

SEPTEMBER  
2010

## EMBURY HIGHLIGHTS

*Embury United Methodist Church*



### Pastor's Corner

September 2010

Have you ever felt that the food for your stomach is far more important than that for your spirit? If so, then please meet Rod who definitely put his physical needs before his spiritual nourishments. Even on Sunday mornings.

In my salad days of ministry in Michigan, there were three or four Sundays in a row when the service went over an hour (typically it happens on Communion Sunday). In the congregation sat Rod, a widower in his sixties. On those four Sundays in a row, I noticed that in the middle of my sermon he stood up and left the sanctuary. To be exact, he did so at 10:45 a.m. (15 minutes after the "one hour" mark). Every single Sunday! Four times in a row!! Let me tell you this: such an act never fails to catch the preacher's attention.

Well, you probably would have guessed right. I helplessly watched him leave. "What did I just say?" I thought to myself in puzzlement, "I must have offended him!"

Months later, we became close friends, and one day, I candidly asked him about the incidents. What made him leave church early every Sunday? He replied, "Because I didn't want to be late for my lunch at Old Country Buffet!" We both laughed hard at that.

Then, about a year later, once again I broke the "forbidden" rule: the service lasted more than an hour again. This time, however, Rod didn't leave the service. As a matter of fact, he stayed for the whole time! In the receiving line that day, Rod proudly said to me, "I hope you noticed that I stayed to the end of the service!" I sure did! And I was very proud of him.

In the next few years, the same man took my pastoral challenge to read through the Bible and finished reading God's Word from cover to cover three times. As a result, his faith grew by leaps and bounds. In his mid-seventies, though, he became disabled and wheel-chair bound. Add another ten more years to his life. He is now stroke-stricken and was told by the doctor that his days on earth are numbered. Just last week, in his hospital bed, Rod confessed to his friend that he was ready to "meet his Maker."

Sometimes, as minister of the Gospel, I get into doubt about what difference my ministry ever makes in the lives of people. But people like Rod make all the time, energy, and effort worth it all for the sake of God and God's Kingdom. Thanks, Rod!

I pray for each member and friend of Embury every day. That is my pledge to you. In prayer, I ask the Lord to transform you to be more like Jesus every day so that you, like Rod, would represent our Heavenly Father here on earth and be a worthy citizen of Heaven for eternity.

Read the Bible and see you at church (I promise the service won't go over your lunch time)!

Kyewoon

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

*(Editor's note: Any missing birthdays, please let the Pastor know!)*

2	DAN CICHALSKI
5	RALPH JENSEN BECKY DE VORE
7	BETH NEUMANN KATHERINE GILLASPIE
8	PEG MINER JAMES VOSS
9	JOHN VAN WAGNER
10	SARA WHITTLE
12	WANDA GOMEZ
13	RACHELLE SCOLARI
14	CARL MAYO
15	ROLF KAMP JACK WHITTLE
16	JONATHAN WOLLSCHLEAGER
20	JIM WHITTLE
22	TERRY O'BRIEN PAT MC CRINK
23	BRADFORD CARLIN
25	PHELICIA HILCKEN
26	JOSE GOMEZ
27	ALEX CHOI
28	LORRAINE ASMAN



*"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

Psalm 118:24



September Book Study:
Made for Goodness
By Bishop Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu

September's book study features the new work by Nobel Peace Prize winner Bishop Desmond Tutu. In this work, co-written with his daughter, Tutu discusses his positive and optimistic viewpoint that people are basically good because they are made in God's image. Enjoy reading and discussing this uplifting work with others from Embury. The book group will meet Monday, September 27 at 7:30 at the home of Jane Grammer. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Vacation Bible School Welcomes 40 Children!!

This year's vacation Bible school, held the week of July 26, was a rousing success! And we met our goal, enrolling 40 children! They enjoyed a week of skits, lessons, crafts, recreation, songs, and refreshments as they learned about God's kingdom. THANK YOU to Lynn Scott, who worked so hard to plan and carry out this wonderful program...and to the many adult and youth volunteers who contributed to the successful experience!

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Help Wanted: PIE MAKES!!

September 10-11

October 8-9, November 5-6, December 3-4

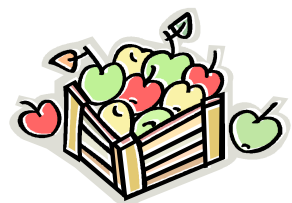
It's September so that means it's time for members and friends of Embury to begin our 52nd year of pie making!!

Once again we hope to turn out 250-300+ of our famous apple pies each month! Monies raised through this effort are used by the Women's Steering Committee to support a variety of outreach projects such as our youth group's workcamp trip, the United Methodist Homes, the Neighborhood Center (Camden), 180 Turning Lives Around, Acts4U, as well as the Pastor's Discretionary Fund and the Organ Renovation Fund at Embury.

