

Emory United Methodist Church
The Spire Monthly Newsletter
August 2016

Dear Friends of Emory United Methodist Church,

We have a lot to look forward to in August with the new semester beginning. Please note that both the S.P.A.R.Q. and Gathering around the Table are back on their regular schedules. Please join us on Sunday, August 14 at 10:30 a.m. for a David Carroll welcome reception, on Sunday, August 21 at 9:00 a.m. for an E&H student welcome breakfast, and on Tuesday, August 23 at 8:30 p.m. for an E&H student ice cream social on the front lawn.

Upcoming Events

-Wednesday, August 3	Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Emory UMC
-Thursday, August 4	S.P.A.R.Q. at 6pm at Neel Rich's Home
-Saturday, August 6	Recycling at the Emory Depot
-Sunday, August 7	GatT Service Day, EUMC Nursery, 4:00 p.m.
-Wednesday, August 10	Half-Century
-Wednesday, August 10	Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Emory UMC
-Thursday, August 11	S.P.A.R.Q. at 6pm at Neel Rich's Home
-Sunday, August 14	Welcome Reception for David Carroll, 10:30 a.m.
-Sunday, August 14	Gathering around the Table, 5:30 p.m.
-Wednesday, August 17	Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Emory UMC
-Thursday, August 18	S.P.A.R.Q. at 6pm at Neel Rich's Home
-Sunday, August 21	9:00 a.m. Welcome Breakfast for E&H Students
-Tuesday, August 23	Ice Cream Reception for E&H Students, 8:00 p.m.
-Wednesday, August 24	Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Emory UMC
-Thursday, August 25	S.P.A.R.Q. at 6pm at Neel Rich's Home
-Sunday, August 28	Gathering around the Table, 5:30 p.m.
-Tuesday, August 30	Older Adult Outing to Bramwell, WV
-Wednesday, August 31	Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Emory UMC
-Sunday, September 18	Church Picnic at Neel's Home
-Monday, September 19	Abingdon District Conference, 6:30 p.m., Pleasant View UMC

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.

Breakfast Fellowship: On Sunday, August 21, the Emory UMC community will begin a 9:00 a.m. breakfast fellowship time in Cole Parlor. We need families to adopt one Sunday of the month to provide a pot of coffee, a juice, and light refreshment (e.g., muffins or fruit). Substitutes will be available for any Sundays that you need to miss. Please let David know if you can sign-up for a Sunday.

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 @ the home of Neel Rich.

Gathering around the Table Service Day: Sunday, August 7 at 4pm in the nursery.

Gathering around the Table, August 14: Join us for the first meeting of the semester at 5:30 p.m. Catherine Elliott will cater the meal and Lindsey Blackwell will be with us to lead our children's program. Our special guest for this evening will be Tom Hanlon, executive director of River's Way. Please join us to learn more about this important organization that offers team centered adventure and activity for all people with an emphasis on the special needs population.

Ice Cream Social: Tuesday, August 23 at 8:00 p.m. for new E&H students.

Gathering around the Table, August 28: Please join us at 5:30 p.m. as we host a meal for Emory & Henry Spiritual Life students in Mason Fellowship Hall.

Older Adult Outing: Tuesday, August 30 to Bramwell, WV for a tour of this historic area. The town reflects large fortunes amassed by local coal barons and is renowned for having an abundance of well-preserved Victorian and Tudor style mansions. Reservations need to be made with Neel Rich at 944-3351.

Recycling at the Emory Depot: The first Saturday of each month volunteers from the congregation and community accept recycling at the Emory Depot (across from the post office). Funds raised from the aluminum recycling go to our medical assistance fund, which helps families in the community with pressing medical needs.

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.

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. If you live in the Emory area and would like a bulletin delivered to you, please contact the church office at 276-944-6841. Also, check out our website at <http://emoryumchurch.org>.