

Emory United Methodist Church
The Spire Monthly Newsletter
August 2017

Dear Friends of Emory UMC,

We have so much to be excited about as we begin this new fall semester in ministry with the Emory community. Following are some events to mark on your calendar:

- Wednesday, August 2: *Choir Practice* begins at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Chapel. Anyone who wants to sing is invited and encouraged to participate.
- Sunday, August 6: Our *Children's Church* ministry will begin during the 9:30 a.m. worship service and will continue each Sunday.
- Wednesday, August 9: The *E&H Facilities Luncheon* will begin at 11am. If you can help with the meal, please contact Mary-Margaret Justis at marymjustice@gmail.com.
- Sunday, August 20: We will *Welcome Students* back to the E&H campus with a 9:00 a.m. breakfast in Cole Parlor. Please bring something good to eat (e.g., muffins, fruit, etc.) and join us!
- Sunday, August 27: *Kick-off for Gathering around the Table*. Please plan to join us at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 27 in Mason Fellowship Hall to hear about all of the exciting plans for the fall semester.

In other news:

- **Seeking People Asking Relevant Questions:** The S.P.A.R.Q. small group ministry will meet on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. at Neel Rich's home (12164 College Drive – Emory); everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please come at 5:45 for a fellowship time.
- **August Older Adult Outing:** Tuesday, August 22 to the Butterfly Farm in Wytheville, VA. Rachel Nutter will be coordinating the trip: 429-5474.

- **Fall Bible Study:** The weekly bible study is moving to Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We will continue to meet in the Dow Room at Emory UMC. We will meet from September 6 – October 25. This semester we will experience Reverend Adam Hamilton’s study on Moses -- *In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*. I will attach a reading from the study to this message to give you a feel for the content. To sign-up for the study please email me at djackson@ehc.edu or text me at 865-228-4357 so that I can order books for everyone.
- **Breakfast Fellowship:** Our regular weekly breakfast fellowship will begin meeting again Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. starting August 27. Everyone is invited to come early for some coffee, breakfast items, and good conversations. We still need some volunteers to help with this. Please email me at djackson@ehc.edu to sign-up.
- **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>.
- **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 during the week.

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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August Volunteers

Liturgists: Elizabeth Wicht (Aug. 6); Susan Stanley (Aug. 13); Tom Hower (Aug. 20); Mary-Margaret Justis (Aug. 27).

Children’s Church: Josh and Jessie Stamper (Aug. 6); Dave and Teena Carroll (Aug. 13); Ellen and Elizabeth Wicht (Aug 20); Greg and Sharon Wright (Aug. 27).