In order for us to complete our goal each month, we need volunteers!! Even if you can only give an hour, many hands make light the work! Of course, if you can stay longer, that's even better! If you've never volunteered before, don't worry, we will train you and you'll be amazed at how quickly you realize the value of your efforts. There are jobs for all levels of skill (or "non-skill!") and we boast that "no one ever gets fired!" So come out to see what this great tradition is all about.

We need helpers for all jobs, both on both Fridays and Saturdays, as well as clean-up crew for both days. If you have questions, speak with anyone on the Women's Steering Committee: Joan Cichalski, Jeanne Clark, Thelma Johnson, Katharine McCleary, Beth Munson, Eleanor Powell. Or speak with our Pastor, Kyewoon Choi— he's one of our faithful volunteers!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS GREAT PROJECT!



## Support for Volunteers in Mission in Haiti

By Kyewoon Choi

*People of all ages and faiths come to Haiti to answer Christ's call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give shelter to the homeless, heal the sick, care for widows and nurture children. People also come to Haiti to build cross-cultural relationships while offering their time, talents, energy and financial resources to the people of Haiti.*

From "A Handbook: Coming to Haiti Mission" sponsored by UMVIM (United Methodist Volunteers in Mission).

I would like to appeal to all members and friends of Embury to support Molly O'Brien (member of Embury) in her upcoming trip to Haiti from November 7-13. By the time of my writing this article (mid-August), she has already submitted her application to UMVIM for their consideration. Once chosen to be one of the ten members (the applicants will be notified by August 31), she will go and serve the people of Haiti in the name of Christ our Lord. The total cost for individual participant is \$1,500, and so far, Embury has raised over \$325 on her behalf.

Please keep her in your prayers and pray for the success of the trip. Also, if you would like to support her financially, please send a check payable to Embury UMC with a note "Haiti Project." I pray and hope that this will be a beginning of Embury's adult mission trips in the years to come.

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## Outreach News: School Kits due Sept. 26

THANK YOU to all who took and filled school kits! If you still haven't returned your completed kits, please do so no later than September 26. There are still some kits in the back of the church; if you haven't yet participated in this worthwhile project, please take one or more kits and enjoy filling them with the supplies requested on the list. If you are unable to shop for items, you may make a donation to the school kit project (\$10 buys all requested supplies for one kit) and a member of the committee will see that the items are purchased by the deadline. Kits are then mailed to Church World Service, who oversees their distribution to those in need throughout the United States and the world.

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### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The Anna Nissenson Scholarship Fund awarded this year's scholarship to Sarah Choi. Sarah is entering her senior year at Wheaton College and is preparing for a career as an English teacher.

Sarah sent the following note:

*"A thank you for your help and support as I go into my final year at Wheaton. The scholarship will help me pay for tuition and go on to student teach in the spring semester. Thank you for helping me continue with my college career (and life!)"*





# SEPTEMBER 2010



**Sun**

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**Fri**

**Sat**

<p>* Sept 12: SPRC Meeting 11:45 a.m.</p> <p>Food Gift Cards</p>			1	2	3	4
<p>5 Worship at 10:00</p>	<p>6 LABOR DAY</p>	<p>7 <i>Trustees Meeting 7 p.m.</i></p> <p>Bible Study 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>8 Choir Practice 8 p.m.</p>	<p>9 <i>Pastor's Office Hours 9-11 a.m.</i></p> <p>Secretary 8:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Staff Meeting 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Committee on Lay Leadership 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>10 Pie Make Preparation Noon- 4 p.m.</p>	<p>11 PIE MAKE 7:00 a.m. To 1 p.m.</p>
<p>12 * <b>Two Services Resume</b>, 9 and 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Blessing of Children @ 9:00 service</p>	<p>13 <i>Pastor's Office Hours 9-11 a.m.</i></p> <p>Secretary 8:30-11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Church Council 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>14 Bible Study 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>15 Choir Practice 8 p.m.</p>	<p>16 <i>Pastor's office hrs 9-11; Secretary 8:30-11:30 am</i></p>	<p>17 <i>PASTOR's day Off</i></p> <p>Prayer Night, 7 p.m.</p>	18
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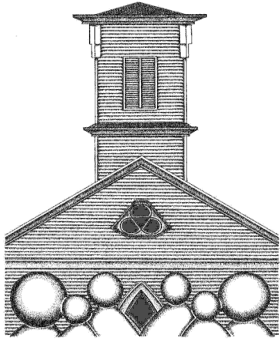
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### **WORSHIP SERVICES:**

SEPTEMBER 5: ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 a.m.

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12: Two Services, 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m.