

Emory United Methodist Church
The Spire Monthly Newsletter
April 2018

The Easter Season: *The Easter Season, also known as the Great Fifty Days, begins at sunset Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost. It is the most joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year. It focuses on Christ's resurrection and ascension and on the giving of the Holy Spirit on the first Easter (John 20:22 –23) and the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2). Lessons from the Acts of the Apostles replace readings from the Old Testament because the early church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, is the best witness to the Resurrection (-UM Book of Worship). I hope you will join us for these very special worship services.*

Upcoming Dates

-Thursday, April 5	S.P.A.R.Q. at Neel's Home, 6:00 p..m.
-Sunday, April 8	Easter Music Celebration: Choir, Handbells, and Organ
-Sunday, April 8	Gathering around the Table, 5:30 p.m.
-Wednesday, April 11	Half Century Lunch at Noon, Riverfront Café in Chilhowie
-Thursday, April 12	S.P.A.R.Q. at Neel's Home, 6:00 p..m.
-Saturday, April 14	Celebration of Life for Margaret Raleigh, 1:00-4:00 p.m., at the Hill Home
-Thursday, April 19	S.P.A.R.Q. at Neel's Home, 6:00 p..m.
-Sunday, April 22	Emory & Henry Choral Reunion (choir in morning worship)
-Sunday, April 22	Gathering around the Table, 5:30 p.m.
-Thursday, April 26	Older Adult Outing: "Surfing the Square" in Glade Spring, VA
-Thursday, April 26	S.P.A.R.Q. at Neel's Home, 6:00 p..m.
-Saturday, April 28	"Antagonism in the Church" Conference Event at Emory
-Sunday, April 29	Holston Home for Children Special Offering

We the people of the Emory United Methodist Church affirm that our church is inclusive and open to all people. We are a Reconciling Congregation, affiliated with the Reconciling Ministries Network, which means that we welcome all persons into full participation in the life of our congregation regardless of age, gender identity, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, marriage status, or physical or mental condition.

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Announcements

Celebration of Life for Margaret Raleigh: Margaret's burial will be private, but the family will welcome friends at the Hill home at 30481 Oxford Avenue on Saturday, April 14, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. to give thanks for Margaret's life and her many gifts to this community.

Gathering around the Table: Will meet every 2nd and 4th Sunday from March 11-April 22 at 5:30 p.m. in Mason Fellowship Hall. A meal is provided (no charge) and a children's program is offered. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Small Group Ministry: S.P.A.R.Q. (Seeking People Asking Relevant Questions) Study group is a friendly group of folks from the Emory UMC congregation that meet weekly to discuss topics of interest and search scripture to find answers or even more questions. Topics have included: Love, Forgiveness, Hope, Age of Accountability, the Holy Spirit, and many more. All are welcome to attend to find fellowship and lively, biblical discussion. Thursdays -- 6 pm @ Neel Rich's home (12164 College Drive).

Half-Century: Will meet on Wednesday, April 11, at Noon at the Riverfront Café in Chilhowie. Reservations need to be made with Evon at crowderb@comcast.net by March 12.

Older Adult Outing: The April Older Adult Outing on Thursday, April 26, will be "Surfing the Square" in Glade Spring, VA, Beginning with cinnamon buns, coffee, fun and fellowship at the Library at 10:00 am, we will hear about and/or visit the Town Square Center for the Arts, Lavelle, Made New, The Samaritan House Ministries Thrift Store, Project Glade, The Point Pavilion, The Salt Trail, Surber and Son, Glade Senior Center and have lunch at Clean Eats. Please see the complete schedule for details. Reservations are very important for lunch arrangements. Neel Rich 944-3351 or 276-356-6445, or neelrich70@gmail.com by April 24.

Recycling at the Emory Depot: We now accept aluminum in the bins behind the Emory depot at any time; the aluminum is collected for recycling on a regular basis and funds raised from the recycling go to support the church's medical assistance program, which assists those in our community with medical costs.

Weekly Food Donations: Everyone is invited to bring donated food to worship each Sunday morning. We collect the food in a bin as we enter the sanctuary and it is delivered to the Glade Spring Food Pantry.

Stay Connected: The Emory UMC worship service is rebroadcast on WEHC 90.7 FM at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, with a one week delay. If you are not able to make it to church, tune in to WEHC and join us for worship. Also, please visit our website at <http://emoryumchurch.org>.

April Volunteers

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
April 1	Mary-Margaret & Coulthards	Josh and Jessie	Elijah	Elizabeth
April 8	Lisa and Sally	Sharon and Greg	Shelley	Susan
April 15	Crowders & Stanleys	Ellen and Elizabeth	Lucy	Tom
April 22	Alumni Office	Teena and Dave	Shelley	Mary-Magaret
April 29	Sharon and David			