

Emory United Methodist Church
The Spire Monthly Newsletter
April 2019

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 4	S.P.A.R.Q. at 6pm
-Sunday, April 7	Communion Sunday
-Wednesday, April 10	Half-Century at Noon
-Thursday, April 11	Choir Practice at 5:30
-Thursday, April 11	S.P.A.R.Q. at 6pm
-Sunday, April 14	Gathering around the Table at 5:30pm
-Thursday, April 18	S.P.A.R.Q. at 6pm
-Sunday, April 21	Sunrise Easter Service at 7am
-Thursday, April 25	Choir Practice at 5:30
-Thursday, April 25	S.P.A.R.Q. at 6pm
-Sunday, April 28	Easter Music Celebration at 9:30am
-Sunday, April 28	Gathering around the Table at 5:30pm
-Tuesday, April 30	Older Adult Outing

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

Church Council: Will meet briefly immediately after worship on Sunday, April 7 in Cole Parlor.

Gathering around the Table: Will meet in April on 4/14 and 4/28 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.

Sunrise Service: We will gather for an Easter morning Sunrise Service at 7am in the Holston Conference Cemetery in Emory, VA. All are invited and encouraged to attend this special service.

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 10, at Noon at the El Patio Mexican Restaurant in Bristol. Reservations need to be made with Evon at crowderb@comcast.net by April 8.

Older Adult Outing: The April older adult outing will be on Tuesday, April 30. We will leave from Meadowview UMC at 9:30am to travel to Camp Bays Mountain in Kingsport, where we will receive a tour of the camp from director Jeff Wadley. Camp Bays Mountain is the Holston Conference's newest camp, forming after the closure of the historic Buffalo Mountain Camp which was located outside of Johnson City. Following our tour we will stop to eat at the Meadowview Conference Center in Kingsport at Noon. There will be no charge for this trip, except for your lunch expense. We will plan to return to Meadowview UMC around 2pm.

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 7	Wrights and Jacksons	Josh and Jessie	Elijah	Elizabeth
April 14	Lisa and Sally	Ann and David	Shelley	Susan
April 21	M-MJ and Coulthards	Christine	Lucy	Tom
April 28	Crowders and Stanleys	Ellen and Elizabeth	Shelley	Mary-Magaret