration reform

The United Methodist General Board of Church and Society is advocating for a pathway to citizenship for all undocumented immigrants, the reunification of families and strengthening of the family immigration system, and protection of the rights of all workers.

What do you think about this issue?

Learn more about immigration reform through the UM General Board of Church and Society Knowledge Center at <http://www.umc-gbcs.org>, click the 'Issues and News' link, then click the 'Immigration' link in the "Popular Issues" area.

## Memorial Gifts as of 12/31/2009

In Memory Of:

John and Mary Bookout

Donor:

Paul Kern

## Prayer List Psalm 17:1

*Hear, O Lord, my righteous plea;  
listen to my cry. Give ear to my prayer.*

Larry Ashmore

Virginia Austin

Richard Ezell, Dana Ezell Rabon's father

Wesley Fulton

Tom Giles, Josh Giles' father

Molly Griffin

Burt Hoffner

David Jones

April Meade

Jim Parrish, Joan Cain's nephew

Mildred Parrish, Joan Cain's mother

Jean Rhodes, Laura Green's mother

Frank Smith

Jennafer Thompson, Pam Kinnaird's sister

Eugenia Tucker



**THERE IS NO SECOND WEDNESDAY SUPPER AND PROGRAM THIS MONTH. SEE YOU NEXT MONTH ON FEBRUARY 10TH FOR THE PROGRAM WITH Dr. JAMES T. LANEY.**

## Atlanta Decatur Oxford/Atlanta Emory Districts Annual Training Event

**Sunday, January 24, 2:30-5:00 PM**

**at Sugarloaf United Methodist Church**

1795 Old Peachtree Rd. Duluth, GA 30097-3417  
(678)684-6000

Please make plans to attend this annual training event. Some of the classes being offered are:

- To Go Where No One Has Gone Before...  
Serving on Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee
- An Overview of Church Finances
- Safe Sanctuaries/Stewards of Children
- Attracting/Welcoming and Retaining Visitors
- Lay Leadership
- Trustees
- Care and Prayer Ministries
- Missions/Disaster Response
- Self-Care for laity and clergy
- Christian Education

This Training Event is free; no advanced sign-ups needed (please call Sugarloaf if childcare is needed).

*Druid Hills*

*United Methodist Church*

*Celebrates*

*100 Years*

*1910 ~ 2010*

## January 2010

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday                            | Friday   | Saturday                                       |
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|  |  |   |  |                                     | <b>1</b><br>Alanon 7:30pm (Q)  | <b>2</b>                                       |
| <b>3</b><br>Sunday School Classes 9:45am<br>Worship 11am<br>Youth Group 5pm (Y)<br>Lectionary Study 6:30pm                                   | <b>4</b><br>Cello Lessons 2pm (Q)                                    | <b>5</b><br>Cello Lessons 2pm (Q)   | <b>6</b><br>Violin lessons 2pm (W)<br>Weight Watchers 6pm (Q)<br>Choir Rehearsal 7pm<br>Women's AA 8pm (Q)   | <b>7</b><br>Violin Lessons 2pm (Q)  | <b>8</b><br>Atlanta Retired Educators 10am (FH)<br>Violin Lessons 2pm (Q)<br>Alanon 7:30pm (Q) | <b>9</b>                                       |
| <b>10</b><br>Sunday School Classes 9:45am<br>Worship 11am<br>Youth Group 5pm (Y)<br>Lectionary Study 6:30pm                                  | <b>11</b><br>Cello Lessons 2pm (Q)<br>Trustee Meeting 6:30pm (L)     | <b>12</b><br>UMW Agape Circle 11am (Q)<br>UMW Agape Lunch 12pm (FH)<br>Cello Lessons 2pm (Q)<br>ICM Meeting 4:30pm (FH)<br>Discipling Team (MTS) eve. | <b>13</b><br>Violin lessons 2pm (W)<br>Weight Watchers 6pm (Q)<br>Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm<br>Women's AA 8pm (Q)   | <b>14</b><br>Violin Lessons 2pm (Q) | <b>15</b><br>Preschool 10am (FH)<br>Violin Lessons 2pm (Q)<br>Alanon 7:30pm (Q)                | <b>16</b>                                      |
| <b>17</b><br>Sunday School Classes 9:45am<br>Worship 11am<br>Youth Group 5pm (Y)<br>Lectionary Study 6:30pm                                  | <b>18</b><br>Cello Lessons 2pm (Q)                                   | <b>19</b><br>Cello Lessons 2pm (Q)<br>Teresa Circle 7pm   | <b>20</b><br>Violin lessons 2pm (W)<br>Weight Watchers 6pm (Q)<br>Finance Team 6:30pm (MTS)<br>Choir Rehearsal 7pm<br>Women's AA 8pm   | <b>21</b><br>Violin Lessons 2pm (Q) | <b>22</b><br>Violin Lessons 2pm (Q)<br>Alanon 7:30pm (Q)                                       | <b>23</b><br>Esther Circle 10am (Vaughan home) |
| <b>24</b><br>Sunday School Classes 9:45am<br>Worship 11am<br>4th Sunday Lunch 12:15pm (FH)<br>Youth Group 5pm (Y)<br>Lectionary Study 6:30pm | <b>25</b><br>Cello Lessons 2pm (Q)                                   | <b>26</b><br>Cello Lessons 2pm (Q)  | <b>27</b><br>Violin lessons 2pm (W)<br>Weight Watchers 6pm (Q)<br>Church Council brown bag supper 6pm (FH)<br>Church Council 6:45pm (FH) Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm<br>Womens AA 8pm (Q) | <b>28</b><br>Violin Lessons 2pm (Q) | <b>29</b><br>Violin Lessons 2pm (Q)<br>Alanon 7:30pm (Q)                                       | <b>30</b>                                      |
| <b>31</b><br>Sunday School Classes 9:45am<br>Worship 11am<br>Youth Group 4:30pm (Y)<br>Lectionary Study 6:30pm                               | <b>B=Blue Room</b><br><b>C=Chapel</b><br><b>FH = Fellowship Hall</b> | <b>G=Gym</b> <b>L=Library</b><br><b>MTS=Room next to office</b>   | <b>Q = Quillian Room</b>   | <b>S = Sanctuary</b>                | <b>W = WORECO Room</b>   | <b>Y = Youth Room</b>                          |